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## Chamber Music at St. Andrew's Presents Sing For Spring, Performed by Members of the Bronx Opera

On Saturday April 21 at 8 pm The Bronx Opera Company opens Chamber Music at St. Andrew's 11th season of **free concerts** in South Fallsburg, presenting Sing for Spring. Beloved selections from opera and Broadway musical theatre will be an exciting departure for the chamber music series.

Sopranos Elizabeth Honer, Elizabeth Perryman and Hannah Rosenbaum; mezzo soprano Leslie Swanson; baritones Jeremy Moore and Ben Spierman; bass Tom Caltabellotta; keyboardist Cory Battey and oboist Gerard Reuter will take the audience on a voyage from 18th century Vienna to 20th century New York City. The performance is narrated by Michael Spierman. Catskill neighborhood notes: Mr. Reuter is performing with the Dorian Wind Quintet at Bethel Woods the day before his St. Andrew's appearance, Ms. Swanson has a weekend house in Hamden, Delaware County and Mr. Caltabellotta, from Parksville, sings in local choruses and locally with the Bronx Opera.

The Bronx Opera was founded in 1967 by Maestro Spierman, the organization's Artistic Director and Principal Conductor. Since then it has performed two operas a year, sung in English. [www.bronxopera.org](http://www.bronxopera.org) (Contd. Pg. 3)

## 29th Annual Town of Fallsburg Lions Club Alan Steingart Memorial Golf Tournament



The winning foursome from 2011 Tournament left to right, Tyler White, Sandy Diamond, Michael Kaufman, and Chris Masters.

On Sunday, June 3, at 12:00 noon registration will begin for the 29th Annual Town of Fallsburg Lions Club-Alan Steingart Memorial Golf Tournament at Tarry Brae Golf Course in South Fallsburg. The scramble start begins at 1 PM. The fee is \$95 per golfer and includes lunch, dinner, and prizes. A hole-in one features a car furnished by Robert Green in Monitcello. The annual event benefits the Catskill Regional Medical Center and other important local Fallsburg Lions charities. Please contact Cindy at (845) 434-4321 to register or receive additional information.

## Golfers are Polishing Their Clubs for New Hope Community's Second Annual Wallace Berkowitz Cup



New Hope Community will be hosting the Second Annual Wallace Berkowitz Cup Golf Tournament at Grossinger's World Famous Golf Course on Monday, May 21, 2012. Registration will begin at 10:30 AM, with a scramble start beginning at 12:30 PM. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## History in the Making at The Daniel Pierce Library

- written by Joan Conjura



Thirty-one years ago next Wednesday, Don Ter Bush stood in the very spot where he stood last month recalling the moment when he made his 'mark' on the old wall at the library. The brick (enlarged for viewing) was inscribed by Don himself stating, "Don Ter Bush was here 4/18/81. Don was among the Lions Club members who worked on the first addition to the Daniel Pierce Library back in 1981.

Recently, on March 12, 2012, a group of hardworking men gathered at the Daniel Pierce Library, in Grahamsville, to witness a new chapter of the library's history unfolding. Phil Coombe, Jr. rounded up present and former Lions Club members, who worked on the first addition to the original library, founded in 1898, by Daniel Pierce. Pierce was a successful Grahamsville native, who wanted to express his gratitude to the town by financing the founding of a library with a donation of three hundred dollars. The building was built in 1902 for \$3,100.00.

The reason for the gathering was that the 1982 addition was about to receive its first facelift. Phil Coombe, Jr. told the group that the original concrete floor, put in by the Lions Club, did not have one crack in it, even though the water table was just under the cellar floor! He said, "This is a testament to the skill of the workers!" Mr. Coombe wanted the men, who built the addition, and put down the floor, to see it before it was covered with a new layer of concrete the next day. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## Spring is stream cleanup time!

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will once again support groups and individuals who clean litter and other debris from streambanks in their neighborhoods.

Youth and school groups, church organizations, civic and business associations, neighborhood groups and teams of friends are encouraged to scour stream and riversides for trash and to dispose of it properly. The need is particularly acute in the wake of last year's flooding, but volunteers are warned to take extra care when dealing with large or tangled items. Do not handle potentially hazardous debris, just make public works officials aware of the location of such material.

The CWC will provide trash bags, gloves and tokens of appreciation for those who choose to serve their communities in this way. Call Kim Ackerley at 845-586-1400 to arrange to get these items.

Volunteers might wish to do a cleanup in observance of Earth Day April 22, or to coordinate their efforts with other groups, such as the Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program which has planned a May 4 cleanup in the Oliverea Valley and another cleanup on June 23. For information, call Gretchen Rae at [gr283@cornell.edu](mailto:gr283@cornell.edu); 845-688-3047.

American Rivers is also calling for groups to participate in the National River Cleanup effort this spring. To register your cleanup activity, participate in a photo contest, and to get more information: [nrc@americanrivers.org](mailto:nrc@americanrivers.org); 202-347-7550, or visit [www.americanrivers.org](http://www.americanrivers.org) and click on the "Take Action" tab.

## Liberty to Induct Eight People to the Wall of Fame Inductees will be honored in June

Liberty Central School proudly announces that eight individuals will be inducted this year to the district's Wall of Fame. The Wall of Fame was created by the Board of Education as a way to honor Liberty alumni, past employees and community members who have made a lasting and outstanding contribution to society and to the Liberty community. Last year marked the inaugural class of Wall of Fame inductees, and seven individuals were selected for this honor. Their biographies can be found at [www.libertyk12.org](http://www.libertyk12.org). (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. John 3:1

## WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HAGGETY-PALIN

Ron and Melanie Haggerty of Grahamsville are proud and pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Colin to Sheena McGraw of Palm Coast, Fla. Sheena is the daughter of Rod and Susanne McGraw, also from Palm Coast.

Colin and Sheena married on the beach in St. Augustine, Fla. on March 17, 2012. Colin's brother, Jared was best man and Sheena's sister, Nicole was matron of honor. Along with their daughter, Meadow, many family members and friends celebrated this event.

Following a honeymoon to the Tennessee Smokey Mountains, they will reside in Florida where Colin is a Flagler County Deputy Sheriff and Sheena is a RN at St. Augustine Hospital.

## DROWN-ARGENT



Bob and Patricia Drown are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Shane to Mandy Argent.

The couple were married at the fairgrounds in Grahamsville Easter Sunday morning with the Honorable Keith Zanetti performing the wedding service.

Good luck and best wishes to the bride and groom and may they have a wonderful life together.

## DAYS OF YORE...

## Today's History

**April 9, 1952** - Mrs. Emma Brooks is selling stock, farm machinery, sapping equipment, and furnishings at auction on Saturday, April 19th. Mrs. Brooks rented the land and farm buildings to Roy and George Burch. She expects to continue to make her home there.

Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Field of Liberty announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol, to Mr. Ralph Folcarelli of Grahamsville. Miss Field is cafeteria manager at the Tri Valley School and Mr. Folcarelli is TVS librarian.

Mrs. Emma Van Aken of Claryville died early Tuesday morning at the Hamilton Avenue Hospital. She was born November 3, 1875 on Red Hill to Leander Barber and Katherine Anapel Barber. In 1894 she married Sanford Van Aken. They lived all their married life on Red Hill. They were the parents of seven children and five grandchildren.

The rather big news of this week is the surprise party given to Mr. and Mrs. Van Furman on Saturday night. Something like sixty people suddenly arrived unannounced to celebrate the 21st wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Furman.

**April 11, 1962** - Mrs. Hazel Huson, 65, died at the Horton Memorial Hospital in Middletown. Mrs. Huson was born in the Town of Liberty on November 17, 1896, the daughter of Thomas and Louisa Misner Drennon. She was married to the late Edwin Huson who died in 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Grahamsville are the proud parents of a daughter, Janice, born April 6th at the Loomis Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman Sr. are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Mentnech of Woodbourne are the proud parents of a daughter born April 5th at Maimonides Hospital.

New members received into the membership of the Methodist Church on Sunday morning were: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison and sons, Carl and James, Mr. and Mrs. William Decker and Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Keller. Baptismal service was held for Wendy Susan Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Smith. Godparents were her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Greene Jr. of Woodbourne.

**April 19, 1972** - Patricia Gorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gorman, won the FFA Speaking Contest on the District level. She will next compete in the sub-state contest to be held Thursday, April 20th at Canajoharie.

An Eagle Scout Board of Review was held April 14, 1972 and Tom Marshalek Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marshalek of Woodbourne, was awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, scouting's highest rank. A Court of Honor will be held to present Tom with his medal along with the recognition and honor for his achievement.

A very, very Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Clark Ryan who will celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary on April 23rd. Also, belated good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Velie who celebrated their 19th wedding anniversary on April 5th.

**April 15, 1982** - John Sheeley has been named to the Dean's List at the College of Agriculture and Life Science at Cornell University. He had an outstanding scholastic average of 3.52. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheeley of Grahamsville.

Shirley Mattison and Bob Mangels were married April 11th in Christ Lutheran Church in Ellenville with the Rev. Frank Wilhelm officiating. The bride is the daughter of Natalie and Cliff Mattison of Lackawack Hill. The bridegroom is the son of Dorothy and the late Peter Mangels of Bardonia, Rockland County, N.Y. The couple plan to honeymoon in Atlantic City, Virginia and Washington D.C. for a week. Upon their return, they will reside in Ellenville. Bob is a disc jockey on WELV and Shirley is a teacher in the Pine Bush School System.

## Dr. Joyce Garber to Lead "Women in the Arts" Discussion at Professional Women of SC April Meeting

The Professional Women of Sullivan County will be having their next meeting at the River Edge Restaurant on 17B in Mongaup Valley on Wednesday, April 18th. Networking will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. Dr. Joyce Garber will lead a panel discussion on the topic "Women in the Arts." Dinner choices of salmon, half roast chicken, or pasta primavera are being offered for \$23.00 per person, which includes tax and tip. Salad, rolls, coffee, tea and dessert are also included. Please RSVP by Monday, April 16th with your dinner choice to Marilyn Stein at [mjcat12@hotmail.com](mailto:mjcat12@hotmail.com) or 845-791-7723.

## Assemblymember Cahill Applauds Appointment of Justice Karen Peters as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division for State's Third Judicial Department

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster / Dutchess) released the following statement on Governor Cuomo's appointment of Justice Karen Peters to serve as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the Third Judicial Department:

"I applaud Governor Cuomo's decision to appoint Justice Karen Peters to the important and influential position of Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court. Justice Peters has had a long and illustrious career in the judiciary and New Yorkers will only benefit from the experience and expertise she will bring to this new role.

"From her beginnings as a noted criminal defense attorney in the Hudson Valley, to her strong advocacy and leadership on substance and alcohol abuse issues, onto her decades of distinguished judicial service as Ulster County Family Court Judge, Third Judicial District Supreme Court Justice and current role on the Appellate Division. Justice Peters' steady rise has been an inspiration to generations of lawyers and jurists.

Because of my long association with Justice Peters, going back to her days of activism and early campaigns, her elevation to the this prestigious position is particularly gratifying. On behalf of the people of the 101st Assembly District, I congratulate Justice Karen Peters and thank Governor Cuomo for this appointment

## NEVERSINK NEWS

Those celebrating April birthdays are Mike Ryan, Phyllis Moore, Jim Rennison, Sally Bonnell, Paula McCardell and Laura Entenmann. Many happy returns to all!

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

### Chamber Music at St. Andrew's (From Pg. 1)

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is located at 5277 State Route 42 in South Fallsburg, New York. Reservations are required; call: 845-292-8967 or pcfriedman27@gmail.com.

