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Town of Neversink Memorial Day Service

Memorial Day Services will be observed in the Town of Neversink on Monday, May 27, 2013, at 11:00 am at the flagpole in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. Participants will include local veterans. Boy Scouts, clergy, local officials and families of the veterans whose flags are to be exchanged.

At this service, the flag honoring Wardell C. Graham will be lowered and retired, after flying for six months in tribute to all our veterans. In its place, a flag presented by the family of Donald H. Hill of Grahamsville, a veteran who proudly served his country in the Navy from 1951 to 1955, rising to the rank of Petty Officer Third Class, will be raised. Don was also one of the founders of the Flag Day Exchange Ceremony in 1984. The Flag Exchange Ceremony is held on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day every year to honor our veterans.

BOCES LPN Students Receive Caps

LIBERTY: May 16th marked a significant milestone for Christine Butler, Kalyn Drasher, Robyn Gonzalez, Summer Jones, Nicole Leib, Stephanie Lounsbury, Imani Miranda, Patrick Ramos, Meredith Rivera, Bianca Seaman, William Stephenson, and DeVynia Willis. It was the day they received their nursing caps and caduceus pins.

The nursing cap (for women) and the caduceus pin (for men) represent the symbols of nursing. The capping 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. (Contd. Pg. 4)

(Front row from left to right): Patrick Ramos, Stephanie Lounsbury, Kalyn Drasher, Christine Butler, Bianca Seaman, Imani Miranda, Robyn Gonzalez, and William Stephenson. (Back row from left to right) Meredith Rivera, DeVynia Willis, Summer Jones, and Nicole Leib.

BOCES Career & Tech Students Take 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place in Statewide SkillsUSA Competition

LIBERTY - Students from the Sullivan County BOCES Career and Technical (C&T) Education Program attended the annual New York State SkillsUSA Spring Conference held in Syracuse, NY on April 24th, 25th & 26th.

While at the conference, students from across the state competed in various categories testing his or her vocational knowledge and skills. In addition to their knowledge, the students were also judged on their res-ume and professional appearance.

BOCES Health Knowledge Bowl Team: Alexa Buday, Sullivan West CSD - New Vision Health; Janelle Laguio, Fallsburg CSD - New Vision Health; Melanie Reisner, Livingston Manor CSD - New Vision Health; and Zachory Park, Rosoce CSD - New Vision Health

The BOCES Health Team took first place in the Health Knowledge Bowl competition. The team members include Janelle Laguio, Fallsburg CSD - New Vision Health student; Melanie Reisner, Livingston Manor CSD - New Vision Health student; Zachory Park, Rosoce CSD - New Vision Health student; and Alexa Buday, Sullivan West CSD - New Skills.

In addition to the rigorous requirements of Career and Technical Center's New Vision Health (taught by Cathy Freda), the four participants had to practice regularly and learn over 150 medical concepts to ensure their success against the other 24 teams in the SkillsUSA competition.

The health team will now have the privilege of representing New York State SkillsUSA and the Sullivan County Career and Technical Center at the SkillsUSA National Conference held in Kansas City, Missouri at the end of June. (Contd. Pg. 4)



Melissa Roberts (Fallsburg Central School) New Vision Health student took third place for Basic Health Care Skills.

TVCS Mareena Di Milia Receives Academic and Athletic Scholarship to Sacred Heart University



Mareena DiMilia, front and center, signing to participate in Track and Field at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, CT.

On Thursday May 15th Mareena DiMilia signed a Letter of Intent to attend Sacred Heart University of Connecticut receiving an Academic and Athletic Scholarship. She will participate on the Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Teams. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Frost Valley YMCA Receives Eagle Award

On April 14, Frost Valley YMCA received the Eagle Award from the North American YMCA Development Organization (NAYDO) in Vancouver, Canada, where over 1,200 YMCA professionals gathered from over 30 countries. Every year, NAYDO recognizes YMCAs who have been exemplary in their philanthropic endeavors.

Frost Valley was nominated for the Eagle Award by YMCA Camp Manitowish. Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Ellie Orbison, wrote: "It is my pleasure to nominate Frost Valley YMCA for the 2013 Eagle Award. Frost Valley exemplifies quality financial development practices and is lifted up as the leader in the YMCA camping movement as the model we should all be following to achieve success."

NAYDO Awards Chair, Bryan Webber, had this to say about Frost Valley's nomination: "CEO Jerry Huncosky and Development Director Kathryn Dobbs have built a staff and volunteer team who has achieved strong results in all facets of their development program. A highly innovative communications plan, in support of the annual fundraising campaign, has enabled Frost Valley to grow the annual campaign and donor base significantly. (Contd. Pg 3)

Ellenville Hospital Emergency Department Staff Win HVR EMS Council Awards



Jorge Tejada, RN and David Michaelson, PA

Ellenville Regional Hospital is pleased to announce that the Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council has named David Michaelson, PA, the 2013 Physician Assistant of Excellence (Ellenville) and Jorge Tejada, RN, the 2013 Registered Professional Nurse of Excellence (Ellenville).

Michaelson and Tejada were chosen for the recognition based on their contributions to the EMS community, and for their dedication, responsibility, professional behavior, ingenuity, special skill, and insight in serving their patients.

The awards was presented on May 17, 2013 at the Annual Hudson Valley Regional EMS Council Awards Recognition event held in Kingston, NY. The event was sponsored by Ellenville Regional Hospital, Emergency Medical Associates, HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley and the Ulster County EMS Council.

Fallsburg HS Honors Music and Scholarship at Spring Concert



Row 1 Nina Seehausen, Jocelyn Hernandez Castro; Row 2 Melissa Roberts, Ryan McKeon, Principal Michael Williams

Every year for over forty years, the Fallsburg Senior Band has awarded scholarships to deserving seniors who exemplify the personal qualities of two of the school's outstanding former music teachers, Irving Hertz and Joe LaRuffa. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
John 14:16-17

OBITUARY

Reinhold Fiedler passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at the Roscoe Regional Rehabilitation Center in Roscoe, NY where he briefly resided. He was 93.

Mr. Fiedler was the son of the late Ernst and Dora Schubert Fiedler, born in Sonneberg, Germany and immigrated to New York City in 1952 where he met his wife, Paula. He worked as a dental technician and moved to Monroe, NY where he raised a family and retired. After moving to Earlsville, VA in 1986, he later resided in Grahamsville, NY to be closer to his family. Mr. Fiedler enjoyed reading, personal computing and gardening. He will be missed by those who knew him.

Mr. Fiedler is survived by his wife of nearly 59 years, Paula, of Grahamsville, NY; a son, Walter Fiedler and wife, Jeanne of Grahamsville, NY; a daughter, Dorothy and her husband, Daniel Creighton of Staten Island, NY; and two grown grandsons, Max Fiedler and Robert Fiedler.

At his request, there will be no visitation and his ashes will be handled privately by his family.

Brian Edwards Wins National Championship in Discus

The NJCAA (National Junior College Athletic Association) Division III National Championships in Track and Field took place in Howard, Maryland May 9-11, 2013. Brian Edwards, a sophomore at Alfred State College, competed in discus and shot put at this event. Brian won the national title in discus with a throw of 43.21 meters (141.77 feet), and also finished 3rd in shot put with a throw of 13.95 meters (45.77 feet).

The week before the national championships (May 3-4, 2013), the Region III Championships in Track and Field took place at Alfred State College. At that event, Brian won the discus with a personal record of 45.76 meters (150.13 feet), and also won the shot put with a throw of 14.19 meters (46.56 feet).

The Alfred State Athletic Department Awards Program was held on May 6, 2013 and Brian received the Alfred State Academic Award. He has earned a 4.0 GPA in Engineering Science. He also received the award for Senior Athlete of the Year. Brian has competed in both Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field during his two years at Alfred State.

Brian is the son of Kim and Nial Edwards of Neversink, and a 2011 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School. He will be continuing his education in Mechanical Engineering at Clarkson University in the fall.

Days of Yore...

...Today's History

May 27, 1953 - Floyd Burch of Sundown is planning to sell all his farm stock and machinery at a public auction at his place on Monday, June 1st due to poor health. The W.S.C.S will serve lunch at noon.

The George boys, Vincent and Herbert Jr., are helping Charles Ter Bush build a TV relay antenna on the top of East Mountain.

Planning a tour? Motorists planning their annual summer vacation should count on spending about \$40 a day for a family of four while on the road. Of this amount, \$5.00 is for operating the car at an average of 250 miles a day; \$20.00 for meals; \$10-12 a day for lodging and \$3.00 for miscellaneous.

John McCoy of Tri Valley High School, Grahamsville, N.Y., ranks fourth in the nation in individual scoring in six-man football for the 1952 season. John gained this recognition by scoring 155 points in 7 games for an average of 22 points per game.

May 22, 1963 - Joseph Raffa, Town Supervisor, has received word from County Highway Supt., John McGough that work on the new Halls Mills Bridge will be completed by the end of this week. Official opening will be held Wednesday, May 29th at 11:00 a.m. The new bridge is a 200 foot span about a quarter mile above the present covered bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew DuBois Jr. are the parents of a daughter, Carla Michelle, born at

Kingston Hospital on May 10th. She weighed in at 7 lbs. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Henderson are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew DuBois Sr. are the paternal grandparents.

Gene Walter of Divine Corners was chosen with 5 other farmers to be American Farmers, the New York State Future Farmers of America Assoc. highest state farming award. Gene, a graduate of Tri Valley and a recipient of a two-year degree from Cornell University in Agriculture, is a 6-year member of the Tri Valley Chapter of the FFA. He will now be a candidate for the National Star Farmer award, the highest honor presented by the national group.

May 30, 1973 - Hans W. Schick, a former Tri-Valley student, graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Attending the graduation and luncheon were his mother, Mrs. Hildegard Schick, brother, Stephen Schick, Mr. and Mrs. George Schick and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zanetti. Mr. Schick majored in nuclear engineering and science and will be affiliated with Central Hudson Electric Co.

May 26, 1983 - John A. McKenna of McKenna Rd., Grahamsville, a self-employed bus contractor and a lifelong area resident, died Saturday, May 21, 1983 at the Albany Veterans' Hospital. He was 59. The son of the late Edward and Susan Atkins McKenna, he was born July 24, 1923 in Greenwich. He was a charter member of the Grahamsville Fire Department, a member of the Neversink Planning Board and a World War II Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Catherine O'Toole McKenna, at home; three sons; five grandchildren and his foster mother, Mabel Jocelyn Misner of Grahamsville and Florida.

Elyse Hornbeck daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hornbeck of Grahamsville graduated Cum Laude from SUNY Brockport on May 15th. She received her B.A. in Inter-disciplinary Communication. Elyse will be staying at Brockport for the summer, taking additional courses and teaching autistic children. She then plans to go to England in the fall on a work/study program sponsored by the Council on International Educational Exchange.

