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Hinchey: Oil Company Earnings Are Obscene; Middle Class Taxpayers Getting Mugged at the Pump; It's Time to End Taxpayer Subsidies for Big Oil

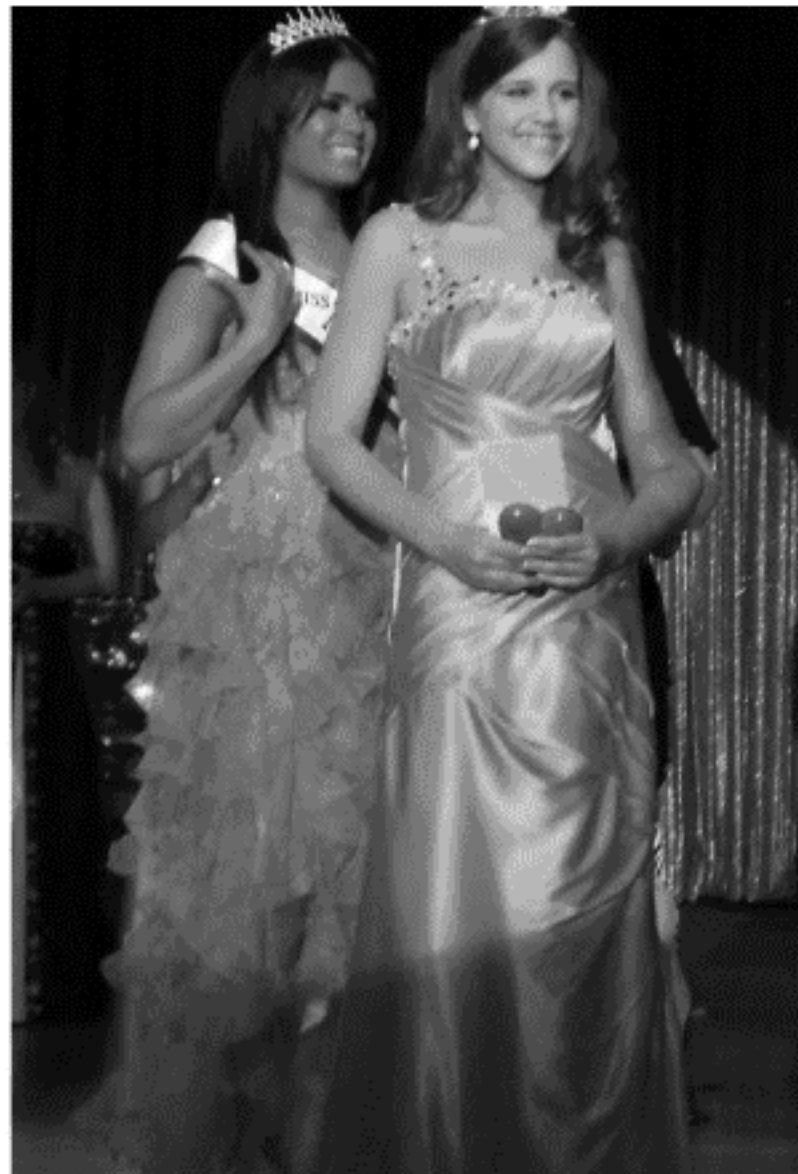
In the first of several oil company earnings reports, Exxon Mobil Corp. today said its earnings rose 69 percent in the first quarter this year. Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) released the following statement in response, calling for an end to big oil subsidies. (Contd. Pg. 12)

TVCS 8th Grade First Annual Poetry Slam

On April 6, 2011 the 8th grade class at Tri-Valley Central School put on the school's first annual Poetry Slam. As an extension off a classroom assignment, students had the option of whether or not to compete in the Poetry Slam. In all, 55 brave students took the stage to perform 35 of their own original poems.

In preparation for the assignment, students learned how to analyze poetry, write poetry, and then perform poetry. Students wrote their own original poems (either individually or in groups of two or three), memorized their poems, and then worked out ways to "perform" their poems. Poetry Slam rules stipulate that props are not allowed as part of a performance, so all the students had to count on were themselves and the microphones. (Cont. Pg. 3)

2011 Sullivan County International Pageant



Brianna Worden of Grahamsville, 2011 Miss Teen Sullivan County International

The 2011 Sullivan County International Pageant was hosted at the Villa Roma Resort on Saturday, April 23rd with an audience of over 250 people in attendance.

Stacey Minchin, 2011 Miss New York International, emceed the event. The show kicked off shortly after 4pm with a colorful opening number choreographed to the song "Firework".

The theme of the pageant was "Go Red for Women" which encourages awareness of the issue of women and heart disease. The pageant donated \$5 to the American Heart Association for every contestant that competed which resulted in a \$160 donation. Throughout the competition 31 contestants competed for five different titles - Young Miss Sullivan County (5-8 years old), Miss Sullivan County Pre-Teen (9-12 years old), Miss Teen Sullivan County International (13-18 years old), Miss Sullivan County International (19-29 years old) and Mrs. Sullivan County International (21-56 years old & married).

Competition events included private interview, casual wear, fitness wear, evening wear and on-stage question. Each Teen, Miss and Mrs. contestant presented a platform that they would be promoting throughout their reign.

The winners' platforms include raising awareness and finding a cure for Neurofibromatosis, supporting the Hudson Valley Chapter of Child Help: prevention and treatment of children who are victims of child abuse, and infertility awareness. They will also promote these platforms when they compete in the New York International Pageant on October 1st. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Play Ball! TV Little League Kicks off Its 2011 Season



One, two, three strikes your out! As Town of Neversink Supervisor, Greg Goldstein introduces the 2011 Little League teams, he is assisted by Tom Mitchell at the opening ceremony on Saturday. It's time for the 'Old Ball Game' to start!

Hudson Valley's Shadowland Theatre Rolls out 27th Summer Season Schedule Featuring World Premiere of New Comedy

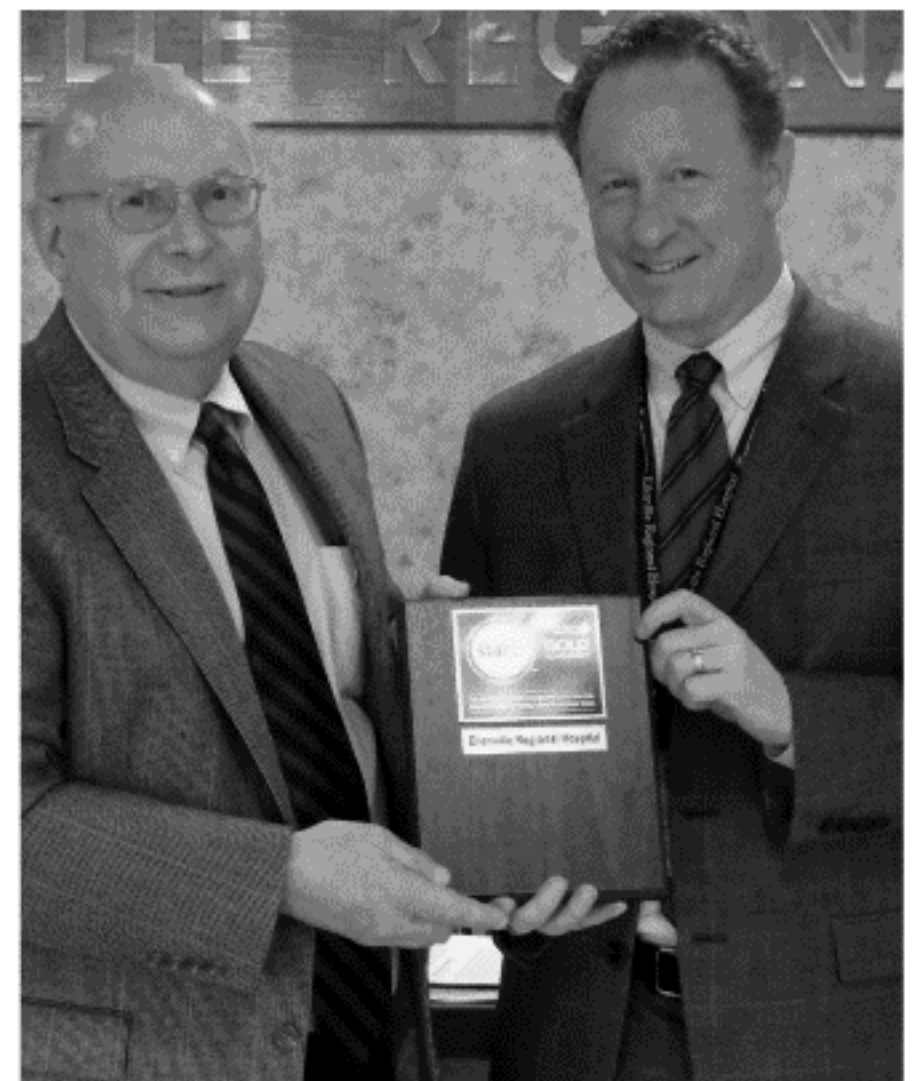
27th Summer Season Line-Up Includes Conor McPherson's *The Seafarer*, CC Loveheart and John Simon's *Jackass Flats*, Roger Bean's *The Andrews Brothers*, Charles Morey's *The Ladies Man* and Tom Cole *Medal of Honor Rag*

What does one of the aggressive, regional Actors' Equity theatres in the Hudson Valley do after a sixth year of record-breaking box office sales, selling out nearly 50% of the 2010 season's performances with overall attendance at 91% of seating capacity, exceeding the national average?

