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## Sundown Methodist Church Chicken BBQ to be Held on October 8th

The folks in Sundown have decided to change the Chicken BBQ date to Saturday, October 8, 2011.

According to Pastor Bob, "We did get a generator, and would like to thank ever Sundayone for their help with that. This year's funds raised will help us put a new roof on the Sundown Hall. We can really use the community's help with that."

For more information on purchasing tickets for the BBQ call 985-2283.

## Fundraiser Planned for Local Grahamsville Artist, Alastair King



A musical by local Grahamsville resident and artist Alastair King will be presented in the New York Musical Theater Festival (NYMF) in late September in New York City. King's musical, "Outlaws - The Ballad of Billy the Kid" was among 11 chosen from over 400 works submitted. The festival is the largest annual theater event in the world with over 30,000 theater goers and industry insiders attending the various musicals. Over 70 of the 270 new musicals presented in the festival have gone on to productions on Broadway, off-Broadway and in almost every state in the US and more than a dozen countries worldwide. (Contd. Pg. 3)

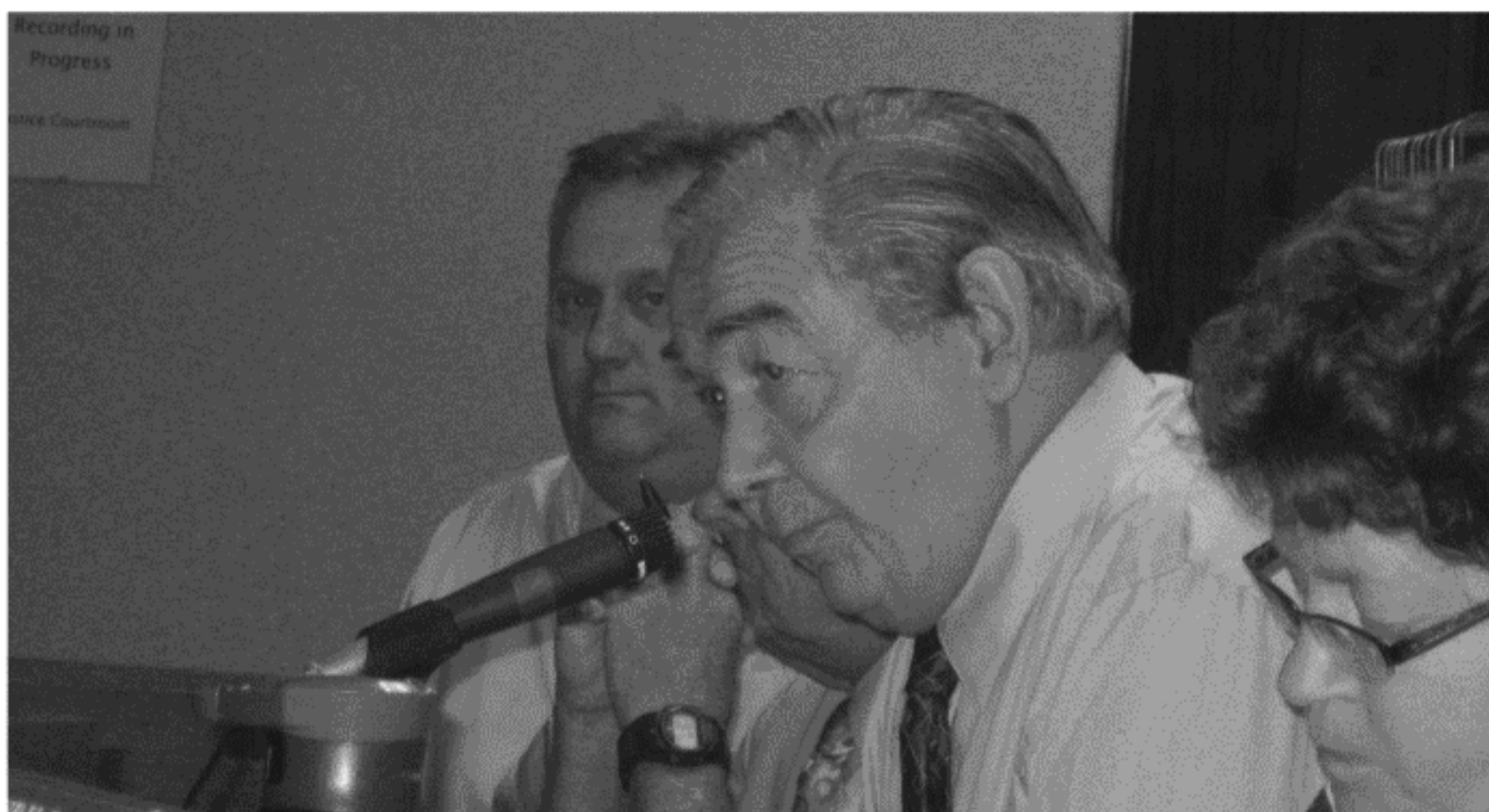
## Annual 4H Livestock, Pie and Celebrity Pie-to-the-Face Auctions at the Livestock Show Ring, Grahamsville Little World's Fair

The Annual Sullivan County 4-H Livestock Auction will be taking place on Sunday, August 21st, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. in the Livestock Show Ring of the Grahamsville fairgrounds. 4-H members from across Sullivan County have been working hard throughout the year to produce top quality project animals. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Olive Day 2011

Olive Day will be September 10th this year! Olive Day is held at Davis Park in West Shokan... food, music, games, auto show...fun...fun...fun! This is the Olive Democrats main fundraiser. For more info or to book a space contact: Linda Burkhardt [mama\\_b5@yahoo.com](mailto:mama_b5@yahoo.com) or 657-6543.

## Olives Without Pits ... By Carol Lamonda



Town of Olive Supervisor, Bert Leifeld listens to the concerns of members of the Town of Olive community regarding the Comprehensive Master Plan at Monday evening's meeting at Olive's Town Meeting Hall.

Olive is a unique place. Olive City lies under the Ashokan Reservoir. Its five hamlets: Shokan, West Shokan, Olivebridge, Boiceville and Samsonville ring the submerged city in a wide geographical circle of beauty. Because our history divided us, our neighborly culture unites us. This was evident in the recent second open hearing of the Master Plan that was held on Monday, August 8.

Because so many people are isolated and we lack a "Main Street" and a dedicated newspaper, rumors went a-flying around town about what the Master Plan, a guideline for planning and development, was going to do to curtail rights and raise taxes. Over a 160 people crowded the Town Meeting Hall armed with indignant cries of fear and misinformation. Rumors like: *chimneys will be taxed; no tree taller than thirty feet could be cut; sidewalks were going to be installed; taxes were going up 25%; a toll would have to be charged on the Traver Hollow Bridge, the plan was done in secret with no public input, and the plan cost the taxpayers a great expense.* When the facts of the Master Plan, which was funded by a \$50,000 grant from the CWC, and its process were presented, and after the Town Board addressed its own concerns with the draft, everyone went away understanding that public comments were the purpose of the meeting and that written concerns could be submitted until August 26. Then a second draft would be presented for open review in September. (Contd. Pg. 6)

## New exhibition: A Glimpse into the Building of the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and Connecting Tunnels: Photos from the DEP archives

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - A new photo exhibition is currently on view at The Time and the Valleys Museum entitled: A Glimpse into the Building of the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and Connecting Tunnels: Photos from the DEP Archives. Direct from the DEP Archives in New York City, these rarely seen photos show a unique and interesting view of the workers who built the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and the Delaware and Neversink Tunnels. (Contd. Pg. 3)



## Golfers Give to Fallsburg Lions Charities

On a very warm and bright July 24 dozens of golfers came together to honor the memory of Alan Steingart at the Annual Golf Tournament organized by the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club at Tarry Brae Golf Course. Golf Pro Glenn Sonnenshein and his staff did their usual excellent job in preparing the course and setting up the lunch and dinner. Fallsburg Lions Robert Kaplan, Cindy and Bruce Perlmutter coordinated the registration and arranged for gifts and donations that put smiles on the faces of all participants.

Special thanks go out to Jeffrey N. Klotz of UBS Financial, to the Steingart and Perlmutter Families, to Robert Green Auto in Monticello, and to Suzanne and Joseph Rhulen and Judith Rhulen for their generous sponsorship and support. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion.

Psalm 20:1-2

**OBITUARY**

**Robert William "Rowbear" Kruckmeyer, Sr.**, of Loch Sheldrake, passed away on Sunday, July 24, 2011, after a long term illness with his WFL-wife for life by his side. He was 62. The son of the late John and Dorothy Huston Kruckmeyer, he was born March 2, 1949 in West New York, NJ. He proudly served our country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He served two tours during that war and received The Bronze Star Medal, The Purple Heart, the Air Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, 2nd Award, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal; with 3 Bronze Service Stars, Combat Infantry Badge, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with Device (1960), Expert Badge with Auto Rifle, Bar and Machine Gun Bar, Sharpshooter Badge, and the Parachutist Badge. He was a member of the HOG Chapter, and his Harley Davidson was great for wind therapy. Below you will find a poem written by Robert that took 30 years to finish.

*A Soldiers Thoughts*

by Robert W. Kruckmeyer (1969)

Take a man, put him alone, put him 12,000 miles from home - Drain his heart of all but the blood - Make him live in dirt, sweat, and blood - This is the life I'll give, and why my soul to the devil I give - You peace boys rant from your easy chair; you don't know what it's like over there - You have a ball, without even trying - While over there, our men are dying - You burn your draft cards, march at dawn - To plant your signs, on the White House lawn - All you want is to ban the bomb - Then say there's no war in Viet Nam - You use your drugs and have your fun - Then you refuse to use a gun - I'll hate you till the day I die - You made me hear my fellow Soldiers cry - I saw his arms, torn in a bloody shred - I heard them say, "Too late, this one's dead." - He paid the price, - It's not too nice - He bought you his life, by losing his - But who gives a damn, what a soldier gives.

*(Continued February 3, 2011 Dedicated to all the names not on the army wall)*

Well its 40 years later, and killing the weeds was not the answer - Matter of fact it gives our soldiers Leukemia and Cancer - We fought proud and true - doing what we were told to do - Only to die young - from the war in Viet Nam - As they try to grow old, dozens and dozens die each day - Why did the US Government do us this way? - I know firsthand - I've been suffering for years, only to be told not me, not us - They just don't care - Sold out by the government - We were so true, only to be told, F\*\*\* you, F\*\*\* you. - Try to get benefits for us, our wives and kin - then be told No way, not now - That's a real sin - not even knowing where to begin - only to be told, our grandkids are next - No wonder the Viet Vet is so pissed, so vexed - Many are homeless, and the government just doesn't care - Only to be told stay away from them, they have the 1000 mile stare - Many more will die, or are already sick, I wish we could even the score - The vets should have said, Not us, not never, go to your war, What for - What for My family is so scared about all the Vietnam Vets dying - Thousands of tears are shed daily, By many crying - But crying won't stop it, Leukemia, infections, and cancer - Was it really worth killing weeds and your army - I really don't think that was the answer - All for P.O.W., to make lots of money - Ask any Vet, infected or not - it's not even funny - As I sit here and write, Some lines will rhyme - Don't they realize I don't want to die? It's not my time - It's not up to me, Or so I've been told - All I need is my God, my friends and my wife - And of course to grow old - To grow old.

Robert was a Jack of all trades and could do just about everything. He had a huge heart and was always willing to lend a helping hand. He was a mountain man who loved his firewood, gardening, beautiful flowers, and animals. Rowbear loved life and especially his family. They will miss him dearly and treasure his memory forever. He leaves behind his loving wife and soul mate, Nikki Kruckmeyer; his son, Robert William Kruckmeyer II; his siblings: Margaret Ghosio, Steven, Dorothy, William, and John Kruckmeyer; his mother and father-in-law: Geraldine and Delbert Rundle; brother and special friend, Larry Roberts; a Goddaughter; many nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 27, with Pastor Bob Kersten officiating. Interment followed at the Sullivan County Veteran Cemetery, Sunset Lake Road, Liberty, with full military honors. Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home.

**NOTE OF THANKS:**

Thanks to my Children who gave me a party for my ninetieth birthday and thanks to my granddaughter, Kathy for the beautiful cake she decorated for the occasion. Also for the gifts, beautiful flowers, and to all who donated to the Grahamsville Methodist Food Pantry and to those who brought food to the party. I enjoyed every minute and will never forget the wonderful party given me for my ninetieth birthday.