Chamber Music at St. Andrew's offers two free chamber concerts each season, performed by outstanding musicians that enrich, inspire and bring pleasure to Sullivan County audiences. All are invited to come and bring their families and neighbors. The series depends on the generosity of the community, and tax-deductible contributions are always needed. Checks should be made out to: St. Andrew's Mission and sent to Ms. Cynthia Johnston, Treasurer, St. Andrew's Mission, PO Box 55, Woodbourne NY 12788.

This series is made possible in part with funds from the 2012 Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the NYS Council on the Arts, administered in Sullivan County by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance through the Town of Fallsburg as well as by the generosity of local businesses and individuals, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission.

### 2012 Sullivan County Catskills Travel Guide

The Sullivan County Visitors Association announced its 2012 Sullivan County Catskills Travel Guide is available for distribution. The cover of the guide is a depiction of the four seasons in the Catskills.

President/CEO, Roberta Byron-Lockwood stated, "the guide is being mailed to individual requests made through the SCVA office from potential visitors requesting the guide. Bulk distribution at major information centers throughout New York State will arrive next week. In addition, the travel guide will be distributed at travel shows in which SCVA participates. It will also be available at the SCVA Annual Literature Exchange to be held on Thursday, May 10 at the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts."

If anyone from Sullivan County wishes to pick up the 2012 Travel Guide, you may do so at the SCVA offices located at 100 Sullivan Ave., Ferndale, New York. The office is open Monday thru Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM.

### Big Sky Seeks Bolo Ties for "Last Will & Testament"

Big Sky Productions of Grahamsville is currently in rehearsal for Last Will & Testament, a murder mystery dinner theatre. The play will be a benefit for The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce and will be presented on April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Liberty Fire House on Sprague Street in Liberty. Further details will be available shortly. The play takes place in Texas and the director is looking for three bolo ties - a type of necktie consisting of a piece of cord or braided leather with decorative metal tips or aglets (aiguillettes) secured with an ornamental clasp or slide. Do you have one you would be willing to lend?

We will take very good care of it, return it the day after the show, and put your name in our program.

Please call Carol Montana at 845-985-7783 if you can help. Thank you

### Understanding the Property Tax Levy Cap

New York State has a new law capping annual increases on school district property taxes. Effective Jan. 1, 2012, the law limits the growth of property taxes levied by school districts to 2% or the rate of inflation (CPI), whichever is less. The cap applies to all municipalities, including school districts, outside of NYC.

The law establishes a higher threshold of voter approval for a budget to pass if the proposed levy increase exceeds the "tax levy limit," the highest allowable tax levy, before exemptions, that a District can propose for which only the approval of a simple majority (more than 50%) is required. Any proposed tax levy above the limit requires 60% of the voter's approval.

The tax levy cannot exceed the cap unless 60% of voters approve the increase. If voters reject the school budget twice, the District must adopt a contingent budget, which can not increase the tax levy by any amount.

Despite how it's been described by some politicians and the media, the new Tax Levy Cap doesn't mean that school taxes can't increase by more than 2%. Two percent is just one of eight factors in the

calculation.

The public still gets the opportunity to vote on the district's budget. The budget vote will be held on May 15, 2012.

Under the new law, the level of voter approval needed to pass a budget will depend upon the amount of the tax levy required by the proposed budget.

If the tax levy (before exemptions) is at or below the "tax levy limit," a simple majority is needed for budget approval.

If the tax levy (before exemptions) exceeds a District's "tax levy limit," the support of a supermajority (60% or more) of voters is required.

By law, Districts that propose a budget that requires a tax levy above its levy limit must include a statement on the ballot indicating this to the voters.

If a proposed budget is defeated by voters, a District can revise, propose a new one or adopt a contingent budget. A contingent budget cannot increase taxes by any amount - which would impose a zero percent cap.

There will be a budget hearing for TVCS on May 8, 2012 and remember, mark your calendar and vote on your school budget Tuesday, May 15, 2012!

### A Single Point of Entry for Long Term Care

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information on long term care services in Sullivan County.

The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, April 18, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

There are membership openings on the Council at this time. For more information, please go to the Sullivan County website at [www.co.sullivan.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us) and click on "Board Vacancies."

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257.

### Boater Safety Course

The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and the Lake Huntington Fire Department will sponsor a one day New York State Boater Safety Course On Saturday May 5, 2012.

This 8 hour class will held from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and will satisfy the requirements for a New York State Boaters' Safety Certificate. The class is taught by deputies from the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit

and is presented free of charge. New York State does charge a \$10.00 fee for the certificate for students 18 and older. Seating is limited. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. To reserve a seat in the class please contact Lt. Pratti at the Sheriff's Marine Patrol Unit - 845-807-0740.

### Visit Congressman Hinchey's Facebook Page to Help Choose Winner of 2012 Congressional Art Competition

Congressman Maurice Hinchey's (D-NY) Facebook page is now hosting the artwork of nearly 50 local high school students who have entered the 2012 Congressional Art Competition. Over the course of the next two weeks, Facebook fans can help choose a finalist for the competition by giving the thumbs up to artwork they "like." A Facebook finalist will be chosen on April 20th at noon. The finalist in the Facebook portion of the competition will then go head to head against finalists selected from each of Congressman Hinchey's district offices. A winner will be announced in early May. To receive continual updates on the competition, Facebook users can like Congressman Hinchey's page by visiting [www.facebook.com/mauricehinchey](http://www.facebook.com/mauricehinchey).

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

In March, Hinchey announced the beginning of the 2012 Congressional Art Competition. The Congressional Art Competition is open to all students in grades 9-12 who either reside or attend high school in New York's 22nd Congressional District. The first place winner will have his or her artwork publicly displayed on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC for one year.

### REDWING BLACKBIRDS

By Peggy DeWire



I saw a robin but it wasn't spring. I found peepers but it still wasn't spring. Then I heard a Redwing blackbird singing O-ka-lee down by the pond and it was spring! The Redwings are back!

These birds herald spring over the whole country and belong to a large family, Icteridae, found from southern Canada to Costa Rica. The head of the family bears the name Redwing. Others are Western Redwing, Southern Redwing, and Vera Cruz Redwing.

The male is about about 8" long with a 12-14" wingspan. He's glossy black all over except for red shoulder epaulettes with yellow trim at the bottom. The female Redwing looks like a bird from a completely different family because she's dark brown with flecks of black and gray across her back -and buff streaks on her under parts. A conspicuous tan stripe runs along her cheeks just above the eyes. It takes two years for a male Redwing to mature and during his first year he looks more like a female with rudimentary reddish shoulder patches.

Redwing blackbirds (*Agelaius phoeniceus*) are found near wetlands both fresh and saltwater, such as swamps. In the spring males usually return a couple of weeks before the females to establish nesting territories by singing O-ka-lee and displaying red shoulder patches. They control these feathers by raising or flattening them to make the patch brilliantly conspicuous or not. As a male checks out a possible territory, it won't display shoulder patches as it goes quietly along. When he finds a suitable spot where it isn't challenged by another male and decides to claim it, then it flashes the red epaulettes over and over.

If still unchallenged, it flies to a nearby higher open limb -and sings O-ka-lee triumphantly. Territories are about 1/8 acre and stoutly defended. If a male strays into another's claim inadvertently, he avoids confrontation by concealing his redwing patches.

Male and female Redwings establish a pair bond through ritual displays and songs. When there are more females than males, he will have several mates.

Each female makes her own nest without help, usually near water. She weaves dry grass and cattail leaves among several standing reeds and suspends her nest between them. The cup is several inches in diameter, lined with soft fibers and very well camouflaged from marauders like raccoons and heron!

The female Redwing lays 3-4 blue-green eggs an inch big which hatch about eleven days later into chicks born naked, blind and helpless. For the next two weeks she works non-stop to raise her brood by herself. Now the young are feathered but can't fly. They wander around in the dense vegetation near the nest. If they should fall in the water, they're good swimmers and scramble back up into the cattails safely.

Baby Redwings are fed a high-protein diet of insects, spiders, glass hoppers and weevils. Once they can fend for themselves they add plant food like seeds, berries and grain. Adult Redwing diet is 73% plant seed and 25% insect.

Farmers have traditionally complained that Redwing flocks eat corn and oats in the north -and raid rice fields in the south. Maybe so where locally abundant, but I wonder if farmers realize that Redwing prefer insects and weed seeds like ragweed over agricultural grain.

This fact has been proven true in surveys showing Redwings ate 75% weed seeds during summer when grain is readily available. And they continue feeding on wild seeds until insects become available. This should be a protected bird, I think.

Once young Redwings have learned to feed and take care of themselves, their families gather in very large flocks. These separate into two groups -one of mature males, the other of mature females and immature young.

Around Grahamsville these separate flocks migrate south; each stay together and return in time for nesting. When we hear O-ka-lee a, we know it is really spring!

### Helpful Hints -The Versatile Coffee Filter

Use them to sprout seeds. Simply dampen the coffee filter, place seeds inside, fold it and place it into a plastic baggies until they sprout.

Then use coffee filters as blotting paper for pressed flowers. Place the flowers between two coffee filters and put the coffee filters in phone book



MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 44

by John Dwaine McKenna



What's the scariest thing you can think of? Financial collapse? World-wide pandemic? Street crime? A giant asteroid hitting the Earth? Nuclear war? All of those things are frightening as hell, but for me personally, the scariest thing we face in the world today . . . is religious fundamentalism.

Religious fundamentalists are scary for three reasons: First they want to impose their belief systems on everyone else; Second, they believe that God endorses, and sanctions, any action they undertake, no matter how heinous, savage or unthinkable it might be to the rest of the civilized world; Third, they come from every known religious sect, and they're in all facets of society.

This weeks' MBR NO. 44 is non-fiction. It's a true-crime book that was on the national best-seller lists in 2003 and 2004. It's about the murder of a woman and her infant daughter on July 24, 1984, about ten miles north of Provo, Utah, in the small town of American Fork. The title is *Under the Banner of Heaven*, (Anchor Books, paperback, \$14.95, 375 pages, ISBN 1-4000-3280-6) by Jon Krakauer. The author is best known for his works about human adventurers at the extreme edges of survival: *Eiger Dreams*, *Into the Wild*, and *Into Thin*

*Air*. In this one however, he turns his focus on true crime. Don and Ron Lafferty are two devout, and ordinary Mormons who gradually descend into fundamentalism . . . and begin speaking directly to God, who gives them "revelations," which they follow explicitly . . . up to and including murder. The matter of fact tone in the testimony of Don Lafferty as he explains his role in the murder of his niece, and her eighteen month old baby will make your skin crawl . . . and it's followed by the no less chilling account of the slaying of her mother. Lafferty freely admits to the crime, and feels no remorse, because he believes to this day . . . that he was instructed to do so by God. The book is filled with fascinating history and background of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, (LDS or Mormons) and will make one think about the nature of religion itself. Complete with documented footnotes and an extensive bibliography, *Under the Banner of Heaven* also contains a scathing criticism by a luminary of the LDS Church, followed by an answer from Krakauer, that's interesting enough, all by itself, to make you seek out and read the book. Recommended for all those who, like me, have an interest in the nature of mankind, and an inquiring mind.

Maybe you aren't interested in religion or criminals, but have an inquiring mind. May I suggest visiting the nearby public library? You can explore the universe there, and inquire until the cows come home, all for free. Whatta deal! There's nothing else like it. You owe it to yourself, and your grandkids, to go and check it out.