The DEC is updating its official state Big Tree Register. Up Sundown way, Arthur Greenrose has a huge sugar maple in his backyard that measures 9 feet 6 inches in circumference. Any other big ones out there?

SC Philatelic Society

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will have a 20 Lot Stamp Auction at the Ted Stroebel REcreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY on Sunday, June 2nd at 1 pm. Also as an added attraction we are going to have a free appraisal of stamp collections for any one who wants to know what their stamps are worth.

July 14, 2013 is The Society's 41st Annual Stamp Show. It will honor the 143rd New York Volunteer Infantry of Sullivan County who fought in the Civil War, as this year is the 150th Anniversary. We are also issuing a cacheted envelope to be sold at the show for \$2.00 each. There will be a special cancel from the USPS of Monticello, NY. More on this is available. For information contact Art at 794-2586

Congratulations to TVCS Track and Field Winners

Congratulations to all the underclassman who competed at the OCL Track and Field Championship Friday and Saturday at Warwick. Special congratulations to Junior Colleen Jones who won the Discus Throw with a Lifetime Best throw, placed 6th in the Javelin and is the 8th Tri-Valley Girl to be an Orange County League Champion.

Congratulations to medal winners: Autumn Bender 3rd Steeplechase, 4th 3000, 6th 3200 Relay with Brooke Gillette, Danielle Graham, Sabrena Smith and Alex Brooks 6th in the Pentathlon.

The Boys had Josh Winters place 2nd in the Javelin Mohib Khan 5th Javelin and 6th Discus, Tyler Greffrath 6th High Jump, Zach Nilsen 6th 400 Hurdles and 6th in the 3200 Relay with Justin Weintraub, Hauk Boyes, Aidan Woolsey and Ian Kurzrock.

A Round About Tri-Valley

- Carol Furman

Clarence L. Tillson of Woodbourne passed away on May 7, 2013, at the age of 85. For a time, "Tilly" worked for the Town of Neversink plowing snow. Later he helped with the construction of the Neversink Dam. Sympathy is extended to his family.

The Town of Neversink Veterans Flag Exchange ceremony will be held on Monday, May 27th at 11:00 am at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery flag pole. The flag honoring Don Hill will be raised this year.

Olivia Grace Ross was baptized at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on May 19th. Her parents, Renee and Christopher also joined the church on that day. Chris, Renee and Olivia live in Napanoch.

Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid bake sale will be held on Saturday, May 25th from 9:00 am -noon at Memorial Hall.

Congratulations to Ryan Mickelson, son of Bob and Beth Mickelson of Neversink, who will be graduating the end of May with a Bachelors Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Ryan's project, a robot, performed well for his final presentation and the "Grenade" golf driver he worked on is awesome! (check it out at www.bombtech-golf.com)

The Tri-Valley Theatre Arts Club presents "Dinner Theatre!" by Billy St. John on Saturday, June 1st, in the Tri-Valley Upstairs Gym. Dinner will be served at 6:00 pm and the play begins at 7:00 pm. Call Regina Hartman at 985-2296 x4154 for tickets. The Arts Club's play are always very well done!

Emily Devore of Neversink was initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective collegiate honor society for all academic disciplines. Congratulations Emily!

Rae Poionsky of Neversink received an associate's degree in Veterinary Science from Delhi and also earned the Student Life Leadership Award. What a nice honor!

The Matthew R. Bertholf Scholarship Fund was recently created to award a scholarship to a Tri-Valley graduating senior who plans to pursue a job in the trades and who mirrors the wonderful characteristics of Matthew Bertholf. The Fund was established to honor the memory of Matty, who passed away at the age of 30 in 2012.

Congrats to Mareena DiMillia who won the Orange County Interscholastic Athletic Association girls' throwing pentathlon on May 13th. The pentathlon included shot put, discus, javelin, weight throw and hammer. Way to go, Mareena!

The Grahamsville Gallop will be held on June 2nd, beginning at 2:00 pm at the TVCS track.

On May 15 a group of Neversink residents had dinner at Frost Valley YMCA and then toured the castle. The dinner was delicious, the price was right and the tour was great! The trip was sponsored by Neversink Parks and Recreation. Thanks Jamie for organizing the evening!

Words of Wisdom: Keep your face always toward the sunshine and shadows will fall behind you."
(Walt Whitman)

Mareena Di Milia Receives Academic and Athletic Scholarship (From Pg. 1)

Mareena's basic accomplishments are: Received 6 Varsity Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Letters. Holds various Tri-Valley School Records; A National Indoor Qualifier in the 20lb Weight throw and Outdoor National Qualifier for the Javelin-Hammer and Shot Put; A New York State Outdoor Track Championship participant in the Pentathlon, 55 Hurdles and Shot Put; A New York State Indoor Track State Championship participant in the Shot Put and Long Jump.

Recently: 2013 OCL over-all Throwers Pentathlon Champion; 2013 Field Athlete of the meet Tri-Valley Invite, Monticello Invite and Over-all Athlete of the meet Downsville Invite; Met State meet Qualifying time in the 100 High Hurdles

Frost Valley YMCA (From Pg. 1)

Equally impressive is the recent success of a \$7.5 million capital campaign, and continued growth in the endowment fund with assets at approximately \$11,000,000. And, in the middle of all of this, was a creative and resourceful response to two hurricanes that devastated Frost Valley - Hurricane Irene in 2011 and Super Storm Sandy in 2012."

Equally important as the philanthropic efforts of Frost Valley in it's selection as an Eagle Award recipient is the way these dollars are used to impact and advance its mission. The annual philanthropic dollars raised support financial assistance of over \$700,000 yearly for the marquee summer camp program - including Kidney Camp for children on dialysis and with chronic kidney disease. In 2012, Frost Valley was able to offer free weekend stays and a Thanksgiving celebration for victims ravaged by Super Storm Sandy - at no charge. Dozens of families took part in these weekend respites and over \$15,000 in assistance was given.

A Love for Theatre - Shannon Smith

Dylan Jones, a senior at Tri-Valley has always loved theater. He was in the fifth grade when he performed in his first production, Seussical. Ever since that production, he has had a passion for the performing arts. Dylan considers himself an artist, because he was never "a sports guy." Instead, Dylan spends his recreation time drawing, painting, and truly being an artist.

This year as a senior Dylan decided that he needed to do something that he has never done before. He decided to take a class called Senior Project Experience and now has realized that taking this class was a wonderful choice. As a result, Dylan has spent much of his time arranging his Broadway Revue, which is being held at the Daniel Pierce Library on May 31st at 6:30 PM. He and a few special guests will be performing a collection of songs from popular Broadway musicals like Les Misérables, Oklahoma, and Fiddler on the Roof. The reason for his show is because he has always wanted to do a live performance, especially for a small town like Grahamsville. He wanted the chance to "bring a live show to the community" since most people never get the chance to go see a show.

After high school, Dylan plans to attend SUNY Sullivan for two years. After those two years he plans to excel to a university with a theatre major. While he is still around, Dylan would love to get involved with community theatre, like the Forestburgh Playhouse. If his show is a success he plans to do future productions around the community. Dylan says that "if you have a passion for something, go out and make it happen." Everyone can make their dreams come true. Best of luck to Dylan and his show "An Evening of Broadway", and I encourage everyone in the community to come out and support the show. It will be fantastic!

Tri-State Beer Tasting Showcase to Close "SHHH! CAS Silent Auction" Benefit

The Catskill Art Society will hold the Tri-State Beer Tasting Showcase on Sunday, May 26 from 4-7pm, starring a variety of locally made beverages, as well as food, music, and art presented by Sullivan County-based purveyors. Held at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor, NY, the event will feature craft beers from breweries around New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Beer connoisseurs as well as more casual drinkers will enjoy familiar, obscure, and rare varieties, including products from Ommegang (NY), Victory (PA), Cricket Hill (NJ), Southern Tier (NY), and many more.

Beverages are provided by Gasko & Meyer distributors, a co-sponsor of the event. Food is provided by Flour Power Bakery.

Admission is \$30 for visitors age 21 years and older, and includes food, drinks, and a commemorative tasting glass. Proceeds will benefit the nonprofit CAS Arts Center. Guests can also take advantage of the last chance to bid on the SHHH! CAS Silent Auction Benefit. This exhibition features work by local artists that visitors can bid on up until the close of the auction at 7 pm. The highest bidder at that time wins the art work and can take it home. Proceeds will benefit the nonprofit CAS Arts Center.

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CCE Caregiver Support Group Moves to Eureka Cafe

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY- Caregivers in all areas within the Town of Neversink and neighboring communities are invited to join the monthly Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County Caregiver Resource Center support group that will meet the second Tuesday of every month at 10 am at the Eureka Cafe in Grahamsville, NY (formerly held at 6 pm in the Daniel Pierce Library). The first meeting at Eureka will be held on June 11, 2013. The Eureka Cafe is located at 7991 State Route 55, Grahamsville. Questions should be directed to the CCE office at 845-292-6180 or bjl25@cornell.edu.

This FREE support group is open to all caregivers; it is not specific to any disease process or level of care. Family caregivers may simply be "on-call" for the person they assist (e.g. a relative, friend, or neighbor) and call to check on them or may be "full-time," assisting them in every way (physically, medically, emotionally, financially, and legally). Educational information and new resources are shared, followed by group discussion among partici-

pants. Caregivers can share as much or as little as they feel comfortable with.

Two other CCE Caregiver Support Groups continue on the same schedule (please call CCE to check schedule for occasional changes: First Wednesday of every month - 10 am - Landers River Cafe, Callicoon NY. Next meeting is June 5; -Last Wednesday of every month - 6 pm - CCE, Liberty NY. Next meeting is May 29

The support groups are facilitated by CCE Sullivan County Caregiver Resource Center's Coordinator, Bonnie Lewis, RN, and is a co-partnered program of Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging of Sullivan County.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Beware of the Bandits!

Warmer weather is here and campers have returned to Peekamoose Campground. Of course, once the campers are back, so are the little bandits whose favorite haunts are campgrounds! Cute and clever, it is no wonder why a raccoon wears a mask around its eyes.

Raccoons are omnivorous animals. Their main diet consists of insects, plants and small animals such as fish and the occasional bird. Raccoons tend to be nocturnal but it is not uncommon to spot a raccoon during the day. Raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) may range in size but differ little in appearance. An adult weighs an average of 15 pounds, and is easily identified by alternating rings on the tail and a characteristic black "mask."



Raccoons have extremely sensitive and nimble front paws that they use much the way we use our hands. The sense of touch is important for a raccoon. Their deft front paws are covered with a spiny coating to protect them when they are not being used to serve them when they eat.

Generally Raccoons forage for their food and are often found close to water as they have a habit of washing their food in water before consuming it. Raccoons have been observed cleverly opening peanut butter jars with their little paws and have been known to open coolers, take what they want and then shut the lid!

Raccoons have a thick layer of fur which keeps them warm during the cold winters.