Thanks to everyone for everything and God Bless -

Sincerely,  
Virginia Anderson

**DAYS OF YORE...**

**Today's History**

**August 8, 1951** - Thunder Ranch, the former I.C. Slater farm, has recently been enlarged by the purchase of the adjacent Hodes property which approximates 200 acres. The horse ranch now includes about 600 acres of woods, pasture and meadow land. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Parker of the Concord Hotel at Kiamesha raise Western quarter horses. There are now fourteen horses at the ranch.

Poles for the new high tension line from the proposed hydro-electric plant at Grahamsville to the Dairyland station are being set up by Central Hudson. The poles have been trucked in and moved to positions along the right of way by I.E. Wilcox of Roscoe, the contractor who has been clearing the right of way.

Mr. Richard Slater, a student at State Tech., Binghamton, New York, has acquired a position with the Technical Service at Solvay Processes at Syracuse. Mr. Slater is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Slater of Claryville and a graduate of Liberty High School, Class of '50.

**August 9, 1961** - Miss Paula Allen was guest of honor at a bridal shower last Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. Allen Jones. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Vernon Gridley Jr., and Mrs. Ray Muthig. Miss Allen will become the bride of Mr. Thomas A. Smith this Saturday.

Carl Rubenzahl, 7, died July 26th at Liberty Maimonides Hospital following an operation. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rubenzahl of Neversink. Survivors include his parents; four brothers, Moe, Marty, Arthur and Murray.

Many people are having trouble with raccoons that are bothering their crops and poultry. At the Robert Many farm, they have been seen trying to pull a hen through the wire on the windows and have even gone so far as to rip the wire off.

Mr. and Mrs. George McCarthy of Grahamsville are parents of a son born on July 28th at Loomis Hospital.

The Grahamsville Methodist Church under the able leadership of Dr. and Mrs. McCombe has started a program to raise money to renovate the interior of the church. On Sunday, August 6th, the official opening of the campaign, \$1,198.70 was handed in.

**August 8, 1971** - Sp.4 Harry McIntosh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight McIntosh of Bradley, has been awarded the Army Commendation Medal at Tuy Hoa Air Force Base in Viet Nam. The medal was awarded to him for leadership and outstanding job above and beyond standard duty. Harry is a 1968 Tri-Valley School graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeWire of Sugarloaf Road, Grahamsville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Martha Lorraine to Harold E. Godowski Jr. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Godowski of Scranton, Pa. The bride-to-be is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School. An October wedding is planned.

Very belated congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Christian M. Holmes of Varga Rd. on the birth of their daughter, Julianna. She was born on July 21st in Monticello Community General Hospital and weighed 9 lbs. 10 oz.

**August 13, 1981** - Cynthia Sauchuck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sauchuck of Grahamsville, has been awarded the Bachelor of Arts degree from Flagler College, St. Augustine, Fla. Miss Sauchuck, who majored in physical education, was captain of the women's basketball team and president of the P.E. Major's Club.

Morris Slater of Claryville, a lifelong area resident, died Sunday in Community General Hospital in Harris, after a short illness. He was 72. The son of the late Ralph and Nellie Everett Slater, he was born June 22, 1909 in Claryville. Mr. Slater was a member of the Claryville Dutch Reformed Church. (Contd. Pg. 3)

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy**  
Condolences to the Grey family on the passing of Robert Grey of Neversink.

Congratulations to Fred and Carol Turner who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on August 13th at the Morningside Park in Hurleyville with many relatives and friends from all over. Fred also celebrated his 80th birthday. Congratulations and best wishes, Fred and Carol!

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Neversink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Show on September 17 & 18, 2011.

Have a good week and God Bless!  
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)  
If you have local news, including engagement, wedding, anniversary or birthday announcements that you would like to put in the Townsman, please email your copy to: [townsman@yahoo.com](mailto:townsman@yahoo.com) or send it via regular mail to: Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building

### Days of Yore... (From Pg. 2)

This week Dr. and Mrs. William Payne, summer residents of Glade Hill, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Their three children, with their wives and husbands, and seven grandchildren came from California, Texas and London, England. Also, Dr. Payne's 87 year old sister from California. This year marks the Payne's 46th year in their home. Glade hill neighbors assembled on Sunday to help celebrate the occasion.

Nancy Conjura and Stephen Cypert of the Tri-Valley FFA attended a National FFA Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. this week. They toured the office of Matt McHugh and toured the historical sites of the nation's capital.

### Fundraiser Planned for Local Grahamsville Artist, Alastair King (From Pg. 1)

A fundraiser is being organized by neighbor Gayle Irving and King's partner, Curtis Brown for Saturday, August 27th at 4:00 PM to help with the cost of the production. The event will feature live performances from the show by King and his collaborator on the project, Perry Liu a resident of Fairfield, CT. The two will be joined on guitar by local talent Albi Belubi of the Grahamsville Deli. The event will include dinner of International cuisine and American favorites prepared by Brown, a practiced home cook. The event will be held at the home of Brown and King, 31 Brackman Road (1.1 miles up Denman Mtn. Road), Grahamsville. Brown and King have been restoring the former Brackman Farm and the event will feature tours of the newly restored dairy barn and farmhouse. Tickets for the event are \$25 and include dinner. Children are invited free of charge.

King, originally from Glasgow, Scotland, has had his work performed in London, New York, Stowe, Vermont and St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands. His work, *Outlaws* is a modern retelling of the legend of Billy the Kid as a rock musical. The play deals with current issues including gang violence and how a teenage boy takes the wrong path in life and becomes the nation's first media sensation.

For more information about the event or to make a reservation contact Gayle Irving at 985-2696 or [gayle4disney@yahoo.com](mailto:gayle4disney@yahoo.com) or the website: [www.Outlawsrockmusical.com](http://www.Outlawsrockmusical.com). More information about the musical, performances and tickets are available at the Outlaws page of the festival website: [www.nymf.org](http://www.nymf.org).

### Annual 4H Livestock, Pie and Celebrity Pie-to-the-Face Auctions (From Pg. 1)

So what do you get out of purchasing an animal from the sale?

- You help a youngster who has worked hard on his/her project.
- You are publicly recognized through newspaper advertising, radio coverage, and word of mouth for your purchase.
- You obtain high quality meat for your freezer.

Beef steer, dairy steer, swine, poultry and meat pen rabbits will be sold live. Once the animal is bought, it will be shipped to the butcher who will then contact you for processing specifications. The meat will be wrapped and returned to you, ready for your freezer!

Also up for auction will be a delectable array of high quality, homemade pies. Cornell Cooperative Extension volunteers and supporters are renowned for their baked contributions to this auction so don't miss out. Concluding the sale will be a Celebrity Pie-to-the-Face Auction in which notable Sullivan County residents will allow pies to be auctioned off to the highest bidder. The winner will get to "pie" the local celebrity! New to this year's Pie-to-the-Face auction is Legislator Elwin Wood!

Bidder registration usually begins an hour prior to the sale; however, pre-registration is encouraged. To pre-register or for more information, please contact Nikki Olsen at (845) 292-6180 Ext. 113

Unable to come to the 2011 Sullivan County 4-H Livestock Auction, but still want to invest in the future of youth in agriculture? Donations to the 2011 4-H Livestock Auction Scholarship Fund are greatly appreciated. Donations can be sent to The Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension 4-H office at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd., Liberty NY 12754. Checks can be made payable to "Cornell Cooperative Extension" with "Livestock Auction Scholarship" in the memo.



### A Glimpse into the Building of the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and Connecting Tunnels (From Pg. 1)

Taken between 1937 and 1949, these photos illustrate the working conditions of men known as "Sand Hogs" - workers who dug dirt by hand in pressurized caissons, or dug "muck" in the tunnels deep under the earth. These men worked to build one of the largest water supply systems in the country, to provide New York City with clear drinking water from the Catskill Mountains. A joint exhibition of the Time and the Valleys Museum and the New York City Department of Environmental Protection Archives, these photos give a rare "glimpse" into the lives of men who worked hard days, long hours, and risked their health and their lives for progress. The exhibition will be open through October, 2011.

Located at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville (St. Rt. 55), the Museum is open Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. through October, and other times by appointment. Adults admission is \$2, Children under 16 \$1, and children under six are free. With THREE FLOORS of exhibitions, the Museum also has a Local History Resource Center (open Thursday and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.) and Museum Shop with local history and environmental publications, handcrafted artwork and gifts by local craftspeople, old fashioned toys and other unique items. For more information call 845 985-7700 or go to our website: [timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org).

Other exhibition currently available: The History of the Rondout and Neversink Watershed Areas; The Artwork of Manville B. Wakefield: Artist-Educator-Historian-Rail Buff ENDING AUGUST 21st!

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations.

### SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE AWARDS

Hundreds of people attended the 90-minute Sullivan Renaissance Awards Ceremony on Monday, August 8, as almost \$100,000 in grants were awarded to winning communities from around Sullivan County. The ceremony was held at Monticello High School Auditorium for the second year in a row. Callicoon Business Association received the Golden Feather, a \$25,000 grant presented by NYS Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. It was given to one of six large community projects that exhibited the highest level of excellence by incorporating beautification as part of a long-term strategy. The Jeffersonville JEMS received the second place Silver Feather Award of \$10,000. Liberty Pride got a \$5000 award for the community's planning efforts.

Special flower awards went to five communities this year. Neversink Renaissance was recognized with the "Best Showing of Flowers Award" of \$5000. The judges were impressed by the "use of repeating colors and textures in hanging baskets, street containers and landscape beds" and the "balance of woody plants, perennials, annuals and groundcovers which gave dimension and visual appeal to the landscape." Other communities received \$1000 Judges' Choice Awards: Roscoe Chamber of Commerce for "Most Bold and Dramatic Single Element," Highland Lake Fire Department for "Most Outstanding Single Garden," Jeffersonville JEMS for "Best Use of Space in an Urban Area" and Livingston Manor Renaissance for "Best Downtown Streetscape."

Before winners were announced, horticultural consultant Mary Lewis spoke about garden design and introduced members of a newly created design panel that reviewed gardens during the application process. This year's panelists were: Maureen Charde, Caroline DeWilde, Will Foster, Kalman Freidus, Marian Fries, Susie Hull, Cindy Kashan, Joan Paese, Alden Thayer and Anna Lise Vogel.

Grants - ranging from \$1000 to \$25,000 - were awarded to projects in Categories A, B and C. Projects in each category were also recognized with Stewardship Awards for the environment, history and best garden design. All of the communities that completed projects received a grant based on the size of their category, as well as certificates of recognition from Sullivan Renaissance and area legislators.

### CATEGORY A

Category A projects are made up of single elements such as a new sign or hanging baskets. This category

was made possible, in part, through the sponsorship of WVOS/WSUL.

First place (\$3000) - Roscoe Rockland Fire District in Roscoe - firefighter/veteran memorial garden  
Second place (\$2000) o Friends of Dillon Park in Monticello - Alice's Wonderland Entranceway  
Third place (\$1000) o Hudson River Healthcare in Monticello - Enhancement of Aesthetics for Health Care (CARE)

**STEWARDSHIP AWARDS** - Sponsored by Sullivan County Democrat Environmental Stewardship (\$1000); Sullivan County SPCA - horse paddock improvements Historic Preservation (\$1000); Luxton Lake Property Owners Association in Narrowsburg - plaque area and garden; Best Garden Design (\$1000)- Eastern NY Federal Credit Union/SCVA in Liberty - building landscaping

**CATEGORY B** Category B projects are made up of multiple elements such as park enhancements. This category was made possible, in part, through the sponsorship of Thunder 102/Bold Gold Media.

First place (\$10,000): Cocheton Ambulance Corps - Ambulance Corps park; Second place (\$7000): Mountandale Community Development Corp. - rails to trails gateway; Third place (\$5000): Rock Hill Business & Community Association - entrance beautification projects

**STEWARDSHIP AWARDS** - Sponsored by The River Reporter Historic Preservation (\$1000) - Livingston Manor Renaissance - Remember Refresh Recycle; Best Garden Design (\$1000)- Highland Lake Fire Department - Eagle Scout landscaping project (Contd. Pg. 4)



### THE NIFTY SWIFTY SCALLOP

By Peggy DeWire

Is it a UFO? Superman? Nah... it's only a scallop shell whizzing away in the shallow seawater. Most of the 400 kinds of the Pecten family are good swimmers, a rare ability among shells. The name comes from the Roman word for comb and refers to the distinctive ridges of the shell that run from top to bottom like the teeth of a comb.