You'll find reading suggestions, a short story, all the Mysterious Book Reports, reader comments and reviews of *The Neversink Chronicles*, Facebook and Twitter links, the Rhyolite Store: for books, t-shirts, mugs and ball caps and a place where you can interact with me and leave your own comments, suggestions or criticisms on my website: johndwainemckenna.com

Give us a shout out. You can do it the traditional way, at P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Signed copies of *The Neversink Chronicles* are available at *Cannie D's* in Neversink, the *Time and Valleys Museum* store, [rhyolitepress.com](http://rhyolitepress.com), regular copies are at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), and as an eBook on Kindle, iPad, or any other electronic reader. That's all folks, I'm out of time, space, and gas. See you next week with a new and different MBR --JDM

**Liberty to Induct Eight People to the Wall of Fam** (From Pg. 1)

This year's class of eight inductees was selected by a committee made up of individuals who represent various stakeholders associated with the Liberty Central School District and the Liberty community. After an extensive review process, the committee narrowed the field of nominations to eight individuals.

The inductees will be honored at a breakfast reception on June 23, which is also graduation day for seniors. "It was a difficult decision for the committee to make this year because each candidate had so many unique and admirable qualities," said Liberty Superintendent Michael B. Vanyo.

The Liberty Central School District Wall of Fame is located in the lobby of the David E. Panebaker Auditorium at Liberty High School.

**2012 Liberty Central School District Wall of Fame Inductees**

**Austin Frishman** (Alumnus, class of 1958) Mr. Frishman is a noted entomologist who developed the first successful German cockroach bait commonly known as "Combat," roach killing bait. A leader in the field of pest management, Mr. Frishman has written nine books on various aspects of pest management technology, taught at the state university level and is considered an expert in the field of pest management.

**Steve Ippolito** (faculty)- Mr. Ippolito's 37 year career at Liberty extended beyond teaching social studies and serving as the school librarian. He is remembered as a committed supporter of LCSD students and the community. Mr. Ippolito possessed a vast knowledge of the audio-video technology of the era, and was adept at sharing this with students and teachers.

**Joseph Lewis** (Alumnus, class of 1972) An agent for 30 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Mr. Lewis headed up a number of controversial cases in U.S. history. In 1996, he was the first African-American in Alabama to be named Special Agent in Charge of the Birmingham Office. There he helped lead the investigation into the bombing of an abortion clinic in Atlanta, GA - a case that would expose the man eventually identified as the Olympic Park. In 2000, Lewis oversaw the controversial investigation that reopened the case of the 1963 bombing of an Alabama church that killed four African-American girls and injured 22 people. Two more men were convicted 37 years after the attack.

**Maurice Martin** (Class of 1982) Maurice Martin was the 1986 Atlantic 10 Player of the Year, and a three-time selection to both the All-Conference team and the All-Big 5 squad. He was one of five Saint Joseph's basketball players to be chosen in the first round of the NBA draft. Mr. Martin was drafted by the Denver Nuggets and taken 16th overall in the 1986 NBA draft. He played two seasons in the NBA and is now employed by the Denver Nuggets association.

**Thomas Nickou** (faculty) While a biology teacher from 1953-1984, Mr. Nickou helped to create curricula for several first-of-their-kind classes at LCSD including biology, earth science and drug and alcohol education. He also was instrumental in the creation of the New York State Biology Regents. Mr. Nickou is an accomplished artist, and his classroom chalk illustrations are still esteemed today.

**David E. Panebaker** (faculty) David E. Panebaker, for whom the Liberty High School auditorium is named, was the high school principal from 1931-1965. During his tenure, major programs were added to Liberty's curriculum including instrumental music, orchestra, home economics and guidance. The National Honor Society and football team were also introduced to Liberty students. Mr. Panebaker served on numerous community boards, including the first Board of Trustees for Sullivan County Community College.

**Harry Rapenske** (faculty) Athletic Director and physical education teacher from 1956-1984, Mr. Rapenske was a long-time, successful coach of numerous sports. His positive impact on the students he taught is still felt today. Under his mentorship, a number of his students were inspired to also become teachers or coaches.

**Carmela Staropoli** (community member) Affectionately known as "Grandma Carmela," Mrs. Staropoli was the first volunteer in the Foster Grandparent Program at LES. She served proudly in this role for 17 years, nurturing hundreds of students, teachers and new foster grandparents. A U.S. Army veteran, Grandma Carmela initiated the Color Guard at the monthly Celebrate Success programs, Christmas and Valentine's for Veteran's greeting card program and the mock elections for presidential and local election races.

Application will be available for the 2013 nomination process later this year, and will be considered on a yearly basis. For more information about the Wall of Fame, or to learn how to nominate an individual for next year's class, please contact Allison Ruef at [aruef@libertyk12.org](mailto:aruef@libertyk12.org) or 845-292-5400 ext. 2055.

**Golfers are Polishing Their Clubs for New Hope Community's Second Annual Wallace Berkowitz Cup** (From Pg. 1)

The organizers set the bar very high for last year's inaugural event, and participants should expect to be welcomed with great gifts, excellent food, and a spectacular day on the links. Over ninety golfers responded last year, and the goal is to far exceed that number.

Sponsorships and ads for a journal are available. Registration for golfers is \$150 per person; registration for Awards Party and Dinner guests only are \$50 per person. To register for golf or the dinner or to provide a sponsorship, please contact Ms. Briana Wood, NHC Community Development Associate, at 845-434-8300, ext. 308 or by e-mail, [bwood@newhopecommunity.org](mailto:bwood@newhopecommunity.org). All proceeds from the Tournament benefit the NHC Foundation, established to support New Hope in the mission to enhance the lives of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. To find out more information, please visit: [www.newhopecommunity.org](http://www.newhopecommunity.org).

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**The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda**  
**To Frack or Not to Frack?**

To Frack or Not to Frack--that was the question of discussion at the Monday, April 2 workshop meeting at the Town Hall. Tens of dozens of people came to speak to the Town Board about hydro-fracking in the Town of Olive. The audience spoke in many voices with the same message. No fracking. Not here, not now. If there were proponents of the controversial gas-releasing process, they sat silently to hear the many concerns that were expressed.

The ODFA, a grass-roots organization, had petitions on hand. Its representative, George Koury, gave an informational report emphasizing that the gas companies have spent close to two million dollars on lobbying and that the governor has refused to fund a Health Impact Statement. He and his group suggested passing both a civil rights ordinance and a land use ordinance banning hydro-fracking.

Bruce LaMonda, Town Councilman, put forth the suggestion that the Town of Olive pass a moratorium until the Town can legally adopt an ordinance that would be a legal stop to hydro-fracking in the Town of Olive. Bert Leifeld stated that a moratorium is temporary but it allows an almost immediate action to ban fracking, to ban transportation of hazardous by-products of fracking, to ban disposal of toxic by-products of hydro-fracking, and to ban the use of the "brine" on our roads. The moratorium resolution will be presented and voted upon at the next Town

Board Meeting which is April 10. A straw poll of all board members showed that they unanimously oppose hydro-fracking.

What Olive does might be just the "mouse that roared", but taking a quick stand against the giants of energy may serve as an example for surrounding towns and the county.

Spring break is a time of yard clean up and a time to reconnect with friends and family as we venture outdoors with rakes and shovels. It is a time to discover nature adding some colors to the pallor of winter. I love walking around and identifying the green shoots that will become a spring flower or summer perennial.

I am looking forward to watching the little ones at our Easter get-together search for the hidden eggs in the woods. The family dogs, Diva, Tonche and Peek-a are the last wave to find ones left behind by the children.

Doing something to prevent future pollution and poison of our water supply has a lot to do with that Easter egg hunt I love. We have to make sure to protect our environment for the next generation. The Native Americans put forth the notion that any law must not hurt the children who have to live by its confines. It's a good concept.

I think the Town Board responded responsibly to the concerns of its citizens and to the new citizens of tomorrow.

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Greetings, and welcome back to Reservoir Music Notes! I haven't been on Facebook, I haven't written this column, and I've been pulling 18 hour days for the past three weeks while moving my store, Reservoir Music, a few miles down the road! As of this writing, we are fully in our new location, 711 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401. I kept the phone numbers. Call at 845-657-6127 or email to reservoirmusic@gmail.com.

I am so happy to finally be in my new location! It's like night and day, hot and cold, porter and wagoner, the difference between the vibe at my new place versus the old. The old location was good to me, but this one promises to take it to another level! It's like I got a new lease on life! I can't wait to get here every morning and I don't wanna leave at night! I'm really enjoying what I do again! Y'all should stop by and see what I'm talkin' about! I look forward to greeting you at my new establishment.

This is gonna be a minimalized blog this week. It's not that I have nothing to say. It's that my head just stopped spinning from the last three weeks of moving and getting reorganized, and I still need one more week to return to normal, so there won't be any live music picks this week. Yer on yer own! I will say, though, that Further, Springsteen, and NRBQ are all gonna be around this week and next, so, maybe it's time for an arena show! NRBQ, BTW, are not playing an arena! Actually, Further's playing the Beacon in NYC, a great place to see a show, even though they are at the Times-Union in Albany.

Enjoy your week, and I'll see you back here next week with a full length piece of my mind! Thanks for reading!

**UC Executive Mike Hein Thanks Public Health Director Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck for Helping Him Reshape the UC Health Dept and Wishes Him Well as the Director of Public Health for Illinois**

County Executive Mike Hein announced today that Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck, Ulster County Public Health Director and Commissioner of Mental Health, has been selected as the Director of the Department of Public Health for the State of Illinois.

"Dr. Hasbrouck and I have worked closely over the past 2 1/2 years to transform a troubled county health department into one with a reputation for reform and efficiency and I wish him great success in his future responsibilities," said County Executive Hein. "Dr. Hasbrouck has been an extraordinary agent of change. He has utilized his talents to benefit all of the citizens of Ulster County and has made great strides towards my administration's goal of becoming the healthiest county in New York State."

The County Executive continued, "The fact that the Governor of Illinois has recruited Ulster County's Public Health Director is a testament to Dr. Hasbrouck himself as well as the Ulster County Health Department's amazing accomplishments. All County Department of Health staff should be very proud."

"I would like to thank the County Executive for the opportunity to work with him on modernizing the County Department of Health, said Dr. Hasbrouck. "Ulster County is a special place. It is clear that County Executive Hein understands the importance of a healthy community and is taking the steps necessary to make Ulster County the healthiest county in all of New York State."

During Dr. Hasbrouck's tenure in Ulster County, the Health Department achieved and maintained full compliance with all New York State Department of Health regulations. Dr. Hasbrouck also oversaw the process of creating collaboration between the Department of Health and the Ulster County Mental Health Department, which has generated economies of scale related to support staffing and space.

To meet County Executive Hein's goal of making Ulster County the healthiest county in New York State, Dr. Hasbrouck transitioned the Ulster County Department of Health toward a prevention-based

agenda. Together, Dr. Hasbrouck and the County Executive created a "stakeholder-inclusive process," involving hundreds of Ulster County residents, medical providers, staff at non-profits and others in planning and priority setting.

Dr. Hasbrouck will also be remembered in Ulster County for his efforts to secure grants that allow the Department of Health to increase services to County residents without additional local subsidies.

The County Executive has already begun a search for a County Public Health Director and Commissioner of Mental Health.

**"Operation Game Over" Purges Thousands of Sex Offenders from Online Video Game Networks -First-Of-Its-Kind Online Video Game Sweep Protects The Safety And Security Of Children Statewide/Microsoft, Apple, Blizzard, Electronic Arts, Disney, Warner Bros. & Sony Agree To Remove New York's Registered Sex Offenders**

Attorney General Schneiderman made the statement, "We Will Not Let Online Gaming Systems Become A Digital Playground For Sexual Predators," while he announced that more than 3,500 accounts of New York registered sex offenders have been purged from online video game platforms as part of "Operation: Game Over," a groundbreaking initiative with participation from Microsoft, Apple, Blizzard Entertainment, Electronic Arts, Disney Interactive Media Group, Warner Brothers and Sony. The Attorney General's database sweep is a first-of-its-kind effort to protect children from predators on video game networks in New York State.