If you're the Shadowland Theatre in Ellenville, NY and the price of gas just passed \$4.00 a gallon, you up the ante, install a brand-new HVAC system, open new housing for cast and crew, announce a new summer season with your first world premiere in 15 years and go all in, preparing audiences for year-round programming beginning next fall.

"Thanks to the strong, continuing support of our expanding and intensely loyal audience base, we're surviving the effects of the recession. And with this summer's outrageous gas prices looming, why drive to New York City to enjoy great theater when there's a truly affordable, high quality option nearby, right here in the Hudson Valley," said Brendan Burke, producing artistic director, now in his seventh year at the theater. "We'll also be announcing our new fall / winter season program this summer, a first for the Shadowland." (Contd. Pg. 8)

ERH Recognized as an American Heart Association Start! Fit-Friendly Company -Companies take steps to decrease healthcare expenses, increase productivity



Robert S. Olivio, Corporate Relations Director, Mid Hudson Region, American Heart Association, presents Ellenville Regional Hospital President and CEO Steven L. Kelley with a Gold-Level Recipient Start! Fit-Friendly Company plaque. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.
Ecclesiastes 10:12

Birth Announcement

Welcome Luke!

Nancy and Harry Barkley of Divine Corners are very pleased to announce the birth of their newest grandson, Luke Steven Morrison. He was born Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 9:36 p.m. in St. Johnsbury, VT. Luke weighed in at 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was 20" long. He is the son of Carolyn and Earl Morrison of Danville, VT.

Carolyn is a 2002 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and met Earl at SUNY Cobleskill where both earned their bachelor's degrees in Agricultural Business.

Grandpa Barkley is very proud that Luke shares his middle name.

OBITUARIES

Patrick J. Vurckio Sr., of Sundown, NY, died April 23, 2011. He was a retired operating engineer of Local 14. He was born and raised in Staten Island, NY and was a graduate of Augustinian Academy. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1942-1944. After his discharge for the Coast Guard, he worked mostly for Safeway Company of Brooklyn, NY as a crane operator.

Mr. Vurckio lived in Grant City until retiring in 1978 the relocated to Sundown, NY. In Sundown he greatly enjoyed the outdoors and his biggest hobby was restoring old cars.

He was a big Yankees fan and one of his greatest moments as a fan was when his brother-in-law, pitcher Karl Drews who was playing for the Yankees at that time, took him to meet the Yankee ball players before the start of the game at Yankee Stadium.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Audie Vurckio (nee Drews) who passed away in 1986; his daughter-in-law, Teresa Vurckio (2010) and grandson, James Vurckio Jr. (2004).

Survivors include his wife, Debbie; sons: Patrick, James, Robert and George; daughter, Ann Marie Delmar; ten grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on April 28 at Immaculate Conception Church, Woodbourne, NY. Interment was in Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville.

In memory of Patrick, donations can be made the Immaculate Conception Church, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne, NY 12788 or Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550.

James Joseph McCarthy, 82, departed this life on April 18, 2011. 'Jim' was born February 15, 1929 in Liberty, NY to James Joseph McCarthy and Florence Hathaway McCarthy. He grew up and was educated in Liberty and served in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. He received his undergraduate degree from SUNY and Master's Degrees from Columbia University and SUNY. He married Doris Blume in 1955 and they were blessed with a son, Dennis James in 1956. Jim was a lifelong educator having been a teacher, principal, and guidance counselor in elementary and secondary school systems in New York (including Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville), Pennsylvania and Arizona.

Fortunately, Jim lived in an active retirement community and was able to keep busy by working as a caretaker of many homes of seasonal retirees nearby. His wife Doris passed away in 1986 and in 1990 he married Helen Walter.

Survivors include cousin, Viola Marcio of New York; children Dennis McCarthy, Norissa (Rick) Honea, Daniel (Susan) Walter, Melissa Pemberton, Randall (Annabelle) Walker, Armando Déjà; eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and many friends worldwide.

Services were held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Queen Creek, AZ.

Donations can be made to Eagles' Wings Foundation: donations@eagleswingsexico.org

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

April 25, 1951 - Mr. and Mrs. Roger Banta of Grahamsville have bought a lot on the flat below Unionville adjoining the new Fred Cryer home. The Bantas plan to build a ranch type home in the very near future.

Selden M. Hoorbeck, 54, former resident of this area died at the Benedictine Hospital in Kingston on Sunday morning. Mr. Hoorbeck was born at Yeagerville June 25, 1896, the son of Byron and Rose Furman Hoorbeck. On Sept. 3, 1933, he married Miss Mattie Dulaff of Montela. Following the sale of their Montela farm to the City of New York in 1939, the couple moved to their present home in Stone Ridge. Mrs. Hoorbeck is the daughter of Mrs. Myrtle Dulaff of Grahamsville and sister of Mrs. Thorvald Carlsen of South Hill.

Workers on the midnight shift on the Neversink end of the Frazier-Davis job were laid off Friday night. The midnight shift on the Grahamsville end of the tunnel had been laid off previously. Workmen are engaged in scaling and clean up in preparation for concreting operations in the tunnel which will carry the waters of the Neversink dam to the storage dam at Lackawack.

April 26, 1961 - Preliminary work of moving poles and wires in the path of the new bridge to span the Willowemoc Creek at Route 17 and Main Street in Livingston Manor by the New York State Electric and Gas is rapidly nearing completion. Surveyors working all week have covered every square inch of ground in the area of the bridge.

IT'S FISHING SEASON

Here's an inside tip on an outdoor sport,
The fishing season's here.
And speckled beauties leap at dusk,
Where the water's deep and clear
KUM TO KRUMS

John S. Geary of Wawarsing died April 19th at Benedictine Hospital, Kingston at the age of 68. Mr. Geary, a farmer, operated Maple Knoll Farm, Wawarsing for many years.

April 21, 1971 - Mr. and Mrs. Morris Schuller are very proud to announce the birth of a daughter, Andrea Beth, on April 4, 1971 at Doctor's Hospital, N.Y.C. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Rubenzahl of Neversink.

Congratulations to Kenny Terwilliger and Beverly VanEtten who were married on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Newman and family have moved their trailer on East Mountain and are now living there.

Mrs. Charles Cross attended the wedding and reception of her nephew, Mr. Richard Green, of Woodbourne, in Monticello on Saturday. Mr. Charles Cross was master of ceremonies at the reception.

April 23, 1981 - Ethel M. Weber of Grahamsville, a lifelong area resident, died Friday at the home of her daughter in Binnewater after a long illness. She was 84. The daughter of the late Charles and Hattie Curry DeVoe, she was born Jan. 4, 1897 in Ellenville. She was the widow of Paul Weber. She was a retired inspector for Shrade Cutlery in Ellenville.

Helen K. Edwards of Neversink died Wednesday, Apr. 8, 1981 at the Harris Hospital after a long illness. She was 61. The daughter of the late David and Mary Grim Cuttler, Mrs. Edwards was born in Grooville. Survivors include her husband, Walter Edwards Sr. of Neversink; a son, Walter Jr. of Neversink; three daughters, Shirley Nash and Barbara Stewart, both of Neversink and Mary Torres of Ellenville; a sister, Mabel Cuttler of Woodbourne; 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Linda Brackman and Daniel Manley were married April 4th in St. Peter's Church, Liberty. A reception followed at the Chateau. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Brackman of Neversink. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Manley of Winstead Rd., Lackawanna.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Flynn Jr. are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Keri Flynn to Timothy Manell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Manell. Both are graduates of Tri-Valley Central School. Keri works at the Thru-Way Market, Walden. Timothy is with the N.Y.S. Correctional Facility at Greenhaven.

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernoooy

The community is saddened by the death of Pat Vurckio a resident of Sundown. Our sincere sympathy to the family.

The sympathy of the community to the family of Jim McCarthy who recently passed away. Jim will be remembered by many for the years he spent teaching at Tri-Valley School.

Just in case you want to send a note to Joan Hall, her address is: 90 West Avenue, Brockport, NY 14420

(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

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

Barbara Wakefield Purcell a Pride of Sullivan Honoree

The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce held its 20th annual Pride of Sullivan County Awards honoring individuals and businesses that have made a difference in the quality of life in the county on Sunday at a brunch and awards ceremony that was held at the Center for Discovery's Michael Ritchie Barn in Hurleyville.

Among the Distinguished Service Award recipients was Barbara Wakefield Purcell from the Town of Neversink. Barbara has been at the helm of many community projects. A true visionary, Barbara has brought alive many of her dreams including the Barn Quilts of Neversink, a Town of Neversink Renaissance project which now provides a total of 75 barn quilt panels for residents and visitors to enjoy. The barn quilts have been placed on historic barns, outbuildings, freestanding displays and area businesses throughout the Town of Neversink.

