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REMINDER: *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* will not be printed the week of Christmas or New Years. Our Christmas issue and last issue of 2011 will be December 15, 2011

Annual Town Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony to be Held

On Sunday December 4, 2011 at 5:00 PM the Town of Neversink will hold its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

There will be caroling in the Square, special music, holiday readings and refreshments. This will officially open the holiday season in the town.

Any organization or group that would like to take part should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262, x-307.

Christmas 2011 -- Birth of a New Tradition Begins with Creative Cutters in Neversink

Creative Cutters in Cannie D's Mall in Neversink is the first of our local businesses to respond to "Birth of a New Tradition" and is offering gift certificates for the holidays. Stop in now and purchase gift certificates for those special people on your list. See their ad on page .

Let's make this year different and give a gift that will support our local businesses who produce products and services in America! (Contd. Pg. 3)

GFD Ladies Auxiliary Remind Everyone the Jolly Ol' Man in the Red Suit will be Here Soon!

Mark your calendars for December 11th when Santa will make his annual visit to Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville. He will be there from 11am to 1pm at the square

Grahamsville UMC to Host a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon

The Grahamsville Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in their Fellowship Hall. The church is located on Route 55 in Grahamsville. There will be watercolors, pottery, stained glass, baked goods, etc. The Christmas Cafe will offer soups, sandwiches and desserts for lunch. Come and do your holiday shopping! Call 985-7427 or 985-2283 for more information.

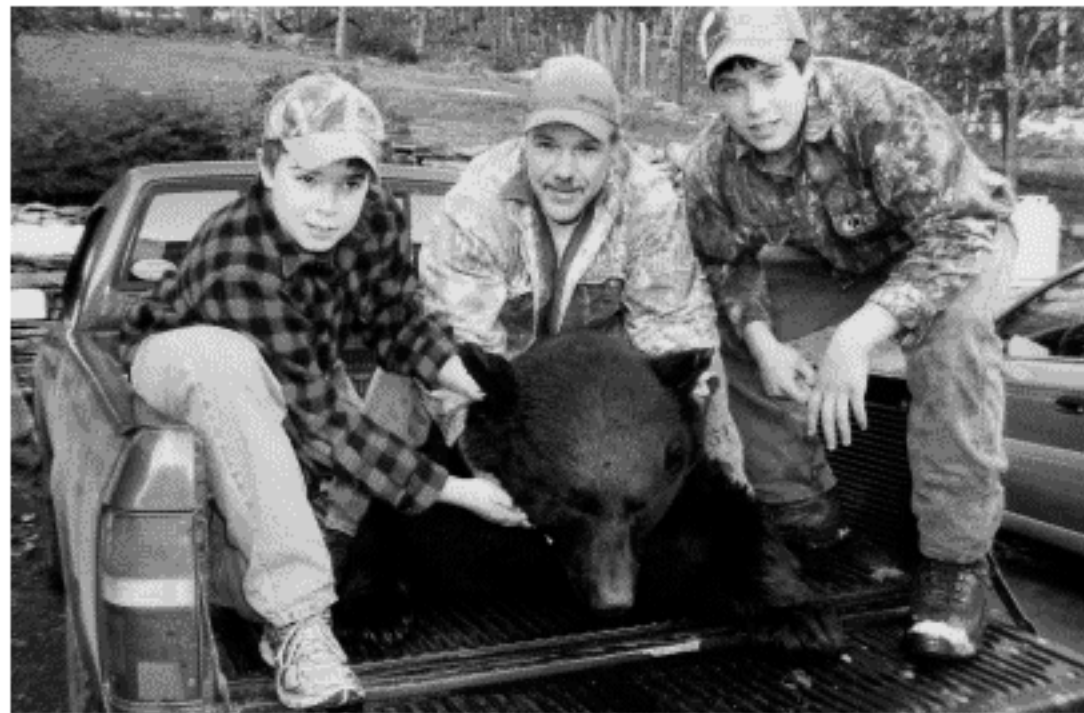
Don't Forget Time and the Valleys Museum Shop in Grahamsville!

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] -The Time and the Valleys Museum is pleased to announce the opening of a Museum Shop at 332 Main Street, Grahamsville, Sullivan County and an updated on-line shop at www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org just in time for the holiday season! (Contd.Pg. 3)

Getting Ready for Christmas at Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches

The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches are pleased to announce two special events coming up, in preparation for Christmas. (Contd. Pg. 3)

The BIG Tri-Valley Bear!



There have been plenty of bear stories in Sundown, but this is certainly one of the biggest bear stories in a long time!