"We must ensure online video game systems do not become a digital playground for dangerous predators. That means doing everything possible to block sex offenders from using gaming networks as a vehicle to prey on underage victims," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "I applaud all the companies participating in this first-of-its-kind initiative for taking online safety seriously and purging their networks of sex offenders. Together we are making the online community safer for our children, not allowing it to become a 21st century crime scene."

Under New York State law, convicted sex

offenders must register all of their e-mail addresses, screen names, and other Internet identifiers with the state, and that information is then made available to certain websites so they can purge potential predators from their online networks. After the Office of Attorney General approached gaming companies to remove registered sex offenders on their networks, the companies agreed to purge the accounts. Operation: Game Over is the first time the law has been applied to online video game systems.

According to the Pew Research Center, 97% of teens (12-17) play computer, web, portable, or console games and 27% of teens (12-17) play games online with people they don't know.

Almost all video game consoles with online capabilities allow users to access the Internet and send messages to other players under anonymous screen names. Many popular games are specifically designed so that players must interact and play with each other. Games can have thousands of people - both children and adults - playing online at one time. Parents often do not realize that gaming consoles have these capabilities, or that parental controls exist for these systems. Password-protected "family settings" on many online gaming platforms allow parents to restrict Internet access, track content and monitor contacts.

As a result of Operation: Game Over, 3,580 accounts of New York state sex offenders have been purged - or their communication privileges suspended - from the gaming platforms owned by Microsoft, Apple, Blizzard Entertainment, Electronic Arts, Warner Bros. and Disney Interactive Media Group.

Operation: Game Over coincides with recent incidents of sexual predators using voice and text chat functions in online gaming services to lure underage victims across the country. Earlier this month, Richard Kretovic, a 19-year-old man from Monroe County, pled guilty to sexual abuse charges after meeting a 10-year-old boy on the popular online video game system Xbox LIVE. The man gained the boy's trust over a period of three months, and then invited the boy over to his house where the abuse occurred, according to police.

According to the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), New York State has more than 33,000 registered sex offenders: 12,800 are level 1 registered offenders (lowest risk of repeat offense); 11,948 are level 2 registered offenders (moderate risk of repeat offense); 8331 are level 3 registered sex offenders (high risk of repeat offense and a threat to public safety exists). There are a total of approximately 745,000 registered sex offenders in the United States.

Attorney General Schneiderman provided the following tips for parents to protect children from sexual predators from online video game networks:

- Choose games appropriate for your child's age and maturity level;
- Use your game console's parental controls (control which games can be played; for how long; and whether they can play online);
- Keep computer or game console in a public area of the home; and
- Talk to your kids about how to protect identifying information, and to avoid and report conversations that make them uncomfortable.

Coordination between the Attorney General's office, DCJS and the gaming companies is being handled by the A.G.'s Internet Bureau, under the supervision of Senior Advisor & Counselor to the Attorney General Gregory M. Krakower, Assistant Attorney General Clark Russell, and Executive Deputy Attorney General for Economic Justice Karla G. Sanchez.

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**"An Unfamiliar Place" photographs by Charles Maraia**

While spending the better part of the last two years at his house in Jeffersonville, New York City native Charles Maraia took monthly trips into the city and noticed "things I rarely saw when I lived there full time," he recalls. "NYC had become an unfamiliar place."

Maraia photographed images in this newly unfamiliar city, and paired them side by side to create a new image. The resulting work makes up "An Unfamiliar Place," an exhibit of photography that opens with a reception on Friday, April 20 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Alliance Gallery at the Delaware Arts Center in Narrowsburg, NY. The work will be on view through May 12, 2012.

"These images are photographed within a few

moments or hours of each other," he explains of the diptych photographs. "They are similar either because of texture or juxtaposition, one influencing the other."

The exhibit also includes a series of "Tintypes," which were shot in New York and the Catskills during this same period. "Since the early 90s, I've used computers to simulate early photographic techniques," Maraia says. "These manipulations were made by using apps on my iPhone and iPad to mimic processes that are a century old."

A studio and location photographer, Maraia's work has appeared in dozens of magazines including Bon Appetit, Country Living, Elle Décor, and Martha Stewart Living. As a fine artist, his "Freckles" series premiered at

Alliance Gallery in 2006. An image from "Freckles" is the cover of Tom Drury's novel, The Driftless Area and an image from his "Diners" series appears as the cover of Diane Hammond's novel Homesick Creek. Maraia holds a BFA in Photography from CW Post College, Long Island University. He has been a part time resident of Sullivan County since 1996.

Free and open to the public, the exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit call (845) 252-7576 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

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**History in the Making at The Daniel Pierce Library (From Pg. 1)**



The assembled group consisted of long-time Lions and charter members, Don TerBush and Gene Froehlich; former member, Bill Cconjura; and retired Town of Neversink employee, Tom Henderson. Unable to attend were charter member and current Lion, Horace Sheeley and Ray Hornbeck, former Town of Neversink Highway Superintendent. The Town of Neversink had assisted the Lions with the addition back in 1982.

When Phill Coombe and Jim McCarthy were working to restore the original building and preparing the 1981 addition for its next phase, they came across some interesting graffiti written on one of the yellow bricks in the original outside back wall of the building. (Shelves that lined the walls in the addition had hid the bricks.) The writing said, "Don TerBush was here 4/18/81!"

When Jim McCarthy discovered this after removing the shelves, he was very excited! Both Jim and Phil knew they had to assemble the men who had worked on this wonderful addition that helped the library to accommodate so many people over the last 31 years.

The men were all interested to see how well the floor had lasted, as well as to see the renovations going on in the original library building.

If it weren't for the unselfish dedication of many volunteers over the years, the historic Daniel Pierce Library would not exist, as we know it. We all should be thankful for a wonderful group of people who have volunteered over the years, and the many who continue to do so today!

**TIGHT LINES** by Bob Skow - *CUSTOM.FLIES@HOT-MAIL.COM*



**APRIL FOOLS'**

Well, New York Trout Season has finally arrived. It was a blustery day overall. My friend Rich had arranged to have the first two days of the season off to fish with me and hopefully catch a few fish for dinner. Rich had not been trout fishing

in over seven years as he had moved down south with his parents when he was 15 or 16 years old. He had gone fishing with my son, Anthony and I back before he moved and was a close fishing buddy to my son and I before he left. And also a very good fisherman.

So I received a call at 4:53 a.m. April 1st, he asked how I liked my coffee, and when he arrived we packed the rest of our gear and we were on our way. First stop, Roscoe Junction Pool, for free coffee and donuts. As usual, the pool was packed with fisherman and very few fish were caught. People like to talk and any way you look at it opening day the fishing is always pretty slow. I decided it was too crowded and we were off to the spillway at the Pepacton Reservoir. We would give the East branch of the Delaware River a try. I know that large Brown Trout are taken by the covered bridge there every spring and had witnessed that myself. Large gold and black Rapala minnows in sizes from 6 to 10 work quite well with from four to eight pound test Trilene X-T Green, a good line to use, as it has a high abrasion resistance. I

saw a pair of nice Browns of 3 & 1/2 and 5 pounds taken on a number 10 Gold & Black Rapala.

When we arrived there, we saw children, parents and grandparents, some in chairs, all fishing everywhere and no one with a single fish. And all the time the sky was looking all the more like rain. The winds were blowing 10 to 25 mph. No fly fishing today.

Rich and I decided to go down stream to find a more calmer situation were we could cast and not have to worry about tangling lines. We stopped in town and grabbed another hot cup of coffee and we drove down river a few miles and found a place where no one was fishing. We saw a few small rises between the wind gusts and we split up and searched for Mister Trout. I worked my way down river where the main stem joined the smaller branch I had been fishing and a few strikes and one GOOD strike on a number 2 Gold Blue Fox Spinner. I had wandered a good mile and a quarter and the weather looked like it might be getting worse so I climbed the embankment to the road to head back. My old Navy knee injury was acting up and my knee kept jolting so I stuck my thumb out to the first truck that went by and God was with me. Another fisherman with a smile on his face. He drove me right to my vehicle and Richard was there waiting for me. We both got skunked. We talked about the fishing and we both wanted to bring a couple of fillets home for dinner so I suggested a lake I knew that had large Crappie and Slab Yellow Perch and I knew they were biting. It was a bit of a drive and it was not that far out of the way on the way back so again, off we went.

We arrived about 1/2 hour later and the sky looked bad. I grabbed my rod with the new 4 lb Trilene on it and put a 1/2 oz. Gold Kastmaster spoon on, as that lure cuts right through the wind and you can get some distance in your cast. First cast

Two and one half pound largemouth bass. The seasons closed so back he went. Ten casts later, I hooked a black crappie at least 1 & 1/2 lbs on a long cast and right near the sure the hook ripped out. Next cast a one pond Crappie. I put him on the stringer. About ten casts later, the rain came down in buckets. Needless to say this was the end of opening day for us. Rich ran for the vehicle. I grabbed my rain coat and toughed it out a little more but the temperature was dropping and the rain was real cold -and the main thing---THE FISH STOPPED BITING. I packed up, turned on the wipers and the heat (Contd. Pg. 9)



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and headed for the homestead. I had a zip-lock bag with twenty Crappie fresh fillets sitting in the fridge I had caught during the week and the plan was to cook them for dinner in case we did not score. It sometimes pays to plan ahead.

I called my lovely wife Michelle and she started the ball rolling and fried the Crappie in pancake batter. I made the home-made tarter sauce. Michelle made oven sweet-potato fries and fresh steamed green beans with butter. A fitting ending to a rough opening day. But as they say "A Bad Day At Fishing Is Still Better Than A Good Day At Work :

We also left the lake so fast with the rain coming down I forgot my Crappie on the stringer. We also put in almost 200 miles that day. It was a very long day

**April 2nd, 2012-**

Rich arrived at 9:05 a.m. I made ham and egg sandwiches & coffee, and we took our time and we packed our stuff; only I said to Rich "We better take this long handled net instead of these smaller ones. The trout are sometimes big where I am taking you and this net has come in handy at this part of the river. There are boulders and drop offs where you have to reach out to net your fish if you hook one and the extra length of this net can really be an advantage."

We hit the road about 11:00 am. Our plan was to fish the Neversink River for a while and then head over to the Rondout Reservoir where I keep one of my boats. We hit the river and I started out casting a number 6 Gold & Black Rapala, which I had caught some large Brown Trout with in the past on this river. I had a few small strikes and had some fish follow the lure. I told Rich this and he said he was going back to the vehicle to get the night crawlers to try.

He came back 10 minutes later and cast into the main pool twice. I told him there were some very large trout living in this pool and that the sun was very bright today. That means that the big trout will be under the ledges and in the deep shady spots and not out in the open in the sun. I then instructed him to cast into this large dark and shady spot where no one had been fishing. He headed for the spot with a ten inch night crawler and I headed down river. My back was turned to him and I heard Rich say, "Hey Bob -I got one-no-I think it's A BIG ONE!!!"