The fifty species in America waters live mostly between inter-tidal zones to sixty feet deep. However, deep-sea trawlers have taken scallops worldwide, even from Antarctica.

Scallops swim in social groups by snapping their shells together forcefully, creating a jet flow that propels them swiftly away from dangers such as a crab or their mortal enemy, the starfish. A scallop jets left or right, up or down, spins in one spot like a child's pinwheel or flips itself over right side up by directing its powerful adductor muscle (the edible part) to squirt seawater out of a selected body opening along the edge of the shell.

This body (mantle) drapes like an encircling curtain around all internal organs and contains dozens of beautiful blue eyes like tiny sapphires that see as sharp as human vision. Injured eyes are replaced constantly. Should a scallop lose all of its eyes, it re-grows them in two months. Scallops begin life in sea grass nurseries as tiny free-swimming babies called veligers. At age one to three months, veligers develop a large gland that produces shell from seawater. Now the young scallop is called a spat.

The bottom shell is cup-shaped, lifting the scallop up off the seabed to feed better, to see enemies approaching and to make faster get-a-ways. Usually the top shell is flatter, more colorful and can be raised like a sail for migrating at the surface to a new feeding ground.

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum at Sanibel, Florida has a spectacular rainbow display of colorful scallops of the world.

From the earliest times, mankind used scallop shells in legends and decorations. The Minoans (1300 B.C.) believed their goddess of beauty rose from the Mediterranean Sea standing on a scallop shell. So did the Greeks and Romans. In the Middle Ages, returning Crusaders wore a "St. James Shell" on their coat as evidence that they had been to the Holy Land. The Scallop design later became the insignia for many European coat-of-arms, including Winston Churchill's.

Today everybody is familiar with the Shell Oil Company logo from the 1870's.

As I stood on the beach admiring a Calico scallop I'd just found with a wavy purple and white design and orange rays, I remembered an old poem, author unknown -

A wonderful swimmer the scallop,  
It zigs and it zags at a gallop.

### Helpful Hint from Mary

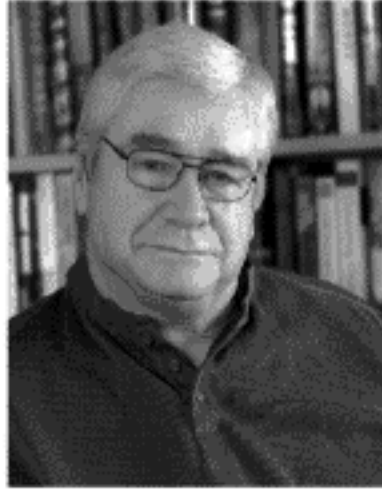
Add garlic immediately to a recipe if you want a light taste of garlic and at the end of the recipe if you want a stronger taste of garlic.

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## MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 13

by John Dwaine McKenna



Mystery fiction is generally classified by the following types, according to William G. Tapply: police procedural, private eye, hard-boiled, soft-boiled and cozy. The last being a term describing amateur detectives such as Agatha Christie's Miss Marple. The term 'cozy' is derived from a type of teapot sweater used to keep the tea hot. Those are the traditional definitions. Nowadays, we have various subdivisions; thrillers, spy and serial killers for example, but even with minute distinctions, some mysteries fall into an unclassifiable category because mystery fiction has evolved to the point that it's often indistinguishable from literature. And such is the case with this week's book. *THE TIGER'S WIFE* by Tea Obreht (Random House, \$25.00, 338 pages, ISBN 978-0-679-60436-5.)

Part folk tale, part myth, part memoir, tragedy, and war story as well as a mystery, it is all blended together with language so beautiful and compelling, it's difficult to believe it's a first novel . . . but it is.

*THE TIGER'S WIFE* takes place in an unnamed Balkan country ten years after the Balkan war. It's about a young doctor's search to find her grandfather, also a physician, who died on a mission of mercy "on the other side of the line" demarcating one religious ethnic group, Slovak-Christian from another, Turk-Moslem. Woven together with a master's touch, this book will be one for the ages. I generally avoid highly-promoted novels for this column, but in the case of *THE TIGER'S WIFE* I'm glad I didn't. An all-around excellent read, I highly recommend it, especially for book clubs.

I'm still recommending a visit to the new Daniel Pierce Library and Time and the Valleys Museum. You'll be glad you did, because

"One civilized reader is worth a thousand boneheads." --- H.L. Mencken

If you'd like to make a suggestion, comment or have a question, you can do it by going to my website:

[johndwainemckenna.com](http://johndwainemckenna.com) and clicking on "contact me." If you'd rather do it the traditional way, write to: John Dwaine McKenna

P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901

I hope all of you are reading and enjoying a good book. See you next week. JDM

### Golfers Give to Fallsburg Lions Charities (From Pg. 1)



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

The low net score of the day went to the foursome of Chris Masters, Michael Kaufman, Tyler White, and Sandy Diamond. All proceeds go to benefit the many charities supported by the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club. If you want more information about the

organization, please contact President Miranda Behan at (845) 434-3908.

### Sullivan Renaissance Awards (From Pg. 3)

**CATEGORY C-** Category C projects are at multiple locations that incorporate beautification as part of a long-term community wide strategy. Awards in the category were presented by Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther. Golden Feather (\$25,000 grant) - Callicoon Business Association; Silver Feather (\$10,000) - Jeffersonville JEMS; Planning Award (\$5000) - Liberty Pride

**STEWARDSHIP AWARDS** - Sponsored by Kristt Company- Environmental Stewardship (\$1000) Liberty Pride; Historic Preservation (\$1000); Neversink Renaissance; Best Garden Design (\$1000); Lumberland Parks and Recreation; Narrowsburg Beautification Group

**SCCC SCHOLARSHIPS-** The Sullivan County Community College Foundation awarded one part time scholarship of \$750 to a volunteer involved in a Sullivan Renaissance project in her community who is attending SCCC; Bonnie Carnell of Monticello - Monticello landscaping

**SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE SCHOLARSHIPS** The Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Counties awarded nine Sullivan Renaissance scholarships to volunteers who made a significant contribution to a Sullivan Renaissance project. These scholarships to the college of one's choice range from \$500 to \$1000.; Jesse Fadis - Kenoza Lake Fire Department - Binghamton University; Maya Grady - Narrowsburg Beautification Group - Drexel University; Lauren Hazen - Town of Lumberland Circle Park - SUNY Oneonta; Meaghan Hazen - Town of Lumberland Circle Park - SUNY Brockport; Jonathan McCoy - Woodridge Kiwanis Club - Rochester Institute of Tech.; Anthony Nittoli - Town of Mamakating - SUNY Fredonia; Patrick Reiser - Lumberland Parks & Recreation - SUNY Oswego; Erika Vorstadt - Erika's Better Bags - SUNY Oneonta; Matthew Young - Wurtsboro Renaissance - SUNY Plattsburgh

**MAINTENANCE PROGRAM** A program begun two years ago awarded grants up to \$750 to help well-established groups maintain and embellish previously-funded projects. These grants were used to add and replace soil, mulch, plants, trees, shrubs and other landscape elements. The nine participants were: North Branch Fire Department - spruce up firehouse; Old Stone House of Hasbrouck - window boxes, signs, planters; Woodridge Kiwanis Club - maintain prior years projects; Woodbourne Action Committee - maintain prior years projects; Yankee Lake Preservation Association - fencing and plantings; Daytop Village, Inc. (Parksville) - maintain prior years projects; Sullivan County Ladies League/CDC - sign and garden maintenance; Phillipsport Community Center - spruce up prior projects; Roscoe Chamber of Commerce - downtown garden maintenance

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS** -Three community development grants were recognized by Sullivan Renaissance. These grants are for experi-

enced groups interested in expanding their beautification efforts into other areas, including downtown revitalization, planning and economic development. This year's recipients were: Town of Lumberland for a site feasibility and market analysis; Wurtsboro Renaissance for D&H Canal trail enhancement; and Roscoe Rockland Chamber of Commerce for development of a marketing program.

**MINI-GRANT PROGRAM** Eighteen organizations and businesses were recognized for participating in the mini-grant reimbursement program which provided up to \$200 worth of flowers for each project. These included: Bethel Flea Market, install hedges and bushes; Callicoon Center Firemen's Auxiliary, hanging baskets for lamp poles; Choices Mental Health Counseling, Inc., fencing and shrubs in Monticello; Daytop, Inc. - Swan Lake, replant flower beds; Eureka Market & Cafe - Grahamsville, plant shrubs and perennials; Kenoza Lake Fire Department, maintain planters and flower beds; Kenoza Lake United Methodist Women's Group, spruce up planters and gardens; Kerrendian Development, Inc. - Monticello, plant flowers; Mineral Springs, Inc. - Monticello, landscape entrance & parking lot; Mountindale Art Center, flower pots and hanging baskets; Mountindale Beautification Committee, hanging baskets for Main Street; New Salem Baptist Church - Monticello, install flowers around sign; SC BOCES - White Sulphur Springs, perennial garden; Town of Delaware - Hortonville, new flower garden at triangle; Town of Thompson, Town of Thompson Park; Upstate Karate of Mountindale, Inc., storefront improvements; Woodridge Kiwanis Club K-Kids, expand school gardens; and Woodstock Community Congregation - Kauneonga Lake, building landscaping

**SEASONAL PROGRAM** Through the Seasonal Demonstration Program, Sullivan Renaissance makes available a limited number of matching grants to camps, bungalow colonies and seasonal businesses so they can create projects to improve the appearance of their properties and serve as an example to others. This program was sponsored in part by Thompson Sanitation.

Six projects were recognized: Camp Simcha in Glen Spey for fencing and flowers; Fallsburg Hills for replacing a fence and plantings; Ichud Fun in Monticello for a sign replacement and landscaping; Ichud Hatalmidim in Monticello for replace an entrance sign and garden; Menucha in Monticello for landscaping and fence; and MYRCB Kochav in Woodridge for entryway landscaping & sign.

**ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES** Five environmental grants were recognized by Sullivan Renaissance. These projects received a matching grant up to \$2500 to explore sustainable, environmental and educational initiatives that could serve as models for other communities.

Participants in the Environmental Initiatives Program are: Delaware Highlands Conservancy, trail mapping project; Monticello High School Eco Club, Arbor Day/Earth Day Festival; Liberty CDC, community garden enhancement; Workforce Development Board of Sullivan, Inc., environmental summer cooperative; and Sullivan County Federation for the Homeless, community garden enhancement.

**TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** -Four communities were acknowledged for receiving technical assistance grants, which are used for professional expertise and assistance with planning, engineering, design, renderings or organizational development. Recipients were: Barryville Chamber of Commerce for architectural renderings; Roscoe Rockland Chamber of Commerce for historical reconnaissance survey; Friends of Dillon Park for Dillon Park master plan; Village of Monticello for assistance with way finding signage design.

**AWARDS CEREMONY-** The ceremony opened

with the singing of "God Bless America" and "This Land is Your Land" by the Monticello Chamber Choir. Sandra Gerry welcomed everyone and thanked participants for the work they are doing. NYS Senator John Bonacic also praised the work of Sullivan Renaissance and the volunteers.

Project recipients received framed certificates of excellence from Sullivan Renaissance, as well as individual certificates from U.S. Rep. Maurice Hinchey, Senator Bonacic, Assemblywoman Gunther, and the Sullivan County Legislature. As groups accepted their certificates, photographs of each project were displayed in a power point presentation created by Meaghan McCormack of Monticello, a summer intern with Sullivan Renaissance.

Chris White, District Representative for Congressman Maurice Hinchey, reported on two special initiatives. The Monticello Enhancement Program is using a combination of volunteer labor and federal funding to improve Broadway, DeHoyos Park and the parking lots and alleyways in Monticello. Sullivan Renaissance is also making improvements to three gateways to Sullivan County: Route 17 Exit 104, Shortline Bus Terminal and the Sullivan County International Airport.

Before the ceremony, attendees viewed displays of the projects. Refreshments included a variety of desserts supplied by Erin Lipsky and staff at Granite Associates.

Sullivan Renaissance projects were judged for aesthetic improvement, collaboration, youth involvement, permanence and an ability to be maintained. The team of ten judges from outside Sullivan County was headed by Ted Blowes, chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Communities in Bloom Program in Canada, which helped inspire the Sullivan Renaissance program. Other judges were: Birgitta Brophy, Nicole Franzese, Donna Harrison, Michael Newhard, Linda Onofry, Peter Patel, Karen Schneller-McDonald, Ann Smith and Tim Stoddard.

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

For information about Sullivan Renaissance, contact 845-295-2445 or

[www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org).

