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Rabbi Hecht Returns From Russia With an UC Flag Which He Displayed at the Olympic Venue



In the photo from left to right, Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach, County Executive Mike Hein, Rabbi J.J. Hecht, and Ulster County Legislator T.J. Briggs

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein welcomed Rabbi J.J. Hecht of Ellenville back to Ulster County after serving as a spiritual advisor to Olympic athletes and tourists in Sochi, Russia. Rabbi Hecht travelled to Russia as part of a spiritual team and carried with him an Ulster County flag which he proudly displayed at the Olympic venue. Today he is returning the flag to the County and in recognition of his effort, the County Executive will now have it flown over the County Office Building for the entire month of March, after which it will be displayed at Ellenville Public Library & Museum.

"As we all cheered American athletes throughout the games it was made even more special knowing Rabbi Hecht of Ulster County was there, as was our flag," said County Executive Hein. "On behalf of all the residents of Ulster County, I want to welcome Rabbi Hecht home and thank him for his service and for bringing the Ulster County flag to the Olympics in Sochi and for bringing it home. We are proud of his commitment and the honor awarded by his presentation."

"I am very excited that I was able to have a small piece of the Olympics brought back to Ulster County by arranging for Rabbi Hecht to travel with our flag," said Ulster County Legislator T.J. Briggs. "The people of our district, and all of Ulster County, are proud of our local rabbi."

"I am happy and excited that I was able to represent the entire County as well as Judaism in Sochi," said Rabbi Hecht. It was my greatest honor to be waving the flag by the Olympic venues, and I am glad to know I am a part of this County family." Rabbi J.J. Hecht is from the Congregation Ezrath Israel in Ellenville, New York.

2014 TVCS Second Quarter Awards



From left to right: Brauke Hunt, Jillian Munger, Julianna Smith, Brianna Goetschius and Makayla Rupprecht

Each quarter the 7th and 8th grade teachers at Tri-Valley Central School are recognizing and rewarding students who go above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. Quarter awards include Academic Excellence, Leadership, Most Improved, and Excellent Work Ethic.



From left to right: Gillian Mathews, Kaylin Klein, Ben Lamboy, Brett Bagley, Patrick Krummack, and Griffin Epstein

For Quarter 2, 7th grade award winners include Jillian Munger and Julianna Smith for Academic Excellence, Brianna Goetschius for Most Improved, and Brauke Hunt and Makayla Rupprecht for Excellent Work Ethic.

In the 8th grade, award winners include Kaylin Klein and Ben Lamboy for Academic Excellence, Gillian Mathews for Leadership, Brett Bagley for Most Improved, and Griffin Epstein and Patrick Krummack for Excellent Work Ethic.

Congratulations to these fantastic students-keep up the great work!

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Ellenville Regional Hospital to Host Group Show Featuring Cragmoor Artists; A Creative Convergence of Artists from Cragmoor

The Healing Arts Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital will host a show of four Cragmoor artists from March 3 through April 25. The show is free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. A reception is planned for Tuesday, March 18th from 5:00-7:00pm.

Tom Bolger and Jeff Kraft, joined by former residents Richard Arnold and John Patrick Hart, will present a collection of Contemporary Realism in varied styles and mediums including paintings, sketches and photography, oil, acrylic, watercolor, pen and ink drawings.

The classic, contemporary and surreal converge in several mediums to create a compelling art exhibition from four artists who embody the best of these worlds. Tom Bolger, JK, Richard Arnold and John Patrick Hart transcribe their perception of art in variations of materials and styles.

There is a common thread throughout the work of all the artists in this exhibition. They demonstrate both the skill and tradition of classical works and the content and critical thinking of the contemporary world. They each have a desire to reach beyond surface appearance and paint something of meaning and significance.

Edgar Degas said "Art is not what you see, but what you make others see."

Ellenville Regional Hospital is located at 10 Healthy Way in Ellenville NY. For more information about the Healing Arts exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 210-3043.

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Blessed be the Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the Lord.

OBITUARY

Ruth Margaret Aprilante of Neversink passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at Catskill Regional Medical Center. She was 75.

She was the daughter of the late John and Elsie Kaasman Huttman born on March 20, 1938 in Brooklyn, NY.

Ruth was a nurse for many years. She worked at several different locations throughout her career; such as Lutheran Medical Center, Community General Hospital and Sullivan Correctional Facility which she later retired from. Ruth was an avid knitter and reader. She was a past member of the Cohecton's Women's Club and the Ladies Auxiliary of Grahamsville Fire Department. She was a loving mother and grandmother that will be deeply missed by everyone that knew and loved her.

She is survived by: her children Lisa Raymond, and her husband, Bruce of Neversink; John Aprilante and his wife Faith, of Fort Montgomery, NY; and Susan Engle and her husband Ken of Roscoe, NY., her grandchildren, Erik and Samantha Raymond, Jack and Ben Aprilante and Mollie and Ty Engle.

She was predeceased by her devoted husband Silvio Aprilante, two sisters, Elsie Markel and Dorothy Engel.

Visitation will be on Sunday, March 9, 2014 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788 from 2-4:00pm. A funeral service will follow at the funeral home at 4:00pm.

All donations in Ruth's name can be made St. Jude's Children Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Pl, Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information please call 8458-434-7363 or visit our website at www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com.

College News -**Area Students Named to Morrisville State College Dean's List**

Morrisville State College recently announced those students who were named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester. To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve an average of 3.0 to 3.99 for the semester and complete 12 credit hours. **Kristen Offringa** of Napanoch, NY and **Juan Rios** of Grahamsville, N

DAYS OF YORE....**Today's History**

March 3, 1954 - Mr. and Mrs. William Switzer of Woodbourne announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Mr. M.B. Wakefield, son of Mr. and Mrs. Manville Wakefield of Newburgh. The wedding is set for July. Miss Switzer is a Home Economics teacher and Mr. Wakefield is an art instructor at Tri Valley School.

March wind howls and wanes and waxes, bringing cold and income taxes.

March is a lamb and sometimes a lion, he billows clothes and sends hats flyin'.

Thoughts of spring come to man and mouse,

But mom's thoughts turn to cleaning house.

Everything for spring cleaning - KUM TO KRUM'S

February 26, 1964 - Announcement has been made that the Grahamsville Garage has changed management and is now being run by Floyd Currey. Mr. Currey took over from the former operator, "Pat" Patterson, this week and says the garage is open and ready for business.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dunham of Kingston announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce, to Frederic DuBois of Grahamsville. Miss Dunham is a graduate of Kingston High School and is now attending Ulster County Community College. Mr. DuBois is a Tri Valley High School graduate and served three years in the Navy. He is employed by AT&T

in Kingston. A May wedding is planned.

Elve Empt, 76, died Tuesday morning at her home at Plank Road, Napanoch. She had lived there for 12 years. She was born in Sundown on April 6, 1887, the daughter of Hiram and Eunice Sherman Van Wagner. She was married to Claude Empt who survives. Other survivors include one son, Rodney Terwilliger of Napanoch; two granddaughters, and two great-granddaughters.

March 6, 1974 - A June wedding is planned by Paula Bitter and David Zweck, according to her mother, Mrs. Laura Bitter. Miss Bitter is also the daughter of the late Victor H. Bitter. Mr. Zweck's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William Zweck of Liberty. Miss Bitter is a senior at Tri-Valley Central School. Mr. Zweck is a graduate of Liberty Central School and is affiliated with his father in business.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Brien of North Plainfield, N.J. are the parents of a girl, born Saturday, March 2nd. The baby's name is Kristen. Mrs. O'Brien is the former Lynn Marsland. Rev. and Mrs. Irving Marsland are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Many are Kristen's great-grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Curry are announcing the official opening of their new gas station. Also watch for the opening of "Carol's Kitchen" in the building directly adjacent to the gas station.

March 1, 1984 - Steven D. Drobysh of Grahamsville has been promoted to vice president at Norstar Bank of the Hudson Valley, according to Thomas Lucey, bank chairman and chief executive officer. Steve joined Norstar in 1981 as assistant vice president in the Commercial Lending Dept.

Rosemarie Nitschke of Grahamsville announces the engagement of her daughter, Julie, to John Szemplenski of Green Acres City, Fla. Julie is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School. She attended the Univ. of Central Florida in Daytona Beach, earning a degree in Criminal Justice. She is employed by the Fed. Bureau of Prisons at Rye Brook, N.Y. as a Legal Technician. John graduated from Attica High School. He attended SUNY Buffalo and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He is employed by the Fed. Bureau of Prisons at Ray Brook, N.Y. as a Graphic Arts instructor.

Take note: A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

From Ulster Co Sheriff's Office

Detectives from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of Christopher Holmes, age 51, of 53 Church St. Ellenville, for the felonies of Assault in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fourth Degree and the misdemeanor of Resisting Arrest.

Mr. Holmes was arrested after being found outside of his residence in possession of stolen property. During the course of his arrest, Mr. Holmes engaged a deputy in a physical altercation which resulted in the deputy sustaining a physical injury to his hand. The deputy was treated and released from Kingston Hospital. Mr. Holmes was arraigned in the Village of Ellenville Court and remanded to the Ulster County Jail without bail to reappear at a later time. The investigation is continuing and additional charges may be forthcoming. Deputies and Detectives were assisted in the investigation by the New York State Police and Town of Rosendale Police.

Food & Clothing Drive at Eureka

Eureka Market & Cafe in Grahamsville is collecting canned or dry goods and clothing on behalf of the United Methodist Church's food pantry and thrift shop, through mid-March. Drop off seven days a week, no purchase required. Have a look at your closet and if you haven't worn things, consider dropping them in so someone else can! Eureka will match the food donations, so your contributions will have twice the impact. For further information, 845-985-5152 or eurekamarket@me.com

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Caylee Poppo's February 22nd bake sale held, at the Tri-Valley Elementary School, to help the Bryce

Rogerson Family was a HUGE success! The amount Caylee raised from the sale of baked goods and generous donations amounted to \$3,235.50. The Tri-Valley community is certainly very generous and caring! Thank you again, Caylee, for helping Bryce and his family.

The "Days of Yore..." (1954) column in the February 20th "Townsmen" issue mentioned the late Sid Caesar of TV fame stopping by Bruce Denman's to buy a gun. I recently had a phone call from Jack Denman, Bruce's son, regarding a funny little story. Jack told me that a friend of Bruce's stopped by Bruce and Clara's home and he had a gentleman with him. The friend asked Clara if she knew the gentleman, Sid Caesar. Clara remarked that she didn't and was sure she'd never met him. Of course, Sid, who was very well-known in the 50's and 60's, was probably surprised and a little taken aback when Clara didn't even know who he was.