I reeled in as I ran to help him with the net. By now Rich had his fish pretty close to the rocks and it was going crazy twisting and thrashing trying to escape. I fast went to put my rod down and grab the net all in one motion. My lure flew to the net like a magnet and the treble hooks became entangled in the small mesh of the net. I took one look and knew there was no messing with this now and I did not want Rich to loose this trophy, so I cut the line with my teeth and slid down the rocks to help my friend. The big Brown Trout was still twisting and thrashing and I tried to maneuver the net under the fish. I missed him twice. I told Rich to try and lead him to me so I could net him head first. I got him in the net and he flopped out again. I thought we were going to lose him. I said to myself, "No WAY," and on the next try I got him deep in the net and fell backwards on the shore keeping the net high enough so Rich could reach me and he grabbed the handle and the trout was ours. What a beautiful perfect fish. No scars, clipped fins or marks anywhere. I thought it was a Landlocked Atlantic Salmon from the reservoir it was so silver in color. But no DEP showed up and officer Steve said it was a trout-and a dandy one at that. We did not have a scale but we had a ruler. It was 23 and 1/2 inches. What a battle. My friend Rich finally made up for the 7 years lost time of trout fishing.

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**Ulster County Office of Employment and Training establishes program for SSI and SSDI consumers to increase their income -Ticket to Work Employment Network set up at ULSTER WORKS OneStop with one-on-one counselor to assist with job training and employment**

The ULSTER WORKS OneStop Center is offering a program designed to help Ulster County's SSI and SSDI benefits recipients instruction on how to get back to work. A trained counselor is available at the OneStop to assist consumers on how to reach out for employment, job training and how best to improve their efforts for self-sufficiency in the workplace. An orientation session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 1 pm at the OneStop at 601 Development Court in Kingston (Albany Avenue).

The workshop will explore work incentives available through the Ticket to Work Program established by the Social Security Administration that gives SSI and SSDI Beneficiaries' assistance to increase their income and to provide them with training opportunities. The trained counselor has a network of key employers who are willing and able to provide jobs.

Reservations are required so interested job seekers should contact: Troy Snyder, Disabilities Resource Coordinator of the Ticket to Work Program at 84 Work Program at 845-331-7202 at the Ulster Works OneStop Center.

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**Colin Young Photographs on View at CWC Office**

A photographic exhibition cut short by Tropical Storm Irene last August has returned to the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) in Margaretville.

Colin D. Young's photographs of waterfalls, ponds, streams and reservoirs had hung only 3 weeks before they had to be removed for safe keeping while the CWC cleaned up and repaired damage caused by the flood.

The artist graciously offered to bring the show, "Ever Flowing," back to 905 Main Street, Margaretville, just in time for the 15th Annual Meeting of the CWC on April 3.

Visitors are welcome to view the exhibit in the Board Room weekdays from 8 to 4:30 through May 18. All of the photographs are matted and framed, and are available for purchase.

Images of Pine Hill Lake at sunset, Big Pond on a foggy morning, a rusty bridge on the Esopus and Kaaterskill Falls in flood are among the 20 works on view. Young added a new dimension to his latest show - four stunning color photographs on canvas, one a 36-inch panoramic view of a hayfield and the Pepacton Reservoir off Perch Lake Road in Andes.

As a part time resident of Fleischmanns, Young delights in documenting landscapes in all their moods. He is a member of the Brooklyn Waterfront Arts Collective, and the Catskill Artisans Guild in Margaretville.

Young is also an accomplished theater photographer whose images have appeared in the New York Times, Newsday, American Theater and New York Magazine. He has spent 20 years designing lighting for theater, dance, TV and corporate events around the world. His own off-Broadway theater company, Reverie Productions, has produced 18 New York, U.S. and world premieres of new plays.

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

For more information, go to [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org), or call toll-free 877-928-7433; or 845-586-1400.

**Roscoe Announces New DreamCast Program An Innovative Program for Recruiting New Anglers**

Catching a "first fish" is a memory that sticks with people for a lifetime. Having earned the "Ultimate Fishing Town USA" designation from the World Fishing Network in 2011, Roscoe N.Y. is now ready to give new anglers a chance to learn their way around fishing. As of May 1, 2012, Roscoe will be launching an innovative learn-to-fish program called DreamCast, which is designed to help new anglers learn the basic skills of fishing on waters located within the Roscoe area.

"DreamCast was designed to help individuals and families alike feel comfortable and have a great time learning and catching their first fish. Our fishing heritage gives Roscoe a wide number of angling venues for beginners to catch trout, bass, sunfish and many other varieties of freshwater fish", said Elaine Fettig, president of the Roscoe Chamber of Commerce.

The DreamCast program is a structured, 4-hour learning opportunity where first-time anglers of all ages can spend a half-day with a professional fishing guide. The DreamCast Program will not only teach new anglers how to catch fish, but they'll also learn about local fishing history, basic fishing techniques and lake & stream ecology.

The fishing method will be tailored to the skill level of the participants. DreamCast is designed to make sure you have fun and learn fishing skills that will last a lifetime!

The DreamCast classroom is the open air in the heart of the famous Catskill Mountain Range.

Individuals, friends and families will have a chance to find out what fishing is all about and how to do the most important thing: catch fish.

Trout Town Adventures and Guide Services from Roscoe was selected as the provider of the fishing instruction for the DreamCast program. The father-and-son team of Phil and Dave Eggleton are the inspiration behind their guide service.

Phil Eggleton has been a fisherman and hunter for 35+ years. A lifetime of hiking and exploring forests, streams, lakes, and ponds has enabled Phil to appreciate and want to share the outdoor adventure.

His son Dave Eggleton was born and raised in Roscoe, NY where he has experienced the different outdoor opportunities the area has to offer. Both are licensed NYS fishing guides.

The program is \$50.00 per person and includes all equipment and instruction for the session, which typically runs four hours. As a bonus, all participants will get a \$20.00 Roscoe Bucks coupon that spends like cash at participating Roscoe shops and restaurants.

Advanced registration is required. For more information on class dates, times and availability, call 845-665-9521 or go to [www.roscoeny.com/dreamcast](http://www.roscoeny.com/dreamcast).

**Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson invade Ellenville's Shadowland Theatre in HELLZAPOPPIN' -2012 Afternoon Classic Movie Matinee Series Concludes Saturday April 28th With 1941 film version of Broadway panic, along with Cartoons, Shorts and Chapter Six of Flash Gordon**

Shadowland Theatre celebrates Foolish April with rare screening of cinematic anarchy starring Olsen and Johnson with a full bunch of second bananas.

Concluding its 2012 Matinee classic film series, Ellenville's Shadowland Theatre celebrates Foolish April with a rare screening of the 1941 film adaptation of Olsen and Johnson's famed Broadway revue *HELLZAPOPPIN'*. Co-starring Martha Raye, Robert Paige and Jane Frazee, the cast includes comedians Mischa Auer, Hugh Herbert, Shemp Howard, Clarence Kolb, Fred Sanborn, Richard Lane and film noir favorite Elisha Cook, Jr.

*HELLZAPOPPIN'* opened on Broadway in September of 1938 and ran for over 1,400 performances. It was an evening of anarchy, sniffed at by the critics but lapped up by the hoi polloi, who went simply ape for the outrageous gags, exotic specialty numbers and baggy-pants fun-poking at everyone from FDR to Hitler. When Olsen and Johnson went to Universal to make a film version, it was not only obvious to everyone that the framework would have to be altered, but filmdom's penchant for tinkering was pricked at shamelessly ("This is Hollywood - we change everything!"). There are plenty of surprises, even an appearance by a very famous celluloid sled! Shemp Howard plays a hapless projectionist (running *HELLZAPOPPIN'*, of course!), Hugh Herbert is a defective detective, Mischa Auer is a phony prince and Martha Raye is Chic's loudmouth (natch) kid sister. There are some great tunes, including "Watch the Birdie" and one of the most famous Lindy Hop numbers ever captured on film featuring Slim and Slam and the Harlem Congerous. In addition to *HELLZAPOPPIN'*, the all-Universal Pictures Matinee at the Shadowland program will include prevues of coming attractions; a Walter Lantz cartune, *KNOCK! KNOCK!*, featuring the first screen appearance by Woody Woodpecker; a musical short featuring Ted Lewis, *IS EVERYBODY HAPPY*; a Personal Oddities short, *THE BAREFOOT JUDGE*; and Chapter Six of *FLASH GORDON* starring Larry "Buster" Crabbe.

The Matinee at the Shadowland series is sponsored by Greater Ellenville area businesses: Berger Solomon; Chelsea Rialto Studios; Cohen's Bakery; Collier & Berger; Craft Chiropractic; Gaby's Café; Gillette Creamery; Image; Kalter Kaplan & Zeiger; mart-inrabkinink; Matthews Pharmacy; the Sheeley Family;

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Saturday's Matinee at the Shadowland begins at 2:00pm and will conclude at 5:00pm. There will be an intermission during the performance. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors, and tickets are available at the Shadowland box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY. Reservations are recommended. For more information or to reserve seats, call 845-647-5511.

**Third Annual Woodstock Writers Festival**

Woodstock Writers Festival has plenty of exciting news attached to the event already but is delighted that that many of its authors and writers have thrilling accolades to share. Take a look at these just-announced, larger-than-life literary achievements:

- "The Serious Business of Being Funny" panelist Greg Olear has just signed with MRC Studios, which has optioned the rights to his novel, *Totally Killer*, to be developed into a TV series by another Bold Face Name, author Bret Easton Ellis. Other humor panelist Shalom Auslander's new book, *Hope: A Tragedy*, continues to draw rave reviews and the author has just announced he is developing a television series for Showtime. Don't miss this panel, on April 21st.

- "Memoir A-Go-Go" panelist Mark Whitaker is a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Prize for his "My Long Trip Home," which will be announced the day before his gig here at the Festival on April 22nd.

- "Politics & Pop Culture" Kurt Andersen's new book, *True Believers*, is coming out in July and he'll be part of the Festival's upcoming "Woodstock Writers" summer series to debut at NYC's Alison Eighteen, the new hot restaurant from culinary superstar Alison Becker. Says Andersen about his enthusiasm for the upcoming Festival "Given that Woodstock is where I started writing my first book and that my new novel is half-set in and significantly about the late 1960s, how could I resist the invitation to attend the Woodstock Writers Festival?"

- "Writing and the Art of Resilience" panelist Kris Carr's *Crazy Sexy Diet*, #1 on Amazon.com upon its release in January 2011, remains in Amazon's Self Help top 100 list.

- And who could forget that Festival attendees are being treated to an advanced peek at New York Times' best-selling author Augusten Burrough's new memoir, weeks prior to national publication of the book on May 8th? Signed copies will be available for purchase that evening only via the Festival, so lucky attendees will truly be the first on their block to begin what is surely another funny, twisted, irreverent and poignant ride.

Literary royalty since the release of his first memoir, *Running With Scissors*, and the follow up, *Dry*, Burroughs will be chatting with Jonathan Van Meter, contributing editor at *Vogue* and *New York*, in the Festival's headline event at Bearsville Theater on April 21st. No doubt some of their discussion will center around Burrough's newest book, *This is How: Proven Aid in Overcoming Shyness, Molestation, Fatness, Spinsterhood, Grief, Disease, Lushery, Decrepitude & More. For Young and Old Alike.*

"I don't have to say how excited we are to have Augusten Burroughs with us and I can't wait to hear what he and Jonathan Van Meter are going to throw our way," says Martha Frankel, Executive Director of the Festival, adding "It's beyond fabulous to have pre-released copies of Augusten's book for our attendees to purchase at the event. We are just delighted at this fantastic coup along with our entire itinerary. Our list of writers and readers is so impressive that it feels like a wish instead of a reality."