A female raccoon looks for a den site in late winter. Those that live in the Catskills tend to mate January through March. After a gestation period of around 2 months, the female raccoon will give birth to four to six baby raccoons known as kits or cubs that are born blind and deaf, with both senses appearing within the first month. A baby raccoon has a layer of light colored fur and its distinctive black mask is visible from birth.

Raccoons are cute and small so people seldom feel threatened by them, but they are extremely intelligent and large enough to hold their own if they're frightened or threatened. Always remember raccoons are wild animals and should be treated as such. They are not generally aggressive, but are protective of their young and may be come agitated if they are cornered.

The biggest issue with raccoons while camping is their tendency to raid food from campsites and garbage pails, but it is not the only plunder they look for. Raccoons are naturally curious creatures with a "pack rat" tendency and will raid campsites for pretty shiny things, too. For the good of the animals, as well as your own safety, make sure to take some precautions to remove items that attract the little bandits. Silverware, cameras, jewelry, or anything with glitter or metal on it are alluring to raccoons. Aluminum foil ingested can be lethal to any wild animal.

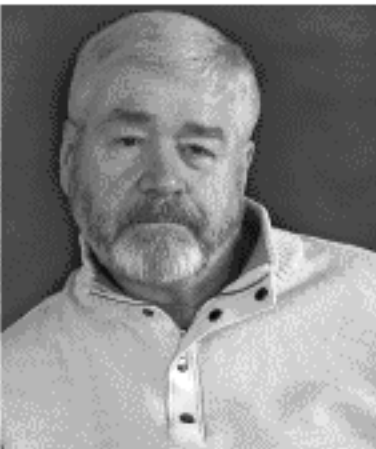
Many of us have stories to tell about a visiting raccoon and most of us will agree, they are experts in their criminal career heists. It isn't just their black masks that give them the reputation as bandits!

Household Hints

Wash store-bought produce

You can't be too careful these days when it comes to handling the foods you eat. Before serving your fruits and vegetables, a great way to eliminate the hidden dirt, pesticides, and even insects, is to rinse them in 4 tablespoons apple cider vinegar dissolved in 1 gallon (3.7 liters) cold water.

The Sixth Station *Mysterious Book Report No. 92* by John Dwaine McKenna



... the intersection of science and religion. It's always been impossible for me personally to be well-informed about the world's religions and a believer in church dogma at the same time. The more I've learned the more confusing it all seems, because on one hand, the world's religions all offer succor in times of distress, preach love and peace to all mankind... BUT... on the other hand, religion has been the basis for wars and deaths by mega-millions since time immemorial. It could be that that's true because deep down, all religionists, convinced about the right-ness of their beliefs... want to impose their values on others by any means possible. So there, I've said it; I am skeptical about religion and will always be so. And hey, before you send that angry email to me, may I point out that the above is an entirely different, separate discussion from one about the existence of a higher power or God? Thank you. By now, you're probably scratching your head, wondering where in the hell I'm going with this in a book report. You'll be happy you didn't throw me away for the food or sports section; because this week's MBR No. 92 is one of the most interesting thrillers I've ever read. As Bill O'Reilly (yep. The Fox News guy) says at the top of the front dust cover: "If you like controversy with your suspense, this one's for you."

The Sixth Station, (Forge, \$24.99, 361 pages, ISBN 978-0-7653-3427-5) by Linda Stasi begins with the 'the trial of the millennium.' The world's most wanted terrorist, Demiel ben Yousef, is being tried by the World Court at the United Nations in New York City for crimes against humanity. His supporters and his detractors have turned out by the hundred of thousands to demonstrate, while the entire world is transfixed by the trial, watching and waiting for the outcome and on the verge of utter mayhem. In New York City, the police are barely able to keep the crowds in check as the trial is about to begin.

Newspaper reporter Alessandra Russo is waiting in a raucous crowd of people for the police to escort the accused into the UN building when he stops in front of her, and does something so outrageous and extraordinary, that her life is changed instantly and forever. Hours later, she's running for her life, pursued by all the police forces of the world, several spy agencies, shadowy groups of suspect origin and others who may be either friend or foe. It's impossible to tell who's who. From New York to Canada to Istanbul, Turkey to Rome to Barcelona, Spain and finally a remote, medieval village in the south of France, the pursuit of Alessandra is relentless and deadly. *Trust no one* becomes her mantra as the trial continues in New York to it's seemingly inevitable conclusion while the world teeters on the brink of anarchy... or maybe Armageddon. Is Demiel ben Yousef, as many millions believe, the second coming of Christ? Or is he as many others, including the organized religious of the world are convinced, the Antichrist? Is the apocalypse starting? What are the Cathars? How and where do they, and the Knights Templar fit into the puzzle? You'll get the answers when you read this outstanding thriller. It's well researched, well-written and exciting. One small caveat: I found the first forty or so pages a bit over-descriptive, which made them slightly tedious for me. But don't you dare let that keep you from reading *The Sixth Station*, because the action picks up with such intensity that you'll be hard-pressed to quit reading before you reach the stunning conclusion. Read it and I promise that you'll be talking and thinking about it long after you've read the last page. I know I will. It's controversial and it's megagood!

The Sixth Station has a good sized bibliography, which speaks well for the accuracy of the authors assertions. If you'd like to know more, check in with your local library. You'll find many kind, helpful and knowledgeable librarians there to give you a hand. Go. You'll see.

Thanks and a tip of the hat to everyone visiting our websites: johndwainemckenna.com and rhyolitepress.com and reading the BS and Donkey Dust blog. If you're a Kindle eReader user or have a friend or relative with one, please let them know that ten of the best-loved tales from The Neversink Chronicles are now available there for just 99 cents each. That's less than a cuppa' joe at your favorite Starbucks. All Rhyolite Press books are available at bookstores everywhere; on any and all eReader devices; at Amazon; and if all else fails, from the publisher: Rhyolite Press, LLC, POB 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Rumor also has it that a couple of signed copies of The Neversink Chronicles are still available at Carrie D's Corner Store in Neversink NY, but you'll have to check for yourselves. Thanks for liking us on Facebook and Twitter. We'll be back next week with another Mysterious Book Report. Stay tuned for the latest developments... --JDM

BOCES LPN Students Receive Caps (From Pg. 1) 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 April of 2014.

For more information about the LPN Program, call 295-4940. Applications are now being accepted for the fall 2013 class. For information on the programs available through Sullivan BOCES, visit our website at www.sboces.org or call 295-4000. For program updates, like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Statewide SkillsUSA Competition (From Pg. 1) William Smith (Liberty Central School) took second place in Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance (formerly known as Electronics Applications). Josh completed the Broadband Program at BOCES last year, and is currently in the Computer Networking. William completed the Broadband Program at BOCES last year, and is currently in the Computer Networking.

Melissa Roberts (Fallsburg Central School) Health Occupation's student took third place in her competition for Basic Health Care Skills.

Although the eighteen other SkillsUSA students who attended the competition did not have the opportunity to place in their categories, they still won by being chosen to attend the competition and gaining a valuable experience.

-Alexandra Goodell (Eldred CSD) Health Occupations II student competed in First Aid/CPR

-Robert Weber III (Eldred CSD) Public Safety student competed in Security

-Courtney Andrew (Fallsburg CSD) Public Safety student competed in Security

-Joseph LaCatena (Fallsburg CSD) Broadband student competed in Inter-Networking

-Joshua Conlon (Fallsburg CSD) Broadband student competed in Residential Systems Installation and Maintenance

-Lori Copeland (Liberty CSD) Health Occupations II student competed in the Health Portfolio competition

-Marissa Benton (Liberty CSD) Public Safety student competed in Criminal Service Investigation (CSI)

-Maria Lourdes-Romero (Liberty CSD) Public Safety student competed in Criminal Service Investigation (CSI)

-Andrew Martinez (Liberty CSD) Public Safety student competed in Criminal Justice

-Kassie Gugliotta (Livingston Manor CSD) Public Safety student competed in Security

-Caitlyn Cillis (Livingston Manor CSD) Early Childhood Education student competed in Early Childhood Education

-Tatyanna Phillips (Monticello CSD) Health Occupations II student competed in the Nursing Assistant competition

-Brandi Gilmore (Monticello CSD) Public Safety student competed in Criminal Service Investigation (CSI)

-Toribio Rodriguez (Monticello CSD) Public Safety student competed in Security

-Blain Redish (Sullivan West CSD) Automotive Tech II student competed in Maintenance Basics

-Donald Klinger (Sullivan West CSD) Automotive Tech II student competed in Auto Service Technology

-Gregory Calkin (Sullivan West CSD) Culinary I student competed in Culinary Arts

-Samantha Cook (Sullivan West CSD) Culinary II student competed in Commercial Arts

SkillsUSA is a national vocational club that places an emphasis on leadership skills and offers students the opportunity to work together to accomplish goals. Students routinely attend and run meetings where they develop projects that will help them learn how to excel as leaders in the business world. An emphasis is placed on community service, as students develop projects that will help enhance the community. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel.

We are proud of all of our students who attended the competition.

Fallsburg HS Spring Concert (From Pg. 1)

Originally named for Mr. Hertz, Mr. LaRuffa's name was added after he retired in 1984. High School Principal Michael Williams presented this year's Hertz-LaRuffa scholarships to Jocelyn Hernandez Castro, Ryan McKeon, Melissa Roberts and Nina Seehausen. Money for these scholastic awards comes from generous donations and patronage for ads in programs throughout the school year's music program.

Ms. Castro is the daughter of Erlinda and Santiago Cordero of South Fallsburg. She will attend Hudson Valley Community College and major in radiology. She is a member of the Puerto Rican Hispanic Youth Leadership Organization and has participated in Today's Students Tomorrow's Teachers, the Step Team and Cross Country Team.

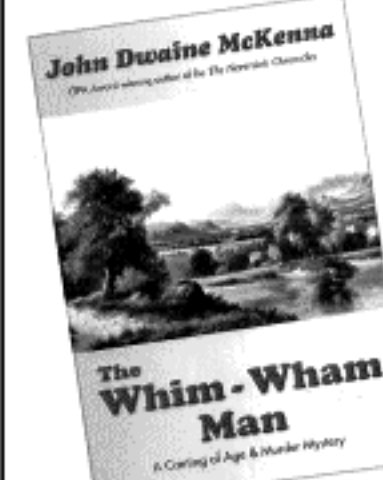
Mr. McKeon is the son of Hope and Robert McKeon of Woodridge and will be attending SUNT Delhi as a major in architecture. Ryan has been active in sports throughout high school on the basketball, baseball and football teams. He has also been a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD).

Melissa Roberts is the daughter of Andrea and Dan Roberts of Woodridge. She will attend SUNY Orange as an Exercise Studies major. She has been involved in Drama Club, Chamber Singers, selected to attend NYSSMA three years in a row, All County Music Festival, Key Club and Varsity Girls' Soccer. Nina Seehausen is the daughter of Richard Seehausen and Ann Finneran of Hurleyville. She will attend Schenectady CC to major in culinary arts and minor in music. Her activities have included Drama Club, Book Club, and Varsity Cheerleading.