A few more of Tri-Valley's finest have made the Dean's List at their respective colleges. Allyson Delaney, Bronte Hough, Skylar Musa, Courtney Kelly, Christina Kackos and Brian Edwards. Melissa Bachmann of Woodbourne has graduated from SUNY New Paltz with a BS in Biology. Keep up the good work!

Best wishes to Jim Yapple of Neversink who had recent surgery. Glad to see that Fred Robertson of Woodbourne is home from the hospital and that Jackie Quick from Grahamsville is feeling better.

Continue to keep Bruce Papa of Claryville and Kim Nash of Neversink in your thoughts and prayers. Both have recently been hospitalized.

Pete and I enjoyed a nice supper at the Blue Hill Cafe in Claryville with Ward and Sandy Blade of Neversink on the 22nd. Willie is a great chef and we find the Cafe is always a warm and friendly place to enjoy a meal.

Did you read the article written by Steve Israel in the "Record" on February 21st about Mike and Charlotte Sherman, who were both 27 yrs. old when they were shot and killed by an unknown assailant as they stood admiring the views at the Grand Canyon 37 years ago? Mike was the brother of Ken Sherman from Bloomingburg, a former high school principal at Tri-Valley. The random killer has never been caught. What a tragedy for the family knowing that the killer is still out there somewhere and will never be prosecuted for this senseless crime!

A service will be held at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on Sunday, March 9th at 9:30 am to honor all girls involved in Girl Scouting. All community Girl Scouts and their families are invited to join the congregation in honoring the Scouts. A brief reception will be held following the service. For further information contact Michele Quick Lepke or Rev. Paul Ruter.

Local Sunday evening Lenten Services will be held beginning on March 9th. The first of the six Sunday evening Lenten Services will be held at the Claryville Reformed Church. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:30pm and the Service will begin at 6:30pm. This year's topic is The Apostles Creed. Communion will be celebrated. Community residents are invited to attend.

REMINDER: The Tri-Valley PTO is still selling "Y-Ties", shoelaces that stay tied! Order forms are available at the Daniel Pierce Library.

A nice celebration of the life of John Powers was held at the Neversink Fire Hall on Sunday, March 2nd. God Bless you, John.

Words of Wisdom: Live a good honorable life. Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time. (unknown)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Happy Birthday wishes to Ariana Fassetta who celebrated her 17th birthday on February 28th and to Brianna Worden who also celebrated her 17th birthday on March 1st!

TV Lions January/February 2014 News

Our January member meeting was not held due to weather conditions.

The Chocolate Bunnies have been ordered for Easter sales.

This year's Journey For Sight Walk will be in memory of several Tri-Valley Lions.

The County Sight and Hearing Meeting was held on January 20th with several members

attending.

Our February member meeting was held on February 4th with Martha Scoppa from the Office of the Aging as guest speaker. She gave much information on programs and help our older population can avail themselves of. She also chose the winning ticket for the Valentine's Day Raffle which was won by Gregson McKenna.

We made a \$200 donation to the WSUL/WVOS Heart-a-Thon.

The slate of officers for 2014-15 has been compiled and will be presented at the March meeting on the 4th.

Our Annual Journey For Sight Walk will be May 3rd on the Grahamsville Fairgrounds with sign-in at the First Aid Squad Building.

Thank you to all who donate their glasses in our boxes at Annie D's, Daniel Pierce Library and Grahamsville Post Office. You may also donate hearing aids in the boxes which are also welcome. Many are benefited by these items.

Spring is coming - slowly - have a Happy one.

AARP Driver Safety Program

There will be three AARP Driver Safety Programs held at the following location: AARP Driver Safety Program, South Fallsburg Senior Center, Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, New York on Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; and Saturday, April 26, 2014 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Please arrive at 8:45 am. No Walk-ins.

To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

Sonny Smith, an AARP-Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

The fee is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members as of 1/1/2014; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sonny Smith. Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging & RSVP.

Daniel Pierce Library First Friday Book Club

Do you like to read?

Why not join the book club!

Our book club meets on the first Friday of every month at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville, N.Y. from 1 to 3 p.m.

This month's book: "The Red Tent", by Anita Diamant is a Los Angeles Times Bestseller.

The novel explores a new view of biblical women's society.

Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District Tree & Shrub Program

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. Landowners can choose from a wide variety of deciduous and conifer trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Wildflower, Butterfly and perennials. Tree size and age allows for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings.

Other items available through the program are fruit trees, ground covers, fertilizer tablets, marking flags, tree protectors and wildlife habitat housing.

Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes including Christmas tree production, timber production, wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens, streambank and road bank stabilization, and ornamentals.

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 and request the brochure and order form or go online at sullivancountyswcd.com.

The order deadline is Monday, April 11, 2014.

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.

Signs of Spring

The clocks will spring forward this weekend, a sure sign on the calendar that spring is just around the corner.

Even with all the snow and ice that is lingering around Tri-Valley and neighboring areas there are other signs of spring that can be found here and there, but they can be elusive.

Ice is still covering the reservoirs, lakes and ponds. We did see a little melt this past weekend and saw three swans and a gaggle of geese swimming in the Rondout Reservoir near the mouth of the Rondout Creek.



The maple syrup buckets have been hung on taps, a sign that the trees are waking up and the sap has begun to flow.

What causes the sap to flow out of the trees?

Weather is a crucial factor for a good harvest of maple syrup. Tapping trees occurs in late winter and early spring. March is a prime month for tapping sugar maple trees. During cooler periods when temperatures fall below freezing, a suction called negative pressure develops, drawing water into the tree through the roots. A rise in temperature of the sapwood from below freezing at night to above 32 degrees Fahrenheit during the day causes a positive pressure within the wood. This pressure produces the sap flow.

The sap flows through a portion of the outer tree trunk called sapwood. Sapwood consists of actively growing cells that conduct water and nutrients (sap) from the roots to the branches of the tree. During the day, activity in the cells of sapwood produces carbon dioxide. This carbon dioxide is released to the intercellular spaces in the sapwood. In addition, carbon dioxide in sap is released into the spaces between the cells. Both of these sources of carbon dioxide cause pressure to build up in the cells. A third source of pressure is called osmotic pressure, which is caused by the presence of sugar and other substances dissolved in the sap.

At night or during other times when temperatures go below freezing, the carbon dioxide cools and therefore contracts. Some of the carbon dioxide also becomes dissolved in the cooled sap. Finally, some of the sap freezes. All of these factors create suction in the tree. This causes water from the soil to be drawn up into the roots and travel up through the sapwood. When temperatures rise above freezing the sap flow begins again.

Thus, the cycle of warm and cool periods is essential for sap flow. Temperatures too warm or too cool during the "sap season" will reduce the amount of sap flow resulting in lower maple syrup production.

Good sap years also depend on the growing season of the previous summer to store as much carbohydrates as possible in the form of starch. The stored starch reserves convert to sucrose and are dissolved in the sap as spring approaches. The amount of sugar (sucrose) in the springtime sap depends on many factors including tree genetics, leaf mass, site conditions, amount of sun the previous growing season and overall tree health.

How long can a maple tree produce sap? As long as a tree remains healthy, it should continue to produce sap for years if not decades. In fact, some trees have been producing sap for more than 100 years! A healthy tree, when properly tapped, should not suffer any adverse health effects and should be able to produce sap for many years to come.

Next time you are having pancakes, waffles or French Toast covered in pure maple syrup, keep in mind that it takes approximately 40 gallons of sap to produce just one delicious gallon of fresh maple syrup, a delightful harvest of spring.

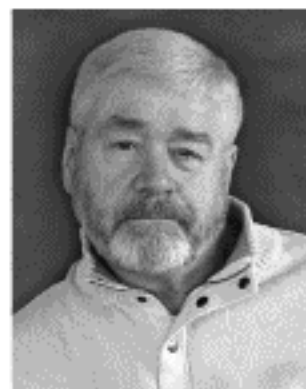
Household Hints

Cloudy Glasses?

To rid drinking glasses of cloudiness or spots caused by hard water, heat up a pot of equal parts white vinegar and water (use full-strength vinegar if your glasses are very cloudy), and let them soak in it for 15-30 minutes. Give them a good scrubbing with a bottle brush, then rinse clean.

Country Hardball

Mysterious Book Report No. 135 by John Dwaine McKenna



Many who were born and raised in small town America and emigrated from them, remember life there with fond nostalgia. As my dad used to say, "You can take the boy out of the country, but you can't take the country out of the boy." Yeah, but what about the girls, Pop? What about them. The writer Tom Wolfe had an answer. He said, "You can't go home again." Meaning, I suppose, that those who do return will find it so changed as to be unrecognizable. I think both axioms have merit, but don't entirely agree with either one of them . . . and I'm gonna use this week's MBR to illustrate.

Country Hardball, (Tyrus Books F & W Media, Inc., \$24.99, 207 pages, ISBN 978-1-4405-7080-3) by Steve Weddle is the first book from a young college professor that's generating some buzz amongst the literary hierarchy . . . those who're always interested in something new and different. One might even go so far as to call it *avant-garde*, because it pushes the story arc into new, uncharted territory. The book is made up of a series of what seems like unrelated short stories revolving around one individual's return to his small rural home town after a ten year absence. Roy Alison is his name and he's been away in juvenile detention, jail and halfway houses. What he finds is a town devoid of hope, clinging to it's past and devastated by the undefined 'economic downturn.' The short-stories are mostly open-ended, without conclusions, which I personally don't care for because they leave me feeling as if I've missed the point somewhere. The result is a book nihilistic in tone and confusing in aspect. The dust jacket blurb calls it 'A powerfully observed and devastatingly understated portrait of the American working class.' But it left me feeling like I didn't get enough sleep. While I hate to be critical of another's work, because it takes a helluva lot of effort to produce a novel of any kind, and the purpose of this column is to encourage reading . . . my suggestion for this one is to leave it to those in the avant-garde movement who appreciate it.

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

Free Pheasant Raising Class Offered on March 11 with CCE

LIBERTY- Daily care is necessary to monitor the health of young pheasants and to ensure that there is adequate feed and water for the rapidly growing chicks. The public and anyone participating in the Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) Day-Old Pheasant "Raise & Release" programs will have the unique opportunity to learn about rearing pheasants and releasing them into the wild at a "Raising Pheasants 101" class on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This free educational event offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County's 4-H Youth Development program will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Pre-registration is required in advance by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing Michelle Lipari at mml249@cornell.edu.