The three-and-a-half day Festival indeed is chock-a-block with the cream of the crop in literature today, including Pulitzer Prize winning author William Kennedy (*Ironweed*), Philadelphia's first Poet Laureate Sonia Sanchez, Rock and Roll Hall of Famer singer/song writer John Sebastian, and national book award-winning publisher, Bruce McPherson, (*Lords of Misrule*.) (Contd. Pg. 13)

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Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) announced the Assembly will continue efforts to focus on the needs of working families that have been slow to recover from the recession. After the enactment of targeted tax cuts and other provisions included in the recently adopted budget, attention will shift to raising the state's minimum wage. Cahill is co-sponsoring legislation (A.9148) that would increase the rate to \$8.50 an hour.

"It is unacceptable that 14 percent of all working New Yorkers are struggling to get by on minimum wage," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The economy is coming back, but too many working families are getting left behind. The growth in income inequality continues and it is a disparity that must be addressed. Increasing the minimum wage is a good place to start."

Despite massive increases in the cost of living, the minimum wage has been raised by only 10 cents per hour in the last five years. It currently stands at \$7.25. Setting it at \$8.50 an hour would impact approximately 1.2 million working New Yorkers and would place our minimum wage laws on par with other similar states. Eighteen states, including neighboring Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont - all with wages \$8 an hour and up - currently set rates at levels higher than New York. The plan would also call for annual adjustments tied to inflation.

"Tying the minimum wage to inflation will give hard working New Yorkers the assurance that their incomes will, at the very least, keep pace with rising costs and allow them to maintain the purchasing power of their paycheck," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Acting on this legislation now will build on our efforts to shift the attention back to working New Yorkers. We have pushed through targeted tax cuts, funded unemployment benefits and revived our foreclosure prevention programs; raising the minimum wage is the next step."

The 2012-13 State Budget continues new tax brackets first established last December in which rates were cut for 4.4 million people. The following measures were included to provide additional relief for individuals and families still struggling to recover from the economic downturn:

- \* elimination of the state sales tax on clothing and footwear under \$110;
- \* eliminate the MTA payroll tax for schools, both public and private, qualifying small businesses and self proprietors earning less than \$50,000;
- \* \$6.5 billion for unemployment insurance benefits;
- \* \$16 million to increase public-assistance grants by ten percent; and
- \* \$25 million for the Foreclosure Prevention Program.

### NYS Attorney General Shuts Down Massive Money Laundering & Bribery Scheme That Cost The NYS Medicaid Program \$155 Million

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced the arrests and indictment of four ringleaders of a massive scheme to distribute black market prescription HIV drugs and defraud the Medicaid Program of \$155 million. After an investigation code-named "Operation Black Market Meds," the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit shut down an illegal operation that was distributing HIV prescription drugs obtained on the black market through MOMS pharmacy, a high-volume pharmacy with satellites in Suffolk County and Brooklyn. MOMS, and its parent company Allion Healthcare, then dispensed the illegally obtained drugs to Medicaid recipients, and billed the New York State Medicaid program for these un-sellable drugs.

The scheme endangered patients by exposing them to drugs of unknown origin and potency, and in some cases, drugs that were mislabeled or potentially expired. In addition to today's criminal charges, the Attorney General is seeking \$155 million in civil penalties from the defendants.

"The ringleaders of this complex scheme not only cheated the state Medicaid program out of millions of dollars, but preyed on some of New York's most vulnerable patients just to make a quick buck. These crimes are intolerable, and the perpetrators will be held accountable for breaking the law," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Our office will continue to protect taxpayers and consumers from schemes that threaten the safety of the public."

The indictment, which was unsealed today in New York State Supreme Court in Suffolk County by Judge James C. Hudson, charges four defendants with Class B felonies including Grand Larceny in the First Degree for thefts from the Medicaid Program and the parent company of the pharmacies, Criminal Diversion of Prescription Medications and

Prescriptions in the First Degree (a Class C felony), Money Laundering in the First Degree and Second Degree (a Class C felony); Class E felony crimes of Commercial Bribery and Commercial Bribe Receiving in the First Degree, Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, and Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree, among other charges. Each of the class B felony charges carries a maximum of 8 1/3 to 25 years imprisonment.

According to the indictment and forfeiture complaint, beginning in September 2008, Glenn Schabel, the supervising pharmacist and compliance officer for MOMS pharmacy, accepted bribes to purchase in excess of \$274 million worth of black market HIV medications from a web of shell companies. The prescription drugs were obtained by various illegal means and the batches may have included unused pills that had previously been dispensed to individuals, medications stolen from manufacturers, or drugs that had expired. The shell companies were controlled by Stephen Manuel Costa, a 27-year-old Florida resident who incorporated four separate entities as "wholesale" distributors in order to disguise the sale of the diverted medications. Costa furnished millions of the black market HIV medications, and dispensed the prescriptions to MOMS patients, many of whom were Medicaid recipients. Allion, under the direction of Schabel, continued to bill Medicaid, knowing the drugs were purchased illegally.

Attorney General Schneiderman's investigation also revealed that Ira Gross, another licensed pharmacist, brokered the sale of the illegally diverted drugs between Schabel and Costa. The fourth defendant, Harry Abolafia, created false invoices for Costa's companies-SMC Distributors, Fidelity Wholesale, Optimus Wholesale, and Nuline Pharmaceuticals-in order to make the transactions appear to be legitimate. In total, on behalf of Allion, Schabel purchased \$274 million worth of black market HIV medications from Costa. For their efforts, Schabel, Gross and Abolafia were all paid a portion of Costa's profit: \$5,336,465, \$21,165,374 and \$1,429,612, respectively.

In these types of black market operations, drugs are obtained from a variety of sources, and can be rebottled with fake labels and serial numbers, broken seals, or contain different medications than what's indicated on the labels. As a result, patients are exposed to potential adverse drug interactions, overdoses, or a decline in their condition by not getting the treatment they were prescribed.

The indictment charges that at least \$155 million in false claims were made to the New York State Medicaid Program after the drugs were dispensed.

Through the use of telephone wiretaps, the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit intercepted a delivery of over \$1 million worth of prescription HIV medications from one of Costa's companies, Nuline Pharmaceuticals, to the Melville distribution center of MOMS pharmacy. The investigators simultaneously executed a search warrant, and, with the assistance of a team of pharmacists from the New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG), seized millions of dollars of diverted HIV medications.

Earlier this year, the Attorney General also seized millions of dollars in assets of the defendants through a forfeiture complaint filed in conjunction with the execution of a search warrant at MOMS pharmacy in Melville.

"Creating a black market with taxpayer-funded HIV medication is an insidious and costly fraud," said Medicaid Inspector General James C. Cox. "Our pharmacy investigators were there as part of the search warrant team and offered important testimony to the grand jury to obtain an indictment that was unsealed today. I am proud of the work that not only these investigators did, but also the work of our entire staff in cases such as these."

The Attorney General thanked the New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General, under the direction of Medicaid Inspector General James Cox, and the field staff of OMIG pharmacists and other specialists. The New York City Office of Special Narcotics Prosecutor and the US Drug Enforcement Administration, the US Food and Drug Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General provided valuable information and assistance during the investigation.

The indictment is being prosecuted by Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Special Assistant Attorneys General Vernitta Chambers and Adam Shlahet and MFCU Deputy Regional Director Thomas O'Hanlon; the forfeiture action was filed by Special Assistant Attorneys General Diana Elkind and Andrew Gropper. The investigation was conducted by MFCU Senior Investigators Victor Maldonado and Lawrence Riccio and a squad of MFCU investigators led by Supervising Investigator Thomas Creelman. The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit is directed by Special Deputy Attorney General Monica Hickey-Martin.

The charges against the defendants are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

### Last Year, Communities Across New York Received Nearly \$20 million From The Byrne JAG Program

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined a bipartisan coalition of Senators in urging the Senate Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies to fully support the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) Program, a grant program designed to assist law enforcement agencies in their efforts to reduce crime, prevent juvenile delinquency and reduce recidivism. Last year, New York State received a total of \$19.745 million.

"The Byrne JAG Grant Program is an important investment for our communities," Senator Gillibrand said. "As law enforcement agencies across the state are facing budget cuts during these tough economic times, the funding from this program helps create and implement innovative ways to fight and prevent crime, keeping our communities safe. This program is a cornerstone in crime-fighting initiatives in our criminal justice system."

The Byrne JAG program is a partnership among federal, state, and local governments that tailors federal law enforcement grants to the needs of different communities. It supports a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system that include: law enforcement programs; prosecution and court programs; prevention and education programs; corrections and community corrections programs; drug treatment programs; and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs. From October 2008 through September 2011, states that received Byrne JAG Grants: Disrupted over 5,000 drug trafficking organizations; Arrested 7,739 gang members on felony charges; and from July 2010 to July 2011, seized 2.3 million pounds of drugs

### POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando -

#### Press release:

**Governor Cuomo Announces Appointment of Karen Peters to be First Woman Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, Third Department of the Court of Appeals.**

Albany, NY (April 5, 2012) **Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the appointment of Justice Karen K. Peters to serve as the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the Third Judicial Department.** Justice Peters was the first woman elected a Supreme Court Justice in the Third Department and will now be the first woman to serve as a Presiding Justice in the history of the department.

#### Governor Andrew Cuomo;

"I am proud to appoint Justice Peters to be the first woman Presiding Justice of the Third Department," Governor Cuomo said. "Throughout her career Justice Peters has displayed incredible judgment and integrity through her public service to New York State. I have no doubt that she will continue to provide justice to New Yorkers with great distinction."

**Justice Karen Peters said,** "I am honored to be appointed to serve New Yorkers as Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the Third Judicial Department. In this new position, I look forward to continuing to ensure New York State's justice system protects all our residents so that everyone gets treated fairly, and is connected to the needs of our state's communities. I thank Governor Cuomo for this appointment."

**Former Chief Judge of New York Judith Kaye said,** "I am thrilled beyond words at the news of the appointment of Karen Peters as Presiding Justice of the Third Department. These are, of course, enormous shoes to fill, but Justice Peters is an outstanding jurist who has earned the esteem of the legal community and will be a terrific leader in all respects."

**Congressman Maurice Hinchey said,** "I have known Judge Peters for many years, and I commend Governor Cuomo for this appointment. Judge Peters is an exemplary public servant, having served New Yorkers for decades in our state's justice system. As Presiding Justice, Judge Peters will continue her advocacy and commitment to fairness and justice, and I applaud the Governor on this appointment."

*In addition to performing the duties of an Appellate Division Justice, which include deciding appeals from trial courts in the 28-county Third Department, incoming Presiding Justice Peters will be responsible for serving as the Third Department's Chief Administrator. As Presiding Justice, she will help shape statewide judicial policy as a member of the Administrative Board and act as an ambassador for the Court through community and professional outreach.*

To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and Townsman guidelines adhered to, as posted in the masthead, your comments can be published or answered here.

Email: [politicalslant@yahoo.com](mailto:politicalslant@yahoo.com)

**Third Annual Woodstock Writers Festival**  
(From Pg. 10) This Festival will take place April 19-22, and feature sure-to-be-sold-out, large scale readings; one-on-one workshops for dedicated students; lively, sumptuous dinners where authors will mingle with fans; and a rock-n-roll Storytelling Slam contest overseen by true music royalty.

Of course, the Festival will continue to offer its signature writing workshops, limited to 12-15 participants and held in gorgeous private homes around Woodstock. "This year, we're offering intensives with nationally recognized authors including NPR's Marion Winik [whose class is already sold out] and acclaimed poet Gretchen Primack," adds Frankel. "The classes will cover everything from writing the literary blockbuster to e-publishing. These are perfect opportunities for novice and experienced writers in which to hone their craft."