A Thank You from RSVP Project Director Caryn Mathews

I would like to Thank You for your support for the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Our volunteers do so much for Sullivan County we are very proud of them and what RSVP does for our community. As the Sullivan County Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) starts its 41th year, we look forward to the future. Our goal is to retain and expand the RSVP program in our county. We will continue to need everyone's vigilant support. We at RSVP would most importantly like to Thank You... for you for all you have done for RSVP!

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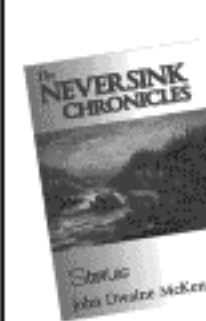
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The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda Memorial Day



Memorial Day in Olive is remembered with a parade and ceremony in West Shokan. The parade usually kicks off at 9 a.m., and by 9:30 a crowd gathers at the Town Office for a short ceremony by the American Legion. The Tongore Garden Club presents a wreath and Dolly Denman will be missed; the Onteora Band plays taps; Ed Baldyga sings "America the Beautiful" and Angelo Russo will note the passing of veterans Hal Anderson and Arthur and Shirley Sampsen. The ceremony is predictable and comforting in its repetitiveness. The Town Board will march and remember that Henry Rank is missing from the group. The scouts and 4H will be there along with Olive's shiny fire engines. Those in attendance will delight in the repetition of a program that is familiar and personal. It is the way we in Olive remember the sacrifice paid by those in service so we are free to go home to plant flowers and hold barbecues for friends and family.

Memorial Day is always the kick off to summer. Those in school can count the days on their fingers and toes. Families are planning vacations. Gardens are planted. Potato salad and cole slaw re-enter the weekend's menu. Windows open and winter coats are put away.

Memorial Day in Olive is also the weekend of yard sales. The Reservoir Methodist Church is sure to slow traffic on Route 28 as residents and weekenders pull in to find that proverbial bargain.

Memorial Day is always a reminder of what is great about living in a small town. We know each other's names. We share each other's joys and sorrows. A perfect example of that was the reception for Rosalie Burgher, Rosie to all, for her Woman of Distinction Award. The Olive Library was crowded with dignitaries, neighbors, co-workers and friends who came to share her honor as Senator Seward presented her with the award. At 86, Rosie is still reading stories to children and organizing programs.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center

711 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401 -Another busy weekend for Fred! He will not have his column ready in time. Visit his website: reservoirmusiccenter.com

Tourism Destinations in Catskill/Delaware Watershed to Participate in Event at Brooklyn Bridge Park

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced that it will partner with tourism agencies, businesses, and nonprofits across the Catskill/Delaware Watershed to promote outdoor recreation and tourism destinations at a one-day event at Brooklyn Bridge Park in New York City. DEP will host "The Watershed Experience" on June 8 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The event aims to market tourism destinations in the Catskills to New York City residents who have increasingly sought day trips and short vacations within driving distance of the City.

"Many New York City residents can remember a family vacation, a fishing trip, or some other excursion to the Catskills," said DEP Commissioner Carter Strickland. "We want to strengthen that historic connection between the metropolitan area and the Catskill region by reminding City residents about all the wonderful outdoor recreation and tourism attractions in the watershed, including recreational boating, fishing, and hiking on City-owned properties."

DEP is inviting any interested tourism destinations in and around the watershed to participate in this unique event, including those that offer hiking, fishing, boating, farm tours, local food, lodging, concerts, antiquing, fall foliage tours, golfing, sporting events, and much more. There is no cost to participate in the event. Brooklyn Bridge Park, among the most popular public parks in the City, draws roughly 30,000 visitors on an average weekend. The event will be held at the Pier 1 promenade on the East River, overlooking the Manhattan skyline.

For information contact Adam Bosch at (845) 334-7868, or boscha@dep.nyc.gov

The event is part of DEP's ongoing effort to support the tourism economy in the Catskills through opening its lands and reservoirs for outdoor recreation. City reservoirs comprising 33,892 acres are open for recreation. That includes the recreational boating program that started last year at the Cannonsville, Pepacton, Neversink and Schoharie reservoirs. More than 80,000 acres of City-owned land in the watershed is also open to hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing, and other low-impact recreational activities. That includes more than 52,000 acres of land that can be accessed without a permit.

Center Line Studios of New Windsor Wins SBDC 2013 Phoenix Award for Rising from the Ashes

Center Line Studios, a New Windsor small business that builds scenery for Broadway shows, opera and television, has been honored by the NYS Small Business Development Center (SBDC) with the Phoenix Award for rising from the ashes and surviving catastrophic events.

Founded in 1986 by Shelley and Roger Gray, Center Line Studios survived the recession after Sept.

11, a flood from Hurricane Irene and being involved in a massive, seven-alarm Mill Street fire. The Greys were honored during the SBDC network's 2013 Annual Staff Training Event recently held in Niagara Falls.

"Shelley and Roger Gray are the embodiment of the American entrepreneurship, for their relentless determination and sheer resilience to adversity. They have never surrendered to defeat, fighting their way through a recession and two major disasters. For these many reasons and more, they received the Phoenix Award 2013," the SBDC network said in presenting the award.

The series of events caused the Greys to move the business from a rented building in Cornwall; to a smaller building after 9-11; then a larger building that went on fire; into their home and sublet space; and finally, into their new headquarters located on Forge Hill Road in New Windsor.

The business received support from the community and SBDC to rebuild, including Mid-Hudson SBDC adviser Myriam Bouchard who assisted with securing a loan to purchase the current headquarters that was funded with a short-term loan from Fred Mills of Walden Savings Bank. Also providing assistance was Central Hudson with a grant for job creation; the town of New Windsor on navigating the renovation process; Key Bank and the NYBDC on securing the SBA 504 construction loan; and the Orange County Partnership on applying for the IDA Pilot Program.

Hosted by SUNY Ulster, the Mid-Hudson SBDC offer no-cost professional and confidential business counseling for new or existing businesses.

Future Voices Art Exhibit at SUNY Ulster to Showcase and Award Local High School Talent

Ulster County high school students will exhibit their art work at Future Voices 2012 opening this month at SUNY Ulster and running through June 6, at the Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery, on the Stone Ridge campus.

The exhibit, featuring a diverse media ranging from traditional drawing and painting to sculpture, ceramics and printmaking will open with a reception on May 23, 5 to 7 p.m., at the gallery.

Participating schools include Kingston, Saugerties, Rondout, Ellenville, Onteora and John J. Coleman. Each school will display eight to 10 pieces selected by their art teachers and all works submitted will be considered for three awards, to be decided by SUNY Ulster's Visual Arts faculty.

The best of show and two runner-ups will be awarded gift certificates to Catskill Art Supply, funded by Ulster Community College Foundation.

The Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery is open Mondays through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. It is closed on college holidays. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (845) 687-5113.

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As a participant you will learn how to craft jewelry that you can wear or give as a unique gift. Each participant will make a pair of earrings and a necklace. Fun to do and fun to watch! We hope you can join in the fun, but you must pre-register with payment. No walk-ins. Space is limited. The Cost is \$40.00 and must be paid in advance. No refunds, if you can't make it send someone in your place. Please call 845-292-6180 for more information.

The Master Gardeners of Sullivan County are offering a new program for children ages 5-8 years at their Teaching Garden at 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd. Liberty, NY. Offer your child a wonderful experience of gardening under the watchful eye of Master Gardeners. The series is 5 classes long. Sign up for one or sign up for all 5 and get one free. Foster a lifelong interest in gardening for your child this summer. Call to register at 292-6180. Registration must be made with payment. No Refunds. Each Class is \$10.00 or Get a class free; sign up for the series for \$40.00

- June 20th Plant a Teepee and a Pizza Garden. Make and Take an Herb Garden
- July 25th Make a Fairy Garden to take Home
- August 15th The Lorax is in our Garden! Yikes!
- September 19th Enjoy the Harvest- Garden Games and Crafts
- October 17th Enjoy Our Annual Pumpkin Party with Pumpkin decorating, games and stories

SLAC Report

SLAC, The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County, invites you to our monthly meeting at the Government Center in Monticello 10 AM Friday May 31, 2013

Hear the CEO of Catskill Regional Medical Center, Fred Kuriger present an update on our hospital and Marcus Harazin formerly of the New York State Office for the Aging, now Patients' Advocacy Program Coordinator, discuss the Statewide Senior Action Council's Atlantic Philanthropy Grant. Both speakers will respond to questions and concerns.

There will be a report on Albany Advocacy for the NY Health Bill. REMINDER! Dues are due! Our annual luncheon will be at the Eagle's Nest at 12 noon, Friday, June 21st with our Congressman, Chris Gibson, as our guest speaker. Combined luncheon and membership, \$30.00, separately: dues \$10.00, Luncheon, \$22.00. Make checks payable to SLAC, P.O. Box 1065, So. Fallsburg, NY 12779. For information call 845-985-7901.

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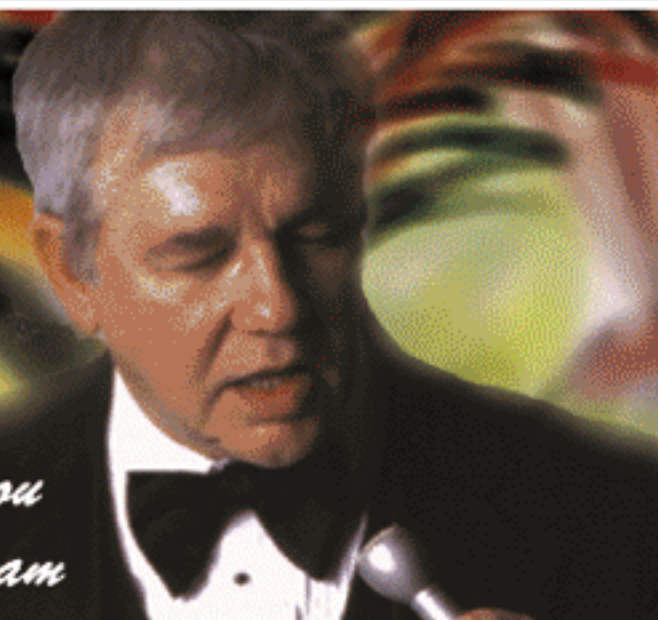
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Hasbrouck Art Show Is Major Success



The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck has registered as an unqualified success the current exhibition by artist Tatiana Bogdanovich, whose show runs through the end of May. In just her first weekend, which included a May 5 opening reception, more than a half-dozen of her works were purchased by enthusiastic visitors. The Old Stone House, a community arts and education center, receives a small percentage of all sales receipts, which help support its programs. Here, Ms. Bogdanovich is joined by her husband Zdravko at the beginning of the reception, with one of her several dramatic paintings of horses serving as background.