Participants will learn the expectations of the DEC pheasant programs. CCE Agriculture Community Educator, Michelle Lipari, will illustrate how to care and manage pheasants in order to complete the DEC program successfully.

When the program started in the early 1900s, pheasant eggs and chicks were distributed to farmers and rural youth. Today, day-old chicks are available at no cost to participants who are able to provide a brooding facility, a covered outdoor rearing pen, and an adequate release site. According to the DEC, wild populations of this introduced species have reached all-time lows. Without propagation and release programs by DEC and private entities, pheasant hunting opportunities would not exist in New York State. The pheasants may be released beginning when they are eight weeks old and no later than Dec. 1. No chicks obtained through the Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program can be released on private shooting preserves. All release sites must be approved in advance by the DEC and must be open for public pheasant hunting opportunities. The DEC releases thousands of pheasants annually.

The program is funded through the state Conservation Fund from license fees paid by hunters, trappers, and anglers. More information is available on the DEC website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7271.html>

A Food Preservation Workshop Offered on Chutney from Around the World

LIBERTY, NY- A hands-on workshop exploring the traditions of making chutney is being offered on Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The class, given by Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Master Food Preservation program will be held at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

Long-time Master Food Preserver Volunteer Maria Grimaldi will help participants to discover the spices and flavors of chutney from different cultural traditions. Everyone will have the opportunity to taste samples of chutney and learn serving suggestions.

Each culture discussed in the workshop has a variation of this old method of preserving fruits and vegetables for a delicious and nutritious condiment. Chutney makes a great

gift option that can be preserved and stored for later use.

Participants will take two versions of chutney home with them.

Cost for this unique program is \$30 per person and includes a light lunch. Space is limited so pre-registration with non-refundable payment is required in advance. Registration and more information can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180 or emailing SueAnn Boyd at srb46@cornell.edu.

Patricia Claiborne to Accept Position as CCE Interim Director in Sullivan County

LIBERTY - The Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County has announced the appointment of Patricia Claiborne of Middletown as interim executive director (ED) effective March 3. Claiborne is currently the interim ED for Cornell Cooperative Extension Rockland County. After having served 37 years in previous positions as an educator, program leader, and ED for Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County, she retired in 2010. Claiborne worked with CCE Sullivan County during her tenure as director in Orange County and as a state Extension specialist. Most recently, she has conducted numerous board and staff trainings over the last two years.

Prior to her work with CCE, Claiborne has experience as a research assistant in human service studies and an Extension associate for Extension Administration and the Division of Nutritional Sciences at Cornell University. Claiborne holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in home economics from Virginia State University and a Master's Degree in human service studies from Cornell University.

"We are very fortunate to have someone of Pat's caliber and character step in so quickly," said CCE Board President, Joan Howard. "I am confident that her experience and knowledge will keep us focused and on track as we move forward with our programs and will help to ensure a smooth transition of leadership."

On February 11, the board took the action to begin a nationwide search to hire a new executive director after accepting the resignation of its present executive Gregory Sandor. Sandor was instrumental in reviving CCE in Sullivan County, including restructuring the finances and revamping programs like an Entrepreneurial and Teaching (EaT) Kitchen, a greenhouse project, and enhanced agricultural development through a shared position with Sullivan County Government.

Applications are now being accepted and the process will continue until a new executive director is hired.

The ED provides high level leadership and management of the association within Cornell and local policy direction: develops and maintains effective internal and external relationships, exercises professional judgment, provides leadership in overall educational program development and implementation, and establishes program priorities and program integration across disciplines and within the broader Extension system.

A complete position description and information on how to apply is posted on the CCE Administration website at <https://cornellu.taleo.net/careersection/10163/jobsearch.ftl> and on the CCE Sullivan County website at www.sullivanccce.org. Applications will be reviewed beginning in April.

For more information about the available position, contact Tracey Argent, Office and Personnel Manager at 845-292-6180, ext. 103 or tal8@cornell.edu.

Green Door Magazine Features Natalie Merchant in Cover Story

- Singer to release her sixth solo collection; her first of original songs in 13 years

Liberty, New York - GREEN DOOR magazine, a popular quarterly arts and culture publication in the Catskills and Hudson Valley, announces the publication of its Spring 2014 issue with singer Natalie Merchant on its cover discussing her new release and her life in upstate New York.

This self-produced album, to be released on May 6 by Nonesuch Records, is the work of a mature artist with a clear and distinctive voice. Long appreciated for the depth and substance of her writing, Merchant has never shied away from weighty themes or subjects for her lyrics. She describes the new release as informed "by experience and keen observation," dealing with issues of "love gained and lost, regret, denial, surrender, greed, destructiveness, defeat, and occasional triumph."

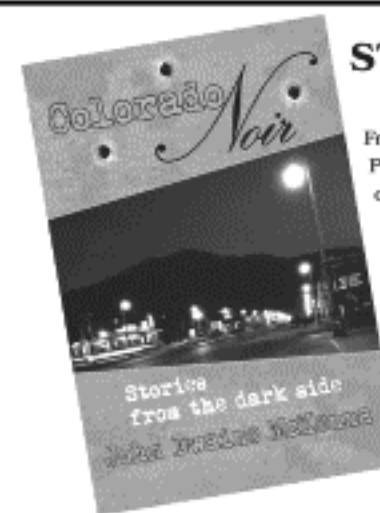
"We were thrilled that Natalie chose to tell her story and share her vision with our magazine's audience," said Akira Ohiso, Editor of Green Door. "Her dedication to social justice and environmental causes are as important as her music," he added.

Recently, she has been focused on the hazards of the natural gas extraction technique of hydraulic fracturing. In 2013 she created the protest concert film, with New Yorkers Against Fracking actors Mark Ruffalo and Melissa Leo.

Copies are available at hundreds of locations throughout the Catskills and Hudson Valley and at the *Green Door Magazine* offices at 34 South Main Street in Liberty, NY.

About Green Door Magazine

Green Door magazine promotes the benefits of country living in a socially conscious society. *Green Door* is 'a Journal of Responsible Living in the Catskills and Hudson Valley,' as the magazine profiles local artists, residences, food, wine, farms, events and issues of importance to Upstate New Yorkers. *Green Door* serves a readership of local Catskill and Hudson Valley residents, visitors and second-home owners, and is available on newsstands throughout New York City. Its readership supports socially responsible and environmental issues. To learn more, visit www.GreenDoorMag.com



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

The worm from Mescal, a liquor made from the Agave plant



Last week's column was about cabin fever. I wrote it guiltily, full knowing that I was about to board a plane for Oaxaca, Mexico. Oaxaca is about 300 miles south of Mexico City on the Pacific side by Guatemala. It rains there for six months, and now, in the winter, it is always sunny and between 88 and 93 degrees. It is warm in the morning as we ate "desayuna" on the terrace, hot in the afternoon as we returned from outings to the hotel, and cool in the evenings as we ate dinner in some garden, courtyard or rooftop. No heat or air-conditioning needed....ever.

There. That is my confession. I got away between snow storms to experience life without gloves and scarves. It was wonderful, but I felt pangs of guilt as I would

access information about home on my iPad. Bank robbery in Boiceville, bone-chilling single degrees above and below zero, and reports of even more snow.

As friends and family were turning up the thermostat, I was hiking up Monte Alban to the first city in North America where the Zapotecs carved a city by leveling a mountain and raising buildings out of mortar and cactus juice. As my family at a Mole's in Kingston, I was creating mole colorodita at the Seasons of the Heart cooking school in the middle of the dessert.

I was part of a group of twenty-six artists, photographers, and ukelele musicians who gathered from as far as Australia and Toronto to be inspired by each other and the cultural beauty that is Oaxaca. It was a trip of a lifetime, and since it was, I dared to try Mescal, ants' eggs, crispy grasshopper, salty crickets, and the Mescal worm. Why not? It was too far and too special not to take advantage of all the culinary delights. Tomorrow it is back to granola and hamburgers.

I feel like I am making a confession for my wonderful trip, but I too will be shoveling snow "manana."

Congressman Chris Gibson Announces Staff Changes

"Both in Washington and across the 19th District, I have assembled a staff that can help serve the constituents I am privileged to represent. Stephanie, Brad, Matt and Ann have all been members of my staff since I was first elected to Congress, and their dedication, insight, and work ethic have been a model for the rest of our staff. I am confident they will all excel in these new roles," said Congressman Gibson. "Additionally, I want to thank Steve Stallmer for his outstanding tenure as my Chief of Staff for over three years. Steve led our office with distinction and his personal integrity and commitment to Upstate New York will serve him well in his future endeavors."

The following staff changes are effective immediately:

- Stephanie Valle has been named Chief of Staff. Valle previously served as the Congressman's Deputy Chief of Staff and Communications Director, and has worked for the Congressman since 2011. Valle will continue to retain sole on-the-record spokeswoman duties. Valle is a native of Clifton Park, New York and attended Hamilton College in Clinton, New York. Valle succeeds Steve Stallmer, who will stay on as a part time advisor to the Congressman on legislative and district matters.

- Brad Gentile will serve as Deputy Chief of Staff, in addition to retaining his duties as Legislative Director. Gentile has worked for Congressman Gibson since 2011 and previously worked for Speaker of the House John Boehner. Gentile is a native of Chappaqua, New York and attended the University of Dayton in Ohio.

- Matt Sheehy will become Press Secretary, handling office communications and press efforts. A native of Kinderhook, New York, Sheehy was a former reporter for The Independent in Columbia County, a Peace Corps volunteer in Panama, and has served on the Congressman's staff since 2011.

- Ann Mueller has been promoted to Deputy District Director and will begin managing the Congressman's District Schedule. Mueller has served on the Congressman's staff since 2011 and previously managed all of his district constituent casework assistance across the district. She lives in Kinderhook, New York with her husband and two sons.

Interagency Group Designed to Remove Barriers within State Government and Promote Growth of New York's Agriculture Industry

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the formation of the Strategic Interagency Task Force on Lessening Obstacles to Agriculture (SILO) to address barriers to the growth of New York's agricultural economy. Task force members, comprised of leadership from State government, as well as representatives from the field of agriculture, will work together to ensure that State agencies that deal with farmers are communicating regularly, interacting efficiently, and lessening regulations on farms.

"This new task force is designed to improve how State agencies interact with farmers, producers, and each other to best expand the agriculture industry in New York," said Governor Cuomo. "Agriculture is vital to the State's economy and by using constructive methods to identify and decrease barriers and leverage industry strengths, we can work proactively to promote growth, create jobs and support new economic opportunities statewide."