A full schedule, along with a fabulous raffle offering 4 chances to win a fully loaded color Nook reader, can be viewed at <http://woodstockwritersfestival.com/>.

**Club Announces New Membership Promo**

Half price membership for new members joining a golf club is a great bargain now being offered by the Roscoe Twin Village Golf Club (TVGC).

The club also is also announcing the first ever TVGC Ryder Cup championship tournament. Club vice president Ralph Kirchner announced the half-price membership fee for anyone who has never been a member before.

The half-price membership fee gives the new member all the club membership benefits.

The board of directors also announced that men's and ladies leagues are presently forming for the 2012 season with the ladies playing on Tuesday evenings and the Men's league on Monday nights.

Men interested in joining the Monday league can call League President Chuck Husson at 607-498-5557 and ladies can call Jean Knickerbocker at 607-498-5116.

Ladies also participate in a fun day on Thursday's.

The first ever TVGC Ryder Cup Championship Tournament will be played on two consecutive evenings starting at between 5 and 5:30 p.m. on Friday June 29 and

Saturday June 30.

This event is open to both men and women golfers. Preliminary plans for this event call for nine holes to be played each evening with 5 Red teams and 5 Blue teams. A very low entry fee of around \$5.00 will be charged.

Additional details for this event can be obtained from Ralph Kirchner at 607-498-5555 or email at [rk3x460@yahoo.com](mailto:rk3x460@yahoo.com)

Golfers interested can register or sign up at the club house after May 1.

Forty golfers will make up 10 full teams of 4 on a team and teams will be made up after 40 players have signed up. Teams will be selected as fair as possible with the Friday evening portion of the tournament being a captain and crew format with a few stipulations and Saturday there will be alternating shots.

Points will be awarded for winning your match and the team with the most points after the second night will be the TVGC Ryder Cup Champion.

Kirchner promised an exciting tournament.

TVGC also announced that their annual Memorial Tournament will be held Sunday, July 8 with 40 golfers teeing off at 8 a.m. and another 40 golfers teeing off at 12:30 p.m. Sponsors and golfers wanting to participate in this tournament can sign up at the club house or by calling Tournament Director Chuck Husson at 607-498-5557.

**INDOOR GARAGE SALE**


SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012

10 am - 4 pm  
\$15.00 a Table

Sullivan County Museum  
265 Main Street  
Hurleyville, NY

Information & to Reserve Space  
Call (845) 434-8044

Lots of items including antiques and Goodies starting at 25 cents, Snacks will be available.

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

 **ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**  
The Little Church with the Big Heart  
**Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion**  
Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner  
Coffee hour follows service  
All are welcome!  
For Information: Mother Joan LaLiberté 845-887-4742  
5277 State Rt. 42 South Fallsburg

**Claryville Reformed Church**  
  
Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041  
Bible Class 9:00 am  
Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
Rev. Paul Nulton  
John Bult, Organist

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

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
**Roast Turkey Dinner**  
April 21, 2012  
Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm  
Menu: Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Bread, Cranberry Sauce, Assorted Pies, & Drinks  
Adults: \$12.00, 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!

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
of Sullivan County - at - Loch Sheldrake  
Presents  
Our 7th Annual Sportsman's Banquet Dinner  
-at-  
the Loch Sheldrake Fire House - Rte-52, Loch Sheldrake, N.Y.  
Saturday - May 5th, 2012  
Starts 4:00 p.m. - Ends \* 8:15 p.m.  
\*or until all door prizes are given out.  
Donation \$12 • Info: (845) 985-7410

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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

 Covered Dish Supper  
**May 5, 2012**  
(No April Supper)  
**5:30 pm**  
Sundown United Methodist Church  
at the Sundown Church Hall

 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
**Apr 21, 2012**  
Thrift Sale Only  
9 am-1 pm  
**Apr. 17, 2012**  
Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm  
Luncheon 11am-1 pm

**TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM**  
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY  
  
Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman printed since the beginning classified by year for anyone to research.  
[timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

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

 **Sundown United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am  
**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship Service  
10:30am  
985-2283

**RAMSAY'S FUNERAL HOMES, INC**  
Serving Sullivan County Since 1896  
66 John Street, Monticello, New York (845) 794-2700  
275 S Main Street, Liberty, New York (845) 292-7100  
Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, New York (845) 583-5445

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

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

## LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICES

## LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to section 103 of General Municipal Law,  
Sealed bids are being requested for the following items:

**LOW ABRASION CRUSHED STONE** in the following sizes:

1A - 1/4 inch	1 ST - 3/8 inch
#1 - 1/2 inch	#2
#3	

**CRUSHER RUN & GRAVEL CRUSHER RUN  
ICE CONTROL MATERIAL (Sand)  
GASOLINE  
DIESEL FUEL  
HEATING FUEL OIL #2 - HGWY GARAGE  
HEATING KEROSENE OIL - HGWY GARAGE  
HEATING FUEL OIL #2 - TOWN HALL**

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, 273 Main Street, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding holidays.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall no later than **2:00 pm on Monday, May 7, 2012** at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter, all bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason.

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK**

## NOTICE

The Town of Neversink will be accepting applications for Lifeguard positions at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pool for the 2012 season.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants must include copies of all current certifications, length of time available to work and any needed time off when submitting their applications. (Photocopies of certifications can be made at the Town Hall when the application is brought in.)

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS WILL BE 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012.**

Pool Director for the season will be Janet Carey. For further information please call Town Hall at 985-2262, ext. 303 or Mrs. Carey at 985-7391. You can also e-mail Mrs. Carey at: jcarey1789@aol.com.

Town of Neversink Summer Swim Program Director, Janet Carey is also requesting applicants for WSI Instructors. Please contact Mrs. Carey at 985-7391 or e-mail her at: jcarey1789@aol.com for details.

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THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
A Regular Board Meeting  
Will be held

On Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.  
In the Secondary School Lower Library Level,  
Grahamsville, New York

**Art-In-The-Park Art and Craft Show**

Mark your calendars for the Art-In-The-Park Art and Craft Show LaPolt Park, Liberty, NY on Saturday, May 26, 2012 12pm - 4pm / \$5 registration Fee.

All Artists and Crafters Welcome!!

To reserve your spot or for more informatio

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: FILING of the ANNUAL REPORT:**

AS required by New York State Town Law § 29(10-a) the Town of Denning ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the year 2011 has been completed and filed with the New York State Office of the State Comptroller. The report is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

Call 985-2411 for further information.  
**BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD**

Joy Ann Monforte,  
Town of Denning, Town Clerk  
April 2, 2012

4/5; 4/12/12

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

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

**BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD**

Joy Ann Monforte  
Town Clerk

4/12; 4/19

**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed bids are sought by  
SULLIVAN COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

for:

**REMOVAL OF FLOOD RELATED DEBRIS  
FROM THE  
NEVERSINK RIVER**

The project consists of five site locations along the East and West Branches, and Mainstem of the Neversink River within the Towns of Denning and Neversink. Work will include but not be limited to, removal of large woody debris from the stream to designated stockpiles and/or securing to stream bank, removal and disposal of fuel storage tanks and building debris, and repair of any damages such as rutting of private property upon project completion.

The project is being funded by the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Sullivan County Soil and Water District.

Bids will be received by the Stream Program Coordinator at the Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740 until **2:00 PM, prevailing time, April 23, 2012**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidders are responsible for the timely delivery of their Bid Proposal to the proper department as indicated in this "Invitation for Bids". Bidders are advised not to rely on the Postal Service or any other mail delivery service for the timely and proper delivery of their Bid Proposals.

Contract Documents, including Plans and Specifications, may be obtained by email from the Rondout Neversink Stream Program at krauter@rondoutneversink.org beginning April 9, 2012.

**Any prospective bidder wishing to submit a bid shall attend a mandatory site showing on April 17, at 1:00 PM. Meet at Claryville Reformed Church, Claryville, NY 12740.** Addenda, if any, will be issued only to those persons whose name and address are on record as having obtained the contract documents and have attended the mandatory site showing. Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and wages set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project as outlined in the Contract Documents; that the Contractor must insure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, religion, sex or national origin. The Contractor must also be aware that he/she must comply with all provisions of the Prevailing Wage Rate Schedule for Article 8 Public Work Project.

Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) calendar days from the date of the opening of Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigation of the qualifications of the Bidders and subsequent approval of the Bids and related documents by the Owner. Bid Proposals received after the date and time specified in this "Invitation for Bids" shall be considered unresponsive and will be returned to the Bidder unopened. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all Bids or waive any informalities in the Bidding.

Technical questions should be directed to Karen Rauter, 845-985-2581 (phone), or e-mail: krauter@rondoutneversink.org.

Owner:

Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District  
64 Ferndale-Loomis Road  
Liberty, NY 12754  
845-292-6552

please contact Jean at 845-796-8946 or Etta at 845-796-6048 or email:

greaterlibertychamber@yahoo.com  
And don't forget the Community Talent Show also on Saturday, May 26, 2012 from 1pm - 5pm at LaPolt Park, Liberty

There will be Comedy, Acting, Magic, Singing, Poetry, Dancing, etc.

This is your chance to shine like a star! ALL AGES ARE WELCOME!! Registration is FREE.

To reserve your spot or for more information please contact Cindy at Liberty Fitness (845) 292-

0756 or (845) 866-6038 rcfrac@bestweb.net

For more information for the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce you may contact them at:

Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce  
PO Box 147  
Liberty, NY 12754  
845-292-9797  
LibertyChamber.org  
GreaterLibertyChamber@yahoo.com  
Friend us on Facebook!

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**

[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
(845) 985-2262 extension 312

**Albi Concert** - Sunday, July 15. 5 pm-8pm  
Outdoor Stage Town Hall Parking Lot. Rain or Shine. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each.

**Mountain Creek Water Park, NJ -Saturday, August 4** Leave Town Hall 8:30 am-return to Town Hall approximately 6:30 pm. \$12 residents/\$36 non-residents must be paid by June 26 this includes motorcoach transportation and admission.

**Free mad Science Fire & Ice Show**  
Wednesday, August 8. Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5 pm. Rain or Shine. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each. Register to attend by July 31.

**Liberty Science Museum, NJ** Liberty Science Museum, NY Saturday, November 3. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am Return to Town Hall at 6:30 pm. \$22 residents/\$31 non-residents must be paid by July 2

**Shopping Colonie Center, Albany, NY** Friday, November 16. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am return to the Town Hall at approximately 7 pm. \$21 residents and non-residents must be paid by October 16.

**Transportation to NYC** Saturday, December 1 Drop off near Times Square. Leave Town Hall at 8 am, return at approximately 8 pm. \$21 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

Permission slips can be downloaded from our website [www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org) or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. For more information call 985-2262 ext. 312 or email [racerj12d@aol.com](mailto:racerj12d@aol.com).

**Don't forget FREE FUN every FRIDAY** afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.



**Daniel Pierce Library** hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.  
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday and Monday: Closed  
If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

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

**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

**Big Sky Production's Last Will & Testament - A Murder Mystery Dinner**

Liberty Chamber of Commerce presents Big Sky Production's *Last Will & Testament - A Murder Mystery Dinner* Theatre on Sunday, April 29, 2012 7:00pm until 10:00pm at the Liberty Fire Department 256 Sprague Avenue, Liberty, NY 12754. \$25 includes dinner and show.