Act/Write/Direct- A Workshop with Roger Hendricks Simon

At Arts Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway, Kingston, NY beginning on Fridays- May 31st, June 7th, June 14th, June 28th at 6 PM. The cost of this workshop is \$200.00.

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Mr. Simon will work on contemporary and new plays and screenplays, combined w/Shakespeare and the classics. Local actors and directors are encouraged (but not required to bring in dramatic or comic monologues (or musical theatre songs) that they would like to work on with Mr. Simon. Local writers and directors are encouraged

to bring in scenes from their work to be read and rehearsed by Mr. Simon and the participating actors.

Mr. Simon would also talk about his theatre and film career as a director, actor and producer in NY, L.A., London and internationally and answer questions about how to enter and survive in the profession. Writers and directors will participate as either observer and/or participate in the workshop. www.simonstudio.com. About ASK

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

A Narrowsburg Night Out

Accompanied by an orchestral pop band that combines beats and electronica with traditional woodwind and brass instrumentation, DAVID DRIVER will reinvent some of the best songs of the last century, reimagining them as anthems on Saturday, June 1 at 8 p.m. at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. This performance is presented by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County. Tickets are \$25 and can be ordered by calling 845-252-7272.

Performing material originated by Brian Wilson & The Beach Boys, Depeche Mode, Frank Sinatra, Glen Campbell and Smokey Robinson, as well as gems by lesser-known artists like Scott Walker (whose remarkable work has figured prominently in Driver's live performances for years) and Jucee Sill, Driver will be joined by BLYTHE GRUDA; PETER KIESEWALTER, known for his work with Jane Siberry, East Village Opera Company as well as Brooklyn Rundfunk Orkestrata; IAN PAI, currently touring the world with electro-pop band Avan Lava (and previously a member of legendary downtown performance art dance band Fischerspooner); and JEFF TURLIK (current Musical Director for Blue Man Group's flagship NYC company)...as well as a few surprise guests.

The evening also features special Prix Fixe dinners at local restaurants Gerard's River Grill (845-252-6562) and The Heron (845-252-3333); anyone interested in taking advantage of this delicious and affordable offer should contact the restaurants directly. A relaxing after-party at The Heron follows the show, with music by DJ LaViolette (also known to many local residents as Jason Tougaw, host of WJFF's Friday Night show The Mixtape).

The British Have Arrived at the Daniel Pierce Library

The following British DVDs are available for borrowing from the Daniel Pierce Library.

Jane Austen's Persuasion is a production of the BBC and is set in 19th century England. The main character falls in love with a naval officer, but her family encourages her to break off the engagement because he has neither rank nor fortune.

Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre is a classic novel produced by Masterpiece Theatre. Jane is an orphaned young woman who takes a job as a governess. Her employer, Mr. Rochester, soon captures Jane's heart.

Inspector Lewis is a series that will appeal to mystery lovers who enjoy murder investigation. This is a spin-off from the Inspector Morse series.

Little Dorrit is based on Charles Dickens' novel about the struggles of 18th century London. This rags to riches story is filled with humor, warmth, and tragic characters. *Captains and the Kings* retells Taylor Caldwell's best-selling novel about a penniless Irish immigrant who comes to America, and eventually becomes a rich and powerful man.

Rosemary & Thyme is a mystery series about two women who always seem to get involved in strange happenings.

Ladies in Lavender stars Academy Award winners Judy Dench and Maggie Smith. Set in pre-war England, these sisters discover a badly injured foreigner who washes ashore near their home.

Agatha Christie's The Murder at the Vicarage is about an unpopular resident who has a lot of enemies, and when he is murdered, there are many suspects whom the police need to interview.

Tom Brown's School Days features a young teen whose parents send him to a Rugby school where Tom witnesses scandal and bullying.

The First Churchills is a landmark miniseries that launched Masterpiece Theatre. Set in the court of King Charles I, John Churchill soon becomes embroiled in royalty and a murder plot against the king.

The Barchester Chronicles stars Alan Rickman (Harry Potter films) as an unlikeable character who challenges the rules of the Church of England.

Inspector Alleyn Mysteries is set in 1948, and gentleman detective Roderick Alleyn solves crimes among the rich and famous.

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Martin Clune's Doc Martin will tickle the funny bone as the main character gives up his prestigious medical practice, and begins to mix in with the quirky residents of a small fishing village in North Cornwall.
Foyle's War is set in World War II Europe and stars the incomparable Michael Kitchen. Detective Christopher Foyle is on a mission to find a number of criminals who are taking advantage of the confusion caused by the war.
Downton Abbey's Season 1, 2, and 3 were also produced by Masterpiece Theatre and is an Emmy-Award Winning drama set at the turn of 19th century England.

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Jack Smith: Vietnam Memories

Remember what Memorial Day represents; this is my contribution. I think this is one of the most complete and compelling articles I've read on the Viet Nam War. It really captures how so many of us that were there feel, and are finally able to talk about.

- Paul A Nasierowski, Sundown, NY

The text of this essay is taken from a speech given by Jack Smith at the Marin Breakfast Club on October 17, 2002.

I served in Vietnam. And what follows is the story of my personal journey home from that war, a journey that has taken most of the last 37 years.

If Vietnam had been a nuclear bomb it could scarcely have had more impact on America. The war tore our country in two and left deep wounds that still have not entirely healed. For those who fought it, as I did, and for those who demonstrated against it, as many of my friends did, Vietnam remains the formative experience of a generation.

For right or wrong nearly 3 million Americans went off to serve in Vietnam. 58,000 were killed, another 153,000 were injured or crippled by bullets, shrapnel or disease. But there were no parades for those who came home. Instead, we were pushed under the rug along with the unpopular and divisive war we served in. Vietnam veterans became bitter, angry, truly the lost Americans.

I was wounded. But I was lucky. I was not crippled. I am well-employed. I have adjusted. However, for many years I shared the same bitterness as those veterans who were less fortunate than I towards the country that we all served so well, but which afterwards served us so poorly. It may sound silly, but war veterans need a parade... some sort of public acceptance so they can put the war behind them and get on with life. Vietnam veterans never got that, and that's why so many of them for so long walked around carrying the war on their shoulders. A lot of Vietnam veterans never really left Vietnam, they never really came home.

I fought in the bloodiest part of the bloodiest battle of the whole war, the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley. It was also the first encounter between North Vietnamese Regular Army troops and US soldiers, and it fixed the war-fighting tactics used by both sides for the remainder of the war. On the 17th of November, 1965, a day that is burned into my memory, my battalion (about 500 men) was walking away from a place called "Landing Zone X-Ray" in South Vietnam's Central Highlands, a few miles from the Cambodian border. Along with other units of the 1st Air Cav Division, we had just fought in a major 3-day battle there and had decisively defeated 2 regiments of the North Vietnamese army.

It's the battle that was depicted in the recent Mel Gibson Hollywood movie, "We Were Soldiers Once and Young." Don't look for me. I ended up on the cutting room floor. Anyway, the movie only depicts what happened in the first part of the fight. What happened afterwards was much worse. More men died in one more day of fighting than had in the previous 3 ... and fewer men were engaged.

As we slipped through the jungle into another clearing called L-Z Albany, we were jumped by a North Vietnamese formation. Like us, about 500-strong, and like us, made up mostly of boys 18 or 19 years old. But they had been in-country for a year, and so they were greatly more skilled at fighting and killing. Hearing us coming, they quietly tied themselves up into the trees, uncoiled bandoleers of ammunition and snuck close in the chest-high razor grass. Minutes after the guns opened up, we 500 were overwhelmed and fighting for our lives. Men rolled in the grass and stabbed at each other, gouged and punched, or blazed away at enemy soldiers just a few feet from them. I was lying so close to a North Vietnamese machine-gunner that I simply reached out and stuck my rifle into his face, pulled the trigger and blew his head off.

At one point in that awful afternoon as my battalion was being cut to pieces, a small group of enemy came upon me, and thinking I had been killed (I was covered in other people's blood), proceeded to use me as a sandbag for their machine gun. I closed my eyes and pretended to be dead. I remember the gunner had bony knees that pressed against my sides. He didn't discover I was alive because he was trembling more than I was. He was, like me, just a teenager. The gunner began firing into the remnants of my company. My buddies began firing back with rifle grenades-M-79s, to those of you who know about them. I remember thinking, oh, my God, if I stand up, the North Vietnamese will kill me, and if I stay lying down my buddies will get me.... Before I went completely mad, a volley of grenades exploded all around and on top of me, killing the enemy boy and injuring me.

It went on like this all day and much of the night. I was wounded twice and thought myself dead. My company suffered 93% casualties. I watched all the friends I had in the world die. It is not the sort of thing you forget. The battlefield was covered with blood and littered with body parts, and it reeked of gunpowder and vomit. I discovered with a shock, as other soldiers have, that

the only thing separating me from meat hanging in a butcher's shop was a thin piece of skin.

This sort of experience leaves scars. I had nightmares, and for years afterwards I was sour on life, by turns angry, cynical and alienated.

Then one day I woke up and saw the world as I believe it really is, a bright and warm place. I looked afresh at my scars and marveled, not at the frailty of human flesh, my flesh, but at the indomitable strength of the human spirit. In spite of bullets, in spite of hot metal fragments, the spirit lives on. This is the miracle of life. Like other Vietnam veterans, I began to put my personal hurt behind me and started to examine the war itself. A footnote on the battle: As I mentioned when I began, it was a seminal event and the first encounter between the regular troops of both sides. It was how we developed the technique of search-and-destroy... essentially the same technique that George Custer used in the Great Plains... Have US forces troll for the bad guys, and when they attacked, kill them 10 to one with our superior firepower. And the North Vietnamese went along. Basically, both sides in the Vietnam War drew the identical conclusion from this first and terrible battle: that they could win by using attrition. What we didn't understand then was that they were willing to pay a far higher price in lives than we were.

When I went back to Vietnam a few years ago I met General Vo Nguyen Giap, the man who engineered the defeat of the French at Dien Bien Phu and then commanded North Vietnamese forces in the war with South Vietnam - and us. He conceded that because of the Ia Drang his plans to cut Vietnam in half and take the capital had been delayed ten years. But then, he chuckled, it didn't make a difference, did it?

We won every battle, but the North Vietnamese in the end took Saigon. What on earth had we been doing there? Was all that pain and suffering worth it, or was it just a terrible waste? This is why Vietnam veterans don't really let go, why many can't get on with their lives, what sets them apart from veterans of other wars.

Nothing is so precious to a nation as its youth. And so, to squander the lives of the young in a war that, depending on one's point of view, either should never have been fought, or we were never prepared to win, seems crazy. Yet, that's exactly what happened in Vietnam. However justified the war seemed in 1964 and 1965 - and, remember, almost all Americans then thought it was - it no longer seemed that way after 1968. And no matter what you may remember of the war, we never really fought it to win.