Barbara is currently busy getting ready for the grand opening of the Time and the Valleys Museum that will be housed in the new addition of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville.

Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work, Barbara and keep on dreaming. We never know what Barbara's next project will be, but we always know the outcome is great!

The Real Dirt on Smart Gardening - Working Smarter to Create Gardens with the 'Wow Factor'

Want more color and variety in your garden, but not sure what to plant where? Horticulturalist Vivian Multari-Ginsberg will discuss plant choices and flower combinations to help achieve beautiful, sustainable gardens with the "wow factor."

Want to work smarter this year? Gardening expert Mary Lewis will demonstrate cool tools and explain time tested tricks to make gardening time more fun.

Sullivan Renaissance is holding its spring gardening seminar entitled "The Real Dirt on Smart Gardening" on Wednesday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Ferndale.

Bring your enthusiasm and questions! There will be time to answer specific questions.

Pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Sullivan Renaissance at www.sullivanrenaissance.org or 845-295-2445.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Sponsors include Bold Gold Media Group/Thunder 102, Sullivan County Democrat, The River Reporter and WSUL/WVOS.

TV Lions Club March/Apr News

A belated 'thank you' to Lion Pauline Vetter for presenting our donaton in person for the Heart-a-thon.

We did not have a guest speaker for the March member meeting.

Donations for the Cancer Relay for Life Walk to Lion Esta Jacob and Ruth Curley of \$150 each to be held at the college in June. A donation of \$100 for the Leukemia and Lymphonmia Walk to Esta Jacob.

A big thank you to all those who have sold chocolate bunnies for us. We do appreciate you. Special thanks to Lion Jack Clark for being in charge of sales and for all his work selling them as well.

Our Journey for Sight Walk is Saaturday, May 7th along with tag day.

June 1st is the first Rabies Clinic.

Want a Yard Sale, but Live in the Boonies?

Cannie D's is having a yard sale Memorial Day weekend and space is available. Call 985-2076 for more information.

TVCS 8th Grade First Annual Poetry Slam (From Pg. 1)

Each poem was scored by a panel of ten judges based on the sense of the speaker in the poem, the actual delivery of the poem (using emphasis, pace, and volume), the physical movement during the poem, the emotions displayed during the poem, and the overall quality of the poem.

Finishing in first place was Megan Comfort and Bridget Kackos performing their poem "Need a Little Light." Second place was a tie between Dorothy Monforte and Tatiana Rivas and their poem "High School" and Sara Dertinger and Raychelle Osnato with their poem "We Don't Want to Write a Poem." Ariana Fassetta and her poem "Why Can't We Fly?" finished in third place. Finally, the performance award was given to Ian Kurzrock and the poem "Friday."

All in all the entire event turned out to be a day that participating students should be very proud of. Congratulations to all of these wonderful students for putting so much effort into their work. It is truly great to see!

More than Just Kite Flying at SUNY Sullivan 21st Kite Festival

SUNY Sullivan will host the 21st annual Kite Festival on Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its Loch Sheldrake campus.

The main attractions are kite flying and demonstrations. However, the Kite Festival will also feature kids rides and games, craft vendors, food and music by the top 40's pop band, Six Pack Joe. The event, co-sponsored by WSUL/WVOS Radio-Watermark Communications is free and open to the public. The first 200 children will receive a free kite.

In addition to the kite flying, there will also other events throughout the day. The Fisher Film Festival will be held in the Seelig Theatre with some well known television news personalities participating in panel discussions from 1p.m.-5 p.m. The Admissions Department will be hosting campus registration and tours.

SUNY Sullivan is presently still accepting vendors. For more information about any of the Kite Festival weekend activities, contact the College's Campus Activities Office at 845-434-5750, ext. 4377.

TVCS Track and Field Team News

Girls place 2nd to Arlington, Win Division, Boys 2nd Div II

The 2011 Edition of the Tri-Valley Invitational had 26 Teams participate with only three schools choosing to stay home because of the difficult weather conditions. Cold Temperatures and rain could not stop the competitors from giving a great effort in the "Character Day" conditions.

The Girls team amassed 121 points to be 2nd to only the Arlington School in the over-all scoring and win the smaller school division. The Boys placed 3rd over-all to Arlington and 2nd by two points to Section 9 rival Pine Plains. Girls 1st place finishes came from: Dominique Darby in the Hammer and Mareena DiMilia Frosh/Soph Shot Put. The Boys had 1st place finishes by Brian Edwards in the Shot Put, Brendan Tierney in the Frosh Soph Shot Put and Rafael Ramirez hammer. Over vacation the teams competed at the Washingtonville Invitational and the Hendrick Hudson Invitational where many season best performances were attained.

The team looks forward to May 4th at 6:00 at Ellenville where Tri-Valley will compete with Ellenville and Liberty for the "Mark Steinhoff Cup" and more important both teams will be looking for a big Division V win vs Liberty. Both Girls and Boys TV teams to this point in the season as both defeated Arch Rival Sullivan West on April 14th. Good Luck!!!

Special Congratulations to Senior Track Athlete Caroline Bertholf on being chosen the Tri-Valley Female OCIAA Scholar Athlete. Caroline and TV's Male Scholar Athlete were honored at a OCIAA Breakfast on April 27th.

Track Alumni Excel at Collegiate level

Presently nine Tri-Valley Alumni compete and excel to the point of qualifying for their National Championships in their respective divisions and competing for "All-American" status. Congratulations: Chris Grey (Alfred State College), Kelly McNamara (Alfred University), Ryan Loughney, Garrett Grey, Katelyn Exner, (Ashland University), Bob Fiedler (Cornell University), Rachel Sanborn (New Paltz State University), Tehnyat Khan, Kaitlin Torres, (Sullivan Community College)

IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANUP!!!
THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK WILL BE CONDUCTING THEIR ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP PROGRAM ON:
May 7, 11 & 14, 2011

THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:

1. Only those holding a **GRAY 2011** Transfer Station Permit will be admitted.
2. **Three Pick-up loads per household.** (Permit Cards will be punched for each load.)
3. **TVs & other Electronic equipment can be disposed of without fee.** No batteries or ballasts. Fees will apply to fluorescent bulbs. Please keep all these items separate. Only checks can be accepted at the Transfer Station - **NO CASH.**
4. **Tires, Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifiers and Air Conditioners will not be accepted during this time. Please do not bring them during cleanup.**

REMINDER: Scrap metal and large recyclable items can be taken any time throughout the year. Because of the high volume of traffic during Spring Cleanup time, the Town Board requests that these items be brought at a time other than during Spring Cleanup.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who reside (have their household and generate their waste material) in the Town of Neversink.

OWNERSHIP OF VACANT LAND DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR USE OF THE FACILITY.

"The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature."

Fanslau announces official Twitter account for Office of County Manager

Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau has announced the launch of a twitter account for the Office of the County Manager. <http://twitter.com/CntyMgrFanslau>.

"This twitter account will be used to provide official updates on news releases, weather warnings, and other matters of interest to the residents and businesses in Sullivan County," said Fanslau. "As the utilization of social media continues to take a firm place in the technology communications era, it is prudent to provide an official voice in the social media, relative to events in Sullivan County," added Fanslau.

**SHADBUSH**

By Peggy DeWire

Take a drive around Grahamsville in early spring and you'll surely see here and there in the bare woods small trees covered with white feathery flowers. It is a Shadbush or Shadblow, named by early eastern pioneers because it blooms about the same time that shad return to swim upstream in tidal rivers to spawn.

Of the twenty species of Shadbush (*Amelanchier*) in America, two are well defined. The Atlantic (*A. Canadensis*) and the Pacific (*A. ainifolia*).

They differ in flower, leaf shape and size of berry-like fruit.

Both belong to the rose family but each adapted to its own region either east of the Rockies or west of the Rockies. Most are western and shrubby; a few eastern species are small trees.

Shadbush have fine cut, saw-toothed, glossy leaves somewhat like small pear leaves and grayish-brown bark. Clusters of white long-petaled flowers open in April before the leaves are out.

The pioneers who named Shadbush prized the brownish red wood for handles, canes and fishing rods.

The fruit is a delicious blue-purple berry ripening in June but they are so few in number - a pint a tree - that you must best the birds to them. I tie a ribbon on a blooming Shadbush to identify where to return for the berries.

This was a favorite food of Indians as well as many American songbirds and wildlife. Deer and elk browse on the twigs.

Here's hoping you'll find a Shadbush berry - one of the yummiest and least known Native American treats - this June.



Recent DARE graduates at Tri-Valley



Sergeant Luis Alvarez left, Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff rear, and Corporal Cheryl Crumley right, congratulate recent DARE graduates at the Tri-Valley School in Grahamsville.

These intrepid 5th graders completed an 18 week program that included drug awareness, peer pressure, violence prevention, cyber safety, and awareness of bullying. These young citizens have now been armed with some of the basic tools necessary to make informed decisions as they grow

ERH Recognized as an American Heart Association Start!

(From Pg. 1)
Ellenville Regional Hospital has been recognized as a Gold-Level Start! Fit-Friendly Company by the American Heart Association's Start! initiative for helping employees eat better and move more.

