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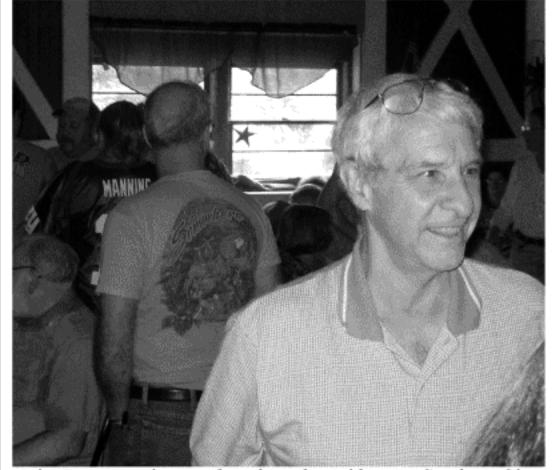
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The Pumpkins are Here! The Pumpkins are Here!



What is a pumpkin celebration without the pumpkins! Well this year, there will be plenty of pumpkins at the Daniel Pierce Library's 26th Annual Great Pumpkin Party. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Olive, once again "The Best Little Town By a Dam Site"



John Parete, welcomes friends and neighbors to Sunday's Olive Relief Fundraiser held at Boiceville Inn. John and his wife, Barbara are the owners of Boiceville Inn, located on Rt. 28.

Olive residents came out in droves to help raise funds for their neighbors in need. John and Barbara Parete opened the Boiceville Inn on a Sunday, friends brought food and desserts in abundance, and Chris Walsh and the Ben Rounds Band entertained. All was donated from hearts that went out to the folk in Olive who lost bridges, had businesses flooded, and who lost belongings in a wave of creek mud. Donations were taken at the door and continue to flood, pardon the bad pun, in.
Hannaford Supermarket donated \$500.00
in gift cards, and the Phoenicia Rotary
gave a donation of \$1,500. People reached
deep into pockets and gave freely.

There is a board of trustees set up who

will meet next week to consider all requests and, using common sense and fairness, will disperse all the donations. Even more than the need for donations, Olive residents needed to come together in a celebration of themselves. It was reassuring to know that we in Olive can forget all our differences and come together for a good cause. We have an abundance of good people who step up to "pay it forward." (Contd. Pg. 6)

A collaboration of Political and Progressive Action Groups of Ulster County came together with the rallying call "United, We Win!"

Congressman Maurice Hinchey and Ulster County District Attorney candidate Jonathan Sennett were among the guest speakers that also included the 2011 Ulster County legislative and town mayoral candidates and Judge Raymond J. Elliott, III and Judge Thomas Breslin. Both judges are runing for State Supreme Court.



Judge Thomas Breslin, at the microphone, and Judge Raymond J. Elliot were among the speakers at the "Rally at the Rondout" on Saturday. Both Judge Breslin and Judge Elliot are running for State Supreme Court.

Other groups and organizations were represented including the Ulster County Democratic Committee, the Ulster County Democratic Women, the Working Families Party, Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation, Organizing for America, Hudson Valley for Obama 2012, Ellenville NAACP, Raising Women's Voices, Medicare for All, Citizens Against Fracking, and many more, participated at an afternoon of political discussion and calls to action.

# Progressives and Political Activists Hold "Rally on the Rondout" A collaboration of Political and Progressive Action Groups of Ulster Fight for Disaster Relief Funding



Congressman Maurice Hinchey and Senator Kirsten Gillibrand continue to fight for emergency funds to help with recovery from Irene. They have been drafting letters in support of a full major disaster declaration, to provide aid

for individual residents and funding to local residents to repair storm damage.
U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement today after voting against the House of Representative's attempt to play politics with FEMA disaster relief funding:

"Americans have always stood by those who are suffering and need relief to help rebuild. That's exactly what we need to do right now for families and businesses struggling to recover from the trail of devastation that Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee left across New York State. No one can question the suffering these New Yorkers have endured, but the House is leaving them

hanging out to dry.

"Communities across the country trying to dig out from these storms and other natural disasters can't afford any more political games in Washington. They need us to set the right priorities, come together, and do what's right so we can rebuild from these disasters." (Contd. Pg. 12)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright. II Samuel 22:26

## NOTE: Change of Date for The Horseshoe Tournament

There is a date change for The Horseshoe Tournament to benefit the Tri-Valley Little League program. It will now be Saturday, October 15th. Same place & time (Beiling home at 10 AM). If more information is needed, please do not hesitate to call Mike Beiling at (845) 796-6172. Thanks so much for your continued community support to rebuild our Tri-Valley Little League program!!!

#### Note of Thanks:

A huge thank you goes to my wonderful & loving friends who have expressed amazing support towards me since my major back surgery of Sept 1st at the Hospital for Special Surgery. From the moment I returned home, your cards, flowers, visits and thoughtful gestures have been been invaluable in keeping my spirits up and getting back on my feet. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!!

Arlene (Aj) Lambert

## DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

September 19, 1951 - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dierfelter of Grahamsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Ann to Mr. Joseph Rundecker, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rundecker of Haskell, N.J. Miss Dierfelter graduated from Ellenville High School and from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing at Newburgh where she is now employed. Mr. Rundecker works for Curtiss Wright at Caldwell, N.J. The wedding date has been set for early fall.

The fourth annual Dice Reunion of the descendants of Elizabeth Bonesteel and James Dice was held September 9th at the Claryville Church Hall.

67 or the over 360 eligible attended.

The Grahamsville sewage disposal plane was placed in operation on Thursday, August 30th. The new Tri-Valley School was the first building to be connected to the collecting system.

About thirty members of the Neversink Home Bureau and Ladies Auxiliary of the Neversink Fire Department surprised Mrs. Donald Ter Bush with a stork shower last Thursday evening at the

Neversink Fire House.

September 20, 1961 - Miss Sara Elizabeth Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albro H. Brown of Lackawack, N.Y. became the bride of Peter Guy Close, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jack Close of Mayfield, N.Y. on September 16th. The Rev. Orson Rice performed the ceremony at the Ellenville Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Shaffer are the parents of a son, Brian Lee, born September 13th at the Abington Hospital, Abington, Pa. The baby weighed 9 lbs 3 1/2 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pomeroy of Neversink are the maternal grandpar-

On Tuesday evening of last week, Miss Patsy Banta was a guest of honor at a bridal shower at the home of Mrs. Wessel Cross. Assisting Mrs. Cross were Mrs. Thomas D. Smith and Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck. Miss Banta who is employed as a secretary at Tri Valley School, plans to be married to Mr. Robert Gray in October.

September 29, 1971 - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Costa of Grahamsville are proud to announce the birth of their son, Fernando Albert on Sept. 12, 1971 at Benedictine Hosp., Kingston. He weighed 5 lbs. 8 0z. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Fred Mickelson, Sr. of Grahamsville and the paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Costa of Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. William Exner of Ulster Heights are proud to announce the birth of their son, William Todd, on Sept. 12th in Benedictine Hospital, Kingston. He weighed 5 lbs. 8 oz. The maternal grandmother is Mrs. Fred Mickelson of Grahamsville. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Exner of Ulster Heights.

September 24, 1981 - Louise S. DuBois of Neversink has been promoted to manager of the South Fallsburg branch of Marine Midland Bank. Louise joined Marine Midland in 1964 and in 1973 she was promoted to platform assistant and in 1979 was named assistant branch manager of the South Fallsburg office. She is a graduate of Tri-Valley School and a member of the Sullivan County Bankers Association.

Kathleen M. Stoddard and John M. Sauchuck, Jr. were married August 16th in St. Peter's Church with the Rev. Thomas Phillips officiating. A reception followed at

the Stevensville Country Club. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stoddard of Liberty. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Sauchuck, Jr. of Big Hollow Rd., Grahamsville.

Don and Debbie Hibbard are the proud parents of a baby boy, Noah, born on Sept. 5th in Honolulu, Hawaii. Noah weighed in at 7 lbs. 14 oz. and measured 21 inches. The first-time paternal grandparents are Norman and Marie Hibbard of Peekamoose Rd., Sundown.

Fall Folliage Report

Ferndale - Sullivan County is looking forward to the colorful fall foliage season ahead. The Sullivan County Visitors Association takes into account the foliage status from around the county and provides it to I Love New York as well as visitors and residents with its predictions of foliage intensities each week of the season.

For this weekend, September 23-26, the SCVA is predicting up to a 15% color change. We are currently at the beginning of the color change cycle with the foliage displaying mostly greens with pops of rich caramels and mustard yellows with apple red highllights.

Listen to WSUL for up-to-date fall foliage reports and weekend events for the Sullivan

County Catskills.

For more information on the Sullivan County Catskills, visit the SCVA website at www.scva.net where you will find a complete list of attractions and events or call 845-747-4449.

#### SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS offers education about new Medicare wellness and prevention benefits and the availability of Medicare Savings Programs and Low Income Subsidies

Monticello - Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau announced that "The Affordable Care Act made many improvements to Medicare wellness and preventive services that became effective January 1, 2011. Medicare pays for many wellness and preventive services such as exams, shots, lab tests, and screening. In addition to the one-time "Welcome to Medicare" exam, there is now a yearly wellness exam that is covered 100% by Medicare. Many co-payments and deductibles have been eliminated so that preventive services like Pap tests, pelvic exams, mammograms, and bone mass measurements are now covered 100% by Medicare.

The Medicare Savings Programs help people pay for the Medicare medical (Part B) premium. When a person is approved for the Medicare Savings Program, the Medicare Part B premium is no longer deducted from his/her Social Security check and the person receives approximately one hundred dollars more each month. Eligibility for the Medicare Savings Programs is based on income.

The Low Income Subsidy, also called "Extra Help," helps pay most of the Medicare prescription drug (Part D) plan costs. Eligibility for the Low Income Subsidy is based on income and resources.

For complete information about eligibility and to receive "Your Guide to Medicare's Preventive Services," please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, SULLIVAN NYCON-NECTS, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or

(845) 807-0257".

## Historic Hudson Valley Farms

Join us for a memorable autumn day on October 15th from 10 am to 5 pm in the Hudson Valley as we explore important and historic farmsteads, their barns, and iconic landscapes. The 2011 tour will showcase historic Hudson Valley farms within the Hudson River National Historic Landmark District. The self-driving tour winds its way along scenic lanes through the towns, hamlets and countryside of Staatsburg, Clinton, Rhinebeck, Red Hook, and Clermont in Dutchess and Columbia Counties, New York.

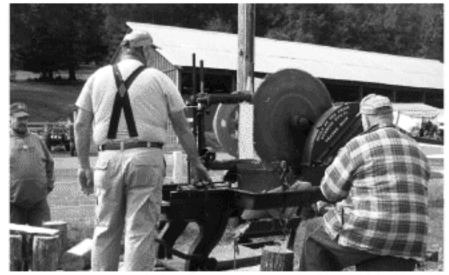
Three of the sites include significant and impressive barns that may be toured in addition to the historic homes: Kross Creek Farm, The Locusts, and Cedar Heights Orchard, which also features stunning gardens. At Willow Brook Farm, the adjacent Dutch barn is no longer part of the same property, but may be admired from the

outside. (Contd. Pg. 9)

#### NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

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

## A Glimpse of the Past



Russ Turner and Carl Denman with the 1889 Shingle Mill that was on display at the 12th Annual Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Show.

The Pumpkins are Here! (From Pg. 1)

There will be a Giant Pumpkin Pull Contest, a Guess the Weight of the Giant Pumpkin, and even pumpkin pies! There will be pumpkins for decorating, big and small ones to buy and there are even gigantic pumpkins that are entered into the Giant Pumpkin Contest. Bring your own pumpkin for the pumpkin decorating contest. Check the Library's website at www.danielpiercelibrary.org for a complete schedule, entry forms and contest rules.