When I was wounded it caused a minor sensation at home. My father is Howard K Smith, the former anchorman and TV news commentator, who was then at the peak of his career. That the son of a famous person should get shot in Vietnam was, in 1965, news. When I returned to the US after my tour in Vietnam, President Johnson, who was a friend of my father's, invited me to a dinner party at the White House. I remember a tall, smiling man who thanked me for my service and sacrifice. I liked him then, I still do today. Yet, no one bears as much responsibility for the conduct of the war as he.

In the Gulf War we took 6 months to put half a million troops into the war zone. We were too timid to carry the fight to the enemy until the end, and we tried to keep the war contained to South Vietnam.

The result was that our enemy, a small country waging total war - that is, using all its resources - saw a super-power fighting a limited war, and concluded that if it could just sustain the 10-to-1 casualties we were inflicting for a while, then we would tire and leave, and it would win. After all, North Vietnam produced babies faster than we could kill its soldiers. Of course, Ho Chi Minh was right. After the Tet Offensive in 1968 we quit and began the longest and bloodiest retreat in US history. Dean Rusk, the then-Secretary of State, many years later ruefully told me, "They outlasted us." And with the Sino-Soviet split and Vietnam's success playing China and Russia against each other, the war also began to change its complexion and to look less and less like a Cold War proxy struggle. The fact is democracies don't fight inconclusive wars for remote goals in distant places for very long.

Pham van Dong, Ho's successor, said that Lyndon B. Johnson harnessed his generals to a basically civilian policy - fighting the war piecemeal in the vain hope no one in the US would notice! As for the enemy, he treated Ho Chi Minh like a member of the congressional opposition: show him the US was tougher, and he'd give up. But Ho saw the incrementalism that resulted as a sign of weakness and hung on. Tens of thousands of young Americans died needlessly.

Whether the war was right or whether it was wrong, it was fought in such a way it could never have been brought to a conclusion. That now seems clear with time. What a waste. It's why so many veterans of Vietnam feel bitter.

Well, we finally did get our parades and we finally did build our memorial on the Mall in Washington. These helped. But so many veterans were still haunted by the war, and I was, too.

13 Years ago, I watched the Berlin Wall come down and, as an ABC News correspondent, I witnessed first-

hand on a number of trips the collapse of communism. The policy of containment worked! We won the Cold War. And however meaningless Vietnam seemed at the time, it contributed to the fall of communism. That was something to hold onto. Pretty thin and not wholly satisfying as a justification for what many of my friends and I went through in Vietnam. But at least it was something.

Then 9 years ago came an event that changed me; I had an opportunity to go back to Vietnam for ABC with ten other Ia Drang veterans, I traveled back to the jungle in the Central Highlands and walked the Ia Drang battlefield for several days in the company of some of the same North Vietnamese we had fought against nearly 30 years earlier. Did I find the answer to my question about the futility of the war? No, I don't know if what we did in the war ultimately was worth it... We can talk about that afterwards... But what I did find surprised me.

North Vietnam may have conquered the South, but it is losing the peace. A country that two decades ago had the 4th strongest army in the world, has squandered its wealth on quarreling with, and fighting wars against, most of its neighbors and is poor and bankrupt as a result. In Vietnam today, communism is dying. Unfortunately very slowly - but it is dying. You look at Vietnam today with its eager entrepreneurs and its frightened party bosses, and you wonder why they fought the war. Many North Vietnamese wonder the same thing.

More importantly, Vietnam is a country profoundly at peace. Because the North Vietnamese feel they won, they are not haunted by the same ghosts that we are. The memorials and cemeteries that dot the Vietnamese countryside, to most people we met, were just artifacts from another time. And people could not understand what our little group of gray-haired, middle-aged Americans was doing there, what demons were trying to exorcise, because they did not have those demons.

What struck me was the overwhelming peacefulness of the place, even in the clearing where I had fought. I broke down several times. I wanted to bring back some shrapnel, or shell casings, some physical manifestation of the battle to lay at the wall of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington... under the black granite of panel number three, where all my army buddies' names are carved, more than 200 of them. But, do you know, search as I did, I could not find any battle debris. The forces of nature had simply erased it. And where once the grass had been slippery with blood, there were flowers blooming in that place of death. It was beautiful and still, and so I pressed some flowers and brought them back to lay at the foot of panel three. That is all that I could find in that jungle clearing that once held terror, and now held beauty.

What I discovered with time may seem obvious, but it had really escaped me all those years on my journey home from Vietnam: the war is over. It certainly is for Vietnam and the Vietnamese. As I said on a Nightline broadcast when I came back, "This land is at peace, and so should we be, so should we." For me, Vietnam has become a place again, not a war, and I have begun letting go.

I have discovered that wounds heal. That the friendship of old comrades breathes meaning into life... We meet every year in Washington to read the names of the dead at the Vietnam Memorial... And even the most disjointed events can begin to make sense with the passage of time. This has allowed me, on days like this, to step forward and take pride in the service I gave my country, never forgetting what was, and will always be, the worst day of my life. The day I escaped death in the tall grass of the Ia Drang Valley. Thank you. - Written by Jack Smith

Jack Smith passed away on April 7, 2004. He was a decorated Vietnam combat veteran, a great American, and a true patriot. Although best known as a network journalist and a veteran ABC News correspondent, as well as as a media consultant, his greatest legacy might just be his support of Vietnam Veterans.

Memorial Day History

Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans - the Grand Army of the Republic established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

While today, cities in the North and the South may claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day, in 1966, Congress and President Lyndon Johnson declared Waterloo, N.Y., the "birthplace" of Memorial Day.

In 1971, Memorial Day was declared a national holiday by an act of Congress, a day to ensure the sacrifices of America's fallen heroes are never forgotten.

Memorial Day is now a symbol of the beginning of summer and is celebrated with picnics and family fun.

This year, if you haven't done it before, take the time, with your family, to honor our nation's heroes at one of the many ceremonies that are held in our local communities or join those in the movement founded by Carmella LaSpada, who encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. as a moment of remembrance. "It's a way we can all help put the memorial back in Memorial Day."

New York Priorities, Gibson Legislation Included in Bipartisan House Farm Bill House Agriculture Committee Passes Five-Year Farm Bill; Includes Initiatives on Dairy, Beginning Farmers, Lyme Disease, Broadband, Crop Insurance Reforms

Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) announced this morning that he voted in support of the bipartisan H.R. 1947, Federal Agriculture Reform and Risk Management (FARRM) Act of 2013. The legislation was passed by the House Committee on Agriculture by a strong bipartisan vote of 36-10 and included a number of provision authored by Congressman Gibson that will benefit New York farmers and rural communities. The FARRM Act sets agriculture policy for five years.

"Representing our New York farmers on the House Agriculture Committee is an honor and a privilege. I believe we have the hardest working farmers in the nation here in New York and, in concert with their input and advice, this Farm Bill includes provisions that will ensure they have the ability to sustain and grow their operations. This bill represents a significant victory for our local farmers, overhauling the safety net program for dairy farmers, encouraging the growth and sustainability of local and regional agriculture and organic farming, protecting conservation programs, and helping beginning farmers access the capital they need to enter the field," said Congressman Gibson. "For our rural communities, much of my legislation on expanding access to broadband was included in the bill and we also make reforms to better address Lyme Disease, a public health scourge in our area. While not perfect, the FARRM Act came together with a number of bipartisan and regional partnerships. Moving forward, I think we can continue to improve the FARRM Act to address remaining concerns when it reaches the House Floor this year."

Provisions championed by Congressman Gibson that were included in the bill are:

- A robust safety net for dairy producers through a new marginal insurance framework
- Promotion and improvement of local agriculture markets
- New important risk management options that level the playing field for specialty crop producers
- Reforms and language to support local conservation groups
- Support for organic farmers and specialty research
- Reforms that will allow Lyme disease to be included under Agriculture and Food Research Initiative, which will improve the research and development of surveillance methods, diagnostic tests and vaccines for tick-borne diseases like Lyme.
- Initiatives and funding for beginning farmers
- Reauthorization and improvement of the rural broadband program

"Congressman Chris Gibson is a great friend to New York's farmers and his continued work on their behalf once again demonstrates his commitment to agriculture in this state. We appreciate his support of the 2013 Farm Bill, especially his efforts on improving the safety nets for our dairy farmers and specialty crop growers. In addition, his determination to assist new farmers and support for farmland protection will help preserve farming for generations to come," said Dean Norton, New York Farm Bureau President.

Overall, the Farm Bill includes savings of \$40 billion in mandatory funding, repealing or consolidating more than 100 programs. Additionally, this year's Farm Bill eliminates direct payments, which farmers received regardless of market conditions, and consolidates 23 conservation programs into 13, improving program delivery to producers and saving more than \$6 billion. The FARRM Act builds on previous investments to fruit and vegetable production, farmers markets, and local food systems, and includes several regulatory relief measures to help mitigate burdens farmers, ranchers, and rural communities face.

The Senate Agriculture Committee passed their version of the Farm Bill Tuesday. Both versions now must pass their respective houses, and then will be conferenced to come to a final agreement.

Cuomo Announces Proposal to Aid Distressed Municipalities -Patrick Cummings-

On Friday, Governor Andrew Cuomo introduced legislation (available here), that establishes a financial restructuring board for local governments. Part of the board's responsibility would be to serve as an alternative to the binding arbitration panel for police, fire, and/or deputy sheriff unions if municipalities and unions agree.

Under this plan, the Board would consist of the State Budget Director, Secretary of State, Attorney

General, Comptroller, and one private sector restructuring professional. The Budget Director will establish the standards to determine which local governments qualify as fiscally distressed.

Once identified as fiscally distressed, local governments would be able to request the assistance of the Board, and work together to identify a specific restructuring plan. This restructuring plan would be an option for the local government to accept or reject, however once the municipality accepts funding for the plan, they can no longer unilaterally opt out. (Patrick Cummings)

Statement from Ulster County Executive Mike Hein

Kingston, NY - "I applaud Governor Andrew Cuomo's bold initiative to assist distressed local governments throughout New York State. Since the onset of the 'Great Recession' local governments have been burdened by sharply increasing expenses, an ever growing demand for services and declining revenues. As the Ulster County Executive and the President of NYSAC's County Executive Association it is valuable to know that local governments in distress will have the support of the Governor's Office and numerous state resources. It is my great hope that this initiative will assist local governments that request assistance to reform and restructure their operations to lower costs and create greater efficiencies for our taxpayers."

Manufacturing Champions to be Honored at Award Breakfast

On Thursday, May 23rd, the Council of Industry will hold their annual Manufacturing Champion Awards Breakfast at the Powelton Club in Newburgh, NY, to honor individuals and organizations from both the public and private sector, who through vision, dedication, hard work and tireless involvement have helped to overcome some of the many obstacles faced by manufacturers in the Hudson Valley community and in so doing they have made it possible for manufacturers and their employees to prosper. This year's award winners are Jim King, IBM Integrated Supply Chain, Global Execution Planning and Inventory Manager; Ulster County Executive Michael Hein; and the SUNY New Paltz School of Business.