"Physical activity and employee wellness are important priorities at Ellenville Regional Hospital. We are honored and excited to be recognized by the American Heart Association's Start! movement as a Gold-Level Start! Fit-Friendly Company," said Steven L. Kelley, President and CEO. "We're committed to providing the best workplace environment possible. This will benefit our employees' health and produce even more positive results for our company overall. And we are thrilled to be the first company in Southern Ulster County to receive this designation!"

Gold-level employers:

- Offer employees physical activity options in the workplace
- Increase healthy eating options at the worksite
- Promote a wellness culture in the workplace
- Implement at least nine criteria outlined by the American Heart Association in the areas of physical activity, nutrition and culture

Ellenville Regional Hospital earned this designation for a number of factors, including supporting a walking program for its staff, along with a very successful weight loss program. To date, employees of the hospital have lost a total of over 550 lbs. under the Weight Watchers At Work program. The hospital cafeteria and vending machines were revamped to offer more healthy choices. In addition, the hospital has sent teams annually to participate in the American Heart Association Heart Walk, as well as in other charitable walks.

For more information about the Start! Fit-Friendly Companies Program and how it is helping to improve the health of Americans by focusing on an activity that is convenient, free and easy, call 845 485-4703 or visit startwalkingnow.org. For information on Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call 845 647-6400.

The Ellenville Regional Hospital is a 25 bed rural critical access hospital located in Southern Ulster County. The Hospital offers a wide range of services including inpatient services, rehabilitation, emergency care, physical therapy, orthopedics, gastroenterology, cardiology, cardio-stress testing, pulmonary, pain management, ambulatory surgery, laboratory, diabetes education, oncology, clinical pharmacy services, medical nutrition therapy, hospice care, women's health including bone density, mammography, ultrasound, urogynecology and imaging including CT scan, digital X-Ray, nuclear medicine, and in the very near future MRI studies. The hospital has won numerous quality awards including four Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative awards, one of each that was awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in 2009 and a 2010 Quality and Patient Safety Award from the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet) Patient Safety Institute for reducing the average length of stay in the Emergency Department to less than 100 minutes.

April 26th TVCS Board of Education Meeting

The Superintendent is recommending that the Board of Education approve a budget of \$29,613,888, which represents just under a 1% estimated increase in tax levy.

Since the last Board of Education Meeting (4/7/11), the Board of Education has learned that it has reached an agreement with TESSA to eliminate the Transportation Department, leading to an estimated savings of \$339,691. The Board of Education is now able to offer a budget that has reached all of its goals and impose an increase in the tax levy of less than 1%. This savings will be recognized in the 2011-12 school year if the agreement with TESSA is ultimately ratified by the membership and the Board of Education. The Board of Education is optimistic that this will occur.

Because the Board of Education is now able to consider a budget that contemplates savings from the elimination of the bus garage, it does not have to plan to consider eliminating other positions in the Teacher Aide ranks as was previously contemplated. However, if this budget is to be approved by the voters, it will require that savings goals be met. In the unlikely event that the Transportation Department is not eliminated, there would be a need to make up those savings from other position eliminations.

The Board of Education appreciates TESSA and the willingness of its membership to assist in this regard. Through the efforts of TESSA at the negotiating table, the members of the bargaining unit affected by the elimination of the bus garage will receive severance payments to help them offset the loss of their District employment. In addition, Rolling V Transportation has indicated to the District that it will need the services of these employees as a result of the additional work it is now going to be doing. Accordingly, it has invited these employees to come work for it. Thus, the employees affected by the elimination of the Transportation Department will not only receive severance payments, but will also have an opportunity for reemployment with a private company. Had the District eliminated positions outside the Transportation Department, these payments and opportunities would not have been available.

Tryouts for SC Thunderheads

Tryouts for the Sullivan County Thunderheads boys 17 & Under traveling summer baseball team will be held May 7 & 8 at 1 p.m. at City Field, Route 55A Grahamsville.

The team is a member of the New York Elite Baseball league which is associated with the Continental Amateur Baseball Association.

Players must attend both tryout sessions.

Register for the tryouts by calling Ed Townsend 845-439-8177 or email thunderheadsbaseball@gmail.com

Sullivan County to Hold Job Fair

Loch Sheldrake - Sullivan County Manager David P Fanslau has announced that the 2011 Sullivan County Job Fair will be held Tuesday May 10th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Sullivan County Community College Paul Gerry Field House.

Fanslau said "The Job Fair is being sponsored by the Sullivan Works One Stop system (a partnership of the Center for Workforce Development, New York State Department of Labor, Sullivan County Community College, BOCES, CACHE, ACCES-VR and Delaware Valley Job Corps), the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, and Watermark Communications.

Position yourself for success by meeting with businesses who represent over 200 job openings in a variety of industries including healthcare, leisure and hospitality, manufacturing, and financial services," added Fanslau.

Take time to talk to local training providers about opportunities to upgrade and learn new skills. Find out about local resources such as health insurance, dressing for success, and starting your own business by visiting with a variety of community organizations. Come prepared for a job interview. Make sure to dress in appropriate business attire and bring several copies of your resume."

If you would like your resume reviewed or need additional copies before the Job Fair please stop by or call the Sullivan Works One Stop Center, 50 North Street, Monticello, 845-794-3340.

If you are a business looking to hire and would like to participate in the Job Fair please call Pat Bevacqua, Sullivan County Center for Workforce Development, 845-807-0385.

SC Long Beards 3rd Annual Early Youth Turkey Hunt Contest



13 year old Josh Kortright from Neversink, NY -Bird taken 19.4 lbs with 8 & 1/8" beard

The first and second place winners of the Sullivan County Long Beards 3rd Annual Early Youth Turkey Hunt Contest were: 1st Place winner - Jake Murphy-14yrs old from Jeffersonville, NY with a Bird taken on April 23rd that weighed 24 lbs. with 10 1/2" beard

2nd Place winner - Mike LaGrutta-15yrs old from Swan Lake, NY with a Bird taken on April 24 that weighed 22.9 lbs with a 10"beard Both winners were awarded a 12 gauge pump shotgun. Shewolf Taxidermy offered a free full strut mount but due to the weather, the birds were in no condition to be mounted, so the Long Beards decided to just make both prizes a turkey gun.

Ulster County SPCA Garden Party

Celebrate Mother's Day on Saturday, May 7th from 10AM-4PM at the Ulster County SPCA's annual Garden Party and Bake Sale. Discover plenty of flowers, garden ornaments, baked goods and jewelry at this family friendly event. Enter the SPCA's fundraising raffle for a chance to win a beautiful Adirondack Tripod Swing. All proceeds benefit the shelter. The Ulster County SPCA is located at 20 Wiedy Rd. (off Sawkill Rd.) in Kingston. For more information call 331-5377 x210.

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FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

- Paula Rhodes

Hello my friends and again how did it get to be May? I just got over March! But, I am so excited. We had lots of people the last three days and I saw some friends I haven't seen since the fall. I am so glad it is spring even if it doesn't feel a lot like it this morning.

So we took off Tuesday afternoon and all day Wednesday and went to see the grandbabies. Our 17 year old hates it when I call him a baby but I am 'Granma' and I can get away with it. Just like telling him I needed to go to the mall and then dragging him through all the women's stores looking for a dress to wear to a wedding! But he was a very good sport and got pretzels and iced cappuccinos out of it that cost as much as the dress I was looking at!

And, what ever happened to hats? I watched the wedding (need I really say whose wedding) and they had hats galore and some of the "goofiest" looking ones I have ever seen. Ok do you remember the 70's wine racks made of hard plastic tubes or wooden tubes? They formed a triangle; well one of those people in England found one of them and made a hat out of it! She wore that wine rack on her head in front of billions of people. But, back to what happened to hats?

My grandson is into fedoras! He wears one all the time. He also likes to wear dress clothes that all match. I dress like a colorblind-homeless person. His socks and underwear must match! Anyway, I told him I couldn't find a hat for the wedding I was going to and he said, "Yea, I know how you feel. I can't find a nice hat that doesn't have some dumb advertising on it." So I told him about how his great-great-grandfather always wore one and I gave him a new one for his birthday every year. It was a lot of fun telling him about it. Maybe not as much fun for him as for me but I enjoyed it. I also told him if he wanted a nice hat, next time I came to visit I would take him to an old man store and buy him a new fedora! He thought that was a much better idea than us shopping any longer.

And last of Granma stories: Amelia Lee was saying goodbye and I told her to say, "I love you Pop Pop and give him a kiss!!!!!!!" She reached for Gary and kissed him and said lolo poooo and in Granma and Pop Pop language she recited the American dictionary! She is almost 19 months old and doesn't talk. Not that she need to; all she has to do is point and grunt and someone gives her what she wants. Remember she is the only granddaughter on either side of the family and her brother is 17. No she isn't spoiled!

Well, my friends I really have to run and clean my floors you know my favorite thing to do. But, you know I don't mind cleaning my floors when I can open the front door and sweep it right out because IT IS SPRING! Dance in the sunshine my friends and don't let the bears get you!