### County issues Water Safety Guidelines, seeks to prevent any additional drowning

Monticello - Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau has issued Water Safety Guidelines, in an effort to prevent any additional drowning this summer. The latest tragedy occurred Thursday, August 11th in the Town of Lumberland.

"The drownings this summer, have shown that the victims were not wearing life jackets, nor were they swimming in areas that are guarded by lifeguards," said Fanslau. Sullivan County wants to make sure that everyone is safe while enjoying water activities. Although drowning can occur while swimming, boating, fishing, jet or waterskiing, these deaths can be prevented.

"Shallow water near shore may seem warm, but temperatures can fall quickly as water deepens," said Fanslau. According to the New York State Department of Health, even when temperatures climb into the 80s, water temperatures can remain cold. In 50-degree water, even good swimmers will find it difficult to cover a distance of more than a half mile.

Fanslau advises following these water safety guidelines:

A. Always swim with a buddy. Never swim alone.  
B. Don't drink and swim. Alcohol and water activities don't mix. Hot weather, fatigue and alcohol can be a deadly mixture. Also, operating a boat while intoxicated is a crime. (Contd. Pg. 10)

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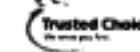
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**The Olive Branch - A Jar of Olives - Olives Without Pits** (From Pg. 1) By Carol La Monda

Once again, Olive did what Olive does best. We listened to one another, and the Comprehensive Master Plan will be all the better because the Brouhaha (love that word) brought out at least a hundred and fifty more citizens than the ten or so who attended the first open hearing.

The **Samsonville Methodist Church** will have its annual chicken barbecue on Saturday, August 20. Contact Scott Kelder for more information. This is a dinner of great chicken, homegrown vegetables, and home-baked desserts.

**Troup 163**, led by Keith Davis and Bob Overton, will be making a historic 160-mile trek along the Aqueduct Pipeline. The boy scouts have been raising money to support their eight-day adventure. Please come to the Ashokan Fountain (aerators) to give them a send off on August 19. There will be a bus provided by Tonche Transit, cost is \$20.00, to take proud parents and neighbors to meet them at Central Park in New York City on August 27. Contact Tanya Davis (657-5836) for more information.

Give **Angie's**, a new café open for breakfast and dinner, a try. It is located in the **Tongore Trading Post** in Olivebridge. Judy Stahl is doing the cooking there. Also, the **LandMark Grille** is back with John and Diana Klippel as your host and hostess. Robert Tirapelli is the chef creating great dishes. My personal favorite is the short rib entree. Eating out in Olive is like having a mini-vacation, and you don't need to fill your car with expensive fuel to do it.

The **Olive Democrats** held their Caucus on August 11. Bert Leifeld was nominated by Charlie Blumstein to be Supervisor once again. Bert has been supervisor of Olive since 1988. After hearing the glowing tribute, Bert, in typical Bert manner, said, "This is a little like hearing a eulogy at your own funeral." Ron Wright was nominated for a third term as Town Justice. Henry Rank was nominated to serve a third term on the Town Board, and Ternice Winne, who is one of the main organizers of Olive Day, was nominated for the second Town Board seat. The caucus ran smoothly with newly selected Democratic Chairman, Mike Pantliano, conducting the meeting.

The **Republicans in Olive** have not yet selected their candidates. We, in Olive, are enjoying the finest of weather, the greenest of summers, and the calmest of political times. The only "bump in the road" is a literal one as New York City's project to "take the dangerous S-curves out of 28A" has turned into a construction zone of major nuisance and inconvenience. This too shall pass.

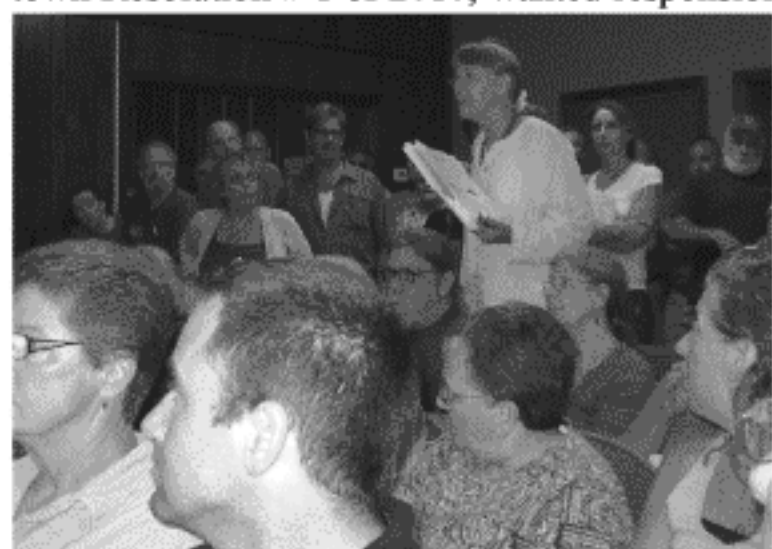
Mark your calendars for **Olive Day**, which will be held at Davis Park on Saturday, September 10 from 9-6.

**Ed Notes:** Welcome Carol! Carol is well-known for her column, "A Jar of Olives", that not only covered the news, but was also a commentary about her hometown, the Town of Olive. A retired English teacher, Carol has recently written, "Prosilio" - which in Greek means "Toward the Sun." It is story of a family memoir that evolves around tragic murders. There is a delightful side of the story that will surely bring back memories to anyone who was once known as 'the summer people' who came to their country homes for summer vacation. Carol gave us a copy of the book on Monday, and I could not put it down until I finished it. For all of those who remember the annual trek to the mountains up Route 17, stopping at the Red Apple Rest, Moms holding down the fort during the week while Dads went back to work in the city, you must get a copy of this book and read it before the sound of katydids begins, signaling summer is over!! You can order Carol's book online at [www.trafford.com](http://www.trafford.com) or email: [orders@trafford.com](mailto:orders@trafford.com).

**Olive Town Board given wake up call..** Cindy Johansen

We live in the Great Catskill Mountains - where legend has it Rip Van Winkle slept for 20 years only to "wake up" to many changes... This very picture came to mind this week, when Town of Olive residents flooded the Town Hall on Monday evening, August 8, to express their displeasure about a Town Master Plan that seemed to have been largely composed and directed by Town Officials without much public input.

There was standing room only on Monday night and for two hours, folks said what was on their mind. While there were a couple who spoke in favor of the Plan and even suggested that more could be invoked, most were in opposition, not necessarily to the plan but to the process that got the plan. What had originally been erroneously considered the will of the planning board, actually turned back to the Town Board members, who, according to town Resolution # 1 of 2010, wanted responsibility for the plan from the beginning. Even down to the way in which information would be collected and used during the process. No matter who was responsible, residents were upset that the process had the appearance of being kept in the dark.



*Kathleen Ruiz, a Town of Olive resident expresses her concerns at Monday evening's meeting.*

In October of 2010, there was a meeting in the morning that consisted of a "Charrette". This method was similar to the way the Ontario School District met with the parents and businesses of the District to find out what was on our minds. It broke up the participants and directed their thoughts to specific topics. Topics that were brought about by the proponents of the Plan. Sentiment carried over to the regular Town Board Meeting on Tuesday evening - where a hand full of residents made the trip the second night in a row to continue the dialogue. It was at this meeting that discussion turned to a type of fear tactic that turned out to be a very simple conversation turned bad... Phone calls were received at the town office from residents who had been told that there was going to be a tax on chimneys. Town Board members, and specifically Supervisor Leifeld, lamented that this type of panic spreading and false information is not a good way to go. Another resident in attendance raised her hand and took responsibility for the reaction that prompted the call to Town Offices. Apparently, she had called a friend of that person to alert them about the Public Hearing and to discuss Comprehensive Plans, both in general and as it pertained to Olive. She had said that "in some towns, they have enacted things like taxes on chimneys". She in no way said that Olive was doing that - but as we all know, start a simple message with one person and 40 people later, the message has taken on an entirely different meaning.

The Town did everything right. Legal notices had been sent to the *Daily Freeman*, copies of the notice had been posted in "many" places around town, according to Town Clerk, Sylvia Rozzelle. But apparently, that was not enough to get through to everyone in a town where many residents no longer subscribe to the paper the town uses as its "official" paper and residents don't seem to frequent the places the town chose to hang notices in. Many suggestions were made, with the least costly being a network of e-mail addresses. Town Clerk Rozzelle reported that her hard drive had crashed, so all her e-mail addresses had been lost. It was suggested that everyone send in e-mail addresses so that a network can be re-established... Please send your e-mail address to: [olivetownclerk@hvc.rr.com](mailto:olivetownclerk@hvc.rr.com) and Town Clerk Rozzelle stated she would notify you of any future meetings.

During Monday night's Public Hearing, the Town Board took the first 30 minutes or so to go over a list of items that they had determined were not satisfactory with the current draft of the Plan. During an April 28, 2011 public workshop for the Plan, which was held at 2 PM on a Thursday afternoon, there were few comments about the content of the plan, except for minor changes - like changing all the "should" to "could". Members in attendance were from the planning board, the zoning board of appeals, but minutes did not indicate that there were many of the towns people in attendance. Possibly the timing did not allow for many working people to be able to get there.

Supervisor Leifeld had reported during Monday's meeting that expenditures to date for the drafting of the plan had totaled approximately \$15-20,000. During Tuesday night's meeting Supervisor Leifeld reported, "There's one big mistake I made last night. I told you that we spent between \$15-20,000. Actually, and I checked with CWC, that figure is \$47,000 and change... and that did not include everything they did last night."

The Town Board agreed to extend the time for public comment. Either in writing or if you want to stop by, please send your ideas, your visions, your comments and concerns directly to the Town of Olive - via regular mail, at PO Box 96, West Shokan, NY 12494 or to Supervisor Leifeld by e-mail at: [olivesupervisor@hvc.rr.com](mailto:olivesupervisor@hvc.rr.com)

All comments, suggestions and recommendations must be received by August 26, 2011, so please make your voices heard. Please sign up for notification of the next hearing, and through the efforts of a very interested group of folks, whatever Comprehensive Plan Olive adopts, it will likely have much more input than had been anticipated.

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**Olive Muse-Charlie Blumstein**  
**High Cotton**

Through a series of possibly tragicomic errors, the Draft Olive Comprehensive Plan project somehow had the cart hitched afore the horse, resulting in severe strains to the whole shebang. 160 folks came out to help stitch the fraying reins and harness, right the upset wagon, hitch the horse up in the front of the cart this time and help to chart a direction on a wide, smooth promenade free of bone jarring ruts on the epic journey to comprehensive planning nirvana.

Monthly Community Visioning gatherings are to start soon, if I heard right and I make a motion that we consider making liberal use of the wood-fired pizza oven for potluck community visionary soiree's deep into the night with our own live music and locally grown pizza toppings. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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

**Greetings!**  
Last weekend, The Belleayre Music Festival was kind enough to comp us two tickets for the **Jimmy Cobb So What Band**. I couldn't attend myself, so I asked my friend, Christian Benningnus, to cover the event for you, the **Townsmen** readers. Christian was kind enough to write this review for us.

**50th for Kind of Blue, an Evening of Brass and Silver**

The day's rain and heat subsided, replaced by a cool country dark which would set the evening's tone. Coursing along rain-washed asphalt past black mountain silhouettes, I was accompanied by my beloved and by Bowie's David Live, en route to The Belleayre Music Festival. The night's billing featured drummer Jimmy Cobb's *So What Band*, a tribute to the 50th anniversary of Miles Davis's quintessential Jazz album *Kind of Blue*, and to Cobb's role as sole-surviving member of that legendary line-up. Cobb has played and recorded with Jazz greats such as John Coltrane, Cannonball Adderley, and Wes Montgomery, and his sensitivity to ensemble playing remains at the fore in the *So What Band*.

Throughout the set, the band's dynamics drifted subtly in and out of tricky syncopation, delicate passages and the occasional hard groove, always faithful to understated line and grace. Along with Cobb, bassist Buster Williams and pianist Larry Willis represented the old guard, reminding the Jazz fan that properly observed tradition always breathes life. While these three essential Jazz musicians provided support for the horn section, their interplay was a session in the joyful science that is Jazz. Willis's chordal ideas were inventive but Williams' playing was especially strong, his laid-back approach belying authority and gut. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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**RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- (From Pg. 6)**

The horn section included Vincent Herring (alto saxophone), Javon Jackson (tenor saxophone), and Christian Scott (trumpet). Scott's ability to capture Miles Davis's nuanced voice was well-suited to the aim of *The So What Band*, but Jackson's phrasing and attack were particularly notable. His soloing incorporated surprising hooks and burn.