Manufacturing is a vital industry to the economy of the Hudson Valley and New York State. According to the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), manufacturers in New York account for 5.8 percent of the total output in the state, employing 5.3 percent of the workforce. In 2009, the total output from manufacturing was \$63.1 billion in New York State. In addition, compensation is higher in the manufacturing sector than other nonfarm employers by 25 percent across the state. Locally, in 2009, the metropolitan area of Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown exported \$2.2 billion in merchandise. The Council of Industry is proud to recognize the individuals and organizations that help keep manufacturing going strong here in the Hudson Valley.

Private Sector Champion Jim King has over 30 years of manufacturing experience, including leadership roles across the diverse Supply Chain and most recently managed the Poughkeepsie Manufacturing Operations team. King was born and raised in Orange County and graduated from Orange County Community College with an Applied Science degree in Electric Technology. Jim joined IBM in 1981 and for the last 32 years has worked on everything from Memory cards to Mainframe servers. Over the past ten years he has focused on increasing skills within manufacturing especially in the area of LEAN skills. Under King's leadership, the Poughkeepsie facility has successfully adapted to become competitive in the global landscape (in terms of cost, quality and delivery metrics) so much so that IBM is relocating manufacturing from Rochester, Minnesota.

Public Sector Champion Michael Hein has worked hard to reduce the cost of government while making it more effective and responsive to its citizens. In his first four years in the Office of the County Executive, Mike Hein has proved to be a huge supporter of manufacturing. He understands that hiring a qualified workforce is one of the primary issues facing today's manufacturers and he worked during the last Consolidated Funding Application process to achieve training funds for Ulster County manufacturers. County Executive Hein has also fought routinely so that industry can continue to prosper in Ulster County. Such actions have included seeking incentives to retain Wolf-tec and Stavo Industries in Ulster County. With the County Executive's help, these businesses revitalized a vacant industrial building in the heart of midtown Kingston and kept important advanced manufacturers in Ulster County. County Executive Hein is rou-

tinely recognized for his model programs and innovative initiatives.

In 2011 County Executive Hein demonstrated his commitment to taxpayers by producing a budget with no increase in the County property taxes. His 2013 Executive Budget will decrease Ulster County's real property taxes. This effort is one among many County Executive Hein has undertaken to ensure that Ulster County continues to be a great place to live, work, visit and raise a family for decades to come.

POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando - press release and comment

Johns Hopkins states, "Flu Vaccine contains mercury"

"A Johns Hopkins scientist has issued a blistering report on influenza vaccines in the British Medical Journal (BMJ). Peter Doshi, Ph.D., charges that although the vaccines are being pushed on the public in unprecedented numbers, they are less effective and cause more side effects than alleged by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Further, says Doshi, the studies that underlie the CDC's policy of encouraging most people to get a yearly flu shot are often low quality studies that do not substantiate the official claims.

"Promoting influenza vaccines is one of the most visible and aggressive public health policies in the United States, says Doshi of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Drug companies and public officials press for widespread vaccination each fall, offering vaccinations in drugstores and supermarkets. The results have been phenomenal. Only 20 years ago, 32 million doses of influenza vaccine were available in the United States on an annual basis. Today, the total has skyrocketed to 135 million doses. A study released in February found that the flu shot was only 9 percent effective in protecting seniors against the 2012-2013 season's most virulent influenza bug.

What is even worse is that small children who are given the flu vaccine get no protection from the disease. "The government also says that every baby over the age of six months should have a vaccine, and they know it contains a dose of mercury that is toxic to the brain," says Dr. Blaylock. "They also know the studies have shown that the flu vaccine has zero - zero - effectiveness in children under five."

"For most people," says Dr. Blaylock, "flu vaccines do not prevent the flu but actually increase the odds of getting it. The mercury contained in vaccines is such a strong immune depressant that a flu shot suppresses immunity for several weeks. "This makes people highly susceptible to catching the flu," he says. "They may even think the vaccine gave them the flu, but that's not true - it depressed their immune system and then they caught the flu."

Mercury over stimulates the brain for several years, says Dr. Blaylock, and that activation is the cause of Alzheimer's and other degenerative diseases. One study found that those who get the flu vaccine for three to five years increase their risk of Alzheimer's disease 10-fold."

CORRECTION IN OUR OPEN STATEMENT TO GOV. ANDREW CUOMO,

after further in-depth study the costs of bringing the Catskill Mountain Railroad project are between \$20 and \$30 million. A New York Corporation has leased the tracts from Ulster County for the past 30 years and little progress has been made. The dedicated group of volunteers has worked to overcome some of the obstacles of rebuilding the railroad but some aspects cannot at this time be resolved. However, with the coming of *Gaming* to our area we still support this venture as a much-needed public historical and scenic transportation system. But this kind of money does not grow on trees. Thank you Governor Cuomo for your consideration in this matter.

Great news is gaming for the Catskills and the Hudson Valleys; finally a plus for the entertainment industry, club dates, money, and jobs and new tax revenue for the Catskills and the Hudson Valleys. Let's not forget **THE NEVELE RESORT, CASINO & SPA** and the Route 28 corridor hotels, **EMERSON** and new development areas from Kingston to Delaware County NY.

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

Huge Memorial Day Yard Sale at Old Stone House of Hasbrouck

A huge community yard sale has been set for the entire Memorial Day weekend at the Old Stone House of Hasbrouck.

The three-day event -- titled "The Whole World is For Sale" -- offers great bargains for any enthusiast of the rare and exciting. There'll be jewelry, electronics, kids' toys and a host of other "gently used" items, some tagged for quick sale, others marked set-your-own-price.

This is the third year of Old Stone House fund-raising yard sales, which have helped the organization continue its art and education programs.

Since the event takes place beneath a huge outdoor pavilion, it won't get cancelled even if the weather turns unpleasant. The sale runs from 10am-4pm, on May 25, 26 and 27.

For more information, call Alana Sherman (845) 436-0070. The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck is at 282

Hasbrouck Rd., easy to reach from Grahamsville, Liberty, Monticello and Ellenville. For driving directions and more information, visit the web site at:

www.TheOldStoneHouseOfHabrouck.org.

Margaretville Bike Ride & Walk Benefit Hospice Care

Margaretville, NY - The fifth annual bicycle ride for benefit of Catskill Area Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., known as The Tour de Pepacton, sponsored by the Catskill Mountain Cycling Club Inc, and the MARK Project will be held on Sunday, May 26 on Main Street, Margaretville.

The Tour de Pepacton, features two choices of distance, 25 around the reservoir, mostly flat terrain, and The Metric Century, 60 miles of challenging terrain.

To register, please go to USACycling.org, and click on "clubs." Then scroll down until you see "Tour de Pepacton." Click on our event and register there. For further information: call 607 326-4734.

Water will be available and there will also be fruit for riders. For those riding the Metric Century, there also will be a water stop in Downsville at the covered bridge. Participants will register in the lower parking lot by the walkover bridge to the pocket park on Main Street. Registration will be from 8-9 a.m. Rides will set off at 9 a.m.

The "Float Yer Boat" walk/run, inaugurated last year, will also start and end on Main Street, by the pocket park. The registration will also be from 8-9:30 a.m. walk/run will start at 10 a.m. Those wishing to be timed, may do so!

Water bottles and T-shirts will be given out to the walkers/runners at registration. The walk/run will also benefit the Auxiliary of Margaretville Hospital/Moun-tainside Residential Care Center Wellness Committee.

For more information about biking activities, please visit: catskillmountaincyclingclub.com. E-mail Lucci Kelly at rhhighlandlady@yahoo.com or call 607-326-4734.

MOVING SALE
May 25, 8 am-12 noon

356 Main Street
Grahamsville
(United Methodist
Church Parsonage)

Furniture, household items,
tools, antiques,
fishing equipment,
odds and ends -
all priced to sell!

Grahamsville Reformed Church
Ladies Aid Bake Sale

Saturday, May 25, 2013
9 am till sold out!
Homemade pies, cakes,
cookies, brownies and
assorted goodies!
Grahamsville Refomed Church Hall
845-985-7480
God Bless you and thank you for your
continued support!

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2013 Admission Fees
Adults suggested donation: \$5
Children (6 to 17) suggested donation: \$2
Children under 6: FREE
Town of Neversink Residents: FREE every Thursday
Town of Denning Residents: FREE first Saturday of the month
Call: 985-7700

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

The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches
invite you to weekly worship:
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10:30 am in Woodridge.
For more information, call
Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283

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845-985-2041
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John Bult, Organist

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Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Sunday Worship Service
10:30am
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Covered Dish Supper
June 1, 2013-5:30 pm

June 8, 2013
Breakfast
7:30 am - 9:30 am
Free Will Offering
Information call: 985-2455

Sundown United Methodist Church
at the Sundown Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
June 4, 2013
Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm
Luncheon 11am-1 pm

Thrift Sale Only
June 15, 2013
9 am-1 pm

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:**Daniel Pierce Library Budget Hearing**

Tuesday, June 4, 2013, at 7:00 p.m.
Daniel Pierce Library Community Room
5/16-30

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning is seeking sealed bids for 1- 4,000-psi concrete 3-side culvert as follows:

35 LF 7' tall x 14' span inside dimensions. 12" thick walls and roof.

Furnished with 18"x36" footings.

2- wing walls 8' long and 8" thick with footings for inlet. Delivered to Jobsite near the Claryville Fire Department, 1512 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. Questions may be directed to Superintendent Dan Van Sadlers at the Highway Department, 845-985-2554.

Sealed bids must be in an envelope marked Denning Road culvert. Bids will be accepted until the opening of the Denning Town Board Meeting to be held at the Sundown Church Hall, 3 Greenville Road, Sundown, N.Y. 12740, scheduled to begin at 7pm. on Tuesday, June 4th, 2013. Bids may be mailed to the Town of Denning, PO Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

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

By the Order of the Denning Town Board
Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk 5/16; 5/23

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning Town Board is currently seeking to fill a vacancy on the Denning Planning Board. For further information please call the Town Hall at 985-2411. Please send letter of intent to the Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Joy Ann Monforte
Town Clerk

5/23

Catskill Watershed Corporation is seeking to contract with a private corporation for both the purchase and installation of a replacement new and unused office telephone system at 905 Main Street, Margaretville, NY. The Request for Proposal can be obtained by contacting James Martin, Finance Director, Catskill Watershed Corporation, PO Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455, (845) 586-1400. Respondents must submit one original and four copies of their proposal no later than 4:00 PM on June 7, 2013. EOE

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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING,
OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, 12740, on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m. daylight savings time. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District be authorized and directed to raise annually by taxes the sum of \$381,480 which sum consists of \$374,000 previously authorized plus an additional \$7,480 for library purposes for free library services for the benefit and free use on equal terms of all residents of the School District. Said appropriation shall be for the annual support of the DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY, Grahamsville, New York and the funds collected thereby shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Daniel Pierce Library, upon written demand of its Trustees.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$381,480 for the annual support of the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville, New York, for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District during the 2013-2014 fiscal year?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 5th, 2013 in the Main Entrance Area of the High School, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, June 6th, 2013 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to June 11, 2013. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 4th, 2013) OR the day before the election (Monday, June 10th, 2013, if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education Dated: April 26, 2013
Tri-Valley Central School District, Grahamsville, New York
Martha Lee Ter Bush, District Clerk

5/2; 5/23;5/30;6/6/13

TIGHT LINES by Bob Skow
"An Opening Day to Remember"



The morning was cold and wet as we headed west on route 17 to begin our first trout fishing adventure of the new season. Dark and billowy clouds hung on the edges of the sky. Opening day of Trout season in the New York Sullivan County area was

not looking promising.