The Summit approach implemented by Governor Cuomo has already paid dividends for New York agriculture. Since the inaugural Yogurt Summit, where state government listened to the needs of industry and acted

accordingly, New York has become the yogurt capital of the nation and reclaimed its status as the number 3 producer of milk nationwide. New York has also experienced a 72 percent increase in farm-based beverage licenses since 2011, in part as a result of reforms enacted at the first Wine, Beer and Spirits Summit.

Additionally, New York is traditionally the second highest producer of apples in the nation and by many accounts, 2013 was the best year for the state's apple industry in a generation. New York also ranks first in cabbage production, second in maple production, and third in wine and grape juice production.

Industry members of the Task Force are as follows: Jeff Williams, Director of Public Policy, New York Farm Bureau; Jim Bittner, President and General Manager, Singer Farms, Appleton, NY; Cathy Martin, Co-Owner, Martin Farms, Brockport, NY; Ken Schmitt, retired vegetable farmer, Melville, NY; Brian Reeves, co-owner, Reeves Farms, Baldwinsville, NY; Dave Fisher, Owner, Mapleview Dairy, Madrid, NY; Tim Stanton, Owner, Stanton's Feura Farm and Markets, Feura Bush, NY; and Tonya Van Slyke, Executive Director, Northeast Dairy Producers Association.

State agencies taking part in the Task Force are as follows: New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets; New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

• New York State Department of Labor; New York State Department of Transportation; New York State Public Service Commission; New York State Department of Health; New York State Energy Research and Development Authority; Empire State Development; Department of Tax and Finance; and State Liquor Authority

What's Happening at Olive Free Library Saturday, March 8, 2:00 p.m. & Saturday, March 22, 1:00 p.m. Fabric Collage Workshop

Self-taught artist Claire Kassor will teach us the magical method of turning scraps of fabric into works of art. Please call the library to register.

Saturday, March 8, 7:00 p.m. Family Movie Night Turbo (Rated PG)

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Bank Robbery in Boiceville

Members of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report a bank robbery investigation at the Community Bank at 3137 Route 28 in the Town of Olive.

A joint investigation with the New York State Police, the Ulster County District Attorney's Office, the Town of Olive Police Department and the Town of Shandaken Police Department has resulted in the arrest of NICHOLAS LIAKIS, JR. 54 of 5455 Rt. 212 in Mt. Tremper, Town of Shandaken on felony robbery and weapon charges. The weapon and the proceeds of the robbery were recovered following the execution of a search warrant at LIAKIS's residence.

LIAKIS was charged with the following: Robbery 1st degree (B Felony); Criminal Use of a Firearm 1st (B Felony); Grand Larceny 3rd (D Felony); and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 3rd (D Felony)

At approximately 1149 am a 911 call was placed reporting said incident. Said agencies responded to the scene and initiated a joint investigation. A vehicle seen leaving the crime scene area was located by deputies parked outside a private residence on Rt 212 in the Town of Shandaken. The residence was secured by Deputy Sheriffs, New York State Troopers and Shandaken Police Officers. A subject fitting the description of the suspect exited the residence and was taken into custody without incident.

The suspect was armed at the time of the incident with what appeared to be a dark colored handgun. There were 5 workers and 1 customer in the bank at the time of the incident and no one was injured.

The bank is located across the street from the Onteora High School which immediately was secured in a lockout and was able to continue education without disruption.

LIAKIS was arraigned in the Town of Shandaken Justice Court before Judge Michael Miranda and remanded to the Ulster County Jail without bail to reappear at a later date.

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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

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Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum Announces Membership Drive

The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute will begin its annual Honorary Membership drive in Ulster County within the next few days according to Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum.

The New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute was established in 1979. It is a not-for-profit corporation, tax exempt organization, and contributions to the Institute are tax deductible.

While the Sheriff's Office is a unit of county government, many of the concerns of Sheriffs and other law enforcement agencies are best addressed on a statewide level. The Sheriffs' Institute provides centralized training programs and services for all Sheriffs' Offices, where those programs and services would be unavailable or impractical on a single county basis.

The flagship program of the Sheriffs' Institute is the Sheriffs' Summer Camp for economically challenged children. The Sheriffs' Camp, in its 37th year of operation, is located on Keuka Lake and 840 children from across New York State attend each summer. The Sheriffs' Institute pays the entire cost of the camp stay and transportation.

Most children attending wouldn't otherwise have an opportunity for vacation travel or a summer camp experience.

The Sheriffs' Camp program combines summer recreation with activities designed to teach an understanding of, and respect for, our laws and the men and women who enforce them. The strong camper-to-counselor ratio allows for individual attention with an emphasis on the development of self-esteem.

"In these difficult economic times we cannot forget our youth who will not have the opportunity for a summer camp experience or a summer vacation," Sheriff Paul Van Blarcum said. "By becoming an honorary member, you are supporting the Sheriffs' Summer Camp for economically disadvantaged children."

In addition, the Sheriffs' Institute operates a scholarship program that provides one scholarship to each of New York State's Community College's Criminal Justice Programs. This program is designed to help attract the best and the brightest to the criminal justice vocation.

For more information about the Sheriffs' Summer Camp and other Sheriffs' Institute Programs, visit its website at:

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or simply google "Sheriffs' Institute kids" and it will be your first option.

Financial support for many of the Sheriffs' Institute programs comes from Honorary Membership dues. Invitations for Honorary Membership are extended on a non-partisan basis, and the invitees are selected at random. Any persons interested in supporting the efforts of the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute by becoming an Honorary Member should contact the Sheriff if they do not receive an invitation in the mail, or visit our web site at: www.sheriffsinstitute.org to download an application.

All donations made to the New York State Sheriffs' Association Institute are tax deductible. In addition, Sheriffs' Institute is registered with the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau.

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Career & Tech Training Gives Student a Jump Start on College



Jessie Corcoran graduated from the Eldred High School in June of 2013. During his junior year, he enrolled in the Culinary Arts Program at Sullivan BOCES. In his senior year, in addition to attending BOCES, in additional earned 13 college credits from SUNY Sullivan.

Before Jessie started his post-secondary education at Johnson & Wales University (JWU), he had already completed 46% of his Associates Degree requirements, due to the certifications and culinary training he received from Sullivan BOCES and the 13 credits he received from SUNY Sullivan. Jessie is currently in his second semester of college at JWU. He is studying Culinary Management and Entrepreneurship.

For more information about the Career & Technical Education Programs offered at Sullivan BOCES, call (845) 295-4152 or visit us at scboces.org.

The Career & Technical Education Program at Sullivan BOCES provides "Skills, knowledge and work ethic for the 21st century"

SCDW Winter Cabaret

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop announces its Winter Cabaret: "Disney Songs and Musicals You Love" Friday, March 14 and Saturday, March 15 at 8:00 PM and Sunday, March 16 at 3:00 PM on the stage at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. A talented cast of all ages will share their favorite quintessential Disney tunes, Broadway hits and movie favorites with inspired piano accompaniment by Leon Hilfstein, drums by Bill Magargal, lovely choreography by Jackie Horner, expert technical direction by Jim Schmidt with

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"Vintage Pain" An Installation by Sally Rowe

"Vintage Pain," an installation by Sally Rowe opens with a reception on Saturday, March 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be on view through April 19, 2014.



Scene from the installation *Vintage Pain*: "For a long time I did not rebel". Dimensions: 5.5 inches x 11 inches x 6.5 inches high

the small worlds they unfold. This is why I have chosen to create a small theatre of emotion and memory by staging vintage childhood play objects in a series of scenes.

In the "Vintage Pain" vignettes, colorful plastic figures harkening back to the 1940s and 50s are positioned in familiar domestic situations: watching television, dancing, interacting with parents. The scenes are staged on salvaged wooden boxes and are superscribed by short typewritten statements, almost confessionals, posted on aged paper scraps.

The use of mid-century dollhouse furniture and families suggests a playful, yet serious examination of childhood, personal histories, and universal cultural imagery. Each scene stands alone, punctuated by its evocative personal message, yet there is a thread and chronological progression that links them together.

"The story being told is not intended to provide absolute clarity," Rowe explains. "Rather, it is open to interpretation."

Rowe's artistic pursuits have included non-fiction writing, re-purposing vintage objects, textile and knits, as well as garden and landscape design. She is a co-founder of the Barryville Area Arts Association, for which she has helped to organize and curate an array of local arts and crafts events. She lives in an old farmhouse on 12 acres in Barryville, NY with her husband Anthony Biancoviso, a psychologist and ceramic artist.

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Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information about the exhibit call (845) 252-7576 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.



SUNY Ulster to Induct Three New Members into Alumni Hall of Fame

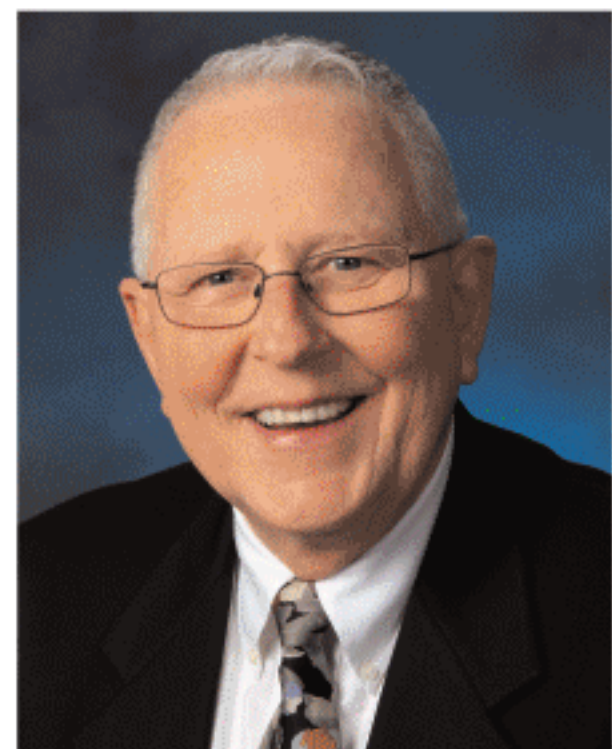
The Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. will host an Alumni



SUNY Ulster distinguished alumni
Kathleen D. Smith, '84, of Port Ewen



SUNY Ulster distinguished alumni
Bridget Smith Bruhn, Class of '01,
of Kingston



SUNY Ulster distinguished alumni
Jack Spyker-Oles, '05, of
Kerhonkson

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Reception to recognize three distinguished alumni for their outstanding personal and professional accomplishments in the areas of education, business, and civic leadership.