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

Hi everybody and welcome to this week's Reservoir Music Notes. This is going to be a short column because for the second week in a row, there's almost nothing going on musically in our local area. If you want to drive to Brooklyn or Bethelwoods or Manhattan or

Irvington or Ridgefield, Connecticut or Peekskill or Pawling, there's plenty of live music, but in our neck of the woods.... Nada.

The only noteworthy events this week for us are JACKIE GREENE at The Bearsville Theater on Friday and The Midnight Ramble at Levon Helm Studios on Saturday, which is where I am going to be on Saturday night. On Friday however, I will probably forego Jackie to take the drive to Peekskill for a show of monumental historical proportion. That show will be DOCTOR RALPH STANLEY AND THE CLINCH MOUNTAIN BOYS. Now, not to take anything away from Jackie Greene. That should be a great show too, but Dr. Ralph Stanley is the last living picker from the golden days of bluegrass, and his career has enjoyed a resurgence in the last ten years. This could be the last opportunity to see this living legend perform in our area, and I do not want to miss it. The show is at The Paramount Performing Arts Center, and is my Pick of the Week.

Now about Jackie Greene. Jackie made his bones playing guitar with Phil Lesh of The Grateful Dead. The other guitarist with Phil at that time was our own Larry Campbell, and for my money, that was the best group Phil's had since Jerry Garcia died. Jackie and Larry's guitar pyrotechnics together were on par with *The Dead's* Jerry Garcia and Bob Weir, and in some ways, even surpassed those two legends, because both Jackie and Larry could play lead guitar, so the fretwork interplay was amazing. Jackie's own music is more folky and Americana style, so don't expect a hard rockin' show, but it will be good, especially if Larry drops by to jam, which is highly likely.

We lost a great singer this week in Phoebe Snow. Phoebe performed in Woodstock often and was a frequent guest at Levon's Rambles. She will be missed.

As I sat down to write this column, it came over the TV that United States forces in Pakistan had killed Osama Bin Laden. Even though I usually leave the political commentary to my friend Frank Comando, I couldn't let a story of that magnitude pass without comment. Hopefully the terrorism era that started with 9-11 can now be brought to an end, and please remember, George Bush had 8 years to get Osama and failed. Obama succeeded in 2 years.

Have a great week.

To The Editor:

Hail and farewell to Greg Goldstein. We thank him for six outstanding years as Supervisor of the Town of Neversink, during which time he met the needs of our community by taking decisive action, being always reachable, and responsive to emergencies. We wish him well in his next endeavor.

As life-long Democrats, we pulled the lever for Republican Greg, but hope this election year our party will run a worthy candidate. We look forward to a live-campaign this fall for the post of Town Supervisor.

Peggy & Robert Friedman
Neversink, NY

Dear Editor,

The residents of the Town of Shandaken have all recently received a letter written by Al Higley and mailed to every Town of Shandaken postal patron by "Citizens for a Better Shandaken". Mr. Higley concludes his letter asking us to "say 'yes' to farm stands", and coincidentally, signs are popping up all over town asking us to "say 'yes' to farm stands". Farm stands are indeed a part of our rural landscape, and the availability of farm fresh produce certainly contributes to our local quality of life. The opening sentence of Mr. Higley's letter, however, states "The issue of closing our farm stand is again on the Town Board's agenda." This statement is nothing more than a blatant lie that reveals the total lack of integrity of the author, his attempts to manipulate our laws, and his propaganda aimed at misleading the general public. There is no effort on the part of the town, nor has there ever been, to shut down Higley's farm stand.

The Town of Shandaken's Zoning Code does of course provide for the legality of operating a farm stand in an area with residential zoning, and the provisions in our zoning code are arguably far too restrictive. Mr. Higley has been operating Hanover Farms in flagrant violation of our zoning code for some years now. Our town's previous administration attempted to address this problem by drafting a proposed farm stand law that would have brought Hanover Farms essentially into compliance. Mr. Higley, however, has adamantly opposed a farm stand law and any regulation whatsoever to his illegal business that is located in a residential zone. Mr. Higley's solution to this situation is to change the zoning of his location, a solution that encompasses far more commercial possibilities than just a farm stands.

Our elected officials are entrusted by their constituents with the responsibility of upholding the law of the land. It is a disgrace to the Town of Shandaken that this illegal situation has been allowed to continue, but changing the law to accommodate an illegal situation would be far more disgraceful. Our elected officials cannot in good conscience, allow an individual who is in violation of the law to dictate a change to that very law which he is violating. Mr. Higley's tactic is to push for a zoning change that would open our scenic byway to untold commercial development, as if this would be the only option to allow him to stay in business, which of course it is not. Furthermore, commercial zoning along our Route 28 corridor would be totally contrary to the Town's Comprehensive plan. it is not the responsibility of the Town of Shandaken to accommodate Mr. Higley's illegal operation with a sweeping change to our zoning law. On the contrary, it is Mr. Higley's responsibility to operate within the law. Say 'yes' to farm stands, but say 'no' to zoning change.

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Decks and Docks on the Esopus: A Magical Creek Tour

After a prolonged winter, it's good to have something to look forward to! The Decks and Docks Tour on Esopus Creek starts at the Saugerties beach at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 4th (rain date, Sunday, June 5th - rain or shine). The tour continues until 4:00 p.m.

This delightful occasion, now in its fourth year, is a fundraiser to benefit the splendid Esopus Bend Nature Preserve. This 161-acre site embraces a beautiful undeveloped area of woodland, wetland, meadows, and streams along the banks of the Esopus south of the Village of Saugerties. Esopus Bend is owned and maintained by Esopus Creek Conservancy (ECC), a non-profit, all-volunteer organization. The idea in creating the Decks and Docks Tour was to open our eyes to the Preserve and the remarkable settings that the residents along the creek enjoy.

The hosts are not gardeners or artists, however; what makes them distinctive is that they have created remarkable riverside settings. These include striking views of the creek from secluded gardens, docks, swimming areas, waterside patios, and decks, all designed to take advantage of the creek's placid and scenic qualities. At each stop along the route--a detailed map is provided--the visitor is entertained with food and drink, with the opportunity to enjoy the scene and relish the company of hosts and fellow visitors. So the day is a chance to get to know some of the town's surprising corners as well as the people who live there. The trip among the various sites can be made by car, rowboat, or kayak; for those who don't own a kayak or are not experienced at handling one, the organizers make a certain number available for rent and offer instruction in

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The Trout Parade will step-off promptly at 1:00 p.m., led by the 2011 Grand Marshal Ramsay Adams, Executive Director of Catskill Mountainkeeper. Look for Ramsay to be followed by a wide variety of music, entertainment and floats representing local businesses, organizations and performance groups from this area, and beyond! Early entries

in the parade include antique and classic cars from the Any Make * Any Model Car Club, the larger than life puppets of Catskill Puppet Theater and Bud Wertheim's Giant Brook Trout, Johnny Darling puppet and a special surprise. Everyone is invited to participate!

Our first Trout Parade Marching Band Competition is sponsored by Arts at The Laundry King. The Grand Prize is \$1000 clams, Second Prize is \$500 and Third Prize is \$250! School groups, community groups and any merry making marching group are welcome to come play your bugles and drums to a fishy tune. Arts at The Laundry King is the arts arm of the Livingston Manor Community Center and their space on Main Street is opening this summer. For more information about the Marching Band Competition call Sue Barnett at 607-498-4389.

We hope you'll join in the fun. There is no cost to participate and hundreds come to see the Parade each year. It's also in support of a good cause.

Catskill Art Society is producing this year's Trout Parade in partnership with the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce, and with support from businesses and individuals from around the community. Proceeds from the event will benefit a variety of cultural programs for children in Livingston Manor, and Catskill Art Society.

For more information and details on how to become a sponsor or to participate in the 2011 Trout Parade, contact Catskill Art Society at 845-436-4227; or go to www.troutparade.com. You can also find the Trout Parade on Facebook.

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Jackass Flat By CC Loveheart and John Simon; directed by Brendan Burke June 24 - July 10. In Shadowland's first world premiere in 15 years, it's Las Vegas, 1951 and a woman has a special treat in mind for her daughter until an unwelcome visit from an uptight sister-in-law takes these three women on a road trip at the dawn of the nuclear age. Jackass Flats was developed at Shadowland, originating as a reading in the theater's 2009 Ulster County Playwriting Festival.

The Andrews Brothers Created by Roger Bean; directed by Michael LaFleu July 15 - August 14. When a case of chickenpox quarantines the Andrews Sisters right before a big USO show, three brave stage hands and an intrepid pin-up girl step up with a plan to save the day in this swinging tribute to the music of WWII that sustained a generation. It's "Some Like It Hot" meets The Marx Brothers in this wacky musical featuring 1940s hits like "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "Don't Sit under the Apple Tree" and Rosie the Riveter.

The Ladies Man By Charles Morey; directed by Brendan Burk August 19 - September 11. Adapted from Georges Feydeau's "Tailleur Pour Dames," this farce rolls up an outrageous web of deception, wit and mistaken identities with more energy than the Moulin Rouge, both side-splitting and contemporarily told with a classical touch, what The Wall Street Journal called, "An explosion of inspired craziness...I can't recall the last time I laughed so hard!"