My son Anthony and his friend Rich and I continued toward Roscoe with the intent of fishing Junction pool on the Beaverkill River. We had caught many nice trout there in the past and were hoping to catch a few for tonight's dinner.

Just as we approached the flashing light that signaled the turn that brought us to Junction pool, the rain came down in buckets.

We looked down the river and saw about twenty fishermen, wet and cold and not catching anything. I had so wanted to fish wet flies and try a three fly cast setup to entice the holdover trout that live in the pool but that was not going to happen in this downpour. SO--We headed for a small feeder creek of the

Willowemoc that I knew of that had produced some decent trout for me over the years. I was hoping to find some trout action for the boys and I.

It was now rain mixed with snow with fifteen mile per hour wind gusts.

When we arrived there, we all fished the first undercut bank and the hole below it with only one small hit. About half an hour later we all moved down stream to a small waterfall with a deep hole below it. I was using four pound test line and a small night-crawler with a splitshot fifteen inches up the line. Before I made my first cast, I looked upstream and Rich asked me what fly to use as he took a vow to only fish with a fly rod this year. I think he put on a Gold ribbed Hares Ear nymph, as he makes them himself and the ones he makes are as good as any you would see for sale in any fly shop. I wished him luck and he waded off up stream, roll casting as he went.

Before I could make my first cast attempt again, my son Anthony walks downstream and says "Dad, I am freezing my butt off." I told him to grab the down vest I had on the back seat of the car. He put it on and I gave him the keys so he could warm up with the heat in the car.

Finally I was able to get down to fishing and make my first cast. I cast to the base of the falls where the worm would wash back underneath the cut the falls makes

from years of current wearing away at its base. This is also a prime spot for trout to hang out as the current is to a minimum and a trout can quickly and easily grab any tasty morsal that gets trapped in the swirls of current and washes by the cut.

I tightened up the slack and felt the tell tale tug of a trout picking up my bait. I slowly tightened up the slack and gave a small tug to set the hook and I was fast to a colorful spotted Brown Trout.

After a short battle I reeled in an eleven inch beauty. I removed the hook and brought the fish up to my car where my son was still staying warm and fiddling with his I-phone as most young people these days have these small time killers with them everywhere they go.

I knocked on the window and he looked up and said "Oh, You just caught that?" to which I replied "No, I had it in my pocket the whole time." and he laughed. He also said he was still cold and he was going to stay in the car and warm up a little longer. So I proceeded to head back down to the hole by the falls to try and pick a few more out for my wife for dinner.

Next cast back to the same spot and another pick-up. A minute or so later and a nice clean 12 inch Brown was added to my creel. Within the next forty-five minutes I lost a few more fish and I managed to fill my limit of five fish, all Brown Trout from eleven to fourteen inches. (Contd. Pg. 15)

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org
(845) 985-2262 extension 312

FLEA MARKET- Saturday, July 13. DETAILS: With both new and used items something for everyone.

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

Trolley Tour - Luncheon-Entertainment-Shopping Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. \$40 pp residents; \$59 pp non-residents.

Zoom Flume - Saturday, Aug 3 -Leave Town Hall at 8 am return 6 pm. \$12 residents/\$36 non-residents. Must be paid by June 25.

Mad Science Show - Aug 22 Grahamsville Fairgrounds 5 pm- \$3 residents; \$10 non residents. Must be paid by Aug 6

Grease-Forestburg Playhouse - Aug 4 Lunch @ 1:30 pm Show & Lunch; residents \$36/ \$49 non residents. Must be paid by June 25

Shopping Cabelas Sept 14 Leave Town Hall 8 am \$21 residents/\$31 non-residents. Must be paid by July 9.

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

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



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

Tight Lines (From Pg. 14)

I did not see anyone else catch any fish on this nasty opening day of rain, snow, sleet and fog, although I am quite sure plenty of trout where taken in other areas.

When I cleaned my fish later at home I was surprised to see that these fish where packed with plenty of nymphs and caddis larva-sticks and all. They also did not have a gram of fat around their stomachs which you would find in freshly stocked trout. This also told me that all my fish were holdover trout and that they were going to be very tasty. AND THEY WERE.

This only goes to show that the weather should not stop you from getting out there and making a few casts. Just bring your rain-coat and neoprene gloves and expect anything.

As always, make sure you have a valid license and get out and enjoy Gods Great Outdoors. **TIGHT LINES** BOB SKOW

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- 5/27/13 **TOWN OF NEVERSINK MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**
- 5/28/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm
- 6/1/13 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 6/4/13 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)
- 6/4/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - Budget Meeting 7 pm
- 6/4/13 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00pm Sundown Church Hall
- 6/5/13 **Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic** - 6-8 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- 6/5/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- **7:00 pm**
- 6/5/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting - Regular meeting
- 6/8/13 **Breakfast** - Sundown Church Hall - 7:30 am - 9:30 am
- 6/8/13 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Beef Dinner
- 6/11/13 Town of Denning Business Meeting - 7:00 pm Town Hall
- 6/12/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 6/13/13 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 5/13/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 6/14-30/13 **13th Annual Members Art Exhibition** - Reception- June 15th, 4pm -8pm (845) 292-2394
- 6/4/13 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale Only** (9am-1pm)
- 6/8/13 **Sundown Ladies' Yard Sale** at the Church Hall 9 am - 3 pm
- 6/16/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 6/19/13 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 6/17/13 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 6/18/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 6/19/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Save the Dates!

June 5 - Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic 6-8 pm on the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville

July 14- The second annual **Matthew R Berthoff Horseshoe Tournament** Neversink Firehouse

July 27, 2013- **Time and the Valleys Museum Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ** (2-5 pm) - Grahamsville Fairgrounds 11 am - 5 pm
Annual Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival sponsored by the EWCOG -Saturday August 10th-Vendor applications are available now. Coordinator is Dianne E Turner ("aka Mother Blueberry")

2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair - Sundown Methodist Church Hall - Date to be announced.

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

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- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE • **LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN**
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- BLUE HILL LODGE • Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort
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- MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
- ELLENVILLE CITGO
- ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- PETER'S MARKET

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

LPN Program at Sullivan BOCES Holds Final Enrollment Testing for Fall Session

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The Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Program prepares both high school and adult students for career opportunities in a variety of settings including: home health care agencies, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, outpatient clinics, nursing homes, dialysis centers, and doctor's offices. The New York State LPN to RN articulation provides students the opportunity to receive college credit towards a registered nursing degree upon successful completion of the LPN program and licensure.

The BOCES LPN Program provides students with both the theory and the clinical experience needed to pass the National Council Licensing Exam for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN). Students enrolled in the program must pass each content area of the program and all practical clinical requirements. In addition, students must complete a minimum of 1,188 hours of instruction and be recommended by the LPN faculty for entrance to the licensing examination.

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center visit our website at scbooces.org or call 295-4152. For program updates, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Open Studio with Artist in Residence Dana Barbieri

Come see what this months resident artist has been working on. Dana's residency at ArtsWAVE is a devotion to exploring mixed media portraits, drawings, painting patterns and color studies on Friday, May 24, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 PM This event is Free!

ArtsWAVE Community Space is located at 12 Market Street, Ellenville, NY. For information call 845.443.5319 or email: class@artswave.org; website: www.artswave.org

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop Announces Auditions

Auditions for Nora Ephron's "Love, Loss and What I Wore" will be Sat. June 1 and Sun. June 2 at 11 am to 1 pm at the Rivoli Theatre, S Fallsburg. If you enjoyed "Vagina Monologues", you'll love this one! Seeking 5 brilliant adult female actors- all shapes, sizes, ages! Performances are scheduled for July 26,27,28. Call Director, Sally Gladden, with questions 845-434-0209 or email: gladsally@gmail.com.

The only thing wrong with this play is the title, "Love, Loss and What I Wore". The rest is fabulous! The book inspired the Ephron sisters to invite women to talk about their sartorial side. This is not a story about clothing or accessories. It is a layered and complex recital of women in all stages of life. These women share the stories, the stage and the responsibility for giving us an evening that has lasting effect.

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Please contact Karen Gorr to arrange for pick up or drop off at 292-3749 or 985-7735.

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

**TRI-VALLEY THEATRE ARTS CLUB PRESENTS:
DINNER THEATRE! BY BILLY ST. JOHN
SATURDAY, JUNE 1ST 2013**

Tri-Valley Secondary School Upstairs Gym, Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. ~ Curtain at 7:00 p.m. Adult: \$22 Senior Citizen: \$18 Children 12 or younger: \$12 Child meal consists of smaller portions. Tickets must be purchased prior to the event. Ticket includes dinner, show, and one free who-done-it entry. For Tickets: Call Regina Hartman at 985-2296 ext. 4154

4-H FISHING CLINIC 2013

**4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF PUTNAM COUNTY
LEARN HOW TO FISH**

Co-Sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension's 4-H Youth Development Program & The Oasis Sportsmen's Club with support from The Jack Stewart Jr. Memorial Fund. Saturday, June 1, 2013, 10:00 am-1: 30 pm Registration & Event Information, Advanced ONLINE Registration required * Space is Limited & accepted through online Registration ONLY For additional information, please call: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam Co. - 4-H Youth Development, 1 Geneva Rd * Brewster, NV10509 (845) 278-6738 or visit: <http://counties.cce.cornell.edu/putnam/>

- PHOENICIA -

Philippe Petit ("Man on Wire") Knot-tying and Book signing Saturday, May 25th, 2pm Methodist Church Hall, 25 Church Street, Phoenicia. Petit will sign copies of his new book *Why Knot? How to Tie More Than Sixty ingenious, useful, Beautiful, Lifesaving, and Secure Knots* which will be available for purchase at the event. Each guest will receive a red cord and instruction on how to tie some of Petit's favorite knots. Philippe Petit, universal poet laureate of the high wire, accomplished what may be the most astounding "artistic crime" of all time. *He walked a high wire illegally stretched between the rooftops of the Twin Towers of the World Center.* Philippe's book, *To Reach The Clouds (Man On Wire in paperback)*, recounts that adventure and is the basis of the 2009 *Academy Award-winning documentary film, Man On Wire.* For more information on the \$200,000 campaign for Library Re-Build, go to our special website www.phoenicialibraryfund.com Questions or more information, stop by the library or call: 845-688-7811

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