The ceremony will be held March 18 at 5 p.m. at the Ulster Savings Bank Community Conference Center, Clinton Hall on the Stone Ridge Campus and is part of the college's ongoing 50th anniversary celebration.

The new inductees are: Kathleen D. Smith, '84, of Port Ewen, Bridget Smith Bruhn, '01, of Kingston and Jack Spyker-Oles, '05, of Kerhonkson.

Since earning her associate's in Liberal Arts from SUNY Ulster, Smith has returned to the college in many different roles and has served in her current position as Director of Transfer since 2004. She also has been an adjunct instructor of psychology through the College's Prison Education Program, Head Coach of SUNY Ulster's Softball Team, and Director of Athletics from 1998 to 2004. Her prior professional positions include casework with Ulster County Department of Social Services and Vocational Evaluator for Ulster Association for Retarded Citizens. Smith has been involved with the Ulster Leadership Development Institute, Town of Esopus Library Foundation Board, and is past chair and a member of the John A. Coleman High School Board of Trustees. She holds a bachelor's in psychology from St. John's University and pursued a master's degree through Russell Sage College.

While at SUNY Ulster, Smith Bruhn was a student aide in the Admissions Office, commissioner on the Campus Events Planning Council and a member of the Campus Safety Committee. After graduation, she earned a bachelor's in business management and administration, and then a MBA, both from Mount Saint Mary College. Bruhn began her banking career in 2001 with Bank of America and currently is Assistant Vice President and a branch manager at Rhinebeck Bank. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Catherine Street Community Center, Gateway Industries Foundation Board, Friends of Historic Kingston and Junior League of Kingston.

Spyker-Oles came to SUNY Ulster to retool his skills after a 25-year engineering career at IBM. He earned a certificate in Web Page Design and an associate's in Advertising Design and Graphic Technology, before completing a bachelor's in Visual Arts, with a minor in music from SUNY New Paltz. He currently is a SUNY Ulster Mentor Success (SUMS) mentor, and a tenor and graphic designer for Cappella Festiva Chamber Choir at Vassar College. Spyker-Oles and his family established the Hendrikus and Lena Spijker Memorial Scholarship in 2004 in honor of his mother and father. He has volunteered with the Ulster Choral Society, Onteora Runners Club, Prostate Cancer 101 support group and Hospice.

For information on attending the induction ceremony, contact the Community Relations Office at (845) 687-5262.

The Catskill Nordic Ski Club Cross Country Ski Trip

The Catskill Nordic Ski Club recently took a cross-country ski trip on the old Smallwood golf course. The



Front row: left to right: Warren Bergstrom, Andrew Kalter, Bill Carmack, Jonathan Hyman, Anna Puleo, Gay Domorio.

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club offers informal guided cross-country ski trips on some of Sullivan County's most beautiful trails. Most of the trips are free, except where noted, and last about two hours.

All ski trips are scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. on a Saturday - unless otherwise indicated. Depending on the weather and/or snow conditions, the leader may choose to reschedule to Sunday or change the hour or location or to hold a winter hike. Leaders will be prepared to help and encourage new members.

Members and new skiers alike are reminded to always call the leader the night before the scheduled ski trip for updated information.

There are still two more trips scheduled: **MARCH 8: MONGAUP POND, LEADER KATHI WIDMANN 794-5650 & MARCH 15: HOUGHTALING RD. LOCH SHELDRAKE (SKI OR HIKE) THEN DINNER & ANNUAL MEETING.**

For further information, please call President Pat Halprin at 845-434-3841

Steam cleaning, boat rental vendors sought

Do you enjoy outdoor recreation? Do you like meeting new people and encouraging them to explore the wonders of the Catskills?

Consider starting a new business, or adding to an existing one, by renting and/or steam cleaning canoes, kayaks and sailboats for use on four New York City reservoirs in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed.

The Reservoir Recreational Boating Program has proven very popular among local boaters and visitors in the past two seasons. In 2013, more than 750 individual boat tags were issued for the Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie Reservoirs. Boaters came from throughout eastern New York and the metropolitan New York City area, and from as far away as Alabama, Maryland and Massachusetts.

Six independent vendors took advantage of this new source of revenue last season by renting canoes and kayaks to boaters. The boats were safely stored at 10 launch sites on racks provided by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) and installed by NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for vendor use. Vendors set their own fees for boat rentals, and are not charged for rack space.

Some of these vendors also conducted the mandatory steam cleaning of boats brought by their owners who often purchased ancillary goods and services from the vendor after getting their DEP access permits and boat tags. A training session for new and existing steam cleaning vendors will be held in the spring by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. For information on steam cleaning and to be advised of the training session contact John Staby at NYC DEP, jstaby@dep.nyc.gov; 845-340-7811.

Boat rental and steam cleaning vendors are listed in boating brochures and on TheCatskillRegion.com website. For more information about starting up a steam cleaning business and reserving rack space for rental boats, and to be included in the brochures, please contact Barbara Puglisi at the CWC, Puglisi@cwconline.org; 845-586-1400.

While new vendors are welcome in any part of the Watershed, the program is especially in need of vendors to serve Cannonsville Reservoir boaters.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education

Sullivan County BOCES Programs Offered

Would you like to learn the basics in Motorcycle Maintenance?

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Motorcycle Maintenance Basics course.

Class will be held on Saturday March 29th at the Rubin Pollack Education Center in Liberty, from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. The cost is \$145.00.

Your motorcycle is an important investment. You will acquire the techniques to maintain your bike by learning how to change the oil, maintain battery, fix a flat, monitor tire pressure and wear, adjust throttle cable and carburetor and more. If you are a novice to motorcycle maintenance, you will expand your knowledge and practice.

Bring your own bike to this class, along with your own products and tools. (Supply list provided upon your pre-registration.)

Ballroom Dancing offered at Sullivan BOCES

Get your dance shoes on!

On March 17th, the Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Ballroom Dancing 101 class. Classes will be held at the St. John Street Education Center on Mondays, from March 17th through June 16th from 7:15 pm to 8:45 pm. The fee for the class is \$140.00.

If you are new to ballroom dancing or need to "brush up", this course is for you. This 12-session course is designed for the beginner to intermediate dancer. The curriculum will include a variety of Ballroom and Latin Dances.

Dance classes make more sense when you have a partner!! Register two students for \$250 and save \$30 off the full tuition price.

The instructional style allows for individual attention. If you have always wanted to learn how to dance, our very social, no pressure, have-fun-as-you-learn classes will lead you straight to the dance floor! Dance genres to choose from include Waltz, Fox Trot, East Coast Swing, Salsa, Cha-Cha, Merengue, Rumba, Bachata, American Tango and Samba.

Learn How to Crochet: Classes are Bi-Lingual

The Adult & Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Bi-Lingual Crocheting Course. The course will be held at the St. John Education Center in Monticello on Wednesdays, starting on March 19th and run through April 9th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. The cost is \$55.00.

Beginning students will learn the basics of crochet. The instructor is fluent in English, Spanish and Crochet. This is a class for true beginners, but others may take as a refresher. You will be confident in your skills after this class. Sample swatches will be made, as well as starting a scarf for your first project. A supply list will be mailed upon paid registration.

Mandated On-the-Job Training for Security Guards Course Offered

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering the Mandated On-the-Job Security Guard Training course on March 22nd & March 29th from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. The cost of the course is \$185.

New York State Security Guard Program statute mandates the successful completion of a sixteen-hour On-The-Job Training (OJT) Course for Security Guards. The course relates to the security guard's duties, nature of the workplace and the requirements of the security guard company. This mandate has been ongoing since early 1994. This course is a requirement for all security guards in New York State and must be completed within 90 days of employment/application submission for Department of State security guard registration.

Additional courses will be offered on May 31st and June 7th.

To register for any of the courses or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:30 pm or visit us at scoec.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Explore a career in nursing where the employment outlook is great!

On Thursday, April 3rd, the Sullivan County BOCES Career and Technical Education Center will host the next information session for the BOCES LPN (Licensed Practical

Nursing) Program. Multiple sessions are offered to fit busy schedules, 1:00 PM to 2:00PM or 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Sessions will be held in the Eugene D. Nesin Theatre/Auditorium at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello.

Each session will include an overview of the admission process, including application requirements, admission testing, financial aid resources and other program information. The nursing faculty will be there to explain the program curriculum, competencies and clinical rotations. Career advancement opportunities and college articulation information will also be presented.

Part-time and full-time programs are available for adults and high school seniors.

Registration is required to attend. Attendance is strongly recommended for adults and high school seniors interested in enrolling in the LPN Program starting in September 2014. To register or for more information, please call (845) 295-4940.

Don't miss out. It's the perfect time to start your nursing career!

BOCES LPN Students Reach Milestone and Receive Caps

For Mark Criddell, Justine Decker, Keymarro Guiden, Tina Kehrley, Ciera Kerr, Kelly McCormick, Megan Ruscher, Nicole Ruscher, Verneica Walker, and Russell Whipple February 20th, marked a significant milestone. It was the day when they received their caps.

The nursing cap represents the symbol of nursing. The ceremony honors Florence Nightingale, and all of her efforts in forming the nursing profession into what it has become today. This milestone also marks the halfway point in their progression of becoming a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Family and friends attended the ceremony and joined the students as they celebrated their achievement. The class is scheduled to graduate from the program in the July of 2014.

For more information about the LPN Program, call 295-4940. Applications are now being accepted for the fall 2014 class.

For information on the programs available through Sullivan BOCES, visit our website at www.scoec.org or call 295-4000.

Ithaca May to Give Keynote: Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference, Local Market & Expo

[FERNDALE] - Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick will deliver the keynote address at Sullivan Renaissance's Annual Conference, Local Market & Expo on Saturday, March 8 at the CVI Center in Ferndale. The theme is "Revitalizing Sullivan County - the Difference is You."

Mayor Myrick's talk will focus on the successful work being done to revitalize the City of Ithaca. He will share ideas on community revitalization and how communities can take the necessary steps toward a better future.

First elected at the age of 20 to Ithaca's Common Council, Svante Myrick was one of the youngest elected African-Americans and one of the youngest mayors in U.S. history. Myrick studied communication at Cornell University, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and a leader of the Inter-fraternity Council and Quill and Dagger society. He began his public-service career

through volunteer activities while a student.

As a councilmember Myrick's principal contributions included creation of a "tobacco-free zone" on the Ithaca Commons, promoting youth involvement in city government, overseeing the creation of the Ithaca Youth Council, and playing a role in master planning and zoning changes in Ithaca's dense, student-dominated college-town neighborhood.