The Tri -Valley School Band starts the Party right after the parade and costume contest. While you are here you will be entertained all day long by the musical group from Maine, Castlebay. They return once again to treat us with their wonderful variety of songs celebrating Maine and Celtic heritage. Also back are the Kurpil Family Fiddlers, a local favorite with their



beautiful vocal and fiddle harmonies

Come and joinus at the 26th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, this Saturday, October 1st from 9 am to 5pm, rain or shine and admission is free. For more information please call the library at (845) 985-7233..

A Reminder from Cooper!

Cooper, who has become the Townsman's favorite "Poster Dog" enjoyed a ride in his master, Bob Drown's "Way Back Machine". Leaving the entrance to the fairgrounds in Grahamsville, where the Giant Pumpkin Party will be held this Saturday, October 1st, Cooper reminds us to mark our calendars and join the fun!

Register Now For Library Pre-School Programs

Registration is now taking place for the Daniel Pierce Library's Fall Story Hour, Toddler Time, and Mother Goose Time programs, which are open to Tri-Valley School District residents, ages 12 months to 5 years. Everyone at the library is anticipating a wonderful series of children's pre-kindergarten programs this fall. By participating in the programs, parents/caregivers and their children will have the opportunity of meeting other families with young children, making new friends, and helping to develop a love of reading and books.

MOTHER GOOSE TIME-This program is specially designed for very young children. It includes "read together" time (each child has his or her own board book), nursery rhymes, felt stories, playtime, and music for our tiniest patrons ages 12-23 months. Beginning October 12th, 2011, two programs will be held each Wednesday: one from 9:00-9:45 a.m. and one from 10:15-11:00 a.m. Please register for one program.

TODDLER TIME-Stories, felt stories, crafts, music, and friendship-building geared for wee ones ages 24-35 months. Beginning October 14th, 2011, two programs will be held each Friday: one from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and one from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please register for one program.

STORY HOUR-Our classic, beloved program for three, four, and five year-old children, featuring the "Magic Bag," a read-aloud, felt stories, craft projects, and music. Beginning October 13th, 2011, two programs will be held each Thursday: one from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and one from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please register for one program.

UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN STORY **HOUR-**Our "Story Hour on the Road" program visits the four UPK classes at Tri-Valley Central

School. (Children will be registered at school.) The programs will be held in the beautiful new Children's Section located on the second level of the library. The sessions are scheduled for eight weeks and will end the week of December 5th. We encourage all parents, grandparents, and caregivers to participate in the children's programs.

Please register your child as soon as possible by visiting the library or telephone (985-7233). Printable registration forms are also available on our website (www.danielpiercelibrary.org). The programs are open to Tri-Valley School District residents. There are no fees; these programs are made possible through the generosity of the people of our community.

SUNY Sullivan Generals & Pro Prospects Training Center Team Up to Pitch in for Tri-

Valley Little League Hurricane Recovery Loch Sheldrake, NY (September 22, 2011) - The SUNY Sullivan Generals and Pro Prospects Baseball & Softball Training Center will be holding a one-day Baseball & Softball Clinic on Monday, October 10th to help raise funds for Tri-Valley Little League of Grahamsville, New York, which was devastated by Hurricane Irene.

On Sunday, August 28th, Tri-Valley Little League's complex in Grahamsville suffered significant flooding and related damage due to Hurricane Irene. The league's playing fields suffered permanent damage, and most of the league's gear and field equipment was destroyed. This has left the Tri-Valley Little League with no option but to seek a new site for its program. To assist in the league's recovery, a relief fund has been established for the Tri-Valley Little League Program.

The October 10th clinic - which will pay 100% of its proceeds into the relief fund - will be lead by instructors from Pro Prospects, members of the SUNY Sullivan Baseball coaching staff, and cur-

rent players from the SUNY Sullivan Generals. The clinic is open to all interested baseball and softball players in two age groups: 7 to 12 and 13 to 17. The registration cost per player is \$50.00. The rain date for this event is Saturday Oct. 15th.

Parents and coaches may register players by calling Pro Prospects directly at (845) 791-1749, or by printing registration forms available at their website: www.pro-prospects.com.

Rouis Seeks Relief for County Residents Affected by Hurricane Irene/d Tropical Storm Lee from Penalties and Interest Related to Payments on School Taxes

Monticello - Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Jonathan F. Rouis is seeking relief for Sullivan county residents that were affected by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, from penalties and interest related to payments on school taxes. Governor Andrew M. Cuomo has granted penalty-and-interest-free extensions on school tax payments in areas affected by these storms, in certain school districts in Ulster County.

"Today, I have sent a letter to all School District Superintendants and School Board Presidents within Sullivan County, recommending that they formally request approval for a penalty-and-interestfree extension on school tax payments for the property owners in Sullivan County. The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance will consider requests from the individual school districts.

There are many of our property owners that suffered damage and financial loss from these storm events that now have placed many of our residents an unanticipated financial hardship. Accordingly, I have respectfully requested that each school district take the necessary action to formally request relief for the property taxpayers in your school district, by requesting approval for residents to be granted penalty-and-interest-free extensions on paying school taxes for bills that were sent on September 1, 2011," said Rouis.

"How Make Woodland Terrarium" Workshop

Ferndale, NY -CCE Sullivan County will be offering a workshop called "How to Make a Woodland Terrarium" on October 1, 2011 at 10:00-12:00 at the Gerald J. Skoda Education Center at 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd, Liberty, NY. You can bring a woodland garden inside for the winter or give it as a holiday gift. Have you ever wondered what to do with left over plastic and glass jars? Yes, you could recycle them, but how about reusing them to make a terrarium. (Bring a container to fill or use one of ours.) Marian Dolan, floral designer from Butterfly Botanicals, will be the presenter at this workshop. She will be sharing many creative ideas for your terrarium garden. Each participant will take a beautiful terrarium home. The fee for the workshop is \$40.00; which covers the instruction, materials and a chance to win a door prize. Pre-registration and payment are required before the class. Come, bring a friend and enjoy a unique workshop at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County. For more information call Susan Dollard at 845-292-5250

Woolly Bear

by Peggy DeWire

It's woolly bear lime again and surely you've seen these familiar caterpillars hurrying across a road on sunny fall days looking for a snug place to hibernate.
All two hundred American species

of woolly bears belong to the tiger moth family, Arctildae.

Besides the familiar black and tan variety, the colors range from the yellow-bear of gardens and in the South all-black ones. These caterpillars are so thickly furred that even parasitic wasps are repelled.

Ultimately, woolly bears become a medium-sized apricot colored moth called Isabella, easily identified by its black-spotted body. All tiger moths have spotted abdomens. But before this happens, a woolly bear feeds on the last green plantain and grass of autumn - final meal before hiberna-



ISABELLA MOTH

Then it scurries

across roads looking for a sheltered spot where it can weave a skimpy cocoon of its own body hairs and silk threads.

It hibernates in the larva stage all winter in a state of suspended animation. Very few other kinds of caterpillars can survive in this life stage.

When spring comes, the woolly bear rouses and hustles around for its favorite food, plantain and first

Very soon it begins to weave a sturdy cocoon using most of its body hair bound lightly together with silk threads. It's weatherproof and waterproof. Scientists are intrigued by a woolly bear's ability to resume life as "a caterpillar and advance to the next stage of metamorphosis - the pupa.

Inside the cocoon, two weeks later, the pupa has reorganized itself and emerges as a perfect moth with apparently no ill effects from a winter's sus-pended animation.

Woolly bears and people have been friends for centuries". In 1608 Puritans called them "Beareworms" because of their furry ruggedness. Two hundred years later the poet Join Keats marveled at the Tiger Moth's beauteous wings of damask colors.'

It's okay to hold a woolly bear in your hand and watch it curl up in a tight "ball. This is a defensive position. No bird or animal will eat the ball of irritating hairs that burn their throat lining, but are harm-

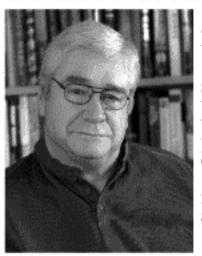
less to human skin. How do woolly bears predict how long or short the coming winter will be? Legend says that the black bands of body segments forecast weeks of cold winter, the rust band in the middle, mild summer weather.

## Helpful Hint from Mary

Foggy Windshield?

Hate foggy windshields? Buy a chalkboard eraser and keep it in the glove box of your car. When the windows fog, rub with the eraser! Works better than a cloth!

MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 19 By John Dwaine McKenna



Things are really starting to pop out here in Colorado Springs with impending deadlines cropping up for my first book, The Neversink Chronicles, (Full info on my website, click on Latest News), so this week's MBR will be short and sweet. It takes place in Chicago, sometimes called "America's second city," and features a private investigator, or PI, named Joe Kozmarski, a failed cop and known drunk.

A Bad Night's Sleep by Michael Wiley, (Minotaur, \$24.99, 258 pages, ISBN 978-0-312-55224-4) is his third book in the Kozmarski

series. It's a thrill ride from start to finish, as PI Kozmarski stakes out a construction site to prevent organized looting by a professional team of thieves. He catches them in the act, only to find it's a gang of rogue cops. When he shoots and kills one of the bad cops in order to save one of the good cops . . . his life gets complicated, dangerous and downright ugly as things spin further out of control with every page. "It's a thrill ride along the razor's edge . . . deep into the heart of corruption in Chicago's underbelly," according to Kirk Russell's blurb on the dust cover. I'm not quite that enthusiastic, but it is an entertaining, fast romp through the pages of crime fiction.

I am still enthusiastic about the Daniel Pierce Library and Time and the Valleys Museum. They're adding new stuff every day. Be a repeat visitor so you can stay up-to-date. You don't want to be one of the boneheads, doo-ya? Because . . . "One civilized reader is worth a thousand bone heads." H. I. Mencken

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Otherwise, we'll look for you next week, enjoying a good book. --- JDM

#### A Jaw-breaking Chain of Events for SUNY Sullivan's Jose Castellanos

Jose Castellanos might have grown up on the asphalt streets of the Bronx, but his heart was always on the baseball field where he excelled not only in the field but in the batter's box as well. When he graduated from Samuel Gompers High School in 2010 he looked forward to playing for the SUNY Sullivan Generals. But his road from the Bronx to Loch Sheldrake was neither easy nor smooth.

"His high school academic record was far from stellar," said Chris Depew, SUNY Sullivan's direc-tor of athletics said. "In fact he had to appeal our original decision to deny his acceptance at the college. In Jose's case it worked for him and the college. We gave him a chance to prove himself in the classroom, and he proved to us that he was a star on the ball field. He was not only a great centerfielder, he was also a star at bat with a .350 average. He was

also a the team captain"

Jose's story was the perfect Horatio Alger story. But then the unexpected happened. During a midseason game in 2011, Jose moved in to snag a fly ball hit to shallow centerfield. And so did the Generals' shortstop. The next thing you know, Jose was down on the grass. His jaw was badly broken. When Jose, a sports management major, was released from the hospital his jaw was wired shut. His season on the ball field was over. And from what the doctor's said, so was his academic career because Jose couldn't eat solid food, and how was he to survive on food prepared by the college's food

That's when the college stepped up to the plate and went to bat for Jose. Largely due to the efforts of Betsy Conaty, assistant professor in the health, social and behavioral sciences division; Georgia Lyons, the athletics division secretary; and with the support of Chartwells, the college's dining service provider, steps were taken to make sure Jose was going to be able to continue his studies even if he

couldn't play ball.

Chartwells made a specially prepared liquid diet of high-energy shakes for Jose and his professors did all they could do to support him in class.