Medal of Honor Rag By Tom Cole; directed by James Glossman September 16 - October 2. In a US Army hospital in 1971, a black winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor is being examined and questioned by a psychiatrist, survivors laden with guilt, haunted by their pasts, desperate yet hopeful for personal redemption. Although written in 1975, Cole's searing drama is eerily relevant and timely as more American men and women return from Iraq and Afghanistan, adjusting to the realities of "coming home."

Shadowland's 2011 productions are being co-produced by Provident Bank, Gillette Creamery, TRMI, Bermac Homes Aides, Collier & Berger, Esqs, White Wolf Restaurant, TJ and Debbie Briggs, Candido and Maria Perez, Barbara and David Vazquez, Jim Gebhard and martinrabkinink.

Season subscriptions at \$105 to \$120 for five productions, single-performance tickets and group sales are available at the box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY, by phone at 845-647-5511 and online at shadowlandtheatre.org.

About Shadowland Theatre

Shadowland Theatre is the leading professional nonprofit Actors' Equity company in the Lower Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region. Located only 90 miles from New York City in Ellenville, NY, Shadowland was named "Best of the Valley" by Hudson Valley magazine; "Cultural Business of the Year" by Ulster Development Corporation and Ulster County Chamber of Commerce; "Best Theatre" by the Times Herald Record; and "Best Drama of the Year" by The Daily Record in NJ for The Good German. Founded in 1984, Shadowland performs in a restored 1920's Art Deco vaudeville/movie house converted to a 148-seat theatre. For more information, visit shadowland.org.

2011 Sullivan County International Pageant (From Pg. 1)



Back row (left to right): Assistant Director - Amy Bernhardt, 2011 Mrs. Sullivan County International - Elizabeth Brown, 2011 Miss Teen Sullivan County International - Brianna Worden, 2011 Miss Sullivan County International - Felicia Ramos, Executive Director - Christina Buckler. Front row (left to right): 2011 Miss Sullivan County Pre-Teen - Danielle Curry, 2011 Young Miss Sullivan County - Jada May

The winners of the pageant are as follows:

- People's Choice Award Winner - Brianna Worden - Grahamsville
- Director's Choice Award Winner - Jessyca Wolcott - Livingston Manor
- Most Photogenic - Young Miss - Danielle Bertholf - Woodbourne
- Most Photogenic - Pre-Teen - Stephanie Krom - White Sulphur Springs
- Most Photogenic - Teen - Ynez Jones - Monticello
- Most Photogenic - Miss - Annarose Mongiello - Monticello
- Most Photogenic - Mrs. - Elizabeth Brown - White Lake
- Young Miss Sullivan County - Jada May - Liberty**
- Miss Sullivan County Pre-Teen - Danielle Curry - Swan Lake
- 1st runner up - Tatianna Ackerley - Liberty
- 2nd runner up - Stephanie Krom - White Sulphur Springs
- 3rd runner up - Krystal Warf - Monticello
- 4th runner up - Amanda Rampe - Roscoe
- Miss Teen Sullivan County International - Brianna Worden Grahamsville**
- 1st runner up - Micaela Bishop - Roscoe
- 2nd runner up - Zariina Padu - Narrowsburg
- 3rd runner up - Jessyca Wolcott - Livingston Manor
- 4th runner up - Ynez Jones - Monticello
- Miss Sullivan County International - Felicia Ramos - Wurtsboro**
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SUNY Ulster is presenting four spring concerts to appeal to a wide variety of musical interests. Free and open to the public, the music performances will all start at 7:30 p.m. and be held in Quimby Theater.

Kicking off the seasonal program, the SUNY Ulster Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Victor Izzo, Jr. performed on May 2.

The Community Band and Jazz Ensemble performed on Wednesday, May 4. Christopher Earley will direct the Jazz Ensemble and Izzo will direct the Community Band.

On May 5, a Choral Music and Guitar Ensemble Concert will be presented, featuring the SUNY Ulster college chorus, guitar ensemble and vocal ensemble. The college chorus and vocal ensemble are directed by Janet Gehres with Edward Leavitt as the accompanist. Gregory Dinger is the director and arranger for the guitar ensemble.

Concluding the concert series, SUNY Ulster's String Ensemble will perform on May 9. Anastasia Solberg is the director.

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Hinchey: Oil Company Earnings Are Obscene (From Pg. 1)

"Big Oil is robbing America's middle class. These huge corporations are seeing profits rise by nearly 70 percent as middle class families continue to struggle in a tight economy. Small businesses are having to cut back instead of creating jobs, food prices are rising, working people can't afford to drive to their jobs, and all the while fat cat oil men are sitting on a huge pile of money courtesy of obscenely high oil prices and huge taxpayer subsidies and giveaways totaling nearly \$100 billion. This is completely unacceptable. Congress needs to act immediately to finally eliminate these ridiculous subsidies for America's most profitable industry. I've been working to do this for years. Continuing these giveaways is a slap in the face to American taxpayers who are already getting ripped off every day at the gas pump."

Caught: Fake Organic Certificates from China - Billiam van Roestenberg

China has a reputation for producing knock-offs of luxury brands like Louis Vuitton purses and BMW cars. Add organic food and wine to the list of faux products.

In February, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) released a report citing a company in southern China's ZhongShan district for falsifying an organic food certificate and seeking to export their non-organic soybeans, buckwheat and millet as organic products. The fake certification was brought to the USDA's attention when French organic certifying company Ecocert contacted USDA officials.

On March 24, the USDA caught another company using a fraudulent organic certificate for brown sugar in Johannesburg, South Africa. In both incidents, the USDA found no evidence that the sugar or soybeans ever made it to market. Still, they could prompt consumers to question the validity and trustworthiness of food labels, particularly for imported organic food.

"If you're not there watching how the food is produced and processed, there is always the unknown," said Patty Lovera, assistant director of Food and Water Watch, a non-profit consumer advocacy organization. "We push for high standards for organics, but to make it meaningful, we need systems of enforcement."

To police organic standards internationally, the USDA depends on accredited agents to enforce organic certificates. The USDA relies on 94 agents worldwide to certify organic food for import to the United States. Those 94 organic certifying agents are responsible for monitoring some 20,000 companies that want to sell organic products. "The USDA is working hard with the certifiers to collaborate so they can be the eyes and ears on cases like this," said Soo Kim, a spokesperson for the USDA.

The U.S. increasingly relies on China as a source for food products. In 2008, the U.S. imported some \$5.2 billion worth of seafood and agricultural products from China compared to \$800 million in 1995 according to the USDA. The USDA estimates that 60 percent of apple juice consumed in the U.S. is imported from China. Other major Chinese imports include garlic, instant coffee, dried and canned vegetables and fruit.

In 2008, Chinese manufacturers added melamine chemicals to milk products, including infant formula, so that their products could appear to have high levels of protein in laboratory tests. Six babies died and hundreds of thousands of people were exposed to the contaminated milk.

These latest bogus organic labeling scams have prompted some local food advocates in the U.S. to take a hard line against imported foods. Mark Kastel, co-founder of The Cornucopia Institute, a non-profit supporting small-scale ecological farming, believes that importing food from China and elsewhere violates the spirit of sustainability, which he defines as minimizing the distance between consumers and producers, and assuring transparency in how food is grown. Organic consumers "want to pay more and so they know more," said Kastel. For consumers, paying a premium for organic food makes less sense when food importers are found to be falsifying organic certification.

This article is part of an ongoing partnership between Civil Eats and the UC Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism News21 course on food reporting. Over the next several months we will regularly feature stories from students in the class.

Diana Jou is a graduate student in new media journalism at UC Berkeley. She is interested in ethnic food traditions in America and China's increasing role in the global food market.

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Visit Hinchey's Facebook Page to Help Choose Winner of 2011 Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Maurice Hinchey's (D-NY) Facebook page is now hosting the artwork of nearly 30 local high school students who have entered the 2011 Congressional Art Competition. Over the course of the next week, Facebook fans can help choose a finalist for the competition by giving the thumbs up to artwork they "like." Voting will continue throughout the week, and a Facebook finalist will be chosen on Monday, May 2nd at noon. The finalist in the Facebook portion of the competition will then go head to head against finalists selected from each of Congressman Hinchey's district offices. A winner will be announced on May 10th. To receive continual updates on the competition, Facebook users can like Congressman Hinchey's page by visiting www.facebook.com/mauricehinchey.

"Students from Pine Bush to Johnson City have submitted some really incredible artwork," said Hinchey. "Everyone should take a look at the gallery on my official Facebook page. It showcases the talents of the youth from throughout the congressional district I represent. One of these pieces will soon be hanging in the halls of Congress."

In March, Hinchey announced the beginning of the 2011 Congressional Art Competition. The Congressional Art Competition is open to all students in grades 9-12 who either reside or attend high school in New York's 22nd Congressional District. The first place winner will have his or her artwork publicly displayed on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC for one year. The deadline for submissions in this year's competition has passed, but those wishing to participate in future competitions can learn more by visiting <http://hinchey.house.gov/art>.