As mayor Myrick has been responsible for several economic development initiatives including the redevelopment of the Ithaca Commons. He is visionary in his approach, but is an advocate for small steps that can set a strong foundation for continued success. His work demonstrates a strong belief in communication and an engaged citizenry as keys to community revitalization.

Information about the 2014 Sullivan Renaissance grant program will be presented, along with an opportunity to discuss individual projects with staff. Applications will be available.

For information, call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. To register on line, go to <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/registration/>. To download a conference brochure, go to http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/_doc/2014ConferenceBrochure.pdf.

Sullivan Renaissance Forum:

In partnership with SUNY Sullivan, Sullivan Renaissance is also hosting an engaging discussion with Svante Myrick, Mayor of Ithaca, on Friday, March 7 at 3:00 p.m. at the SUNY Sullivan Seelig Theater in Loch Sheldrake. Mayor Myrick will share his experiences as a young leader and the role that young people play in the revitalization of their communities.

Young people are specifically invited and refreshments will be served. There is no charge to attend. "Young people have something valuable to contribute right now with their energy, with their creativity, and with their moral authority," Myrick said.

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

Bonacic Encourages Local Communities to Apply for Central Hudson's "Main Street Revitalization" Program

Senator John Bonacic (R/LC - Mt. Hope) announces that Central Hudson is now accepting grant applications as part of its Main Street Revitalization economic development program.

Its grants are aimed at revitalizing downtowns through targeted commercial or mixed-use improvements, such as:

- Façade renovations;
- Interior commercial/mixed use building upgrades; and
- Streetscape enhancements as part of an overall development plan

"I applaud Central Hudson," says Senator John Bonacic, "and its mission to help communities rebuild and revitalize our region's urban centers that are currently vacant and underutilized. The improvements to the Main Streets that are hurting will encourage even more development, increased jobs, and boost the overall economy. I hope that our business owners and town and village officials will look into it. It's a win-win all around."

Applications are due by March 31, 2014.

For more information, application requirements and the application, call 845-486-5241 or visit www.CentralHudson.com/EconomicDevelopment.

A Simple Proposal for Lowering New York's Property Tax Burden

County leaders strongly support efforts by all levels of government to stabilize and reduce property taxes in New York State.

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) has put together a proposal for not only freezing, but lowering property taxes throughout the state. The proposal includes a simple and immediate solution to New York's high property taxes. Read A Simple Proposal for Lowering New York's Property Tax Burden for the full details.

"Governor Andrew Cuomo has made a concerted effort to reduce the size of government, both at the state and local level. The Governor has submitted proposals to encourage local governments to share services and consolidate. We agree: shared services are essential for government efficiency," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario.

For decades, local governments have been achieving savings through shared service delivery and consolidation within county departments and among local governments. Over 100 examples of these projects are detailed in the report Working Together: Local Governments Sharing Services.

NYSAC has also compiled a list of resources supporting local shared service delivery.

"It's long past time to lower taxes on behalf of New Yorkers, but local governments can't do it alone. Counties remain committed to working with the state to address the root cause of property taxes and will continue to implement modern and efficient local government operations by working with other units of local governments, fire districts, special purpose districts and school districts," said NYSAC President Mark R. Alger.

DiNapoli: Local Sales Tax Collections Up \$739 Million in 2013 - Hurricane Aftermath Spurs Growth in Downstate Communities

Local sales tax collections of \$14.9 billion grew by \$739 million in 2013, an increase of 5.2 percent from 2012, according to a report issued today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. The increase outpaced annual growth rates of 3.3 percent in 2012 and 5 percent in 2011, as well as the 15-year annual average growth of 4.5 percent.

"This is welcome news for our municipalities and comes at a time when local revenues have been experiencing little to no growth," said DiNapoli. "The majority of the increase appears to stem from storm clean up, which gives these communities a short-term boost. As the economy continues its tenuous recovery, sales tax collections could vary either way for local governments and is generally a more volatile source of revenue."

DiNapoli's report noted growth in county sales tax collections, excluding New York City, was 3.8 percent from 2012 to 2013. Most of this growth occurred in regions downstate. On average, growth in downstate counties was 5.9 percent, while growth in upstate counties was 1.7 percent.

Regionally, Long Island saw the biggest jump in collections at 6.9 percent and the mid-Hudson Valley had a 4.2 percent increase. Among upstate regions, Western New York (2.6 percent), the Mohawk Valley (2.4 percent), Central New York (2.3 percent) and the Finger Lakes (2 percent) experienced the largest growth. The Southern Tier was the only region to see a decrease (-2.3 percent) in collec-

tions, but that was likely due to a return to normal levels following higher-than-average sales tax collections in the wake of Hurricanes Irene and Lee in 2012.

In New York City, retail sales have continued to drive growth in tax collections. From 2012 to 2013, the city's sales tax collections jumped \$406 million, an increase of 6.8 percent.

During this same period, sales tax collections grew in 43 of New York's 57 counties. Essex County had the highest growth rate at 8.8 percent followed by Hamilton County at 8.2 percent and Washington County at 6.9 percent. Several downstate communities saw significant increases due to rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Sandy. This includes Rockland County (8.1 percent), Suffolk County (6.9 percent), Nassau County (6.8 percent) and Westchester County (6.2 percent).

Despite the upward trends in most regions, the report highlighted a number of red flags for localities. For example, fourth quarter sales tax collections in 2013 marked the weakest period of growth since the first quarter of 2010. Also, fourteen counties experienced overall declines in sales tax collections. The sharpest declines were in Schoharie and Tioga Counties, with each suffering a 5 percent decrease.

Additional findings in the Comptroller's report include:

- At the height of the Great Recession in 2009, local sales tax collections declined by 6 percent;
- Sales tax revenue made up 31 percent of all county revenues, the largest single revenue source for those entities; and
- New York City's sales tax collections improved by more than 37 percent from 2009 to 2013.

For a copy of the report, visit: <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/pubs/research/snapshot/localsalestaxcollections0214.pdf>

For access to state and local government spending and more than 50,000 state contracts, visit <http://www.openbooknewyork.com/>. The easy-to-use website was created by Comptroller DiNapoli to promote openness in government and provide taxpayers with better access to the financial workings of government.

Tickets Now on Sale for Taste NY Craft NY Beer Fest in Albanay -Event Featuring 30 New York Breweries at the Desmond Hotel and Convention Center in Albany

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that tickets are now on sale for Craft New York Beer Fest, which is scheduled to take place at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany on March 22. Taste NY is a co-sponsor of this event, which features 30 New York State breweries serving dozens of New York State craft beers paired with an array of foods from local restaurants, companies and farms.

"The Craft New York Beer Fest will be another great opportunity to showcase the many world-class beverages being brewed right here in New York State," Governor Cuomo said. "Thank to the Taste NY initiative, more and more people are discovering that New York's local growers and producers are second to none. I am pleased that Taste NY is joining with the New York State Brewers Association to put together the Beer Fest, and I encourage New Yorkers to come out and try some of our world-class farm-based foods and beverages."

Craft New York Beer Fest will take place on Saturday, March 22, 2014, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center, 660 Albany

Shaker Road, in Albany. Tickets can be purchased online at www.newyorkcraftbeerfest.com. A limited number of printed tickets are also available for purchase at the Albany Pump Station, Brown's Brewing Co., and Olde Saratoga Brewing Company.

Tickets include admission and a five ounce souvenir tasting glass. Three ounce samples of 60 New York State craft beers will be available as well as a variety of food pairings from Capital Region farms and restaurants.

The 30 New York State craft breweries slated to attend the event include Empire Brewing Company (Syracuse), Saranac (Utica), Brown's Brewing Co. (Troy), Adirondack Brewery and Pub (Lake George), Lake Placid Pub and Brewery (Lake Placid), Olde Saratoga Brewing Company (Saratoga Springs), C.H. Evans Brewing Company (Albany), Brooklyn Brewery (Brooklyn), Druthers Brewing Company (Saratoga Springs), Good Nature Farm Brewery and Tap Room (Hamilton), Sixpoint (Brooklyn), Great South Bay Brewery (Bay Shore), Rushing Duck Brewing Co. (Chester), Ithaca Beer Company (Ithaca), Bronx Brewery (Bronx), St. Lawrence Brewing Co. (Canton), Water Street Brewing Co. (Binghamton), Kuka-Andean Brewing Company (Blauvelt), Schmalz Brewing Company (Clifton Park), Chatham Brewing (Chatham), Southern Tier Brewing Company (Lakewood), Community Beer Works (Buffalo), Hamburg Brewing Company (Hamburg), Crossroads Brewing Company (Athens), Brewery Ommegang (Cooperstown), Peekskill Brewery (Peekskill), Middle Ages Brewing Company (Syracuse), Captain Lawrence Brewing Company (Elmsford), Naked Dove Brewing Company (Canandaigua), and Greenport Harbor Brewing Co. (Greenport).

Acting State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Taste NY is opening up new markets for food and beverage producers across the state, and Craft New York Beer Fest is just the latest example. This is going to be a great event next month and I encourage New Yorkers to buy their tickets today."

Paul Leone, Executive Director of the New York State Brewers Association, said, "With this event in Albany next month, the New York State Brewers Association plans to raise the bar when it comes to beer festivals. Taste NY will be a fitting partner in this endeavor as we will pair great New York craft beers with some of the best foods in the Capital Region."

Governor Cuomo's Taste NY initiative focuses on highlighting and expanding New York's food and beverage industry by making the wide variety of foods and beverages made and grown in the state readily available and recognizable to New Yorkers as well as to the hospitality industry and general public. Part of Governor Cuomo's efforts to promote agribusiness across the state, Taste NY is being marketed through a range of promotional efforts including Taste NY tents at events such as Craft New York Beer Fest, Taste NY stores in transportation hubs and a dedicated website, www.taste.ny.gov.

POLITICAL SLANT by Frank Comando -

THE UN IN FAILURE

When the UN was created "We The People" of these United States felt there was a chance for world peace. But with all the wars since the inception of the UN, it is believed by many that the UN is just a police

force of N.W.O. merchants and the military. People of the U.S. ask, why not adopt the US Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and above all, The Bill of Rights guaranteeing the people of the world peace?

Mr. Putin should be ashamed of himself after knowing the history of this area of the world. Any question can be solved by negotiations, unless you are on a course of world conquest.