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- 4/12/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 4/12/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 4/15/12 Claryville Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon
- 4/17/12 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)
- 4/17/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 4/18/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 4/18/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- 4/19/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 4/21/12 Sullivan Co. Beekeepers Assoc. Annual Seminar-For info Call Jim Kile- 647-6759
- 4/21/12 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale only - 9 am - 1 pm
- 4/21/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Turkey Dinner 4-7 pm 985-7480
- 4/24/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall
- 5/1/12 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)
- 5/1/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7 pm
- 5/2/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 5/5/12 Time and the Valleys Museum Reopens
- 5/5/12 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 5/8/12 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 5/8/12 TVCS Budget Hearing

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

**Save the Dates!**  
June 9, 2012 -11 am - Fund Raising Country Auction sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum (Fairgrounds)  
July 28, 2012 Time and the Valleys Museum Annual Old Time Fair and BBQ  
August 5 - Halls Mills Covered Bridge Centennial Celebration

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

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| SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP | ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.)     | JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY |
| GRAHAMSVILLE DELI        | VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)  | MATTHEWS PHARMACY      |
| GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE  | WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION           | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE     |
| CANNIE D'S               | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)      | PETER'S MARKET         |
| BLUE HILL LODGE          | P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne) |                        |
|                          | AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty)         |                        |

**NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN**

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Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort

**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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

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

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

**April Welcomes a solo show by Susan Togut and "The 3rd Annual Square Deal" to The Arts Society of Kingston.**

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) is proud to welcome "Metascension; States of Unknowing, a Solo Show by Susan Togut" to the Lounge Gallery and the "Third Annual Square Deal Fundraiser" to the Main Gallery during the month of April. The shared opening reception will take place during First Saturday, April 7th, 5-8 pm. Both exhibitions will run until April 28th.

**Square Deal Fundraiser**

ASK is pleased to announce their "Third Annual Square Deal" fundraiser. Members have graciously painted and photographed images and applied them to 8"x8" canvases for the audience to peruse and purchase. From the avid beginner to the wonderfully experienced, ASK members will show their stuff and will cause us all to marvel at all the local talent, better and better every year. ALL PAINTINGS are priced at \$50 each. This is a great bargain and all proceeds go to ASK.

**SUNY Ulster Offering Diabetes Medication Update for Healthcare Professionals**

This professional development program is intended for allied healthcare professionals (e.g., Registered Nurses and Registered Dietitians) who work with patients with diabetes. Recent years have witnessed a burgeoning of new medications - both oral and injectable - that promote optimal glycemic control in people with diabetes. Many healthcare professionals are confused by the array of new classes of medications, new medications within existing classes, and combination drugs.

Class will be held Thursday, April 19, from 6 - 9 pm at the Business Resource Center in Kingston. Course fee is \$49.

This program will review all FDA-approved diabetes medications, including their mechanisms of action, efficacy, indications and contra-indications, and address common areas of confusion (e.g., the difference between DPP-4 inhibitors and GLP-1 agonists; when to use short-acting and when to use rapid-acting insulin). The instructor, Dr. Joyce M. Vergili, RD, CDE, is a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator with 20 years of diabetes education experience.

This course has been approved by the New York State Nurses Association for 3 contract hours for nurses and by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation for 3 continuing education credits for dietitians, dietetic technicians and certified diabetes educators. Please call SUNY Ulster at 845-339-2025 for additional information or to register.

**SUNY Sullivan to offer "Teach Your Way to Paid Publication"**

Is there something you have an expertise in that others would like to learn? Whether racing pigeon nutrition, how insurance really works, or understanding physics, you could turn your expertise into a NONCREDIT course. Now's your chance to turn expertise into publishing profit by enrolling in "Teach Your Way to Paid Publication" offered through SUNY Sullivan.

**Town of Denning Message Board:** <http://www.denning.us>  
**Town of Neversink Website:** <http://townofneversink.org>  
**Daniel Pierce Library -** <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>  
**Time and The Valleys Museum -** <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>  
**Tri-Valley CSD:** <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>  
**Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition:**  
<http://thetownsman.com>

This six-session on-line course, taught by John Spiers, begins Tuesday, April 17 and ends May 22 from 9:30 to 11:00 pm. The course fee is \$79.

Students will learn action steps on how to organize content for delivery, market your course to noncredit programs nationwide by email, both in-person sage-on-the-stage and internet courses, and how to leverage it all into producing and marketing your book. Stake out territory for your topic on the 'net and make your name the top hit for pages on Google search and Amazon books, without investing a dime in promotion.

The required textbook: Perish Your Publisher, by John Spiers is available either free in an eVersion or in paperback.

The on-line course is offered through SUNY Sullivan's Office of Workforce Development, Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning. To learn more and to register for the course, call 845.434.5750, ext 4398

**SUNY Sullivan to offer "Import Export Now" Course**

Loch Sheldrake, NY (April 9, 2012) - Importing and exporting has always been the life-blood of international trade. And today, with so many new trade opportunities opening up, more and more people are moving into what is proving to be a lucrative market. Up until now it was difficult for individuals interested in importing and exporting to learn the tools of the trade. That's about to change when you sign up for "Import Export Now" at SUNY Sullivan. This nine-session online course begins Wednesday, April 18 and ends Wednesday, Jun 13. The course meets from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m. and costs \$95.

Students will learn what it takes to be self-employed in import or export (or both) of goods or services with this step-by-step hands-on course. This program is appropriate for people with zero business background, as well as established businesses looking for new trade. For over twelve years the course is highly rated for content, delivery and personalization.

At the end of this course, students will know how to develop a product or service, find the best suppliers, best customers, work with banks, currency issues, insurance companies, government agencies and other trade entities. Students will be taken through licensing and permits, setting up systems to properly conduct trade worldwide at the small business level, as well as such topics as intellectual property.

The entire course may be taken at your pace, with plenty of one-on-one email contact with the instructor. Optional weekly live sessions online are run during the course. After the formal nine weeks course, you may join a listserv of ex-students, so access to the instructor and peers never ends.

There is a required text for this course: How Small Business Trades Worldwide To learn more and to register for the course, call 845.434.5750, ext 4398



- Grahamsville/Claryville/Neversink/Napanoch:**
- NEW Tasteful 4 BR/1 BA home on Hastings Dr with sunroom, bar, large deck, 2 car garage, on 1.58 acres. \$259,900
  - 2-3 BR seas cabin on Neversink River with 2 acs. \$140k
  - Farmhse on 108 acs with stunning views, barns. \$659k
  - 2BR seasonal cabin on 3 acs, fpl, screened porch. \$115k
  - Former church approved as 1 BR home. \$69k
  - Bright 3 bed/1 ba cottage on 4.5 acres adj State. \$99k
  - Working farm featuring 163 bucolic acres, farmhouse with exceptional views, barns, sugar house, etc.. \$1.378m
  - 3BR/1BA authentic log cabin on 20+ acs with fpl, skylights, woods that end at the Neversink River. \$299k
  - Spacious 4-5 BR/2BA turnkey colonial on 5+ level acres w/lg sep garage, in quiet Grahamsville n'hood. \$287,000
  - REDUCED 3BR/2BA contemp farmhouse on 100+ acres with spectacular views, 2 ponds, adj to State land, +cottage. \$649k
  - 3BR/2BA Wonderful home privately set on ~8 acres with screened gazebo, fireplace, 1 mi to Rondout. \$299,000
  - REDUCED 2BR former schoolhouse on 3 acs. \$49k
  - SOLD Stylish, renovated 4 BR/2BA home on 1.9 acs.

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 One of the best tongue and cheek swash-bucklers with two of the greatest athletes Lancaster & Cravat of all time. Directed by Robert Siodmak, and Starring Burt Lancaster, Nick Cravat, Eva Bartok, Torin Thatcher, Christopher Lee, James Hayter. Lancaster and Cravat swashbuckle their way across the Mediterranean in one of the great genre classics of all time. A cult film that offers loads of thrills and laughs to both children and adults.  
**See it on TCM this Sunday, April 15, 2012, at 12:15 AM (00:15),** that is Saturday night plus 15 min of Sunday, 12:15 AM. some people could not get this right, would be better to use military time 00:15 on Sunday morning, **C-104 min, Rated, TV-G**

**Quiz:**  
**A.** Name the actor who played Ojo?  
**B.** Name the actor who played Consuelo?

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

**Townsmen content;**  
 Last week Mr. C wrote a piece about John Quincy Adams in his Political Slant column and people seem to like it. Why not! John Quincy Adams was a great man. By this, I mean, he cared about his dream; so much so, he made it his reality by virtue of the careful choosing of ideas that come out of the id. Creating a sort of Executive of the Mind, this is done by choosing, and making the right decisions that result in a positive lifestyle in the face of the on rush of information that comes out of the id, all the id is doing, is processing your total reality. This reality is fed by the input of our sensory structure. With all of his senses, plus the hard physical work he had to do to achieve his dream made him a success in life and this is why Mr. "C" chose Him. A good role model for us to follow so we will try to have similar articles one a month  
 Have a great day.

**NEWBURGH NY - Shopping in Newburgh, hungry, not to many gold pieces jingle in your purse then try NEWBURGH BUFFET - the best by my standards, authentic Chinese American & Japanese Restaurant in Newburgh, 1431 Union Avenue, off Rte 300. Say 'hi' to Dave, a great host. Tell him Frank sent ya!**

**PINE HILL - Coming event April 14 Native American Gathering: Big Indian Native American Cultural Center members share drumming, story telling, talking circles, lectures, more. Every 2nd Saturday. Bring a snack to share. All are welcome. Noon-4pm. Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main St., Pine Hill. Mary Lou, 254-4238; loulou5782@yahoo.com**

**MONTICELLO - If you just love stamps the Sullivan County Philatelic Society will have as its Guest speaker Lewis Kaufman well known stamp dealer at our next meeting scheduled for Sunday April 15 2012. At 1:00 p.m. In the Ted Stroebel Recreation Center, which is located on Jefferson Street Monticello N.Y. MR. Kaufman's talk, is entitled, saving stamps in the world wars. This meeting is open to the public as well as stamp society members. We will also have our regular door prizes, and give a ways. A short business meeting will be held with refreshments to be served by Art Rosenzweig at the meeting. This June 10 will be our first stamp and coin show, admission is free with ample parking, and building is air-conditioned.**

Stay safe,  
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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

A. Nick Cravat  
 B. Eva Bartok



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**BUILDING FOR RENT:** In Grahamsville (Old Post Office) Rent - 985-7411.

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**Charming 3 bedroom** house for rent on Denman Mt. Road. This two-story Cape Cod includes a kitchen, living room, dining room, den with fireplace and a large yard adjacent to NYC DEP land. Beautiful red oak floors throughout the house and lots of windows. \$1,000/month. (845) 985-0370

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**HELP WANTED**

**Neversink Campgrounds -Lifeguard - Summer Season**  
 Call 845-434-8926

**FROST VALLEY YMCA Seasonal/Part-time HR Office Assistant** position available for the summer season starting late April through mid-September. Must be over the age of 18 years old, with strong organizational skills, high level of interpersonal skills, possess attention to detail and extensive knowledge of computer software such as Windows and Microsoft Office. Must maintain confidentiality in daily operations and conduct duties in a professional appearance and manner. Please submit resume and references to Linda Campbell, Director of Human Resources, Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Rd., Claryville, NY 12725 or email to hr@frostvalley.org. EOE

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**FORSALE**

**Get ready for SRING! 1995 Suzuki GSX 600 Katana Red/Black \$2000 (845) 985-0201.**

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**LOST/FOUND PETS**

**LOST DOG - 5-year old Maltese, all white, wearing a blue bandana, was last seen in the vicinity of the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Answers to the name Harley. If found or sighted please call Amy Barkley Carey at 434-4193 (home) or 796-8753 (cell phone).**

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