When the 2010-2011 academic year came to a close, Jose was cleared to play ball again. He spent his summer in Florida where he and teammate Kidany Mendoza, played in a college league in Orlando. The 20-game season gave Jose an opportunity to hone his game and sharpen his skills. Jose is back at SUNY Sullivan and has been play-

ing his heart out in fall ball. He is looking forward to the 2012 season.

"I chose to attend Sullivan," Jose said, "because I knew it was the right place for me. But I never expected such support from so many people. Instead of having to give up on my dream of playing professional ball, Betsy, Georgia and my professors and coaches made it possible for me to take my dream to the next level.

Happy endings. They're part of the SUNY

Sullivan story.

SC Legislature Approves Self-Fund Health/Prescription/Dental Insurance Program - At Leaast \$1.2 million Expense Avoided in 2012, Plus Wellness Initiatives, Enhanced Benefits and Better Coverage

The Sullivan County Legislature today approved a self-funded Health/Prescription/Dental Insurance Program that was negotiated through a Request for Proposals process, and recommended by County Manager David Fanslau. The workgroup that put in many hours researching and ana-Tyzing the program included Fanslau, Deputy County Manager Joshua Potosek, Human Resources Director Lynda Levine, Purchasing Director Kathy Jones, Risk Management and /insur-

ance Director Monica Farquhar Brennan, and Deputy Commissioner of the Division of

Management and Budget Janet Young.

"After a lot of hard work and recommendations from our county staff, I am excited to report that the County Legislature voted to implement a new, selffunded Health/Prescription/Dental Insurance Program administered through EBS-RMSCO, Inc. This new program will offer cost savings to the county, comparable care to what employees and retirees are receiving now, and an innovative healthier workforce program to offer our employ-ees and retirees," said Legislator Alan J. Sorensen, Chairman of the Government Services

"The cost avoidance that this program will realize is critical to the County's budget process in 2012 and beyond, particularly when we are realizing reduced revenues and State Aid, and a new property tax cap law," said Jonathan F. Rouis, Chairman of the Sullivan County

Legislature.

This change will permit the County to reduce the cost of health care by \$1.2 million in health insurance expenses in 2012. These cost savings will also help to reduce the burden of employee health benefits on taxpayers and is one step the County has taken to take to get our fiscal house in order," added Legislator Sorensen.

The self-funded plan will mirror the current plan documents that are in place through the New York State Health Insurance Program (NYSHIP), which will essentially become Sullivan County's plan documents. Included in the service agreement are wellness programs, and disease manage-

ment programs.

"Throughout the due diligence process, I have insisted that the self-funded program would be a good plan, and provide more coverage, not less coverage. I have also insisted that as a priority of mine, that all subscribers (employees and retirees) will be educated on the details of the self-funded plan, as there is nothing worse than dealing with unknowns when facing healthcare issues," said Legislator Jodi I. Goodman, Chair of the Management and Budget Committee.

"Covered and eligible employees and covered and eligible retirees that currently have treatments, prescriptions, and diagnoses approved and covered by NYSHIP will have those same services approved seamlessly through the self-funded plan. If it is covered by NYSHIP, then it will be covered under the self-funded program. All current co-payment schedules for providers and prescriptions will remain the same as they are currently under NYSHIP," said County Manager David Fanslau.

Retirees that are Medicare primary will actually receive an enhanced benefit over the NYSHIP program, and the County will realize a reduced cost for the enhancement. Basically, if a medical provider accepts Medicare, then this program will cover 100% of costs above Medicare, and there will be no need for the medical provider to be in a network. Any retiree that is not Medicare primary eligible will be covered through the selffunded program, with the same coverage that they

now receive from NYSHIP.

The County Manager will facilitate numerous educational sessions to be conducted by EBS-RMSCO, INC. that will commence next week. These sessions will educate and inform the County covered and eligible employees and the covered and eligible retirees about the self-funded Health/Prescription/Dental Program that will essentially convert the current NYSHIP plan to be the Sullivan County Plan Documents; and to review the network of providers, and take appropriate steps to realize as many of the current providers providing medical services to County subscribers, to be included in the Sullivan County network of providers as possible.

A feature that will potentially reduce plan costs is

an innovative Interactive Health Solutions Program (IHS) that will be offered to County employees. This innovative program has been credited with catching serious illnesses and diseases in early stages that produce a better healthier outcome for participants, and

reduced claims expenses for the plan.

"The self-funded program will not be limited to a single network of providers. This program will per-mit EBS-RMSCO, INC. to place subscribers in the network that is the best fit for them, as well as, the best network for the plan. Also, this program will allow EBS-RMSCO, INC. to recruit providers into Sullivan County's network, providing a great deal of flexibility," concluded Fanslau.

## RVGA Food & Wine in the Orchard

A post-Irene fundraiser in support of Rondout Valley farms and farming- Hosted by Stone Ridge Orchard, the Rondout Valley Growers Association and Stone Ridge Wine & Spirits

The Rondout Valley Growers Association and Stone Ridge Wine and Spirits are excited to host Food & Wine in the Orchard, a post-Irene fundraiser in support of Rondout Valley farms and farming, at the Stone Ridge Orchard on Saturday, October 8

from 5:30 - 8:30 pm.

The orchard is located at 3012 Route 213 East in Stone Ridge. Held in a festival style tent beside a stately two-hundred-year-old oak free, this casually elegant event will feature a selection of wines chosen by Stone Ridge Wine and Spirits owner Tim Sweeney, and a variety of sumptuous appetizers prepared from Rondout Valley-grown products by our region's finest chefs.

Live music and hors d'oeuvres begin at 5:30. There will be a silent auction and lively live auction emceed by Doug Motel, offering goods and services from RVGA members and supporters as well as pumpkin-themed art from local artists, and a 50/50 cash raffle for RVGA's Scholarship fund.

Volunteers are needed from 1pm onward on the day of the event to help with setup, reception, and cleanup afterwards. If you can help please contact Cori at 845 616 3608 or CNichols@rondoutvalley-

growers.org

Due to the damaging impact from recent flooding on local harvest and agricultural land, this event will occur in place of RVGA's annual Orchard Wine Tasting Dinner. Many have asked if local crops are still available and how best to support Rondout Valley farms in the wake of Tropical Storm Irene's damage. The answer is that all of our region's farmstands are open, our CSA farms are still providing farmshares, and it's more important than ever to patronize our local growers.

Food and Wine in the Orchard will also serve as the kickoff for RVGA's Paper Pumpkin Project, a grass-roots effort to create a disaster fund for local growers suffering income and infrastructure loss. Artist-created pumpkin tags will be available regionwide for purchase at several donation levels.

Attending this event is another way to show support for local farms. Funds raised at the Food & Wine in the Orchard directly support RVGA's efforts to support Rondout Valley farm businesses and active agri-

cultural land. Tickets purchased before October 1 are \$50 for the general public, \$35 for RVGA Friend and Business Members and \$10 for Grower Members. Tickets purchased after October 1 will be \$60. Tickets will be available at Stone Ridge Wine and Spirits, (845) 687-7125, Saunderskill Farms, Accord, (845) 626-2676, Davenport Farms in Stone Ridge, (845) 687-0051, Stone Ridge Orchard, Route 213, Stone Ridge, (845) 687-2587, Barthel's Farmstand in Ellenville, (845) 647-6941, and online at www.RondoutValleyGrowers.Org.

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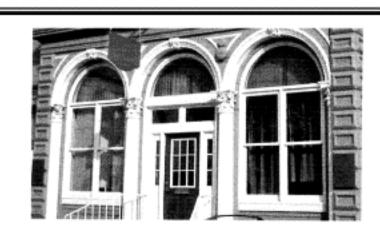
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## The Olive Jar - Olive, once again "The Best Little Town By a Dam Site"



Art Haver, owner of Boiceville Florist chats with friends about plans for his 'new beginning" and re-opening



John and Diana Klippel are happy to announce they will soon have a grand opening of the LandMark Grille and look forward to a happy future.

(From Pg. 1) Business owners spoke of future plans and re-openings. Art Haver smiled and said, "I have a new beginning. The florist will be up and running soon." That must be good news for a certain newspaper man who would buy a rose each time he delivered the Tri-Valley Townsman.

Diana and John Klippel spoke of their grand opening as soon as the LandMark Grille had its heat and water operational.

The Maverick Health Center will operate in a limited way in just a few weeks.

The Boiceville Market is a few weeks away from being operational.

Cindy Johanssen has kept a positive attitude as the business complex gets cleaned and shined and ready for tenants anxious to get back to work.

With renewed interest to shop local, we commiserated that we missed our florist, our motel, our market, and our businesses. Moreover, there was a feeling of confidence and resurgence knowing that Boiceville will rebuild. Neighbors who bridges to homes spoke of

rebuilding.
The day brought us together to heal.



The parking lot was filled as crowds of people turned out for the Olive Emergency Relief Fundraiser on Sunday



Bert Leifeld, Supervisor of the Town of Olive talks with friends and neighbors. Bert has a tough job ahead, but is already making progress.



Supervisor Robert Stanley, Town of Shandaken was among the crowd lending his support of his neighbors in Town of Olive. Bob's own Town of Shandaken was among the towns in Ulster County that was hit hard by Irene and Lee.



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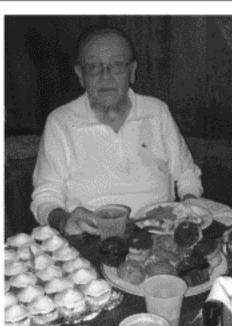
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Carol smiles as the donations poured in for the the desserts, making sure Olive Emergency Relief everyone has a taste. Fund.



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## Horse Tale - By Carol La Monda

The weather can have a profound effect of our mood. The lack of sunshine and the lingering aftermath of Hurricane had me walking around in a funk. To cheer myself up I spent a delightful afternoon at Miss Kitty's having a manicure and pedicure. Next door I noticed a former student named Desiree D'Errico who, now a mother of a two-year old son, still looked as young as she did in my eighth grade English class. She is now part owner with Beth Murphy in a new venture called Bella Famiglia Pizzeria and Ristorante. The cannolis beckoned to me, so I bought six to take home for dessert.

As I walked out to the car with pink fingers and toes and a sweet treat in the bag, I felt better. I felt renewed to think that new businesses are ready to take a risk, and I remembered the people in Boiceville and West Shokan who are ready to rebuild. I vowed to support the local businesses and try to cheer up my neighbors needing a smile to deal with insurance agents, FEMA and governmental agencies playing "pass the buck."

So rather than dwell on the catastrophe we all endured, I hope to entertain you with a story about a time I thought it would be a great idea to have a pony for my then-young boys. This took place about twenty-five years ago, but it often reminds me that things do not always work out as we planned. Here is that horse tale...
"Every little boy wants a pony. We have a barn, hay fields, and lots of land to ride. I think we should take it, "I said with resolve to my skeptical husband.
"I don't know, Carol," he said in a voice that trailed up and down the musical scale. "A pony can be a lot of work and bother."

"Nah," I nonchalantly replied. "All we need is to fence in one area for a corral, and we'll be all set. Grain will be our only cost. We have all this hay growing." I threw in a few "pretty pleases" and "come-on's", and my husband buckled. Common sense gave way to reluctant compliance.

in a few "pretty pleases" and "come-on's", and my husband buckled. Common sense gave way to reluctant compliance.

It seemed like a good idea at the time. Growing up on Long Island and feeding off novels like Black Beauty, I was the one who really wanted a horse or pony. When I heard about a Welsh pony for free, I couldn't resist the temptation. Surely if I wanted a pony as a child, my two sons would be thrilled about having one. Giving my boys a pony, whose name was Spats because he was black with four white-stocking feet, would be the ultimate gift.