UKRAINE

The Ukrainian people and people of Ukrainian decent in our area have memories of the past when Joseph Stalin, leader of the Soviet Union set in motion events designed to cause a famine in the Ukraine destroying the people who sought independence from his rule. As a result, an estimated 7,000,000 people perished then in the farming area, known as the breadbasket of Europe. They were deprived of the food they had grown with their own hands.

The Ukrainian independence movement actually predated the Stalin era. The Ukraine, which measures about the size of France, had been under the domination of the Imperial Czars of Russia for 200 years. With the collapse of the Czarist rule in March 1917, it seemed the long-awaited opportunity for independence had finally arrived. Optimistic Ukrainians declared their country to be an Independent People's Republic and re-established the ancient capital city of Kiev as the seat of government.

However, their new-found freedom was short-lived. By the end of 1917, Vladimir Lenin, the first leader of the Soviet Union, sought to reclaim all of the areas formerly controlled by the Czars, especially the fertile Ukraine. As a result, four years of chaos and conflict followed in which Ukrainian national troops fought against Lenin's Red Army, and against Russia's White Army (troops still loyal to the Czar) as well as other invading forces including the Germans and Poles.

By 1921, the battles ended with a Soviet victory while the western part of the Ukraine was divided-up among Poland, Romania, and Czechoslovakia. The Soviets immediately began shipping out huge amounts of grain to feed the hungry people of Moscow and other big Russian cities. Coincidentally, a drought occurred in the Ukraine, resulting in widespread starvation and a surge of popular resentment against Lenin and the Soviets.

To lessen the deepening resentment, Lenin relaxed his grip on the country, stopped taking out the large quantities of grain, and even encouraged a free-market exchange of goods. This breath of fresh air renewed the people's interest in independence and resulted in a national revival movement celebrating their unique folk customs, language, poetry, music, arts, and Ukrainian orthodox religion.

A new genocide is not needed; the peaceful working people of the world have endured enough! The UN charter must be amended and the "merchant war mongers" need to be stopped and tried for crimes against humanity.

The total Ukrainian suffering under Stalin's Soviet regime included the murder of seven million Ukrainians and two million more were sent to concentration camps and all of their food supplies and livestock were confiscated.

This space is also for you:

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

Hard Chargers International Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club

Is a Correctional Officer based motorcycle club for all current & retired law enforcement professionals.

The local Chapter: Southern New York is currently accepting enrollment applications.

Contact Ken Haag for local information at

hardchargerssouthernny@gmail.com or 845-796-8175.

The national web site is hardchargersmotorcycleclub.com

Many rides are planned for 2014. Call for information and membership.

Mardi Gras Party!

This year the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating their very first Mardi Gras party right in Roscoe. They will be celebrating it at the Rockland House on Saturday, March 8th running from 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Light appetizers, Buffet, dessert, coffee/tea. Cash Bar "LIVE" music by Jon Zanger and dancing!! They will be selling raffles, 50/50 tickets, prize giveaways... and we are even going to crown a King and Queen!! Prizes for BEST COSTUME MALE AND FEMALE! The night is going to be a blast so PLEASE they are only selling a limited amount of tickets to avoid overcrowding.

Feel free to come dressed up in your favorite Mardi Gras costumes!! 18 years or older please!! Reservations a must! Tickets are \$35.00 each.

For information call Lilly - 607-498-5222 x-306. Marge - 607-498-5464. All proceeds will go towards The Roscoe Renaissance for the purchase of a HONDA generator and rental equipment.

Starting this summer the Chamber will be featuring movies as well as music in Riverside Park.

CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.



Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper

Saturday, March 15

SERVING FROM 4:00 TO 7:00 PM

ADULTS \$10.00

Beverage included

CHILDREN UNDER 12, \$5.00,

UNDER 5 YRS. FREE

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

Neversink & Grahamsville

Fire Departments

Annual Spring Pancake Breakfast

March 30, 2014

Serving from 7-12



All You Can Eat!

Adults \$8.00

Kids 6-12 \$5.00

Children 5 and under FREE

For further information or to make a donation e-mail nfd@hvcrr.com

9th Annual Sportsmen's Dinner

Calvary Baptist Church of Loch Sheldrake presents their 9th Annual Sportsmen's Dinner on April 5, 2014 4pm-8:30pm at Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept. Rte. 52 Loch Sheldrake NY

Game Dinner with guest Speaker Dr. David Samuel speaking on Improving Hunting Success

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

Many Door prizes including a Blackpowder Rifle. Must be present to win.

Call 985-7410 for tickets.

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TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM



Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman printed since the beginning (1947) classified by year for anyone to research.

985-7700

timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

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

The Hurleyville and Woodridge United

Methodist Churches

invite you to weekly worship:

9 am in Hurleyville,

10:30 am in Woodridge.

For more information, call

Pastor Susan Woodworth

845-794-6325



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION

The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion

March 9 Visitation by Bishop Andrew M.L. Dietsche

Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner

5277 State Rt. 42

South Fallsburg

845-436-7539

Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

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)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.



COVERED DISH SUPPER

SUNDOWN METHODIST CHURCH

Church Hall

Mar. 1, 2014
Covered Dish Supper
5:30 p.m.

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sale
& Soup Lunch
Mar. 15, 2014
9 am - 1 pm

Fellowship Hall
Rt. 55, Grahamsville, NY

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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

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: FILING of the ANNUAL REPORT:

AS required by New York State Town Law § 29(10-a) the Town of Denning ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the year 2013 has been completed and filed with the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. The report is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

Call 985-2411 for further information.

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD
Joy Monforte,
Town Clerk
Feb. 26, 2014

3/6/14

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

3/6-20/14

SUNY Ulster Alumni Art on Display for 50th Anniversary

Art work created by some 65 artists who attended or graduated from SUNY Ulster over the past decades will be on display at a special Spring 2014 Alumni/ae Art Exhibition commemorating the college's 50th anniversary year.

The exhibit opens with a reception on March 7, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery on the Stone Ridge campus and runs through April 11.

The show will represent varied and eclectic works as diverse as the thousands of students who have taken classes through the college's Fine Art and Graphic Design program since its inception in the 1970s. It will showcase drawing and painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, illustration, design in print and electronic media, jewelry and fashion design.

The exhibit will include works by past students who have gone on to successful professional careers such as Pulitzer-prize winning photojournalist Renée Byer, a distinguished alumni member of SUNY Ulster's Alumni Hall of Fame, as well as recent graduates entering the field, and community members who participated in art programs. The artists have provided testimonials about their experiences at SUNY Ulster as well as the resulting trajectories of their varied career paths.

"The 50th Anniversary Alumni/ae Art Exhibition celebrates creativity, community and continuity of SUNY Ulster arts," said Suzy Jeffers, Gallery Coordinator.

At 97, Annette Finestone is the oldest participant in the show and will be represented by a photograph she took while stationed in Japan after World War II. She spent many years in SUNY Ulster's darkroom in the 1990s perfecting her prints of this unique time and has shown them locally and internationally.

Among other featured artists are Byer who will show a print from the

THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

The next Regular Board Meeting for the 2013-14 school year is scheduled for
Thursday, March 6, 2014 at 7:00 PM
In the Secondary School Library
Lower Level.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Substitute Cafeteria Workers

Interested parties should submit letter of interest or application to:
Mrs. Lisa Raymond, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
(845) 985-2296 ext. 5201
Cut-off date for receiving applications/letters of interest:
April 11, 2014

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2008 Beijing Summer Olympics; Shanti Grumbine, a New Paltz artist who attended SUNY Ulster as a high school student and had a solo show "Kenosis" in the gallery last year; as well as Robert Johnson, Class of 1971, SUNY Ulster's Director of Printing and Graphics and Jack Murphy, Web Coordinator.

The Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. It is closed on College holidays. The show is free and open to the public. For more information on exhibiting, contact Jeffers at jefferss@sunyulster.edu or 845-687-5113.

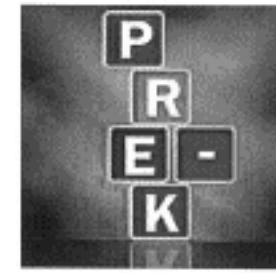
From the NYC DEP - The Money Will Fund Environmental Benefit Projects For The Lower Esopus

Kingston, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein has filed a resolution with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature that will allow Ulster County to obtain \$290,000 which was paid by the New York City DEP as part of the Order on Consent entered into between DEP and the New York State DEC. As required by the Order, the funds will be used to perform fish stocking in the Lower Esopus, hire a technical review consultant to aid the Ashokan Release Working Group, and develop a Lower Esopus Creek Management Plan.

"My administration has fought tirelessly for fairness and justice for the residents of the Lower Esopus, as well as for accountability and responsible actions by the New York City DEP," said County Executive Hein. "The fact that these funds are now available is an example that our voice is positively impacting the people of the Lower Esopus, and I urge the Ulster County Legislature to pass this resolution. My administration will continue to advocate for the citizens of Ulster County, our environment and our economy every step of the way; and there is still much work to be done."

The Order on Consent between the NYC DEP and NYS DEC was effective October 4, 2013 and requires New York City to fund Environmental Benefit Projects to address impacts that may be associated with turbidity in streams. The Order allows Ulster County to act as fiscal agent and administer the funds.

Tri-Valley Central School District



2014-15

Full Day Pre-K Registration

Eligibility:	Tri-Valley District children who turn four (4) years of age by December 1, 2014.
Registration Date:	Wednesday, March 12, 2014 (Snow Date - March 19, 2014)
Time:	6 PM - Registration program will be completed by 8 PM.
Location:	T-V Elementary School Cafeteria 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY
Please Bring:	Birth Certificate, Immunization Record, License, Proof of Residency
Contact:	Questions? - call Kathi Smith, Registrar 9 AM - 3:30 PM -- 845-985-2296

NYS Sheriff's Institute Kicks off Annual Fundraising Campaign

The New York State Sheriff's Institute has kicked off its annual fundraising campaign. Residents of Sullivan County can expect to receive a solicitation in the mail from the Sheriff's Association asking for donations to fund programs including the Sheriff's Summer Camp at Lake Keuka.

Each year, the Sheriff's Office sends 25 deserving children from Sullivan County, who could not otherwise afford to go to camp, to the Finger Lakes for a week of boating, hiking and other summer activities. The camp receives no taxpayer dollars and is funded completely from the generosity of the public.

Sheriff Mike Schiff is often asked which solicitations are real and which are not. "The Sheriff's Institute only solicits by mail from its headquarters at 27 Elk Street in Albany," said the Sheriff. "If you receive correspondence from any other address or any telephone calls, those solicitations are not legitimate."