Kudos must also be expressed for Belleayre Music Festival. The natural beauty and lush greenery of the surrounding Catskills provide an exceptional setting for good music. The facility and grounds are both intimate and well-maintained, allowing for enjoyment of the concert without distraction.

And Kudos to Christian for this excellent review. It almost makes me feel like I was there!

After a whirlwind of activity and shows last week, this week, we only have two events that I'm recommending, but they're both doozies! Saturday night at The Bearsville Theater, there will be a reunion of the great LEFT BANKE of "Walk Away Renee" reknown. I went to high school with these guys, and I'm really looking forward to this one. Then on Monday and Tuesday, the amazing ALBERT LEE stops in at The Iridium in Manhattan. Monday night it's a tribute to Les Paul, with Mister Lee performing with Les' trio. Tuesday night, I imagine it's 'just' a regular Albert Lee show. To see what this guy can do, pick up "Sweet Little Lisa" by Dave Edmunds. Albert is the featured guitarist on this cut, and my Facebook friends already know that I regard this as one of the two greatest recorded guitar solos of all time, the other being, "The Way I Walk" by Robert Gordon,

featuring the immortal Link Wray.  
Enjoy your week, and don't forget to visit the new Reservoir Music website at:  
[www.reservoirmusiccenter.com](http://www.reservoirmusiccenter.com) See ya!

**Samsonville UM Church Chicken BBQ**  
The Samsonville United Methodist Church will have their Annual Chicken BBQ on Saturday August 20, 2011 from 4:00pm to 6:30pm. Adults \$12 Children under 12 - \$8 Includes: Chicken, Sweet Corn, Cole Slaw, Baked Potato, Rolls, Homemade Dessert, and Beverage. For information contact Scott Kelder 657-6727



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**Skoler Gallery  
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Despite the rain, well over 200 people were on hand August 6th for the Grand Opening of the Skoler Gallery, a new artist co-op in Ellenville. Nestled on Canal Street, the gallery joins the Aroma Thyme Bistro, the Shadowlands Theater, Gaby's, and Hole In The Wall Music (opening Aug 13) in what is becoming a burgeoning district.

Music for the event was provided by vocalist Donna Cooper Singer and guitarist Jeff Otis.

Jewelry, small antiques, books and 'artsy' gifts are available for purchase in the retail annex located in the front of the gallery affording visitors the opportunity to purchase from there as well as the artists on display.

The purpose of the gallery is not to just display art for sale, but to showcase the art and culture in an up and coming area and is meant to provide an environment of enrichment for facilitating workshops to encourage local talent to participate according to co-curators Anna Skoler and Lanette Hughes.

Artists currently on display include Lanette Hughes and Tim Bailey who work in painting and assemblage, Jane Mehlretter Harrison; stained glass, the pen and ink drawings and metal work of Ross Hayes, Tom Beverly's pottery, the southwestern flavor jewelry of Renee Dickman, photographers Johnny Weeks, Teresa Brun Ancel, Louis Jawitz, Nick Romano, Patricia Corbin, and Earl Dickman, and painters Dr. John Lichtenstein, Rogellio D'Accord, Polly Reina and Alfredo Cardenas. The 2500 foot co-op space welcomes new artists to join at monthly meetings held the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the gallery. For further information on joining, artist can inquire at 1-845-532-2164. The Skoler Gallery is located at 170 Canal Street in Ellenville. Gallery hours are Thursday through Saturday 2-9 and Sundays 12-6 or by appointment. Gallery information is available by calling 1-845-325-5527.

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Titled "In and Out, Open and Shut," the show features the work of Carol Denman, Tracy Gansrow, Jean Helthaler, Ann Higgins, Elise Hornbeck, Kate Hyden, Rose Parrow, Ginger Smith and Gloria Wagenknecht.

It's a fabulous range of styles in acrylics, encaustics, oils, photography, watercolors and other media. Some art sports riotous color, while other works are quiet and calm.

On the gallery's walls you'll find a

curious cat pushing open a heavy wooden door. Nearby, there's a tudor window atop gracefully arched supports. A wrought-iron garden gate is portrayed not far from an elegant brownstone entryway.

Overall, it's everything (well, almost everything) you'll ever want to see, or know, about windows, doors and other entries & exits.

The opening reception runs from 1-4pm, and the gallery, at 282 Hasbrouck Rd., will be open to the public Saturday and Sunday afternoons through Sept. 25.

The Old Stone House is a tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization hosting classes, art exhibits and other events. For more information, check the Old Stone House web site at: [www.oldstonehouse.catskill-life.com](http://www.oldstonehouse.catskill-life.com).



Curiosity!

**Altamura Festival in Roudtop**

Altamura Festival in Roudtop, an annual festival that Carmella Altamura, a singer, teacher and director of the program, will be held this weekend, August 19, 20 and 21 just outside of Saugerties. Join Altamura and her husband as they host this new and upcoming concert. For more information go to [www.altocanto.org](http://www.altocanto.org).

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**Photos to Amaze and Delight at Old Stone House through August 28**

An extraordinary array of images from some of the country's top photographers are on display through August 28th at the Old Stone House in Hasbrouck. The show is open to the public Sundays from 2-4pm, and by appointment.

The photo exhibit, titled "Our Worlds in Focus," includes the work of nine professionals in photography, film-making, animation and related fields. Their images span the gamut of what a camera can produce. Some demonstrate acute realism. Others result from digitized enhancement, or unusual camera techniques that blur and blend the main subject. Some photos confound the sense of color, or subtly alter common shapes to hide their origins.



Photo by Garrett-Waldmeyer  
*The younger set visiting the photo show.*

Photographers participating in this exhibition are:

**Miriam Rayevsky** -- Miriam received her BFA in San Francisco in Motion Pictures and Television, and now works as a stop motion animator out of her studio in Parksville, N.Y. Photography has always been a hobby of hers as a form of documentation and relaxation. Her favorite photographers are Richard Avedon and Irving Penn; however, her favorite subjects are unknowing strangers in the streets.

**Michal Heron** --- A professional photographer for over 30 years, Michal Heron has shot photography assignments for clients on location around the world. Her special interest has been photographing cultures and ethnic groups in the U.S. and abroad. Michal has published books on the business of photography, and been active in ASMP, the national photography trade association, serving on their Board of Directors. She has taught workshops on Stock Photography and the Business of Photography, including at the Maine Photo Workshop and the National Photo EXPO held annually at the Javits Center in NYC.

**LaVerne Black** --- LaVerne was born on a small family farm in Sullivan County, New York. Her photography depicts the love she holds for the rural landscape and an admiration for the 'country lifestyle' that remains a large part of her life, paying tribute to the local agrarian architecture and surrounding open fields, stone walls, trees and farm animals that are so familiar and yet so special to people in the area. Her photographs have appeared in local and national media and in respected galleries and museums, including in New York City.



Photo by Garrett-Waldmeyer

*Photographers Miriam Rayevsky (left) and Michal Heron are fellow exhibitors at "Our Worlds In Focus"*

**Steven F. Dansky** --- For a half-century, Steven has been a political activist, writer, and photographer. A member of the legendary Gay Liberation Front (GLF) after New York City's Stonewall Rebellion in 1969, his work has been reviewed in The New York Times and the Village Voice, and has been cited in nearly every book on the formative era of the modern LGBT movement. He is the author of three books, *On Bearing Witness: Images & Reflections of the LGBT Movement (1969-1971)* (2010), *Now Dare Everything: Tales of HIV-Related Psychotherapy* (1994) and *Nobody's Children: Orphans of the HIV Epidemic* (1997). Steven's photography has been on display at juried exhibitions and galleries in New York and Las Vegas, Nevada.



Photo by Renzo

*Ursula and Bob during a visit to Italy last year, where they took some of the photos that are included in this exhibit.*

**Garrett-Waldmeyer (Ursula Waldmeyer and Robert Garrett)** --- Ursula is a novelist, public relations expert and travel specialist who has visited some of the world's most out-of-the-way spots, almost always with camera in hand. Her iconic images are unambiguous and direct, letting the viewer experience precisely what she herself witnessed. She has an uncanny eye for detail, and finds particular pleasure in recording unusual contrasts in color and texture. Together with her husband, she has performed extensive product photography for the last thirty years or so. Robert is a former NYC newspaper reporter, and has been a photography enthusiast since childhood. At the age of twelve, he astonished his parents by secretly purchasing a high-end German Voigtlander camera from a pawn shop, on the installment plan, and expected them to keep up the payments...and also pay off his film and developing costs. He's been snapping pictures ever since, but now foots his own bills.

**Louis Jawitz** --- Lou's images have been widely exhibited in numerous New York City galleries, including Nikon House, and here in upstate New York at the Catskill Art Society and the Red Eft Gallery. His 2010 exhibit at the Old Stone House set a turnout record, and he was invited back for a one-man show of the permanent collection of the Liberty Museum & Arts Center in Liberty.

**Jesse James Wall** --- Jesse was born in Harrisburg, PA, in 1981 and moved with his family to Roscoe, in Sullivan County, the following year. They lived with his maternal grandparents, Raymond and Ruth Pomeroy, lifelong county residents. Among Jesse's fondest recollections of his grandfather are the weekly Sunday drives they took through the Sullivan County countryside, admiring the natural beauty to be found there. His family moved to Grahamsville when he was seven and Jesse attended Tri-Valley schools, graduating in 1999. He studied geology at SUNY-Oneonta, but his love for photography and graphic design brought him back home to study at Sullivan County Community College, earning his AA Degree in Graphic Arts in 2003. Jesse has worked as a multi-media artist at The Center for Discovery since 2008. He is also the owner of Definn Creative Partners, which specializes in wedding photography and videography, as well as historical documentation, on which he often collaborates with County Historian John Conway.

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*LaVerne Black (second from left), one of the eight exhibitors participating in the photo show explains her imaging technique to a group of gallery visitors.*

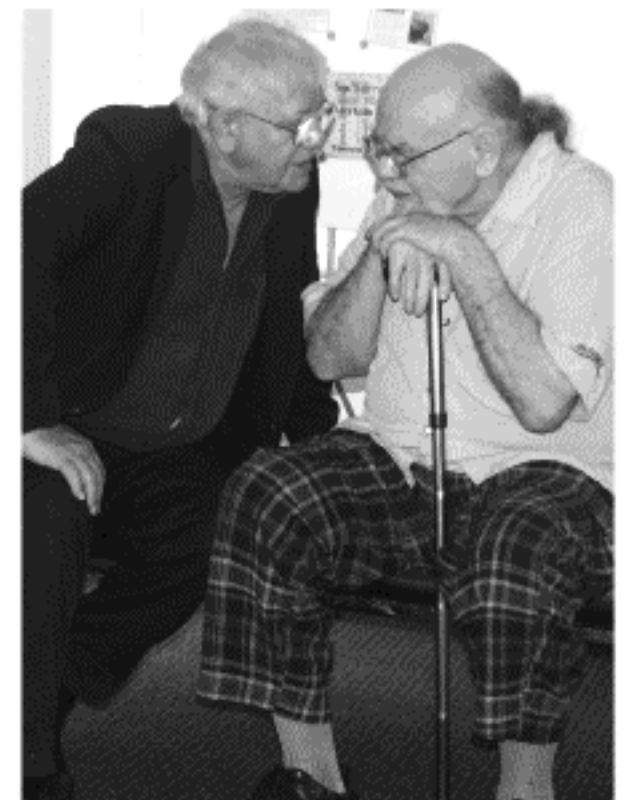


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*Longtime local resident Bob Richards has a lengthy chat at the photo show with Ye Tri-Valley Townsman's own circulation manager and columnist Frank Comando.*

**MONTICELLO FESTIVAL TO CELEBRATE BROADWAY COMPLETION "Broadway Craft & Farm Fest" on Sunday**

Building on the success of the recent "National Night Out" event that was attended by over a thousand people, the Village of Monticello is proud to announce that it will be holding a "Broadway Craft & Farm Fest" on Sunday, August 21st from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. The festival will be held at the vacant lot on the corner of Broadway and St. John's Street (across from the County Courthouse). A portion of Broadway (from Bank Street to Liberty Street) will also be closed off for most of the day.

The event has been organized to celebrate the completion of the reconstruction of Broadway and will include a parade at noon, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1:00 p.m. The festival includes vendors, antique cars, free entertainment by local bands and dance troupes, inflatables and children's activities, remote broadcasts by local radio stations, and more. The event will conclude at 6:00 p.m. with a special concert on the courthouse lawn sponsored by the Monticello Business Association.