At Gillibrand's Urging, Defense Dept Grants Crucial Extension for Hudson Valley Company's I.E.D. Technology Program

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, today announced that the U.S. Army Geospatial Center will grant a critically needed period-of-performance extension for Fishkill-based Advanced Reconnaissance Corp. that is developing technology that could have the potential to detect Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs), which could help save the lives of troops on the ground. Without the extension, the further development of this promising program would have come to an end.

The Hudson Valley company is developing the technology for the Fisher Program, administered and managed by the Army Geospatial Center on behalf of the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization (JIEDDO), and is currently under consideration for the implementation of its second phase.

"I applaud the decision by the Army Geospatial Center to extend a period-of-performance for the Fisher Program," Senator Gillibrand said. "IEDs pose a serious threat to our troops in Afghanistan. The research conducted by the Fisher Program has the potential to save lives, and greatly reduce the trauma imposed on our brave men and women in uniform."

John MacEnroe, President and CEO for the Dutchess Economic Development Corporation said, "I am delighted that Senator Gillibrand and the United States Army were able to obtain a period-of-performance extension for the Fisher Program. It is my expectation that the success of the Fisher Program will enable Advanced Reconnaissance Corporation to prove its capability in detecting Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs). The success of this company is important to the economy of Dutchess County and the State of New York. As a retired US Army officer, I am thrilled that this technology will be able to be deployed and that it will save lives of our soldiers."

Mark Westfield, Chairman and CEO for Advanced Reconnaissance Corp. said, "This technology represents over 8 years of development work at ARC, and our team is excited that we now are able to continue, and potentially see our efforts pay off by helping to save our forces in harms way from the harm that these horrific devices inflict."

The Fisher Program has completed their first phase in developing technology that has the potential to help U.S. troops detect IEDs on the

ground. If proven successful, the technology could help prevent serious trauma due to IED explosions.

JIEDDO is now considering funding for phase two of the Fisher Program. While they intended to fund the program, the decision has been put on hold due to the FY 2011 appropriations process. JIEDDO will be unable to come to a conclusion on the funding of phase two prior to the end of the current period-of-performance on April 30th.

POLITICAL SLANT

- Frank Comando

The Future of Social Security, the insurance industry's views.

If you are 26 years old today and expect to begin receiving Social Security benefits at age 62, you may be in for a surprise. In 2041, benefits for retirees may be reduced by 27 percent, and continue to be cut back each year thereafter. **A System in Jeopardy** - Why has the durability of the Social Security system come into question recently? According to the 2007 Social Security Trustees' Report, the program faces massive annual deficits in just 10 years. Coupled with a Congressional Budget Office reports predicting Social Security and Medicare expenditures to increase to around 75% by 2030, economists seem to have no certain answers now. While today's retirees can probably count on receiving their Social Security benefits, future generations may not be so fortunate.

Crowds Jeering At Tea Party Congressman

Freshman GOP Rep. Daniel Webster, along with other House Republicans were back home for congressional recess, and they have been getting some tough questions about plans to overhaul Medicare. However at GOP freshman Congressman's Daniel Webster's town hall meeting in Orlando, Florida, Tuesday was beyond tough - it turned into a chaotic scene. Webster used charts and graphs to try to explain the controversial House GOP budget he voted for, but he could barely be heard over angry yelling - mostly about the Medicare proposal. As one man held a sign saying 'keep your hands off my Medicare,' another woman screamed that the congressman voted to give corporations a tax cut 'but take away Medicare for people like me.'

More reasons why people are angry about Tea Party Federal Budget

When Social Security income exceeds its expenses, the surplus is retained by the Treasury and used to meet the government's non-Social Security expenses. For example, the recent surpluses in Social Security led to annual surpluses that went to finance B-2 bombers, farm subsidies, savings and loan bailouts, research and development funds that helped build factories out of this country, and other general federal expenditures. In return for borrowing these funds, the Treasury issues special bonds to the Social Security trust fund. Through 2007, the Social Security trust fund held \$2 trillion in bonds. When Social Security's expenses exceed its income, theoretically these bonds can be redeemed to meet current obligations. Beginning in 2017, the Treasury will need to begin redeeming these bonds. And the government will have to find the cash to repay the money it borrowed.

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Ulster County Civil War Roundtable
 Thursday April 27th the UCCWRT held it's montly meeting at the County Office Building on Fair St at 7 PM. Current President of Nassau Civil War Roundtable, Clarence Anspake, discussed the events leading up to the firing at Fort Sumter in the Spring of 1861, 150 years ago. Focusing on the fact that when our young Nation began its journey, the issue of slavery was never completely settled, he discussed the invention

of the Cotton Gin by Eli Whitney(1793) and how it affected business and trade, taxes and states rights. He brought an awarness as to how difficult it was to choose between North and South and the industrial movement taking over the country.

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 John Bult, Organist



May 7, 2011
 Sundown United Methodist Church
 at the Sundown Church Hall



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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.

Grahamsville Reformed Church

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper
 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

845-985-7480

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING,
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AT GRAHAMSVILLE
TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual budget hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Tri-Valley Central High School Upstairs Gym/Auditorium in said District at Grahamsville, New York on:

Tuesday, May 10, 2011
at 7:00 P.M. (EDST)

for the purpose of presenting the budget for the 2011-2012 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days preceding the annual meeting (Beginning Tuesday, May 3, 2011).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2011-2012 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education, and VOTING on any other proposition to be acted upon, will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 between the hours of 11:30 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the term of three members of the Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2011. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before of 9:00 A.M. on Monday, April 18, 2011. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. The three highest vote getters will fill the three full term positions. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

The 3-year terms of the following Members of the Board of Education expire on June 30, 2011, and are to be filled at this election:

Kathy Denman
Joyce Hartman
Scott Mickelson

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Tuesday, May 10th, 2011 and Wednesday, May 11th, 2011 in the Main Entrance Area, 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, May 12th, 2011 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 May 17, 2011. 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 Saturday and 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, May 10th, 2011) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 16th, 2011, 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
Martha Lee Ter Bush, District Clerk
Dated: April 1, 2011

**NOTICE OF RESOLUTION ADOPTED SUBJECT TO
PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District of the Town of Denning, Ulster County, New York, at the regularly scheduled meeting thereof, held on April 26, 2011, duly adopted the following resolution;

BE IT RESOLVED; pursuant to the provisions of the General Municipal Law and the Town Law of the State of New York, that the sum not to exceed \$13,000 be expended from the Capital Reserve Fund of said Fire District for the purchase, of a washer and dryer for the purpose of cleaning the fire fighters turn out gear, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Secretary of the Fire District shall, within ten working days of the adoption of the resolution, publish a notice within the official newspaper of the Fire District setting forth the date of the adoption of the resolution and an abstract of the resolution concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof and that the resolution was adapted subject to a permissive referendum.
Dated: April 26, 2011

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
TOWN OF DENNING, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK

By: Jim Tisch
Secretary / Treasurer
Claryville Fire District

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF
TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL**

(Pursuant to Sections 506 & 526 of the Real Property Tax Law)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with the Town Clerk at the Neversink Town Hall, where it may be seen and examined by any interested party until the fourth Tuesday in May.

Grievance Day will be held on May 24, 2011 at Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY. The hours are 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The Tentative Assessment Roll will be available at the Neversink Town Hall during regular business hours or you may call for an Appointment.

The law requires complainants to file a written statement, under oath, specifying the respect in which the assessment complained of is illegal, or erroneous by reason of over valuation or inequality (Real Property Tax Law, Sec. 512 subdivision 1). The complaint must also state the amount of reduction sought. The complainant may file the complaint with the Assessor prior to Grievance Day.

A publication is available at the Assessors Office which explains how to file a complaint on your assessment along with the forms.

Dated: April 28, 2011
Gene Froehlich, Assessor
Town of Neversink

**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF
TENTATIVE ASSESMENT ROLL**

NOTICE OF COMPLETION shall be published once in the official newspaper of the town and a copy of the published notice posted on the signboard at the entrance of the Town Clerk's office stating that the Assessor(s) have completed the Tentative Roll, where the roll may be examined and when and where Grievance Day will be held (rptl § 506,526(1), 1526).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the Town of Denning, County of Ulster has completed the Tentative Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with the Town Clerk at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725. Where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until the Fourth Tuesday in May during regular business hours or by appointment.

THE BOARD OF AEESSMENT REVIEW WILL MEET ON MAY 25, 2011 between the hours of 4 and 8 pm at the Denning Town Hall, to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the written application of any person believing himself to be Aggrieved.

Dated the 1st of May, 2011
Micheal B. Sommer, IAO
Sole Assessor
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**PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING
THE ERATH STORAGE BUILDINGS**

Any group or organization that has items stored in the Erath single story block building on Rt. 55 needs to remove these items prior to **June 1, 2011**. If you have any questions, call Doug Hamilton at 845-985-7427.

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

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Sunday, July 17.
The Buddy Holly Story Forestburgh Playhouse July 27. \$30 residents/\$46 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.