The free pony was not delivered. We had to impose on John Bachor who had a truck and a horse trailer. Spats was not about to leave his stall to get into the horse trail-

er. After hours or coaxing and cajoling and whole lot of pulling and shoving, we got him into the trailer.

It was then that our benefactor asked if we had a saddle and a saddle blanket. We got away pretty cheaply by buying a used pair for \$150. Already our "free" pony was costing us.

Spats exited the horse trailer much quicker than he entered it. He let us know right off that he was not about to be tethered. Immediately Bruce set out stringing barbed wire around three-quarters of an acre of field. Borrowing a "come-along" from Davy Jones and uttering some familiar George Carlin phrases, my husband grumbled as he prepared the corral. I couldn't wait to see my sons' eyes light up and hear their squeals of delight as they saw their very own pony. Did that happen? No, it did not. What I saw was fright

in their eyes and what I heard was. "Is this the surprise? We thought you were going to get us trail bikes!" (At the time, Mike and Kevin were biking buddles with Mike and Billy Allison)

It was not exactly the reaction I expected, so I tried to drum up a bit of enthusiasm when I said, "Oh, you're going to love to ride him. I'm sure he's gentle. Watch as your father rides him.'

Spats bucked and kicked like a mule with my husband on his back. Then Spats appeared to follow my husband's strict rein. He slowed down and began to trot. Just when Bruce felt he had the upper hand, Spats lowered his head and chest and threw Bruce off to the side.

"Luckily it's not broken," said the emergency room doctor as he reassured Bruce that the sling, pain killers, and a few weeks rest would fix his arm up "good as new." Not only did Spats not like to be ridden, he would charge and bite anyone who came near to groom him. Undaunted, I optimistically said, "He's beautiful anyway. I love looking out the window and seeing him prancing around the field." However, one morning I looked out and didn't see him prancing about. Where could he be? The mystery was solved when my neighbor on Ridge Road called to complain that our pony was on her front step eating her geraniums.

Fetching a pony that refused to be trailered or ridden posed the next problem. Dragging it home was the only way. With this taste of freedom (and geraniums) Spats was not about to stay in his corral. Each night he would belly crawl under the fence and wreak havoc on the neighborhood.

"Enough is enough, Carol," my husband demanded. "He's got to go. Between wire, feed, equipment and doctor bills, not to mention damages to flower beds around the neighborhood, our "free" pony has cost us just shy of seven hundred dollars. And he's a pain in the neck."

Our neighbor, Davy Jones, had horses and lots of acres for Spats to roam and offered to take our horse, saddle, saddle blanket and feed. We jumped at the deal. We were at last free of the burden of our "free" pony.

Months later I broached the subject once more. "It just didn't work out the way I planned," I consoled my husband whose temper had been fueled by weeks of work, apologies to neighbors, and personal injury. "At least he's found a good home and can't cause any more trouble." It was then that my neighbor called to say that Spats had died. A fleeting moment of sympathy was about to engulf me when I realized. "Oh, no. Who has a backhoe?"

Olive Muse - Charlie Blumstein

Ed Notes: Charlie has a touch of 'whatever' that is gong around, and will back in touch again next week with his column. Feel better Charlie!



I'm feeling pretty bad today. I just found out that a friend of mine, a guitar player who I wrote RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTESFred Perry, Owner of Reservoir Music Center,
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I'm feeling pretty bad today. I just found out that a friend of mine, a guitar player who I wrote a coupla dozen songs with, who I've been playing with my whole life and who is definitely one of my musical brothers, is in the hospital, and needs a liver transplant. To complicate matters further, his other organs have started to shut down due to the liver not working, and now he's

also on dialysis. Hopefully, nothing else will go wrong and he'll get his liver, and get well. His name doesn't matter, because you probably won't know it, but it's Gene Geary. Gene's band, For Shakes Sake, is in the Guinness Book (Contd. Pg. 7) Save time... Call your order in!

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Center, in the early 1970's. They were signed to David Bowie's Mainman Management before that organization imploded. Gene was also in the first incarnation moved to Nashville. He's a hard rock guitarist, but I Nation pages. switched him to acoustic rhythm guitar in the Cowboys, and naturally, he brought his Keith Richard no ordinary rhythm guitarist. He's one of the best guitar players I know. Even though you probably don't know him, please keep him in your prayers. He's in Kingston Hospital.

His name doesn't matter, because you probably won't know it, but it's Gene Geary. Gene's band, For Shakes Sake, is in the Guinness Book of World Records for playing at the highest altitude ever recorded, which was atop the World Trade Center, in the early 1970's. They were signed to David Bowie's Mainman Management before that organization imploded. Gene was also in the first incarnation of my band, The Brooklyn Cowboys, before we moved to Nashville. He's a hard rock guitarist, but I switched him to acoustic rhythm guitar in the Cowboys, and naturally, he brought his Keith Richard style and men- muse. Thinkin' about my friend. Y'all have a good week. tality to that task, playing his parts like no ordinary rhythm guitarist. He's one of the best guitar players I know. Even though you probably don't know him, please keep him in your prayers. He's in Kingston Hospital. In this shell shocked state of mind, this



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RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- (From Pg. 6) week's column is not gonna come easy, but I'll shoulder of World Records for playing at the highest altitude on. Any musicians out there with gigs coming up, feel free ever recorded, which was atop the World Trade to email me your calendars if you'd like me to mention them in this column. No promises, but if it sounds good, I'll recommend your gigs to my readers. You can email me at reservoirmusic@gmail.com. Don't forget to include of my band, The Brooklyn Cowboys, before we links to your website and Facebook, My Space, or Reverb

Live music picks for this week:

Thursday, Sept. 29 - RADIOHEAD finishes up a 2 day stint at style and mentality to that task, playing his parts like Roseland Ballroom in Manhattan. If you're lucky enough to be able to score a ticket, this should be as historic as Roseland itself. Friday, Sept. 30 - The excellent BEARSVILLE SESSIONS series continues at The Bearsville Theater. Tonight celebrates Motown. Who doesn't like Motown? Nobody, that's who!

Saturday, Oct. 1 - There's a RAMBLE at Levon's and CRAW-DADDY, featuring my favorite local guitar player, Jimmy Eppard rocks The Bearsville Theater.

Sunday, Oct. 2 - THE B-52'S party at UPAC in Kingston and my pal, CHUCK MEAD, of BR 549, concludes his Sunday night series at The Rodeo Bar in Manhattan, at least until the next time he's in NY.

Monday, Oct. 3 - JACKSON BROWNE pulls into The Palace Theater in Albany for a solo acoustic show. Short on rockin', but long on great songs. If you're a fan, you'll be happy.

Sorry about the brevity this week. Just not connected to my

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Schools to have the Girls place 8th and the Boys 6th. 8th Grader Autumn Bender placed 11th to lead the Girls with Omar Lopez and Jim Bernstein leading the Boys in 6th and 8th.

For the Girls of 180 participants 43rd Brooke Gillette, 44th Sabrena Smith, 61st Olivia Rehm,80th Danielle Graham, 108th Mary Alongi, 138th Devon Jones. 93rd Maria Terbush JV race. For the Boys: 46th Hauk Boyes, 64th Justin Weintraub, 85th Brendon Hasbrouck, 107th Sowoo Chon, 136th Nat Tompkins. 72nd Aidan Woolsey JV Race.

The Girls are presently ranked in the top 15 C Schools in New York and have a 7-0 dual meet record most recently defeating Middletown, Pine Bush, Minisink Valley and Florida. The Boys have a 5-3 record.

Art Exhibit Opening

There will be a gala opening with a wine-and-cheese reception to meet the artists on Sunday, October 2 from 3:00 p.m. to 5 p.m.. This event is free to the public. The month-long exhibition documenting the process of assembling the public art project Neversink Transmissions. Sculptural objects, audio, video, photography and other archived materials related to the project's development will be on display at the Old Stone House, 282 Hasbrouck Road, Hasbrouck, NY. Viewers can expect to see color-coded branches gathered from the banks of the Neversink, sketchbook pages and interview transcripts, and large-format prints of photographs made during the project. The public audio archive Neversink info will be available for visitors to explore. Additional works from the artists' practice that relate to the development of Neversink Transmissions will also be on view, such as Irons' watershed drawings and Phiffer's inquiry-based net projects.

The exhibition at the Old Stone House documents Neversink

Transmissions, a site-specific work located at Denning Town Hall along the east branch of the Neversink River. The art project combines a sculpture built of driftwood and a media element the artists call "situated net art" that allows visitors to access an archive of community-generated knowledge

Ellie Irons received her M.F.A. from Hunter College in 2009. Her work has been exhibited throughout the Northeast, including shows at Smack Mellon (Brooklyn); Proteus Gowanus (Brooklyn); and the Rosenwald-Wolf Gallery at the University of the Arts (Philadelphia), as well as multiple exhibitions with collective Future Archaeology. On the West Coast, her work has been exhibited at the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery and the PNCA Gallery in Portland. In The Netherlands, where Irons spent a semester at the Frank Mohr Institute in Groningen, her work has been exhibited in Schiermonnikoog and at DeFKA in Assen. Irons's previous honors include the Signal Fire Outpost Residency (Portland, Oregon, 2010) and the Waddenwerk Summer Residency Program (Schiermonnikoog, The Netherlands, 2009). Irons is currently an artist in residence at the Carriage House in Islip, New York. She also works as a teaching artist with the Brooklyn Arts Council and the Guggenheim's Learning Through Art Program, and as an Adjunct Lecturer in the Electronic Design and Multimedia Department of City College (CUNY).

Dan Phiffer is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Interactive Telecommunications Program (ITP) at New York University, an Adjunct Lecturer in the Electronic Design and Multimedia department at City College of New York, and is also a Media Technology Developer in the Digital Media Department at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. He graduated from ITP in 2007. He has lectured widely in Europe and throughout the United States and has been exhibited or featured at Ars Electronica FutureLab (Linz, AT), STUK kunstencentrum (Leuven, BE), MoMA (New York, NY), SFMOMA (San Francisco, CA), and V2 Institute for the Unstable Media (Rotterdam, NL). His awards include a 2008 Rhizome Commission, a 2007 Turbulence Commission, and an honorary mention from Prix Ars Electronica for a project he co-founded, ShiftSpace.

"Neversink Transmissions" was sponsored by the Wildcat Fellowship Program in partnership with the Neversink-Rondout Stream Management Program. Irons and Phiffer were in residence in Claryville from July 11th through July 24th and participated in a work-in-progress tour on July 23rd at

the Denning Town Hall.

The Wildcat Fellowship Program of Claryville, NY, awards a residency in the Catskill Mountains to one or more gifted emerging artists each year. The program-now in its fourth year-gives artists a chance to experience art-making in a rural mountain setting of peace and beauty. It also provides young artists with a chance to connect to new audiences in the Catskills. The curator of the fellowship program is Patricia Eakins, and the executive director is Peter Martin, both Claryville residents.

The mission of the Rondout/Neversink Stream Program of the Sullivan County Soil and Conservation District is to inspire streamside landowners and the larger watershed community to live in harmony with Catskill creeks and rivers and the beautiful landscape they support. The Stream Program works with town officials, highway superintendents, landowners, educators and community stakeholders to assess stream conditions on the Rondout Creek, Chestnut Creek and Neversink River; implement Stream Management Plans and recommendations for healthy stream practices; assist landowners in increasing streamside vegetation; and educate about good stream-stewardship practices. (Next Col.)