Resident Robbie Totten has proven he has more skills than running the backhoe for the Town of Denning Highway Department, which he does extremely well! Robbie was hunting in Sundown with his two sons, Robbie, Jr. and Cody when they came upon this super bear.

It actually took a few more people to drag the bear out. Dress ed out, the bear weighed over 420 pounds!

More Big Game Trophies from Sundown

Paul Nasierowski reports from Sundown that the regular big game hunting season got off to a very productive start for three hunters from Manhattan and the Bronx. Dexter Newman (right) from Manhattan, and Henry Rodriguez (center) with the help of a friend from the Bronx killed two very large eight point bucks on Saturday Nov 19, 2011. The two bucks within a few hundred yards of each other were taken in the Peekamoose Preserve. The exact location was asked to be kept secret.



Neversink Chronicles Brings Readers Face to Face with the Dilemma of Water Rights Versus Human Rights

Colorado Springs, Colorado -- It was the fall of 1932 . . . Franklin Roosevelt was running for president. It was the year John Dillinger was killed in July and a pair of romanticized young outlaws named Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow were robbing banks and leaving a trail of dead lawmen down in Texas and Oklahoma. And it was back in the '30's, before television and World War II refocused our attention, that every Saturday was poker night over in Eureka, in the back room of Rocky O'Mara's SOCONY station . . .

And so begins *The Neversink Chronicles*, (Rhyolite Press LLC), seventeen stories linked together by the adverse possession of land and property on the Neversink and Rondout river valleys of upstate New York, in the beautiful southern Catskill Mountains (Contd. Pg. 4)

WSUL/WVOS Presents \$60,000 Heart-a-Thon Check to CRMC



Helena Manzione, General Manager for WSUL/WVOS of Watermark Communications presented a check in the amount of \$60,000 to J. P. Mc Guirk, Direct-or of Marketing and Public Relations at Catskill Regional Medical Center. (Contd. Pg 4)

UC Sheriff's Swift Water Rescue & Dive Team Receives Donation



The Ulster County Sheriff's Office's Swift Water Rescue & Dive Team is the recipient of a 6 foot X 10 foot enclosed v-nose ramp/door trailer - donated by Local 825, International Union of Operating Engineers (Greg Lalevee, Business Manager and John Wood, President). (Contd. Pg. 12)

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4. Letters must be signed with the writer's own name. No letter will be published without a signature.
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Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Friday. NO EXCEPTIONS

If you are submitting your advertising by email, our email address is: tvtownsman@yahoo.com If you do choose to send ad copy via the internet please send it in either PDF (Acrobat) files or JPG format. All press releases/articles should be sent as Microsoft Word Documents

Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501. As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: And whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone was hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.
St. Mark 10:42

THANK YOU

I am extremely grateful to everyone who voted in last Tuesday's election and especially grateful to everyone who worked with me on my campaign in Shandaken. Our goal was to create a solid and community-building campaign, one that can form the foundation for moving forward in a unified fashion to address the difficulties facing us. While I was not elected into office, the process of the campaign has put me in the place of better understanding Shandaken's needs and how I can serve in constructive ways to address those needs.

I feel extremely proud to live in a town filled with such amazing and wonderful people!

Sincerely,
Kathy Nolan
Shandaken NY

On behalf of the Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary I wish to thank everyone who came, ate, bought or sold their wares at our recent Holiday and Repurpose Sale. We were also able to collect a little over \$100.00 in donations for the TV Little League.

If any vendor is interested in giving me some feedback as to how they thought it went or on anything that could be improved I would love to hear from them at the following e-mail address: phenness001@yahoo.com. A big Thank you again to everyone.
Penny Hennessey

P.S. Let's not forget about that jolly ol' guy in the red suit who will be here on Dec. 11th from 11 am to 1 pm.

COLLEGE NEWS

Jennifer L. Watson of Grahamsville, a senior communications studies major, is taking part in an internship this fall through SUNY Oswego's Experience-Based Education Program. Watson's internship is in University Development on the SUNY Oswego campus. The Experience-Based Education Program at Oswego places students in internships and career awareness opportunities that allow them to earn college credits while garnering valuable real-life experience.

In recognition of their academic achievement and leadership abilities three local SUNY Sullivan students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa at a special ceremony at the college recently. Students who are inducted into Phi Theta Kappa must have completed a minimum of 12 credits and have a 3.5 GPA. The following local students were among the inductees:
Troy Ackerley and Shayna Greenspan of Grahamsville. Pamela Curry of Neversink.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History
November 28, 1951 - Miss Sophia Bonnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kortright of Neversink, and the late Mr. Bonnell, became the bride of Mr. Anthony Ruocco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amellio Ruocco of Corning. The wedding took place on Thanksgiving Day at St. Vincent de Paul's Church at Corning, N.Y.