"It was great seeing Broadway lined with thousands of people having a good time at National Night Out," remarked Mayor Gordon Jenkins, "We are hoping to have an even bigger turnout for this event and we want to use this as an opportunity to celebrate Monticello's new beginnings."

Several local businesses in Monticello will offer specials and discounts on meals and merchandise, as well as personal services like manicures and dry cleaning. Other businesses have stepped in with support, such as Spencer Daniels Agency, which is donating all of the inflatables. Collaborating groups that have been working with village officials to organize the event include the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce, Sullivan Renaissance, and the Recovery Center.

There is still room for more vendors, and the village has waived the application fee. Anyone interested in being a vendor, marching in the parade, or participating in the car show should contact Village Manager John LiGreci at 845-794-6130 x 306.

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**County Issues Water Safety Guidelines (From Pg. 4)**  
C. Parents with small children should share supervisory responsibilities with lifeguards. Vigilance is required; a small child can struggle for as little as 20 seconds before submerging.  
D. Don't overestimate swimming ability. Currents can be deceiving and treacherous, posing a risk for even the strongest swimmers. Be particularly careful in unfamiliar areas where you are not certain of water depth, hidden obstacles or other hazards.  
E. At home, properly fence your swimming pool, and always supervise children using the pool.  
F. Don't swim in unregulated areas, such as quarries, rivers or ponds.  
G. To be safe, always swim at regulated pools and beaches. These facilities are designed and maintained to protect swimmers from hazards, and many provide lifeguards. But, be aware, that drowning can still happen at those facilities.  
"The bottom line is to be safe while enjoying the summer water activities in Sullivan County," said Fanslau. "Don't swim in unregulated or guarded areas, and always wear a properly fitted lifejacket on boats, jet or water skis in areas that are unregulated," added Fanslau. "The summer of 2011 has already seen far too many drowning incidents, particularly on the Delaware River," concluded Fanslau.  
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## SUNY Sullivan President Dr. Mamie Howard-Golladay Retires

Loch Sheldrake - With a list of accomplishments that would rival those of any college president, Nick Speranza, Chair of the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees, announced that Dr. Mamie Howard-Golladay, whose tenure as president of SUNY Sullivan was to come to a close August 2012, will be retiring as of August 31. Dr. Golladay was named president of SUNY Sullivan in 1998.

"As the newly elected chair of the SUNY Sullivan Board of Trustees, and a colleague of Dr. Golladay," said Speranza, "I prefer not to focus on her retirement, but on her accomplishments because therein lies her legacy. I would like to be the first to salute Dr. Golladay and on behalf of the college community, thank her for her years of unselfish service."

Among her accomplishments, Dr. Golladay:

- secured the largest donation in the history of the college - a \$2 million gift plus an additional \$1 million match from The Gerry Foundation - in April 2001. This donation went toward building the Lazarus I. Levine Residence Hall, which officially opened its doors in the fall of 2003.

- secured a five-year, \$1.8 million Title III development grant from the U.S. Department of Education as well as other funding to improve educational programs, make technology upgrades, renovate laboratories and update campus infrastructure and facilities.

- strengthened academic programs and increased in-county enrollment from approximately 40% when she arrived to 70% in 2010.

- switched from an all electric campus to geothermal energy which resulted in more than \$300,000 per year in cost savings and helped to make SUNY Sullivan one of the greenest colleges in New York State.

- paved the way for the college to receive an Emergency Preparedness grant in the amount of \$284,000 which is being used as a match for approved State funds for emergency equipment. SUNY Sullivan was the only college in New York State to be awarded this grant.

- championed the cause of hosting the prestigious NJCAA DIV. III National Men's Basketball Tournament in 2011.

Prior to becoming president of SUNY Sullivan, Dr. Golladay served as dean of the Division of Business, Science, Mathematics and Technology at the Germantown campus of Montgomery College in Maryland from 1994-1998. Preceding that, she was dean of the School of Health Sciences and Vocational Education at Mott Community College in Michigan for four years. In addition, she was the founding chair of the Department of Allied Health Education at Pensacola Junior College in Florida from 1978-1990. She also has held faculty appointments at colleges and universities in Alabama and Florida.

Dr. Golladay received her Ph.D. in administration in higher education from the University of Alabama (UA). In addition, she holds a master of science degree in nursing from the University of Alabama in Birmingham (UAB) and a master of arts degree in educational administration, also from UA. She has a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of South Alabama as well as an associate of science degree in nursing from Pensacola Junior College in Florida.

An interim president who will preside until a new president is chosen will be announced by Nick Speranza shortly.

## Hinchey Statement on Report from U.S. Department of Energy's Subcommittee on Natural Gas

Washington, DC -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement regarding the 90 day report issued by the U.S. Department of Energy's Subcommittee on Natural Gas. Hinchey, who is a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, is a leader in the effort to protect drinking water and the environment from the risks of hydraulic fracturing. The congressman is a coauthor of the FRAC Act, which would mandate public disclosure of chemicals used in frack fluid and allow the EPA to regulate fracking activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The congressman also authored the legislation that led to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study on hydraulic fracturing that is currently underway.

"I continue to have significant concerns that six of the seven members on the Natural Gas Subcommittee of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board have financial ties to the natural gas industry, which inherently creates a conflict of interest. Nevertheless, the fact that this same subcommittee found a wide array of improvements that should be made by the natural gas industry and government agencies underscores the fact that we as a nation are not adequately prepared yet to protect the public and environment from an unprecedented level of drilling across the country.

"Given that this panel acknowledges the need for

stronger environmental and public health protections, I cannot help but feel that these findings further highlight the need to reverse the current exemption that explicitly prohibits the EPA from overseeing hydraulic fracturing under the Safe Drinking Water Act. With widely reported problems at drilling sites across the country, along with this DOE subcommittee's concerns, there is no reason that the federal agency charged with protecting the environment should be barred from doing its job when it comes to natural gas drilling and drinking water supplies. This exemption was put in place at the behest of the natural gas industry and it must be reversed. If hydraulic fracturing is as safe as the natural gas industry claims it is, then the industry should have no problem with EPA oversight, but the industry's reluctance to such oversight only raises further questions.

"The FRAC Act, of which I'm a coauthor, would reverse the Safe Drinking Water Act exemption and also require natural gas companies to disclose all of the chemicals they are pumping into the ground during the hydraulic fracturing process. I'm pleased that the Natural Gas Subcommittee agrees with the need for chemical disclosure. We must have federal policies in place that mandate this disclosure rather than relying on the industry to voluntarily do so itself.

"I also believe that we should be very careful to not have this Department of Energy panel supersede the important and ongoing EPA study on hydraulic fracturing, which I initiated through legislation in Congress. While it is certainly important to have the Energy Department involved, it is equally important to have the EPA conduct a comprehensive study. I urge a prudent course of action that is based on actual science rather than corporate natural gas industry influence."

## Governor Signs Bonacic Bills Into Law to Allow Thompson to Help Homeowners in SC

Governor Andrew Cuomo has signed two bills into law sponsored by State Senator John Bonacic which authorizes the Town of Thompson to establish the Treasure Lake/Davies Dam Improvement District (S.5687) and the Lake Louise Marie Dam Improvement District (S.5688).

Under DEC regulations, the dams for the lakes need to be upgraded. The lakes - Treasure lake, Davies Lake, and Lake Louise Marie are used for recreation and/or water supply purposes. Under existing law, the approximately 800 homeowners in the Emerald Green and Lake Louise Marie communities would have had to front an estimated \$4 million - or \$5,000 each to make needed improvements to the dam.

To address that concern, Sullivan County Legislator Alan Sorensen stepped in and proposed that the Town of Thompson seek to have a special law passed to allow for the creation of dam improvement districts, thereby allowing the \$4 million cost to be spread out over 30 years, with a much more manageable estimated cost of \$200 per home per year, according to Sorensen's calculations. Bonacic agreed with Sorensen's idea and the Senate, followed by the Assembly, passed the legislation, which the Governor has now signed into law.

"The safety of these dams is important. Likewise it is important that they be maintained in a way which is affordable for homeowners. I appreciate the efforts of Legislator Sorensen and the Thompson Town Board to help their constituents and was pleased to assist them in allowing these Districts to be formed," Senator Bonacic said.

## Free Public Forum-Protecting Residents from Mail, Phone & Online Scams

In an effort to help safeguard Orange County residents from fraud and scams, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) is sponsoring a free public forum on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Mulberry House Senior Center located at 70 West Main Street in Middletown. The event is for area seniors and other residents to learn how they can protect themselves from a wide array of mail, phone, and online scams as well as identity theft. Hinchey is bringing together federal and local anti-scam experts to speak to all interested residents at the forum entitled, "Being Scam Smart: Protecting Your Money and Identity from Fraud."

"Unfortunately, we continue to see a rising number and increasing sophistication of financial and identity theft scams targeted at seniors as well as many other demographic groups who may be vulnerable," Hinchey said. "While law enforcement continues to crack down on scam artists, the best way to prevent scams from being carried out is for the public to learn ways to spot fraudulent offers and avoid falling into a trap that will be costly in terms of both money and time. I encourage everyone in Orange County to come out to what will surely be a very informative public forum where they can learn about ways to protect themselves and their families and avoid becoming a victim of a scam."

County Executive Edward Diana, who is cosponsoring the event with Hinchey, said, "Orange County

government is pleased to collaborate with the Federal government in educating the citizens - most notably the seniors- in Orange County. This program is a perfect complement to our Consumer Affairs office which deals with these issues each and every day. It's critical that residents be aware and informed in order to protect themselves and their finances in this fragile economic climate. I hope people will take advantage of this important opportunity. An educated resident is a protected resident."

Among the topics that will be discussed at the forum are ways for Orange County residents to protect themselves from: identity theft and telemarketing scams; fake medical discount plans; charities and fundraising fraud; false credit and loan offers; fraudulent sweepstakes and lotteries; phony club memberships; and travel schemes.

Speaking at the forum will be representatives from Congressman Hinchey's office, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the Orange County Office for the Aging, and the Orange County Department of Consumer Affairs.

## POLITICAL SLANT

Frank Comando

**The "Tea Party's" politicians fueled by disgust and ignorance are contributing to the demise of this country.**

**S&P: Debt default skeptics fueled downgrade of US "AAA" rating.** A Standard & Poor's director said, "One reason the United States lost its triple-A credit rating was that several lawmakers expressed skepticism about the serious consequences of a credit default. A position put forth by some Republicans. Without specifically mentioning Republicans, S&P senior director Joydeep Mukherji said, the stability and effectiveness of American political institutions were undermined by the fact that 'people in the political arena were even talking about a potential default.' Mukherji also stated, "That a country, even has such voices, albeit a minority, is something notable," he added. "This kind of rhetoric is not common amongst AAA sovereigns." The statement seems likely to bolster one Democratic line of attack, that it was Tea Party intransigence, not a shortcoming of leadership by President Barack Obama, that is to blame for the U.S. downgrade, from AAA to AA+. Obama himself called on Republicans to "put country ahead of party," a dig at conservatives in Congress, who are blocking his agenda. GOP leadership in the House and Senate was vocal in warning about the dangers of default. However, some lawmakers blasted the warnings by the Obama administration that a failure to raise the debt ceiling would unleash an economic catastrophe. Republican presidential candidate Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.) who voted against the debt limit increase, said, "the nation would avoid default even without a deal."

"I want to state unequivocally for the world, as well as for the markets, as well as for the American people, I have no doubt that we will not lose the full faith and credit of the United States," Bachmann added in reaction to the statements by S&P on Thursday.

However, Rep. Tom McClintock (R-Calif.) said, "The firm had misinterpreted the GOP position."

"No one said that would be acceptable," he said of a default. "What we said was in the event of a deadlock it was imperative that bondholders retain their confidence that loans made to the United States be repaid on schedule."

More than 100 House Republicans backed a measure sponsored by McClintock that created a plan if the country failed to raise the debt ceiling - prioritizing debt payments over other obligations. In the Senate, Sen. Pat Toomey (R-Pa.) introduced the bill, which he said in a Wall Street Journal editorial, could force "sudden and severe" spending cuts. "Projects would be postponed, some vendor payments would be delayed, certain programs would be suspended, and many government employees might be furloughed." Toomey wrote in January, acknowledging that he hoped the drastic scenario might be avoided.

The Treasury Department said the plan constituted a form of default, however, salaries, taxes and contract payments would have gone unpaid.