We are proud to present a gallery documentation of Neversink Transmissions, an outdoor sculpture and multi-media installation by Ellie Irons and Dan Phiffer, 2011 Wildcat Fellows. Old Stone House, 282 Hasbrouck Road



The Old Stone House is a community-based facility offering yearround classes in art and other endeavors for children and adults alike, plus monthly art exhibitions, all in a restored centuries-old building. For more information go to:

neversink.info; wildcatfellowshipprogram.net; catskillstreams.org; old-

stonehouse.catskill-life.com

For more information about the Wildcat Fellowship Program, contact Patricia Eakins, fabulara@earthlink.net, 7 Taylor Road, Claryville, NY 12725, 845-985-7161

For more information about the Rondout/Neversink Stream program, contact Karen Rauter, KarenRauter@rondoutneversinkstreams.org, 845-985-2581

**Historic Hudson Valley Farms** (From Pg. 2) The barns at Clermont and The Ridge are gone, but other outbuildings remain to offer some of the original context, and Clermont, too, has gardens that beckon visitors to explore.

This year's tour literally spans the Hudson River National Historic Landmark District, from its southern boundary in the hamlet of Staatsburg, where visitors may elect to visit Staatsburgh (Mills Mansion) and Norrie-Mills State Park (site of Calvert Vaux's "The Point") as well, up to Clermont in southern Columbia County. Other possible stops along your way include Montgomery Place and Bard College, in Annandale. The routes between the tour sites have been selected to offer characteristic views of the local landscape, with rolling meadows, stone walls, wooded lanes, farms, hamlets and villages, set against intermittent glimpses of

a backdrop of the Hudson River and Catskill Mountains.

Start your tour at the Rhinebeck United Methodist Church at 73 East Market Street in the heart of historic Rhinebeck Village. Local options for morning coffee and breakfast abound, with plenty of parking on the street or in the municipal parking lot a block away. Preregistered guests will find their CST admission wristbands waiting for them, along with coupons for the optional boxed lunch catered by Gigi's (to be picked up at Clermont) and the optional tour of Clermont itself. Then head either north or south, following the directions and map in your tour packet. Both tour routes bring visitors to Clermont in the early afternoon, allowing time for lunch on the grounds and a tour of the house, if you wish, before continuing to the remaining sites on the tour. Of course you may visit the sites in any order, choose to skip one, or to stay longer at another as you wish. And if a boxed lunch does not meet your needs, many other options for a quick lunch at local eateries exist as well, with a list of some of them provided in your tour packet. So come early, plan to arrive at the first site at 10:00 am (our tour center opens at 9:00 am), and spend the day enjoying all the beauty of the Hudson Valley in mid-October. Hudson River Heritage P.O. Box 287 Rhinebeck NY 12572 (845) 876-

http://hudsonriverheritage.org/country-seats-tour-23/tickets/

"Music of Our Time" At Tusten Theatre October 1

The 21st annual "Music of Our Time" concert comes to Tusten Theatre on Saturday, October 1 at 8 p.m. Featured this year is the world premiere of a new work by Larry Lockwood (Neversink, NY), the "Oboe Concerto," with Molly Raum performing the solo oboe part, accompanied by the Delaware Valley Chamber Orchestra conducted by John Yaffé.

Soprano Juliana Janes-Yaffé will sing rarely-performed music by Paul Hindemith, "The Serenades," accompanied by oboist Gerard Reuter, vio-

list Hannah Ross, and cellist Lawrence Zoernig.

Memorial music honoring Lee Hoiby will be performed, including arrangements for the Chamber Orchestra by John Yaffé and Carolyn

Tusten Theatre is located at 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Tickets are \$15 and are available through the Tusten Theatre box office at 845-252-7272, or at the door that evening. For more information, visit

www.ArtsAllianceSite.org or call 845-252-7576.

This concert is made possible in part by a grant from the Decentralization Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, and by the Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grant. Presented by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA), the Tusten Theatre fall season is made possible in part by a grant from the Presenting Program of the New York State sible in part by a grant from the Presenting Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, celebrating 50 years of building strong, creative communities in New York's 62 counties. The 80-year old art deco-style Tusten Theatre features an eight-month schedule of cultural programming including jazz, opera, performance art, folk music, film, and theatre.

Grand Re-Opening of the WOODSONGS COFFEEHOUSE

in the Sullivan County Museum, Hurleyville, NY
Revonah Records recording artist Frank Gerow (Uncle Frank) will perform Saturday, October 1st at the WOODSONGS COFFEEHOUSE located in the Sullivan County Museum, in celebration of an exhibition by the Sullivan County Historical Society entitled "The Face and Sound of Vinyl". The exhibit features a dazzling display of over 1100 LP albums from the mid-1950's to today. They are displayed by genre including show tunes and movie soundtracks, folk, rock, country, jazz, big band and swing, latin, classical, children's, world music, etc. And not only can you see these walls and walls of albums, you can listen to most of them too. Just ask one of our volunteers to take your favorite album from the wall and play the record on one of our turntables, It's like one huge jukebox. Now that's interactive!

A special feature of the exhibition is a display of original albums from Sullivan Counties own bluegrass recording studio Revonah Records, opened by Paul Gerry in 1968 in the town of Liberty. Recordings from the Revonah label will be played live throughout the day, right up until the the show begins. Our featured musician for the evening - Uncle Frank and his band "The Bluegrass Travelers" recorded an album on the Bayonah label in the late sixties. Uncle Franks new band an album on the Revonah label in the late sixties. Uncle Franks new band "The Back Porch Gang" will be performing along with (Contd. Pg. 9)

WOODSONGS COFFEEHOUSE

(From Pg. 8) the host band "Little Sparrow" featuring Carol Smith (vocals, guitar), Aldo Troiani (mandolin, banjo, guitar and vocals, Lester Wilson(bass and vocals), Lynn Reno (fiddle and vocals) and Kevin Ege (guitar and vocals). Please join us Saturday evening, October 1st from 6-8:30 for this musical celebration!

Admission is \$5.00 suggested donation. Coffee, tea and fresh baked goods from the Bake House artisan bakery in Kauneonga Lake will be available for

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York.

For more information please visit our

website:

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## Cornell Cooperative Extension Announces Forage Exchange

Cornell Cooperative Extension, in cooperation with the New York Farm Bureau and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets has established the CCE Forage Exchange to assist farmers affected by the recent flooding. It can be reached via the front page of the Main Cornell Cooperative Extension webpage at:

http://cce.cornell.edu.

The Forage Exchange provides an electronic venue for farmers who have available feed and forage to post it, and for farmers who need it to locate it. All transactions (including making arrangements for transportation) will take place between the farmers themselves.

Cooperative Extension Educators and Farm Bureau staff across the state will be available to assist farmers in using the exchange.

# EXTENSION GRANTED FOR REPLACEMENT FOOD STAMPS DUE TO STORMS

Liberty - Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau has announced "that Sullivan County residents who are Food Stamp recipients, and experienced a loss of food due to Hurricane Irene may be eligible for replacement food benefits through close of business September 30, 2011.

You may report a food loss by telephone; however, you must complete the form "Request for Replacement Food Stamps" (LDSS-2291).

This form can be found at:

www.mybenefits.ny.gov

or obtained at the Local District office the Sullivan County Department of
Family Services in Liberty. Mail, fax, or
submit in person to the Local Department
of Family Services - the Sullivan County
Department of Family Services in
Liberty for an eligibility determination.
Contact your worker with questions at
845-292-0100.

This replacement food stamp program has been made available through Governor Cuomo's efforts to assist those that were impacted by Hurricane Irene, and are in the process of recovery from that storm. The State of New York has established the qualifying criteria for this program," said Fanslau.

North East Watercolor Society Artists Prepare For Dual Watercolor Events

Once again the North East Watercolor Society is offering a four day watercolor workshop taught by a world renown artist, This year we have the honor to have watercolorist Jean Uhl Spicer, a Philadelphia native who has taught her techniques around the world. The workshop will focus on using design and color to create dramatic landscape and flower paintings.

The workshop will be held from October

The workshop will be held from October 17th - 20th, at the Knights of Columbus Hall located on Main Street, Florida, New York, close to Rt. 17. Tuition will be \$350 for NEWS members and \$375 for non-members. Parking is off street with access to dining and lodging.

Jean studied at the University of The Arts majoring in Illustration. She became a greeting card designer and then continued her studies with noted professional watercolorists. Teaching students led Jean into conducting National and International workshops including Australia, England, Bermuda and Hawaii.

Jean Uhl Spicer will also be our Juror of Awards for our 36th International Exhibition 2011 in Kent, Connecticut. The opening reception and awards ceremony will be October 23 from 2-4 pm, the show runs until November, 6.

Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn from and work with an outstanding watercolorist as well as meeting and working with fellow area artists. Remember art is a journey and everyone is welcome, whether you are just beginning or have reached a professional level, we are all still learning,

For more information, visit www.northeastws.com or www.kentart.org, email juspicer@aol.com, or phone (607) 637-3412.

## ASK welcomes a Members' Group Show featuring the work of Richard Morris and Hank Vanderbeck, and It's a Mystery! a Members' Exhibition

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) welcomes Richard Morris and Hank Vanderbeck to the Lounge Gallery during the month of October. The Main Gallery will feature "It's a Mystery!" a Members' Exhibition. The shared opening reception will take place during First Saturday, October 1st, 5-8 pm. Both exhibitions will run until October 29th.

Rich Morris
Rich Morris lives and works in Ulster
County. A 1978 SUNY New Paltz graduate,
he has shown his work throughout the MidHudson Valley and in NYC. Paintings of his
are in private collections in NYC, California
and Vienna, Austria,

The current paintings are interpretations of astrophotographs. The Hubble, Chandra, Spitzer and other deep space telescopes provide brilliant color images of nebulae and other phenomenon around our universe. These magnificent images led the artist to imagine figures and faces in juxtapositions within the swirling stars and gaseous clouds.

"My work focuses on the eternal nature of the human spirit. I focus on the mix of randomly occurring forms and colors found in the sky and space. The blending of human form and nebulous star clouds join to form a natural rhythm that motivates me. We are united by our origins in the same speck of primordial dust and we return to it in the end. I am drawn to the stars that flow through the universe.

I am inspired by the Symbolist painters (Odilon Redon, Puvis de Chavannes, Walter Crane, Jean Delville and others), the Art Nouveau artist Gustav Klimt and the Post-Impressionists. I find a common goal in trying to express timeless ideas in ways that are lyrical and hold the viewer for that extra moment."

Please take a moment and view each painting as if you had a view of it in deep space.

Hank Vanderbeck

Hank Vanderbeck is a life-long resident of Saugerties, New York. Since retiring from the Ulster County Sheriffs Dept. in 2010, he has been enjoying having more time to paint in his Saugerties studio. Vanderbeck recently had a large number of solo exhibitions around the region, including 291 Wall St. in Kingston, Bank of America in Woodstock, and the Dutch Ale House in Saugerties. He



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has been an active member of the Arts Society of Kingston's "ASK Goes to the Mall" project since 2009. Vanderbeck studied at Ulster County Community College with instructor John Locke, and was also a student of the watercolor artist, Staats Fasoldt.

It's a Mystery

Come October, night arrives earlier. Are those autumn leaves rustling behind us? Or is it someone following, darting into shadows when we turn to look? The cold wind bites our ears, whispering of things unexplainable. When we've come to our own house, more sounds, a howl - the neighbor's cat? Quickly in... a cup of tea before bed. Now moonshine, making for a restless sleep. The wind rises. Moon shadows dance on the wall. Half awake, we ponder the mysteries of the day, the world, and the universe. ASK artists create their own mysteries for this October show, exploring or exposing the unknown in their personal vision.

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 ASK for Arts.org.

## PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program resumes its school visitation schedule.

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PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (PRASAD CDHP) is a program of The PRASAD Project, a philanthropic expression of the SYDA Foundation. PRASAD CDHP provides dental care services and dental health education to children in Sullivan and Ulster counties. For more information, visit us at www.prasadcdhp.org or call 845.434.0376.

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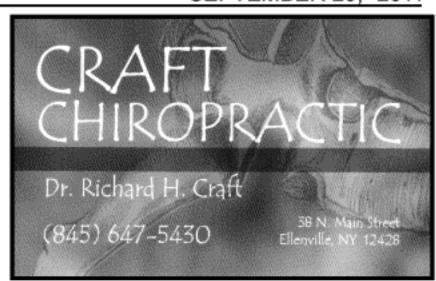
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Assemblymember Cahill Introduces Flood Assessment Relief Act - Calls on State to Pick Up Local Share of Recovery Costs
(Albany) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster/Duthchess) has introduced the Flood Assessment

(Albany) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster/Duthchess) has introduced the Flood Assessment Relief Act of 2011. The bill (A8634) gives counties damaged by Tropical Storms Irene and Lee the option, after first consulting with local governments, to adjust property assessments to reflect the actual value of homes that were severely impacted by the floods. Cahill also called on the State to assume the local share of FEMA related recovery costs and assist municipalities with their rebuilding efforts.

"This legislation is about providing communities with the opportunity to come together as neighbors to give relief to the victims of the devastation brought about by Irene and Lee," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The bill would give local governments the option to avoid adding insult to injury for taxpayers, who have already lost so much, by ensuring that their property will be fairly taxed."

Assemblymember Cahill praised local governments and volunteers for their efforts to get homeown-

Assemblymember Cahill praised local governments and volunteers for their efforts to get homeowners and businesses back on their feet and called on the State to assume recovery costs not covered by FEMA. The expenses associated with the floods have created enormous strain on many municipalities, especially those in the Catskills.

"Many of the areas hit hardest by the flooding have recovered at a remarkable pace thanks to the tireless efforts of local officials, utility workers, residents and volunteers," said Assemblymember Cahill. "New York State cannot afford to leave those communities at risk and force residents and businesses to exist under a constant state of fear over repetitive floods and other dangerous conditions. The State needs to assume the local costs and dedicate the resources necessary to ensure waterways are being properly managed in order to limit damage from future events."

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Given the frequency and magnitude of the flooding that has impacted the region recent years, Cahill said that government must work together at all levels to overhaul flood mitigation, response and recov-

ery plans.

"Aid and assessment relief are appropriate responses to the immediate challenges facing flood victims, but we cannot afford to ignore the long term implications of the extreme weather patterns we have been experiencing," said Assemblymember Cahill. "As rebuilding efforts go forward it is important that vulnerable communities take the rational and appropriate steps necessary to protect flood prone areas and limit future damages. The State should be there every step of the way to offer its assistance, guidance and expertise."

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Relief Funding (From Pg. 1)

Last week Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) voted to defeat legislation that failed to provide adequate funding for ongoing emergency disaster relief related to Hurricane Irene, Tropical Strom Lee and other natural disasters across the country. President Obama has requested \$6.9 billion in funding for FEMA to continue relief in response to natural disasters throughout the country. The bill, supported by House Republican leadership, would have only provided \$3.65 billion for FEMA and other relief efforts, while doing nothing for farmers. Hinchey is continuing to fight for an up or down vote in the House on the comprehensive, bipartisan Senate package, which meets the president's request while also providing badly needed support for Department of Agriculture programs that provide emergency relief to farmers.

This legislation failed to meet the needs of New Yorkers and others across this country who have been devastated by natural disasters," said Hinchey. "It was a half measure that would have caused FEMA and other agencies to run out of funding, delaying aid to families, small businesses and farmers that have been affected by Irene and Lee. It provided no relief to farmers, and it shortchanged other agencies that are helping us rebuild after these devastating storms. I'm pleased that it was defeated so that we can quickly bring a bet-

ter bill to the floor."

Hinchey led a group of 77 House members in calling on Speaker Boehner and Majority Leader Cantor to schedule an up or down vote on comprehensive, bipartisan legislation that meets FEMA's funding needs, supports farmers and has already passed the U.S. Senate. Unlike the House bill, which attached disaster relief funding to a broader bill to fund the federal government, the Senate bill is a simple, standalone measure that ensures emergency funding does not get delayed by the complicated political, poisonous budget debate.

'We can't afford gridlock and inaction, but that's exactly what we're getting as a result of the decision to entangle disaster relief with the debate over the budget and offsets," said Hinchey. "Eight times under the Bush administration, the House passed legislation with broad Republican support to fund emergency relief in the aftermath of disasters. This time should be no different. Instead, it's looking more and more likely that New Yorkers will not get the immediate assistance they need because Washington is mucking things up with this debate over the deficit. We need a simple, clean vote on emergency disaster relief. Speaker Boehner and Majority Leader Cantor need to bring this issue to the floor for a vote.

Damage from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee badly affected New York's 22nd Congressional District, which Hinchey represents. Throughout the Southern Tier, damage is estimated at more than \$250 million. In the Hudson Valley, Hurricane Irene caused massive power outages and record flooding. In Ulster County, 60 percent of residents lost power, seven bridges were destroyed. In fact, two of those bridges were just washed away and not found. Farmers in Ulster, Orange and Sullivan counties suffered devastating losses and because the crop insurance program remains inadequate for them, these farmers may get no assistance at all. Ulster and Orange counties alone have an estimated \$62.5 million in agriculture losses, yet the House bill contains no assistance for farmers.

Hinchey was one of the first in Congress to call for additional appropriations to assist those affected by Hurricane Irene, and Tropical Storm Lee. In an August 29 press release, Hinchey said "congressional action will also be necessary to increase funding for the President's Disaster Relief Fund." Today, that fund contains less than \$400 million and is set to run into the red unless Congress takes action by the end of the

Hinchey has also worked to deliver the federal disaster declarations necessary for New Yorkers to receive the federal assistance they need. Hinchey spoke with FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate to request expedited Major Disaster Declarations for New York counties affected by Tropical Storm Lee. Prior to that, Hinchey requested Federal Emergency Declarations for six New York counties affected by Lee. The designation was subsequently granted, making federal resources available to mitigate flood damage, save lives, protect property and public infrastructure, and ensure public health and safety. Hinchey has also introduced legislation and has been working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to expedite and provide additional assistance to farmers affected by the flooding and is supportive of efforts to provide crop insurance retroactively to New York farmers in need.

This past week Congressman Maurice Hinchey released the following statement following his vote against a continuing resolution that contained politically-motivated offsets and insufficient funding for disaster recovery in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene and

Tropical Storm Lee.

"Once again the Speaker and Majority Leader have decided to play politics with the lives of millions of Americans who are counting on us to provide emergency relief. I voted against this bad bill for three reasons. First, this bill does not include a penny more of disaster relief than the inadequate bill that was voted down in the House last night. As a result, this bill, just like the one I opposed yesterday would shortchange New York families and make it impossible for FEMA to meet its obligations for natural disasters that have recently occurred, including Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

"Second, unlike legislation already passed in the Senate, the bill fails to provide any support to Department of Agriculture programs, putting New York farmers who were devastated by natural disasters at even greater risk. Third, in an unprecedented move, this bill entangles emergency disaster relief in the poisonous budget debate that has caused gridlock and inaction

since the beginning of this Congress.

"This legislation is virtually identical to the bill I voted against yesterday, and has no hope of passing in the United States Senate in its current form. It was a pure political stunt. I am hopeful that it can be amended by the Senate and quickly sent back to the House so that families, farmers and small businesses throughout New York and the rest of the country can receive the disaster assistance they have been promised.

"I continue to believe that the Republican leaders in the House should bring forward bipartisan disaster relief legislation, which already passed the Senate, to the floor of the U.S. House for a simple up or down vote. This would be the easiest way to guarantee that disaster recovery assistance is not delayed, and it is what I have

called for all along."

Congressman Hinchey sent a letter to President Barack Obama requesting expedited approval of additional federal disaster assistance for Ulster and Orange counties in response to Tropical Storm Lee. Hinchey has requested that both an Individual Assistance designation and a Public Assistance designation be made to ensure that homeowners, renters, local governments and small businesses in Ulster and Orange counties affected by Tropical Storm Lee will be eligible for assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

"Ulster and Orange counties took a one-two punch from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee," wrote Hinchey. "Just when some of these communities began rebuilding from Irene, a second round of flooding from Lee washed away much of their hard work. Now they need to start the recovery work again. Additional federal assistance is needed to help families, farmers, small businesses and local communities to once again begin to recover and rebuild from massive flooding and wind damage. Many New Yorkers will not be able to afford repairs without FEMA's Public and Individual Assistance programs and activation of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program statewide. I ask that you approve the Governor's request as quickly as possible."

September 22, 2011

The Honorable Barack Obama President of the United States The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Obama:

Thank you for all the support you and your administration has provided to New York in response to recent natural disasters that caused widespread damage across the state. I am writing to urge you to quickly approve supporting Governor Andrew Cuomo's request for Individual and Public Assistance through FEMA for homeowners, renters, local governments and small businesses in Ulster and Orange counties affected by Tropical Storm Lee.

Ulster and Orange counties took a one-two punch from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Just when some of these communities began rebuilding from Irene, a second round of flooding from Lee washed away much of their hard work. Now they need to start the recovery work again. Additional federal assistance is needed to help families, farmers, small businesses and local communities to once again being to recover and rebuild from massive flooding and wind damage.

Many New Yorkers will not be able to afford repairs without FEMA's Public and Individual Assistance programs and activation of the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program statewide. I ask that you approve the Governor's request as quickly as possible.

Thank you again for all the assistance the federal government has provided New York and for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely, Maurice D. Hinchey

Two weeks ago, Hinchey spoke with FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate to request expedited federal disaster assistance for New York counties affected by Tropical Storm Lee, specifically singling out the need to reassess Orange and Ulster counties after a second round of flooding. While the appropriate disaster designations were made by the President in response to Hurricane Irene, designations in response to Tropical Storm Lee are still pending in the Hudson Valley. Hinchey has also introduced legislation and has been working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to expedite and provide additional assistance to farmers affected by the flooding and is supportive of efforts to provide crop insurance retroactively to New York farmers in

#### Jon Sennett Speaks at Rally on the Rondout



This past Saturday, Jon Sennett, candidate for Ulster County District Attorney was among the speakers at the Rally on the Rondout and the he race for Ulster County District Attorney has heated up as the cooler fall weather arrives and voters begin to look into the records of the candidates in preparation for the November election.

Jon Sennett, former Bronx County Assistant District Attorney and prominent Kingston lawyer has been talking with voters throughout the county about the need for change in the Office of the District Attorney. Sennett has been very critical of a series of missteps and mismanagement by the sitting DA Holley Carnright. Sennett elaborated on what his investigation into the job of Mr. Carnright shows at Saturday's rally.

## POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando -

THE LOCAL SCENE, September 19, 2011 Denning Democratic Caucus produced some controversy and some Candidates. The controversy settled around the fact that there are four committee people from ED 2 (which is totally legal), and none from ED 1. This lack of committee people from ED 1 was due to a lack of coopera-tion between the two ED's. District 1 Claryville, Frost Valley, on that side of Denning, and District 2 Sundown, Yeagerville Road side of the town. Although, all election inspectors and usually involved Democrats were asked to sit on this committee and build a viable Democratic party in Denning, none from District 1 wished to join this committee for almost four years therefore more District 2 Democrats were asked and accepted.