The Sheriff thanked the citizens of Sullivan County for supporting this program which is now in its 38th year. For more information go to www.sheriffsinstitute.org

Farm Bill Provision Eliminates Costly After-Hours Inspection Procedures-New York Apple Exporters to Save \$450,000 Annually - First Shipment Just Sent Without Costly Double Inspection

After a push by U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and Congressman Bill Owens, apple exports from New York State to Canada are now moving at a swifter, more cost-effective pace because of a measure included in the Farm Bill. Last week, the first shipment of apples that were not subject to inspection because of the Farm Bill crossed the border without incident.

Senator Gillibrand and Congressman Bill Owens worked to exempt bulk shipments of U.S. apples to Canada from inspection required under the Apple Export Act, saving apple growers up to \$300 per truckload, and allowing growers to create their own distribution schedules, eliminating costly after-hours inspection procedures.

"New York State is home to some of the world's finest apples and hardest working growers," said Senator Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee. "But this costly inspection was hurting our growers and holding our economy back. Now our apples can reach markets faster, help New York's apple growers cut costs, and help our economy grow."

"Trade with Canada and agriculture are essential parts of New York's economy," Congressman Bill Owens said. "Exempting bulk shipments of apples from inspection is now saving farmers money and streamlining the flow of goods and people at the border."

"After more than two years of hard work, we finally have succeeded, with the elimination of the inspection requirements of the Apple Export Act," New York Apple Association President Jim Allen said. "We are very grateful for the Senator Gillibrand and Congressman Owens for listening to our concerns and acting on our behalf. Because of their diligence, NY apple growers will not be burdened with unnecessary costs and requirements to sell apples into Canada. So far this year over 650 truckloads have already paid the price, but we anticipate another 800 this season will be exempt. This is a huge cost savings for our growers."

The Apple and Pear Export Act of 1933 requires that all exported apples are inspected. But pears have been excluded from the law since 1999. The elimination of apples from this antiquated law would enable apple farmers to have more control over their work schedules and eliminate expensive after-hours inspection procedures.

With nearly 1.5 million bushels of apples exported to Canada annually, this amendment to the current law could save U.S. apple growers more than \$550,000 annually by allowing apple growers to distribute apple products on their own schedule, saving valuable time and resources by avoiding onerous after-hours inspection procedures.

New York is the second highest producer of apples, behind only Washington State. On average, New York produces 30 million bushels of apples each year. That equals 1.26 billion pounds of apples and generates more than \$330 million a year for the State's economy.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

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

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

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

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

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

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



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday and Monday: Closed

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

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

VETERANS

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS-

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

Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept. plans Breakfast with Local Products

The Loch Sheldrake Fire Department will be hosting their annual spring breakfast on Sunday, March 9th, 7am until noon. This family friendly breakfast is boasting a menu of buttermilk pancakes, eggs from local producers in Woodridge, and fresh sausage from Pecks Market. Rounding out the meal will be fresh brewed coffee, tea and plenty of orange juice!

\$7 for adults, \$5 for children 12 and under, and children 5 and under are FREE! Tickets and raffles available at the door.

The Loch Sheldrake Fire Department is located on Route 52 across from the SCCC entrance. Please support the volunteers who support you year round!

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

Save the Date!

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

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

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

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

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Child's Play and Wherever You Go Through April 6

Livingston Manor - Catskill Art Society - "Child's Play" and "Wherever You Go," a solo exhibition featuring the photography of Christopher Vernale. "Wherever You Go" is an abstract series started when Vernale moved to Brooklyn, NY. "Child's Play" is a series created in 2012, representing the balance between truths we found as children playing with toy soldiers and other forms of playing war, as opposed to the truths we learn later in life. Thursdays - Saturdays 11am-6pm, Sundays 11am-3pm, and Mondays 11am-6pm. Artist talk & opening reception March 1st at 2pm.

Claryville Vol. Fire Dept. Movie Night

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

National Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Severe weather can happen anytime. In May 2013, tornadoes devastated parts of central Oklahoma. This outbreak included the deadliest tornado of the year on May 19 in Moore, Oklahoma. At least 70 tornadoes spanned seven Mid-western states in November 2013.

During National Severe Weather Preparedness Week, March 2-8, 2014, NOAA and FEMA will highlight the importance of preparing for severe weather before it strikes.

We invite you to download the media toolkit below to promote National Severe Weather Preparedness Week in your community. The toolkit includes: background information on how to take the next step, talking points, a blog post template, an Op-Ed, and a Social Media toolkit including content to share on Twitter and

Facebook.

Information for Severe Weather Toolkit:
<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/91057?>

SUNY Ulster Holds Nursing Information Session

SUNY Ulster will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program on Thursday, March 13, at 4:00 p.m. in room 121, at the Business Resource Center in Kingston. Due to limited openings, SUNY Ulster's Nursing Program is only available to residents of Ulster County.

This session will provide information on the admissions process, the program curriculum including pre-requisites and co-requisites, as well as new testing requirements. For further information and reservations, phone the Admissions Office at (800) 724-0833 or email admissions@sunyulster.edu. Further information about the Nursing program can be found at www.sunyulster.edu.

Senator Calls on USDA to Expand Pollination Initiative to New York State

New York Beekeepers Lost 30 Percent of Hives from 2011 to 2012 - Hurting Fruit, Vegetable Crops

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, today called on the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to bolster its efforts to revive New York's bee population after a year when beekeepers lost on average 30 percent of their hives to Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) - hurting New York farms' ability to pollinate crops. Earlier this month, USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack directed \$3 million to study bee losses in the Midwest. Senator Gillibrand is urging the USDA to expand their investigation to New York

and the Northeast.

"New York's farms rely on a strong and healthy bee population to pollinate our fruit and vegetable crops," Senator Gillibrand said. "The alarming decline of the bee population comes at a steep price for our environment, our farms, and our economy. It is critical for the USDA make this investment here in New York to respond to Colony Collapse Disorder, and help revive New York's farms."

New York State has an estimated 52,000 beehives, each of which produce approximately 51 pounds of honey, ranking the state the tenth in honey production. Bee pollination supports blueberries, cherries, squash and other fruit and vegetables. Apple trees require two to three hives per acre to pollinate. Bee pollination adds an estimated \$300 million value to a \$4.4 billion agriculture industry in New York.

Throughout the U.S., a staggering 45 percent of beehives were lost just last year.

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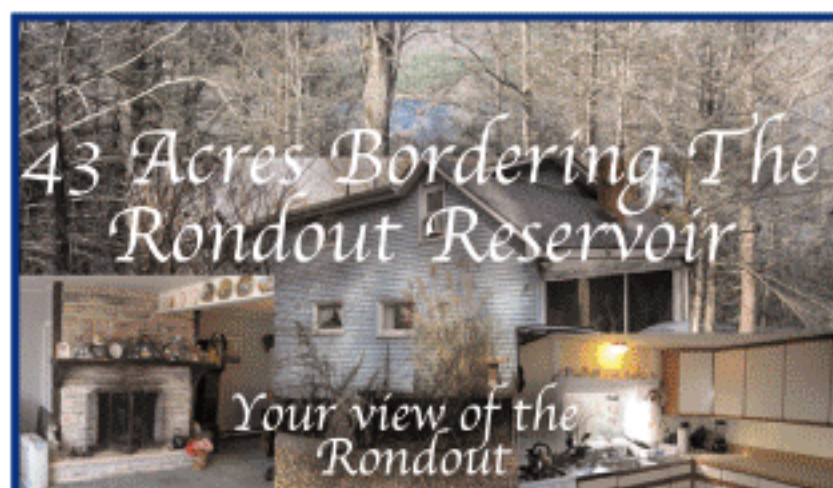
The 3rd Annual Kick-Off Party Shelley's Crew for a Cure & Basket Raffle will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 6pm at The Rockland House in Roscoe NY. Calling to begin at 7pm. Complimentary appetizers and drink specials available.

More than two dozen theme baskets! Tickets are \$1 each and 15 for \$10. High-end items - Tickets are \$5 for 1 and \$10 for 3! Country Mega Ticket Raffle for a pair of M&M Ford Country Mega Tickets, each good for FOUR 2014 concerts at Bethel Woods! These tickets will be sold for \$10, and only 250 are available!

There will be a good willing offering at the door, and, as always, we thank you for joining us to fight for a world free of MS! For further info: Debbie 607-498-5329



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If you have an item(s) that you would like to sell and list in **The Townsman**, send your listing of 10 words or less for each item along with your check (\$1 per item, per week) payable to: **The Townsman**, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it in the Drop Box at the Grahamsville 1st Aid Building.

You may email your information, but the ad will not be published until payment is received.

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- Cute 2BR seasonal cabin on 3 acs w/fpl, screened prch \$99k
- Architectural Digest home on 300+ acres with private library, adjacent to State land. \$995,000
- 4BR/2BA home w/great room on 3+ acs in Claryville. \$190k
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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"

THE SEA HAWK

(Adventure 1940)



After pirating and plundering Spanish ships a British buccaneer holds the Spanish fleet at bay with the covert approval of Elizabeth I. Directed by, Michael Curtiz, starring, Errol Flynn, Brenda Marshall, Claude Rains, Donald Crisp, Flora Robson, Alan Hale, Henry Daniell, Una O'Connor, Gilbert Roland. Top-notch combination of classy Warner Bros. costumer and Flynn at his dashing best in adventure on the high seas; lively balance of piracy, romance, and swordplay, handsomely photographed and staged, with rousing Erich Wolfgang Korngold score. Has nothing to do with the Sabatini novel, which was filmed faithfully in 1924. Restored for home video, with additional final scene intended for British audiences, in which Queen Elizabeth I offers morale-building war-time message. Beware of shorter prints.

See this film on TCM. 10:00 PM, Sunday, March 10, 2014, B/W-128 min, Rated TV-G,

Quiz: 1. Who played Sir John Burleson?

2. Who played Queen Elizabeth?

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

GRAHAMSVILLE METHODIST CHURCH Thrift Sale & Soup Lunch-March 15 9am-1pm

CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

CORN BEEF & CABBAGE SUPPER, Saturday March 15, 2014, 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm adults \$10.00, beverage included, children under 12, \$5.00, under 5 years old **FREE**, **don't forget Sunday March 23 2014 It's the ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Serving from 7:AM TO 12:00 noon, adults \$7.00 children under 12 \$3.00, under 5 **FREE**, A \$50.00 donation to the Claryville Reformed Church Food Pantry for each event.

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