In my opinion, the rich are fighting over the spoils of the U.S. "fire sale" they have created in their quest for the destruction of the US Constitution and Sovereignty bringing us back to the days of aristocratic feudalism. **How can we hope to wrest sovereignty away from the oligarchy and back to the American people?**

*The Townsman* urges all to use this space to have your comments and/or questions, (space allowing) posted, or answered here Email [politicalslant@yahoo.com](mailto:politicalslant@yahoo.com).



**Sundown Community  
2nd ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ**  
sponsored by the  
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- Photo exhibition on view entitled: **A Glimpse into the Building of the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and Connecting Tunnels:** Photos from the DEP Archives.

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Open Thursday to Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. through October, and other times by appointment. Adults: The current admission is \$2, Children under 16 -\$1, and children under six are free. For more information call: 845 985-2262 x 313 or go to the website:  
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**“Lord of the Trout” Hosts ‘Conga against Cancer & the Human Line of Hope Across America’**

Eldred, NY- “Lord of the Trout” Lou Monteleone, Manager of the Eldred Preserve and the Corner in Eldred, NY, announced today he and the Corner Ice Cream Shop in Eldred, will be hosting The Lord of the Trout’s ‘Conga Against Cancer across America and Human Line of Hope’ event on Sunday, September 18th, 2011. The event will begin at 10:00 AM at the four corners in Eldred between the Eldred Preserve and the hamlet of Eldred. Registration for this event is a \$10 donation per person to stand in line, and the entire donation will go to benefit the St. Baldrick’s Foundation. Food will be available for purchase at the event and live entertainment by the SJP Band, Bud Conover, Christopher Benjamin, and comedian Ava Levy will continue throughout the afternoon.

The official St. Baldrick’s head shavings will start at 10:00 AM where local residents who have raised money for St. Baldrick’s will go bald in solidarity of kids battling cancer. The head shavings will be performed by Sophistications salon in Liberty, NY. People can still sign up to be shaves at this event by signing up at [www.stbaldricks.org](http://www.stbaldricks.org) and typing the word conga in the search field.

The human line of hope will consist of people of all ages holding hands while displaying letters that form either words of encouragement or names of those either lost or battling cancer. People will line up along the streets of Eldred in a show of hope to all cancer patients. Letters can be sponsored for a \$10.00 donation. People should make sure they have someone there at the event to wear their letter(s).

Immediately following the Human Line of Hope people will remain in line for a special tribute to our troops and veterans where all will be waving small American flags in honor of all those we lost and are still serving. People will remain in line for the Conga across America portion of the event where we will create the longest Conga line in

Sullivan County and travel close to one mile behind the first ever Conga mobile.

Folks from other states are participating in their own Conga across America and Human Line of Hope on this same day and time as the New York event. States include: North and South Carolina, Virginia, Illinois, Hawaii, Minnesota, Iowa, Alabama, and Florida. You can represent your state as well. All it takes is a few letters to spell a name or word, a few people to wear them, and 15 minutes to stand in line on Sept. 18, 2011.

The mission of the St. Baldrick’s Foundation is to raise awareness and funds to cure kids’ cancer by supporting cancer research and fellowships. Monteleone has been involved with The St. Baldrick’s Foundation for more than six years, and in 2007 even designed a “Bear My Heart” teddy bear with his personalized message, specifically to benefit the children of St. Baldrick’s.

Advanced registration for the human line of hope and longest conga line is recommended. To register for this event, or for more information, please contact “Lord of the Trout” Lou Monteleone at 845-557-3321

**NY Royalty To Serve Short Stacks for a Tall Cause**

On August 27, New York beauty pageant titleholders will join together to help fight child abuse by participating in a fundraiser to establish the NY Chapter of Childhelp. Five children die everyday as a result of child abuse and a report of child abuse is made every 10 seconds. These facts motivated chapter founder Aimee Swift to ask, “Will you get involved for the love of a child?” NY beauty queens have answered that question by pledging their support to help children by being guest servers at Applebee’s of Middletown for a pancake breakfast from 8 AM until 10 AM.

Childhelp is a leading national non-profit organization that believes that every child has a unique contribution to the world. Their philosophy states, “We do everything within our power to help each child heal and develop self esteem to reach their full potential. We believe that hope and love is the foundation upon which all healing begins.”

Aimee Swift is child abuse survivor who believes the sole purpose of her survival is to ensure that other children do not endure the treatment she did by raising awareness and giving children a safe place to turn. In January 2011, Aimee started shining the light of hope on our children through advocacy, something she lacked growing up. The foundation is being set to implement the first Childhelp Chapter on the Northeast Coast and will start here in the Hudson Valley of New York. All Chapters create a way for community members to join the fight against child maltreatment, make their voices heard and their actions matter. Swift states, “We need to focus efforts on prevention and treatment of Child Abuse because we have zero tolerance for the Casey Anthony’s of the world!”

A Short Stack for a Tall Cause will be raising funds and awareness for the prevention and treatment of Child Abuse. Start your morning enjoying a flap jack served by New York royalty and help put an end to Child Abuse for just \$5. The pancake breakfast is sponsored by and will be held at Applebee’s Restaurant, located on 12 Orange Plaza Road in Middletown. Beauty queens including New York State titleholders, local titleholders from across the state and the NY Childhelp 2011 Pageant Divas will be serving and standing up for the cause. There will be door prizes, raffles and meet and greet with our special guests. Protect our children: Learn it, know it, report it and together we can all make a difference for the love a child!

Tickets are \$5 per person and must be purchased in advance. Contact Aimee Swift at the Beauty Doctor Salon at (845)733-6945 (845)733-6945. For more information about this event visit us Facebook/hvnychildhelp or visit the national website at [www.childhelp.org](http://www.childhelp.org). If you know or suspect a child is being abused call 1-800-4-A-Child (1-800-422-4453) which operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.


For more information or to schedule an interview with Aimee Swift contact Felicia Ramos NY Childhelp PR at (845)389-0386/ (845)389-0386 or by E-mail: [Feliciaramos24@yahoo.com](mailto:Feliciaramos24@yahoo.com)

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**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL  
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**High Cotton** (From Pg. 6)

We could revisit our existing plan and its sweet history. We could look at other plans from other watershed towns and see what they have done. I think I heard that the professional planners are taking a break so we do have 6 months or more to do it. Might as well do it well and have some fun to boot. The rich deep well of talent here in Olive seems to be ever expanding and when combined at the visioning soiree's, a beautiful, artistic, spiritual, practical, caring, loving vision will emerge. We are 270 years into settlement here in Olive, 270 years of old line sensibility and sustainability, they go hand in hand and the old line sensibility is the very pre-requisite to navigate the perilous journey ahead, in my view. We are very fortunate to still possess a strong old line sensible footing, born of 270 years of continuous co-operation. The Fire and EMS cadres are just 1 manifestation of old line sensibility amongst many. 3 churches which are also vibrant community centers with all kinds of offerings and gatherings throughout the year is another. What a tapestry has been fashioned of our rich and varied social fabric. I think that there are strands of golden Kevlar well woven throughout.

The Town of Olive Corporation is the most important institution in my universe. Our corporate shield is all that stands betwixt us and some leviathan killer whales that would have us for sup with a grin. There is a set of basic core values that we all share here, in my view. More and more people are waking up and turning back to earlier ways of growing, preserving and storing food. I hear more and more parents expressing the desire for their children to learn practical skills such as gardening, wood-working and building. Permaculture is being touted across today's political, scientific and popular spectrums.

Some of today's woes seem like a replay of the energy crisis and economic contraction of the nineteen seventies, but on a much larger scale. I believe we will navigate the change in course well if we all pull together and respect everyone's right to their own opinion. This was an important feature of life here in earlier times, the old time virtue of tolerance for differing ideas, without judgment or condemnation. Sadly, that virtue has receded in recent decades, and I think we are poorer for it. I no longer spend time on partisan politics and its erasure in my life has freed up time and spiritual energy that can be better used by focusing on some of the challenges unfolding before our very eyes. Let us vision and live with passion.

I had a sweet time at the Olive Dem caucus last Thurs. I went there to nominate Berndt Liefeld for Olive Town Supervisor. The list of compelling reasons why is long and the ramifications are profound, in my view.

I was musing on news articles covering the Building and Zoning Dept. located in a not too distant municipality. They have a program, I think it's called "Sweeps for Safety", or something like that. The inspector's canvas the neighborhoods and write tickets for unsightly sticks on roofs and some-such. I held that up to Olive's Building and Zoning Dept. Nothing but courteous time and (Next Col.)

money saving advice and service with a smile which is unparalleled in the region and probably beyond. All of Olive's corporate staff is kind, cour-

teous and helpful. Ticket's? You have to work at it steadily for some period of time to receive one, other than gross vehicle and traffic infractions. Our fabulous corporate staff did not arrive on the SS Serendipity. The choosing of our staff is a conscious policy decision made by Olive Town Supervisor Berndt Liefeld and it springs forth from old line sensibilities.

Our corporate organizational chart is so well considered that we have a spiritual counselor/ social worker disguised as a ticket puncher at the Town's Transfer Station. Who else has that? Why do we have it? Policy. When we needed a Town Meeting Hall did Supervisor Liefeld go off with a full head of steam to the nearest Professional Planner and dump. 1.75 million on a new Town Hall like so many other debt-burdened towns? Hardly, he scanned the horizon with his spyglass and charted a course to a suitable building for \$175,000, or ten cents on the dollar. The first meeting was held there on the closing day. Old line sensibility saved us well over a million and a half dollars in one fell swoop.

Another big item is the intentional cultivation of good relations with NYCDEP. Supervisor Liefeld has fostered cordial relations in several areas with NYCDEP and the benefits have been manifold. He achieved consensus on the adoption of Olive's Engineer Valuation Appraisal of the Ashokan Reservoir as a benchmark valuation which resulted in an immediate tripling of the reservoir's assessed value. He worked long and hard with Olive Assessor Bill Cook in a process of harmonization with NYSORPS which has resulted in the reservoir not being designated as a large parcel, a huge and very positive development. It's no mistake that Bill Cook is Olive's Assessor, its sound, sensible policy backed by 270 years of experience. Supervisor Liefeld presided over the years from 240 to 270, hewing to the same lines throughout.

When in a meeting with DEP near Wall Street in Manhattan a couple of years ago regarding reservoir valuation, Supervisor Liefeld saw a chance to negotiate a deal with the then head guy when the lawyers went out for lunch. In their absence, Supervisor Liefeld achieved an informed consensus resulting in a ten year tax assessment deal that seems to be acceptable to ORPS, given the result of the harmonization negotiations. In contrast, Hurley is up to their neck in assessment litigation with DEP. I thank our lucky stars that Supervisor Liefeld took the path he did and the long range results may very well be profound.

In my view, these big picture items far outweigh most of the little peevs that invariably unfold in a small town. I am in deep gratitude to Supervisor Liefeld for his efforts to ensure my enjoyment of 30 years of self directed freedom, freedom that Supervisor Liefeld consciously preserved through his leadership. I was honored and it was a great pleasure to nominate him to the ballot for re-election. He has a few projects to tend to in what may be his final term. His combined legacy is monumental, in my view.

Is all hunky dory on the USS Lollipop? Heck no! Hopefully we will have less frequent donnybrooks, although they say that if there is no shouting, it probably is not a democracy. Olive is precious and priceless to me and most of the people that I know here. When our corporation is threatened, many come forward to help reset the course towards calmer waters. Let us sail forward, working together, in our new post-carbon, post industrial world and figure out a way to combine the best of the old with the best of the new in order to increase our resiliency and well being. The changes unfolding are vast and sound planning is essential.

Many thanks to Olive Councilman Peter Friedel, who identified the first wave of issues in the Draft Comprehensive plan and brought it to the attention of his neighbor's. His presence on the Town Board helps to create a balance that acts as a safety release valve, thus saving us from potentially costly litigation which could easily be the result from a process gone awry. His ability to sleep on and mull issues usually brings cogent analysis and alternate ways of viewing any given situation. He adds tremendous value to the Town Board, in my opinion.

The Olive Boy Scout Troop 163's historic "Catskill Aqueduct Trek" sendoff is tomorrow, Fri. Aug. 19th, 10am, at the Ashokan Reservoir aerators. Cub Scouts will be baking brunch delectables for attendees. After the ceremony, the Boy Scouts will begin their trek to NYC'S Central Park hiking along the route of the NYC aqueduct. More details can be found at olivescouts.org.