The choice of the people at this Caucus are as fol-lows: Supervisor, Bill Bruning; Town Clerk/Tax Collector, Joy Monforte; Superintendent of Highways, Daniel Vansaders; Town Justice, Jonathan Follender, 2 Town Councilpersons; James Hlinican Jr, and Grace Rivera and will all share the Democratic Line on

November 8th, 2011

IN THE NATION

They say it is like the real thing, but the sweet corn in my yard doesn't get injections.... and it doesn't create a monopoly to rape the American worker again.

Monsanto's GMO sweet corn is engineered to tolerate the herbicide Roundup, and to produce the insectkilling pesticide Bt

If that sounds dangerous to eat, there's good reason. A past study released by the International Journal of Biological Sciences found that Monsanto's GMO corn led to organ failure in mammals.

This GMO corn has also recently been linked to a new pathogen causing crop failure and a sharp spike in livestock infertility - as high as 20% - which could potentially pose a health threat to humans as well.

But shockingly, just as other GMO foods are not required to have special labeling, consumers will have no way of knowing if they're purchasing Monsanto's new genetically modified sweet corn.

Tell U.S. food companies: Americans don't want Monsanto's GMO sweet corn in our grocery stores! Write all of your elected officials and support labeling of all GMO products.

Once again Chinese goods prove inferior Jumper Cables (Walmart) with insufficient copper at he contact pointts, cause worthless jumper cables, we waited, at high uidle, with cables hooked up, for 20 minutes no charge was registered on car with run down battery. change to US Mfg. cables car started first try.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me (Frank Comando, Democratic Chair of the Town of Denning) at 845-985-0501, or email: denningdems@yahoo.com or 'snail mail': Frank Comando, Democratic Committee Chair, 135 Peekamoose

Road Sundown, NY 12740



Sundown Community 2nd ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ sponsored by the Sundown Methodist Church October 8, 2011 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Sundown Methodist Church Hall Take-outs available

Adults: \$10.00 Children under 10: \$5.00 BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole 5law, Rolls, Dessert and Beverage

This event is for the benefit of building a new roof for the Sundown Church Hall.

## TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM



Current exhibits

- Impact of Water on the Life and the Growth of the
- The Rondout and Neversink watersheds: Before, During and After
- Quilt Exhibit 9/1-10/30
- Photo exhibition on view entitled: A Glimpse into the Building of the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and Connecting Tunnels: Photos from the DEP Archives.

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman printed since the beginning in loose-leaf binders classified by year for anyone to research.

Open Thursday to Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. through October, and other times by appointment. Adults: The current admission is \$2 Children under 16 -\$1, and children under six are free. For more information call: 845 985-2262 x 313 or go to the website:

> timeandthevalleysmuseum.org e-mail: historian@townofneversink.org

Schumer, Gillibrand Announce Sullivan County International Airport Set To Receive Over \$1 Million In Department Of Transportation Funding For Airport Fire Fighting & Rescue Program

On September 23, 2011 U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand announced that Sullivan County International Airport is set to receive \$1,034,621 in U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) funds for airport facility upgrades. Specifically, the grant will allow Sullivan County International Airport to construct an Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) building to house and extend the life of their life-saving ARFF equipment by protecting it from adverse weather conditions. Schumer and Gillibrand applaud DOT for their work to increase safety at all airports.

"This is great news for the passengers and pilots that fly in and out of Sullivan County International Airport every day," said Schumer. "With this funding, the airport can make sure that fire fighting capabilities are top notch, which will help ensure passenger safety and the smooth operation of the facility. I will continue to fight for funds like these that promote safety at all New York airports."

"This is an important investment for Sullivan County International Airport," Senator Gillibrand said. "These federal funds will help upgrade the airport's safety and pre-paredness, and provide better service for travelers. I will keep fighting to secure the resources New York's airports need.

The funding for Sullivan County International Airport is part of the Airport Improvement Program, administered by DOT's Federal Aviation Administration. The Airport Improvement Program provides grants to public agencies for the planning and development of public-use airports that are included in the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS).

## Grahamsville Reformed Church

## Chicken & Biscuits Dinner

October 15, 2011

Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm

Menu: Chicken & Biscuits, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Salad, Bread, Assorted Desserts, & Drinks

> Adults: \$11.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00 under 5 free

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

Thank you for your support and God Bless You All!

## ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION

The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sundays 8:15 a.m. - Communion Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42 South Fallsburg

For Information: Mother Joan LaLiberté 845-887-4742

## CrossWay Assembly of God Sunday School 9:30 am Samael Berrios

Service Times 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

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

Email:

Lead Pastor

507 Hasbrouck Drive

Woodbourne, NY 12788

crosswayaog@aol.com

www.crosswayaog.com

P. O. Box 480

845-434-8263

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship Service 10:30am

985-2283

## RAMSAY'S FUNERAL HOMES, INC

Serving Sullivan County Since 1896

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## Loucks Funeral Home

Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito

> 79 North Main Street Ellenville, New York (845) 647-4343





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

#### CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (embraces Fallsburg,

Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights) 6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne. 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. SC 4-H Open Gymkhana Show

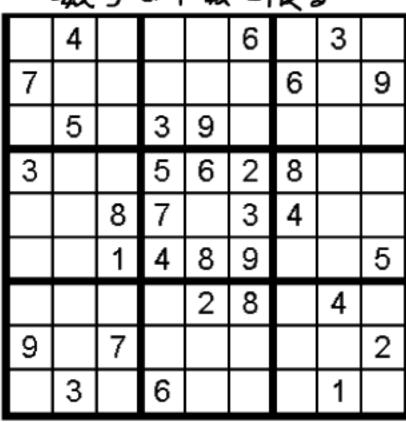
On Sunday, October 16th, 2011 Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H Horse PAC will be holding its annual Fall Open Gymkhana Show. The event is being hosted by Stone Wall Farms in Jeffersonville NY and is sure to be another fun and exciting 4-H fundraising event. For more information or to register please visit our web site www.sul-livancee.org or call Nikki Olsen at 845-292-6180. Registration 8am, 9am start time Pre Entries by Oct. 1st - \$7/class Entries day of show - \$9/class

## TVCS '61 Members Wanted

The TVCS Class of 1961 is having our 50th reunion on October 8th, 2011. There will be a tour of the new library and museum in Grahamsville at 11 am and then a buffet luncheon to follow at Grahamsville Firehouse at 1 pm for class members and spouses. Teachers have been invited to join us for tea and refreshments from 3 pm on and we are looking for addresses or information about Caroline Ackerley Johnson, Diana Goldman, Mary Chandler, Richard Davis, Mary DeVoe, Hilda Rhode, Dianna DePuy, Barbara Little, Larry Smith, Ellen Walker, Eileen Hurley, Kenny Teal, Neil Greensweig and Joseph Rampe.

Please contact Darlene Nielsen at 845-292-1678 or Biscuit1127@hvc.rr.com email if you have any help to give the organizers. Thank you and we hope to 'catch up' and make new memories. Darlene Nielson, 370 Lindholm Road, Hurleyville, NY 12748 (845)292-1678 Cell: (845) 798-2109.

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## 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



Oct. I, 2011 Sundown United Methodist Church at the Sundown Church Hall



Thrift Sale (9 am -1 pm) & Luncheon (11 am-1 pm) Oct 5 Trift Sale Only 9 am-1 pm - Oct 15

# 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

## LEGAL NOTICES:

## TOWN OF DENNING NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on September 20, 20 1 1, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Town of Denning, in the County of Ulster, New York is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

JOY ANN MONFORTE Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DENNING, ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 20,2011, AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF PORTIONS OF PEEKAMOOSE ROAD, STAT-ING THAT THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$750,000.00, APPRO-PRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE \$750,000.00 SERIAL BONDS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION AND AUTHORIZING ANY AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BE EXPENDED TOWARDS THE COST OF SAID SPECIFIC OBJECT OR PURPOSE OR THE REDEMPTION OF SAID BONDS ISSUED THEREFOR

Object or purpose: Reconstruct portions of Peekamoose Road

Amount of obligations to be issued:

\$750,000.00

Period of probable usefulness: ten (10) years A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, New York.

Dated: September 20, 2011 Claryville, New York JOY ANN MONFORTE Town Clerk

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Proposed Budget of the Grahamsville Fire District located in the Town of Neversink, State of New York, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Grahamsville Fire District, for its consideration.

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 pm at the Grahamsville Firehouse in the Leo McArthur Memorial Hall, Grahamsville, NY 12740 on the 18th day of October, 2011.

Pursuant to Town Law § 105, the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the public hearing, allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as it is submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same.

A copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Neversink at 273 Main St., Grahamsville, NY where it may be inspected by any interested person during the hours of 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, excluding holidays.

Dated: September 19, 2011 Board of Fire Commissioners Grahamsville Fire District PO Box 343 Grahamsville, NY 12740

## PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Town of Denning Town Board meeting to be held at the Sundown Church Hall, located at 3 Greenville Road, Sundown, NY 12740 set to begin at 7 P.M.

The purpose of SAID public hearing is for the public review of Local Law No. 2 of the year 2011 a local law to override the tax levy limit as established in General Municipal Law § 3-c.

At SAID Hearing any and all interested person (s) will be heard either for or against. The proposed law is available for inspection in the Town Clerks Office during normal business hours.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD Joy Ann Monforte Town Clerk September 14th, 2011

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#### COMMUNITY RECOGNITION EVENT - SullivanArc to Recognize Sullivan Renaissance at Dinner

(MONTICELLO] - Sullivan Renaissance will receive the 2011 "President's Award" at SullivanArc's 20th Annual Community Recognition Event on Friday, October 28 at the Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg. SullivanArc has been providing support and services to people with disabilities for over 60 years.

In announcing the award, SullivanArc and the SullivanArc Foundation praised Sullivan Renaissance for "its commitment to excellence

and boundless spirit."

Sullivan Renaissance and SullivanArc have partnered on projects for many years, including beautification of a "Welcome to Monticello" sign in 2004 and establishment of a community garden at Hemming Farm in Woodbourne in 2010. In addition, the two organizations have been collaborating on the Sullivan County Garden Tour annually for the last three years. All proceeds from the garden tour benefit the SullivanArc Horticultural Program.

Sullivan Renaissance is known for the variety of grants that it distributes to enhance the appearance of Sullivan County. One of the funding requirements is that each applicant considers how its proposal will be accessible to individuals with disabilities.

"Honoring Sullivan Renaissance really means recognizing the many volunteers who work in communities to improve the way they look. This pride in 'who we are' is the same value that SullivanArc promotes with the people it serves," said Sullivan Renaissance Director Glenn Pontier, "We are proud to be part of the SullivanArc mission to enable persons with disabilities to live as contributing and valued members of the community."

The event will also honor one of SullivanArc's recipients with the annual "Derrick Finn Award" which is given to a person with disabilities who excels in sports or the arts. The award is named after SullivanArc resident Derrick Finn, an accomplished athlete, who passed away in 2005.

Everyone is invited to attend the dinner. For information, or to purchase tickets or a journal ad, contact Joan Glase at SullivanArc at 845-796-1350 ext. 1050

or visit www.sullivanarc.org.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. For more information, visit www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

BEDS, BULBS & BEYOND-Shorter days and cooler nights mean plenty to do in garden

[FERNDALE] - With the arrival of shorter days and cooler nights there is much to do to "put your garden to bed" for the winter and prepare for next spring. Sullivan Renaissance is holding a fall gardening seminar entitled "Beds, Bulbs & Beyond" on Wednesday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Ferndale.