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

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

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

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

Transportation to NYC Saturday, December 3. \$20 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8. Call Parks & Recreation at (845) 985-2262 Ext 312 for more information



Daniel Pierce Library
Winter hours effective Thursday, December 2, 2010. The library will open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 8 P.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is a change from its former hours of 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday hours will remain the same. If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.
 Closed Sundays and Mondays
 The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.
845-985-7233

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

- 5/4/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board
- 5/6/11 First Friday Group - Daniel Pierce Library 1:00 p.m. reading /reporting from books on local history
- 5/7/11 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 5/7/11 **Tri-Valley Lions Club Journey for Sight Walk** - registration 8:30 1st Aid Squad Bldg/Walk 9 am
- 5/8/11 Claryville Fire Dept. **Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 5/9/11 Town of Olive Audit Meeting - 7:30 pm - Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd.
- 5/10/11 Town of Olive Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd.
- 5/10/11 Town of Denning Business Meeting
- 5/11/11 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 5/12/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 5/12/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 5/14/11 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Spaghetti & Meatballs, Sausage Dinner** - 4:00 - 7:00 pm 985-7480
- 5/17/11 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)
- 5/17/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm -(subject to cancellation due to inclement weather)
- 5/17/11 Town of Olive Planning Board Meeting - - Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd.
- 5/18/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 5/18/11 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 5/21/11 **Thrift Sale** -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
- 5/24/11 Claryville Fire Dist Commissioners Meeting - 7:00 PM.
- 5/30/11 **TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - MEMORIAL DAY**
- 5/31/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Dept. 7 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 6/1/11 **Tri-Valley Lions Club Rabies Clinic** - Grahamsville Fair Grounds 6-8 pm. Pets must be 3 months old.
- 6/4/11 Community Garden Work Day at Claryville Reformed Church Community Garden
- 6/7/11 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall 7:00 pm

Save the Date!
 The **Opening Ceremony of the Daniel Pierce Library** addition will take place on Sunday, June 12, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. All are invited.
 July 30th - **Time and the Valleys Olde Time Fair and Antique Auction**

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

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

- Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>
- Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>
- Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>
- Time and the Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org>
- Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsmen On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsmen.com>
- To find out what is happening at Tri-Valley CSD: <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

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

- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
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- VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
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AL-ANON MEETINGS - <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>

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

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SHHH! CAS Silent Auction Benefit

The Catskill Art Society proudly presents SHHH! CAS SILENT AUCTION BENEFIT, an exhibition of work by local artists to benefit the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor. This exhibition will feature works by artists that visitors can bid on, win, and take home the day the exhibition closes. Participating artists at press time, who generously donated their work, include: John Hamilton Adams, Eric Baylin, Suzanne BeVier, Jane Biron, Richard Brachman, Andrea Brown, Jeff Christensen, Ursula Clark, Jerry Cohen, Steve Ellis, Elizabeth Ennis, Chip Forelli, Kathe Frantz, Gordon Gilbert, Joan Giordano, Donna Greenthal, Linda Hare, Caroline Harrow, Kathleen Hayek, Ramona Jan, Richard J. Kreznar, Carol Lewis, Ayla Maloney, Richard Manzi, Judith Meyerowitz, Joan O'Connor, Rick Pereira, Rob Rayevsky, Kit Sailer, Frank Shuback, Ginger Smith, Jane Sokolow, Sugar Blossom Flowers, GG Stankiewicz, Benjamin Swett, Naomi Teppich, Rob Tuttle, Nancy Wells, and Matthew Zappala. Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursday - Saturday from 11am-6pm, Sunday 11am-3pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheel chair accessible.

May 14, 2011 4-6pm - Opening Reception

The Catskill Art Society will be hosting an opening reception for its new exhibition, SHHH! CAS Silent

Auction Benefit. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

Eldred Lions Club Hosts Gardening Workshop at the New Eldred Community Garden

Let's Grow! Have a garden plot but not quite sure where to go from here? Join us on Sunday, May 22nd at 1:00 PMat 1:00 pm to learn the basics of vegetable gardening. We'll review soil pH, fertilization and amendments, tools to use, planting seeds and transplants, when to water, and hints for weed and insect control. Marianna Quartararo, Horticulture Educator at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County will lead this workshop and answer your questions.

The workshop will take place at the New Corner Community Garden located at 577 State Route 55 in Eldred and is sponsored by the newly chartered Eldred Lions Club. All are welcome to attend this FREE community workshop. Call Lou Monteleone at 845.557.3321 or email president@eldredlions.org for more info.

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TRI-VALLEY LIONS JOURNEY FOR SIGHT ANNUAL WALK
 Saturday, May 7, 2011
 Register at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad.
 2.5 mile walk starts promptly at 9:00 am from the First Aid Squad Building.
COME WALK WITH US!
 Refreshments will be served before and after the walk.
 For additional pledge sheets, questions, or to make a pledge, call 985-2927 or 985-2566.

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TWO PITCH TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT THE ALLIANCE FOR LUPUS RESEARCH

Featuring teams and players from the Sullivan County Women's Softball League

Saturday, May 21, 2011
 Grahamsville Fairgrounds
 Starting Time: 9:00 AM
 --All Day Event--

CONCESSION STAND
 50/50 DRAWINGS
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VENDOR FAIR
 Pampered Chef, thirty-one, Avon, Silpada, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Party Lite, and more!
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

COME WATCH THIS FAST PACED TOURNAMENT, CHEER ON YOUR FAVORITE PLAYERS AND TEAMS WHILE SUPPORTING LUPUS RESEARCH (100 % of all donations go directly to medical research)

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- 4BR/2.5BA split level ranch on nearly 2 acs with central a/c, mature trees, views and Tri-Valley schools. \$239,000
- 3BR/2BA Wonderful home privately set on -8 acres with screened gazebo, fireplace, 1 mi to Rondout. \$349,000
- 3BR/1.5BA farmhouse on 11 acres with exceptional views, attractive pool, pond, large barn. \$369,000
- 15+ peaceful acres at end of dead end road, partially cleared to enjoy views. Adj. to YMCA-owned land. \$120,000
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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"

I Remember Mama (1948)
 A Mothers Day special - A Norwegian immigrant family faces the trials of dealing with the hardships of life in turn-of-the-century San Francisco. Cast: Director George Stevens, Starring Irene Dunne, Barbara Bel Geddes, Oscar Homolka, Philip Dorn, and Sir. Cedric Hardwicke, Edgar Bergen, Rudy Vallee, Barbara O'Neil, Florence Bates, Ellen Corby. Beautifully filmed, and superbly detailed filming of John Van Druten's play, based on Kathryn Forbes' memoirs about growing up with her Norwegian immigrant family in San Francisco. All performances are superbly acted. See it on TCM this Mothers Day Sunday May 8, 2011, 8:00 PM C-134 min rated TV-PG.

- Quiz:**
 A. Who played Dr. Johnson
 B. Who played Uncle Chris (Halvorsen)?

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

Hi all, Let none of us forget Mother's Day, May 8, 2011, do something nice for your mom.

ELLENVILLE - "Seeds of Change": Social documentary. 6 PM. Free. Pleasant Stone Farm, 7 Liberty Square, Ellenville. 647-1300

LIBERTY Community Talent Show
 Lapolt Park, May 28, 2011 12:00 - 4:00 pm
 Sponsored by The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce. This is your chance to shine like a star! ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!! To reserve your spot or for more information please contact Cindy at Liberty Fitness (845) 292-0756 or (845) 866-6038 rcfrac@bestweb.net

GRAHAMSVILLE - Little League Bake Sale - 2nd Annual Little League Bake Sale on Monday, May 16th! We are looking for volunteers to either bake, and/or help with the sale on 5/16 beginning at 4:30pm! If you're interested in helping us out. Please let us know reply to Tri-Valley Little League Facebook or call Jessica M. Scanna.

HASBROOK - Old Stone House 282 Hasbrouck Rd. Hasbrouck, NY Tel: 845-436-7720 -ART JOURNAL WORKSHOP 5/3/2011 Mar 1-Sept 1; Tuesdays @ 7pm; \$10/class Join us on a journey of self discovery through art journaling. This series of classes will offer an opportunity to explore your inner world through mixed media art of collage, drawing, painting, and anything else you can imagine. No art experience is necessary, just a desire to explore your own creativity.

PINE HILL - May 7, 2011 Pine Hill Doll & Teddy Bear Show & Sale: Longtime collector & resident Mary Hermann's display of dolls. For sale are dolls, bears & related items. (For vendor information, Mary at maryhermann@hvc.rr.com or 254-4032) 11AM-4PM. Free admission. Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main St., Pine Hill. 254-5469- www.pinehillcommunitycenter.org

Have a great week.

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REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

Neversink, Tri-Valley

- 3 BDR split, 2.5 bath garage, pool, hot tub 3 ac-\$249,900
 - 3 BDR Cape, 2 baths, gardens, stone walls 4 ac \$195,000
 - Handyman's 2000 sq ft building, formerly church \$89,000
 - Approved building lot, 3 ac, great site, pos. views \$74,000
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Charming 3-Bedroom Cape Cod on quiet road includes kitchen, living room, dining room, den w/fireplace, lots of windows, red oak floors throughout and a large yard adjacent to undeveloped DEP land. Best school district in Sullivan County. Total taxes: \$1,900./yr. \$235,000.

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RENTALS

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GARAGE/YARD SALE

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

A. Rudy Vallee
 B. Oscar Homolka