Ange's Café is now open in Olivebridge with great food and a regular schedule of music, art and cultural events. Thurs, Fri. and Sat. evenings feature pizza from their wood-fired brick oven. Have a bite to eat and walk it all off at the breathtaking Ashokan Dam promenade, located just 2 minutes away. Have a great week!

**Hinchey, Gillibrand Urge U.S. Postmaster General to Maintain Full Operations at Mid Hudson Mail Processing Facility in Newburgh**

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) this week urged U.S. Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe to maintain and continue full mail sorting operations at the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) facility in Newburgh, New York. The lawmakers sent a letter yesterday to Donahoe in response to a current study that the U.S. Postal Service is conducting to potentially consolidate mail sorting operations at the Mid Hudson General Mail Facility (GMF) in Newburgh with the USPS processing and distribution center in White Plains. Hinchey and Gillibrand oppose consolidation, arguing that it would reduce the quality of mail services for the region's residents and businesses, result in the loss of local jobs in the area, and fail to deliver significant, if any, cost savings for the USPS.

"While we recognize the serious financial challenges facing the U.S. Postal Service, we are deeply concerned that consolidation of mail processing from Newburgh to White Plains could negatively impact the quality of mail services and also adversely affect the local workers who rely on the Mid Hudson GMF for employment," Hinchey and Gillibrand wrote to Donahoe. "We understand that it is necessary for the USPS to reduce costs and seek operational efficiencies in order to remain viable as the volume of mail continues to decline. However, significant concerns have been raised to us that consolidation of mail sorting and processing from Newburgh to White Plains would cause increased delays of mail delivery in our region since mail would travel a greater distance through heavily congested traffic in order to be processed."

Hinchey and Gillibrand also noted to Donahoe that the Newburgh facility, which employs nearly 400 people, is under a long-term lease at a very affordable price and that recent steps have been taken to make the site operate more efficiently at an even lower cost. In furthering their argument, the lawmakers also noted that the location of the Mid Hudson GMF provides easy access to Interstates 84 and 87 and Stewart International Airport as opposed to the possible alternative of White Plains, which is located in a much more congested and expensive region of the state.

**Last Chance for "The Perfect Ten" and Silent Auction at the Catskill Artists Gallery**

It's your last chance to see the beautiful and unusual small works on exhibit at the Catskill Artists Gallery, 38 S. Main St., Liberty, NY! The show will be ending on September 4. There are paintings, prints, photographs, pottery, sculpture, encaustic, fabric, glass mobiles, 3-D collages, and more. All works are no more than 10 inches in any direction.

The members' Silent Auction is also coming to an end! At 8 p.m. on September 10 (the date of the reception for the next show, "Friends"), the auction will be closed and the lucky winners can take home their goodies. There is a sculpture by Robert Friedman, a rich cobalt-blue pottery bowl by Kathy Jeffers, glass wind chimes and a stained-glass hanging by Cate Gundlach, a fabric mosaic by Buff McAllister, and one of Hank Schneider's famed close-up flower photos. The artists have donated these works and all proceeds will help out the gallery.

Other luscious art is always available, in all media and every price range, to adorn your home or person. Buy a gift for a friend -- or give yourself a treat! CAG has art for any occasion - or no occasion! The gallery members and some 30 consignors create paintings, prints, photographs, fabric art, sculpture, woodwork, pottery, glass work, jewelry, books, note cards and more.

The gallery is open Friday and Saturday from 11 am to 6 pm, and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 845-292-0310 or go to the website, [www.catskillartistsgallery.com](http://www.catskillartistsgallery.com)

**Kimberly Verderame to Perform at CAS Arts Center**

On Saturday, August 27 at 1pm Singer/Song-writer Kimberly Verderame will perform at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor, NY - Kimberly is an 18 year old solo artist that performs original songs, and is promoting her first album "On My Way." For more info go to [www.kimvmusic.com](http://www.kimvmusic.com). The concert is free and open to the public. Admission is by suggested donation. All proceeds benefit the Catskill Art Society. Seating will be first come, first served. Light refreshments will be served after the performance. The CAS Arts Center is fully wheelchair accessible.

Also on Saturday, August 27th at 10:30am, Lance Verderame, a member of Sullivan County Audubon and Livingston Manor resident, will lead a bird walk in downtown Livingston Manor for beginners and bird lovers of all ages. Lance is the Sullivan County Audubon field trip coordinator for the New York State Young Birders Club, with a passion for birding and sharing his knowledge. Participants will meet at Morgan Outdoors, located at 46 Main Street and amble to nearby Renaissance Park and the Pearl Street Community Garden. Bring binoculars if you have them. RSVPs appreciated by calling 845/439 5507.

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**  
[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312

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

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

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

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

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

**Joanne Van Gorder Memorial Rabies Clinic**  
 Sat. Sept 10, 2011 9am-11am  
 Hosted by: Ulster Heights Rod & Gun Club  
 244 Sherman Rd  
 Info Call 845-647-9749  
 \$7.00 per animal

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

**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

**SC receives Clean Audit Report**  
 Monticello - Legislator Jodi I. Goodman, Chair of the Management and Budget Committee commended the County's management, as reflected in the "clean audit" report presented by the County's independent external auditor, O'Connor Davies Munns & Dobbins, LLP of Harrison, New York. The audit report concluded that Sullivan County's financial records were in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or in plain language a clean and unqualified audit report for the year ended December 31, 2010.  
 "I commend the work of County Manager David Fanslau, Deputy County Manager/Commissioner of Management and Budget Joshua Potossek, and County Treasurer Ira J. Cohen for managing the County's budget that realized an ability to spend \$4.6 million less in 2010 than originally budgeted, which responds to the public's demands that government spend less," said Goodman. The County's Fund Balance was improved to \$24.5 million, with \$6.2 million in undesignated and unreserved Fund Balance. Although the \$6.2 million is less than the minimum amount desirable for undesignated and unreserved Fund Balance, it was improved by \$2 million over the fiscal year that ended December 31, 2009. A large area of con-

- 8/17/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 8/17/11 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 8/20/11 Thrift Sale -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
- 8/21/11 Claryville Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon
- 8/23/11 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)
- 8/23/11 Claryville Fire District Meeting
- 9/3/11 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 9/6/11 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall 7:00 pm
- 8/27/11 Neversink Reflections, 7 pm, Claryville Reformed Church Hall-Call: Pat Wellington at 985-7156.
- 9/5/11 TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - LABOR DAY
- 9/7/11 Tri-Valley Lions Club Rabies Clinic Grahamsville Fair Grounds 6-8 pm
- 9/7/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 9/8/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 9/13/11 Town pf Denning Business Meeting
- 9/14/11 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 9/15/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 9/17-18/11-Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual Antique Tractor Show -Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- 9/20/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 10/8/11 Sundown Methodist Church 2nd Annual Chicken BBQ - 4-7 pm (see ad on page 13)

**Save the Date!**  
**The 132nd Annual Little World's Fair is August 19th, 20th & 21st** at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.  
 9/17 & 9/18 -Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual **Antique Tractor Show** -Grahamsville Fairgrounds  
**GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN every FRIDAY** afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.  
 Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>  
 Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>  
 Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>  
 Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>  
 Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>  
 To find out what is happening at Tri-Valley CSD: <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>  
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**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.

**Statement from Assemblymember Kevin Cahill on Tech City RCRA "Peel Off" Agreement**

(Kingston, NY) "After years of tireless advocacy, Tech City has finally won approval to peel off non-contaminated parcels from their RCRA permit. Until now, the entire campus was covered under this permit system and subject to IBM's endless "remediation plan," which, by all accounts, would have taken 200 years to complete. By eliminating RCRA restrictions from clean parcels, the single greatest impediment to their expansion has been removed.  
 "I have worked alongside Tech City, the DEC and four administrations to help get to this point, and am delighted to see this common sense approach finally come to fruition. Tech City will now be able to leverage their property to finance new construction, allowing them to build on the progress they have made at turning the site into a "green" development hub, and ultimately making the region more appealing to new and innovative industries. This plan goes hand in hand with my work on state energy policy, which include the funding used to attract Solar Tech Renewables and the grants used to establish green job training programs at Ulster BOCES and SUNY Ulster. These initiatives ensure that the new businesses drawn to Tech City will have a workforce waiting to be tapped.  
 "This agreement is a significant step forward for Tech City and economic development in Ulster County. I applaud Commissioner Martens, Alan Ginsberg, Dan Weineke, and their respective staff for their cooperation and efforts. This victory is but one on a long string of successes contributing the resurgence of Tech City as an economic driver in the Hudson Valley.

**Back to School Event**

On Saturday, August 20th the NAACP Back to School/Stay in School Event will be held on Berme Rd. in Ellenville (near the park) from 11 AM - 3 PM. At this event they hand out school supplies and encourage kids to stay in school. Maude Bruce can be reached at [maubr8@aol.com](mailto:maubr8@aol.com) if you need more information or want to know how you can help.

**Soap Box Derby in Liberty may 27, 2012**

The Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce is looking for boys and girls throughout the county, ages 8-17, to participate in our 1st Annual Soap Box Derby.  
 We are also looking for underwriters and sponsors for the event as this is going to be a big expense and will put Sullivan County on the map again as a place to come and visit.  
 The race is going to be held on Sunday, May 27, 2012. The cars will race down North Main Street. This will be a weekend-long event ending with an Awards Banquet on Sunday evening, and a parade on Monday.  
 Our first meeting will be Thursday evening, September 8, 2011, at the Liberty Firehouse on Sprague Avenue at 7:00 p.m. for anyone interested in underwriting, sponsoring or racing.  
 If interested, please call the Chamber Office at 292-9292 and leave a message, or call Race Director Carol VanDenberg at 292-5807.

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**Rentals:** (2) Apartment; trailer - both in Tri-Valley School District. For further information, please call (845) 434-7568 b8/25

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**Certified Life Guard** - Part Time - Neversink River Campgrounds \$12/hr. (845) 434-8926. Leave message. rtf

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**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia Red River (1948)**

A young cowhand rebels against his rancher stepfather during a perilous cattle drive. Director, Howard Hawks. Starring John Wayne, Montgomery Clift, Walter Brennan, Joanne Dru, John Ireland, Noah Beery, Jr., Paul Fix, Coleen Gray, Harry Carey, Jr., Harry Carey, Sr., Chief Yowlachie,

Hank Worden. One of the greatest American adventures is really a Western, Clift (in his first film) rebels against tyrannical guardian Wayne (brilliant in an unsympathetic role) during crucial cattle drive. Spellbinding photography by Russell Harlan, with a rousing Dimitri Tiomkin score an absolute must. Screenplay, by Borden Chase and Charles Schnee, from Chase's Saturday Evening Post story. If you blink, you will miss Shelley Winters dancing with Ireland around a campfire. On TCM Saturday, August 20, 2011, 1:00 PM, 133 min, Rated TV-PG

**Quiz:**

- A. Which actor played Quo?
- B. Who played Groot Nadine?

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

**SUNDOWN** - There is still time to register for the **SOUTHERN NEW YORK FISHING DERBY** at Sundown Bait, our closest official place to register. This is your chance to win prizes for your 'big fish' caught in 2011.

**RULES & REGULATIONS**

Each Derby Participant:

- 1- Must register for the derby (\$10.00 fee) by mail or at one of the official weigh stations, cosponsor locations, fishing/boating shows, or fishing seminar locations.
  - 2- Children ages 4-15 entered in the derby (\$10 fee) are also eligible for monthly and yearly prizes in the Youth Fishing Contest. (See #18)
  - 3- Must be officially registered at least one day prior to entering any fish and in possession of his/her I.D. Registration Card at the time of weigh-in.
  - 4- Fish must be caught in legal open season only and between January 1st and November 30, 2011. Come to Sundown Bait and read the complete rules
18. Youth Fishing Contest: Youths ages 4-15 yrs can enter the Fishing Derby (No pre-registration or \$10 Entry Fee required) Special \$40 Rod, Reel, Line and Fishing Hat prizes will be awarded monthly to youth winners. The same Derby Rules and Regulations apply for youths that apply to Adults. We recommend that you take your kids or grandchildren fishing and any legal size fish can be entered.

**GOOD LUCK!-maybe YOUR BIG FISH will be the winner!**

**CLARYVILLE** - For all the Archers, Frost Valley will be hosting a 3-D Archery Tournament & BBQ Picnic on Saturday Aug 27th and also on Sept 24th from 9 am to 3 pm on each day. Check out the ad on pg. 8 in this issue, or visit their web site: frostvalley.org

Have a great week!

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