The seminar will be presented by gardening experts Mary Lewis and Vivian Multari-Ginsberg. It will provide tips and advice for essential gardening tasks in the autumn months, including: Protecting and winterizing perennial beds

Planting bulbs, shrubs and trees; Mulching, pruning and composting; Lawn care and repair; Soil testing; Dividing perennials; Preparing new beds now Lewis is a consultant for Sullivan Renaissance and

Lewis is a consultant for Sullivan Renaissance and had been a Renaissance judge for nine years. She is founder and principal of Barncroft, a garden design firm; chair of Zone III 2008 Annual Meeting of the Garden Clubs of America; and past president of IT'S TIME FOR FALL CLEANUP!!!
THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK WILL BE
CONDUCTING A FALL CLEANUP
PROGRAM ON:

Sat. Oct. 8th, Wed. Oct. 12th & Sat. Oct. 15th, 2011

## THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:

 Only those holding a GREY 2011 Transfer Station Permit will be admitted.

 Three Pick-up loads per household. (Permit Cards will be punched for each load.)

3. <u>Tires. Refrigerators. Freezers. Dehumidifiers</u> and <u>Air Conditioners</u> will not be accepted during this time. Please do not bring them during cleanup.

4. The charge for Fluorescent Lamps (Bulbs) remains at \$1.00 each. Only checks can be accepted at the Transfer Station - NO CASH.

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

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Orange and Dutchess Garden Club. A Cornell University graduate, she studies botanical art at New York Botanical Garden.

Multari-Ginsberg is the Sullivan Renaissance Horticulturalist and an avid gardener with over 25 years of experience. She studied at the New York Botanical Garden and Master Gardener Program in Connecticut. She practices organic vegetable and ornamental gardening both personally and professionally.

dening both personally and professionally.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Those interested in learning more about Sullivan Renaissance are also invited. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by October 3.

For more information or to register, visit www.sullivanrenaissance.org or call 845-295-2445.

#### The SUNY Board of Trustees Appoints Dr. William Murabito as Interim President

Loch Sheldrake (Sept 20, 2011) - Nicholas Speranza, chair of the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees, announced today that Dr. William Murabito has been named the college's interim president effective immediately. Dr. Murabito's will serve in his capacity as interim president up to and including the date when a new permanent president takes office at SUNY Sullivan.

"It is with the greatest pleasure that I announce Dr. Murabito's appointment," said Speranza. "As the college's chair of the board of trustees, I look forward to working with Dr. Murabito. His experience in higher education, much of which was spent in the SUNY system, will allow SUNY Sullivan to continue to grow and prosper. I have every confidence that Dr. Murabito will make the college's transition to a permanent president smooth and seamless."

Serving as an interim college president is not new to Dr. Murabito. He held that position in 2002-2003 at SUNY College of Agriculture and Technology at

Cobleskill.

Before retiring from higher education in 2009 as Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management at SUNY Institute of Technology, Dr. Murabito held a number of administrative positions in the SUNY System. 2004-2006: Associate Vice Chancellor/Provost Office, SUNY System Administration; 2003-2004: CEO/Officer-in-Charge, Rockland Community Colleg; 1999-2002: Executive Director for University Technology Colleges, SUNY System Administration; 1993-199: Associate Vice Chancellor for University Life, SUNY System Administration;1983-1993: Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, SUNY System Administra-tion;1977-1983: Vice President for Student Affairs, SUNY Institute of Technology

Dr. Murabito also chaired the system team that helped restructure SUNY Maritime. The action of the system team resulted in new curricula, enhanced revenue systems and increased enrollment. Maritime changed from a campus at risk of closing to a SUNY

success story. (Contd. Pg. 15)

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

ZUMBA CLASS THURSDAY NIGHTS 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fire House \$12 Per Class

Come Walk with US To Improve your well being-EVERY Tuesday NIGHT! All are welcome. Please meet at the Little League Field Rt 55A at 6:30 pm to enjoy scenic walk at your own pace.

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

Holiday Shopping - Fri., November 18. Leave Town Hall at 8 am-Shop the 5th Largest Mall in New England. Return to Town Hall approx. 7 pm. <u>\$20 residents and</u> non-residents must be paid by Oct. 11

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



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.

#### AL-ANON MEETINGS -

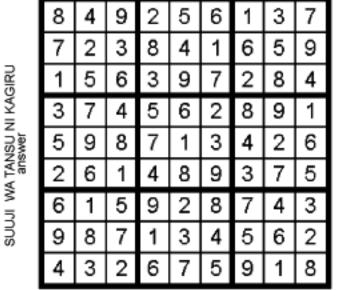
http://www.al-anon.alateen.org
Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church,
170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception
Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist
Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

## Snowmobile Safety Course

New York State Law requires that children ages 10 - 17 earn a snowmobile safe operator's certificate to operate a snowmobile independently. This certificate must be with the child at all times when operating a snowmobile without the supervision of an adult. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County's 4-H Youth Development Program will be hosting a Snowmobile Safe Operator's course for youth on Saturday, November 6th from 8:30am until 4:30pm. To earn this certificate and gain valuable knowledge about the safe operation of motorized vehicles, call (845) 292-1680 to register. This class is limited to 25 registrants, ages 10 to 17, so please register early to ensure a spot! A parent or guardian must sign a parental consent form for youth to participate. Each participant is expected to bring a bag lunch and a pen-

## Mystery Dinner Theatre

The Roscoe-Rockland Chamber of Commerce is once again sponsoring another Mystery Dinner Theatre this year. Last year's show was so successful that we agreed to do another show. Our theme this year is: "An Irish + Italian Wedding = Murder" a clash of cultures, that will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5th at 6:00 pm at the Rockland House in Roscoe NY Tickets: \$30.00 includes: Dinner, Show, Dancing w/live entertainment Dress up, dress down... just have fun! Reservations: 607-498-5222 x-306 or 498 5464 Seating is limited! Choice of meal.



10/1/11 Sundown Methodist Church Ccovered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm) 10/4/11

Town of Denning Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall 7:00 pm 10/4/11

Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting 10/5/11 10/7/11

First Friday Readers Group will meet at 1 pm at the Library. All are welcome. 10/8/11 Sundown Methodist Church 2nd Annual Chicken BBQ - 4-7 pm (see ad on page 13)

10/11/11 Town of Denning Business Meeting

10/13/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m. 10/14/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting Dennint Town Hall 7 pm 10/15/11 Grahamsville Reformed Church Chicken & Biscuits Dinner 4-7 pm

10/15/11 Thrift Sale -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm

10/16/11 Claryville Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon

10/18/11 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm 10/18/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals

10/19/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM

10/22/11 Roast Pork Dinner 4-7pm Claryville Reformed Church

#### Save the Date!

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

At a time when Ulster County residents are struggling with high unemployment and falling property values, it has been a major disappointment that the District Attorney has failed to protect our tax dollars from corruption. During his four years in office, we have seen him repeatedly refuse to act in furtherance of the public trust: From the mind-blowing cost overruns of the Jail Debacle, the mismanagement issues at the Resource Recovery Agency and the questionable practices of the former Health Department chief, to the case against Timothy Matthews and the related issues raised about how the District Attorney and law enforcement officials account for public funds used in undercover investigations, the current D.A. has shown little regard for public integrity.

As long ago as April, I called on the current D.A. to recuse himself from the case against Lt. Matthews, formerly of the Kingston Police Department and Ulster Regional Gang & Narcotics Task Force, because his role as a potential material witness is an obvious conflict of interest. A shadow is cast on the case where, in providing funds to the police for undercover drug-buys and similar activities, the D.A. himself authorized thousands of dollars in cash to the very man now indicted for stealing public funds.

Moreover, the D.A. has refused to disclose to the County Comptroller his protocols for safeguarding our tax dollars in these secret investigations.

It is time for UIster County voters to tell the D.A. that public integrity matters. I am ready to be the People's D.A.

Jon Sennett Candidate for Ulster County District Attorney Contact info.: 30 John Street, Kingston NY 12402 Jon@SennettforDA.com (845) 383-1653

Dear Editor:

We are all aware of the senseless tragedy that occurred on 10/06/10 at the Renaissance Project located near Ellenville, NY, which resulted in the loss of one life and injury to another person.

Since then I have made numerous attempts, all unsuccessful, to set up an on-site interview which would involve both, their

Director, Mr. Magwood, and their Board with a community-involved team of five members. We, the team of community leaders, would like to review the safety and security measures of the Renaissance Facility, as well as the degree of supervision and also offer our suggestions for a better operation of their Program. We do not want to interfere with the operations of this Facility; we just want to be able to correctly assume that our community is safe. Without this meeting, our questions go unanswered and our fears go unallayed.

Dr. Magwood, we make this request directly to you. We are awaiting contact from you with an invitation to visit your Facility. The safety and welfare of our community, in part, rests on your shoulders and action.

Leonard M. Distel, Supervisor Town of Wawarsing

To the Editor Tri Valley Townsman:

I would like to commend certain individuals and especially our own Robbie Totten. Robbie went above and beyond in his efforts to keep the people of Sundown informed as to flood conditions and his concern for our safety. Putting his own safety in jeopardy. He and David Brooks tried to tell us to get to higher ground, but no one could foresee how fast the situation went from bad to deadly. In this unprecedented course of events we should count our blessings, for though there was devastating destruction of property, there was not one life lost.

Within hours of the flood waters receding, Robbie was out there with his machine. He managed to make some semblance of a road so emergency personnel could gain access to us. To him and all the crews that worked tirelessly to open our road I say, "Thank You", you went above and beyond to help your fellow human beings. I am sure there are many stories of heroism and sacrifice attributed to this catastrophe called Irene, but you my friends are my Heros.

Paul A Nasierowski 157 Peekamoose Road Sundown, NY 12740

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Keep watching the Townsman for an update on what is happening at the Sundown

Camp and Bait Shop.

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Two epic films Doctor Zhivago (1965) Illicit lovers fight to stay together during the turbulent years of the Russian Revolution. Dir: David Lean Cast: Geraldine Chaplin, Julie Christie, Tom

Courtenay. On TCM Saturday, October 1, 2011 @ 3:30 PM- C-200 min rated TV-PG, in CinemaScope.

A Night at the Movies, The Gigantic World of Epics (2009) this is an Amazing Tribute to Past Epic Film Making by Leonard Mielnicki. This TCM special really brought it all together in a wonderful tribute to a genre of grand motion picture entertainment. This is a special, and amazing tribute to epic filmmaking. Growing up in the '40s and 50's, with films such as CLEOPATRA, DR. ZHIVA-GO, BEN HUR, KING OF KINGS, EL CID, MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY, etc. were highly entertaining, and very special, of the genre epics. Films such as these exemplified motion picture filmmaking magic. On TCM Saturday, October 1, 2011 @ 7:00 PM- C-58 min rated TV-G,

A. Who played Yevgraf Zhivago?

B. Who played Komarovsky?

What's going on in Gneighborhood FM this week? Gnome the

SUNDOWN - Sundown Methodist Church Chicken BBQ to be Held on October 8, 2011 The folks in Sundown have decided to change the Chicken BBQ date to Saturday, October 8, 2011.
According to Pastor Bob, "We did get a

generator, and would like to thank everyone for their help with that. This year's funds raised will help us put a new roof on the Sundown Hall. We can really use the community's help with that." For more information on purchasing tickets for the BBQ, call 985-2283.

GRAHAMSVILLE - Change of Date, Tri-Valley Little League Relief Fund, Saturday, October 15 10:00am - 9:00pm at the Beiling Home 57 Community Road Woodbourne, NY. Bring a part-ner or pick one at the event 10:00 AM SHARP if you plan on playing \$20.00/person half proceeds will go to the *Tri-Valley Little League Relief Fund*\*Bring your own beverage \*Sandwiches and Snacks Served \*No cry babies! Come have fun! If you are unable to attend, and would like to donate, please send to: Tri-Valley Little League PO Box 65 Grahamsville, NY 12740

Have a great week!

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