A pretty fall wedding took place at the Liberty Baptist Church on November 24th when Miss Ethel Mary Low, daughter of Mrs. Abram Low of Loch Sheldrake Road in Liberty, became the bride of Mr. Paul Creighton Benton, son of Mrs. Warren Benton of Livingston Manor. After a honeymoon in Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Benton will make their home at 15 John Street in Liberty. The bride graduated from the Kingston City Hospital School of Nursing and American Univ. in Washington, D.C. Mr. Benton is a member of the firm of Benton Bros. in Liberty.

November 29, 1961 - Charles McGuire of Neversink has announced the engagement of his daughter, Margaret Mary, to John P. Powers of Lake Paradise, son of Mrs. Mary Powers. Miss McGuire is employed at the Frakin Farm in Hurleyville. Mr. Powers is employed by the Town of Neversink Highway Department. A December wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Boncek are the proud parents of a daughter, Mary Ann, born at

Maimonides Hospital last week.

John Deagle, a resident of Grahamsville, died on Nov. 22nd at Horton Memorial Hospital. He was a water plant operator at Lackawack. Mr. Deagle, who was 50, was born Sept. 29, 1911 in Newtonville, Mass., the son of John Patrick and Elizabeth Martell Deagle. He was married on April 13, 1953 at Grahamsville to Catherine Winters who survives. He was also survived by four sons and four daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edison are the parents of a daughter born on November 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Woods of Liberty are the parents of a daughter born on November 17th. Mrs. Woods is the former Marion Houghtaling. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nial Houghtaling of Neversink.

November 24, 1971 - Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pond, 15 years on November 24th.

Mr. Manville B. Wakefield, SCCC commercial art faculty chairman and a resident of Grahamsville, was slated to be featured on the CBS television evening news either Tuesday or today. He was awarded a commendation certificate by the American Association for State and Local History for his recent published history of the New York, Ontario and Western Railroad. The book also traces the development of the Catskill resort industry fostered by the railroad. He has also been named to Who's Who in American Education and Who's Who in the East.

November 19, 1981 - Dr. Karl Messenger, formerly a doctor here for many years in Grahamsville, passed away Nov. 10, 1981 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Among the survivors is Sam Messenger of South Hill, Grahamsville.

County and Town of Neversink officials went to Willowemoc on Monday evening, Nov. 16th to be a part of an impromptu surprise birthday party for 89-year old Hillary Conklin who has been a Town of Neversink Republican Committeeman for at least 40 years.

Anthony John Donelli, infant son of James and Deborah Donelli, was christened Nov. 8th at St. Joseph's Church in Marietta, Ga. Anthony is the first grandson of the proud grandparents, John and Mary Jane Donelli of Pepacton Hollow Rd., Grahamsville. They are also the proud grandparents of 3 lovely girls.

Sullivan Renaissance Makes Presentation to Town Board

At the November Town Board Meeting, Glenn Pontier, Director of Sullivan Renaissance presented the Town Board with a beautifully framed photo of Bicentennial Park in full floral bloom. This was presentation was in recognition of Neversink Renaissance's award for the "Best Overall Showing of Flowers". Pontier explained that Sullivan Renaissance directed one set of judges to visit all of the projects from around Sullivan County to find "The Best Over All Showing of Flowers". He stated that the judges awarded the \$5,000 prize to Neversink for their "use of repeating colors in hanging baskets, street containers, and landscape beds". Over 200 hanging baskets were on display for the summer season along with our well maintained garden areas.

This recognition would not have been possible without the faithful dedication of countless individuals and families from the Neversink and Grahamsville communities who took their turn to care for our flowers. Well over fifty individuals, too many to individually name, helped to take responsibility for watering our plants during a very dry summer season.

We would like to recognize three interns who watered our flowers throughout the entire summer; John Bernstein, Brent McKeon, and Jamie Evans. Their constant care for their assigned flowers took a huge burden off our volunteers.

A special thanks to Fran Fuller who has, for over 10 years, supplied, planted, and maintained the gardens at our town transfer station. Only she could make a "dump" look beautiful.

We should also note that our town entrance signs received additional attention this year with summer annuals, and a fall plantings of chrysanthemums. (Contd. Pg. 15)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

No news this week.
Have a good week and God Bless.
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

Christmas 2011! (From Pg. 1)

If you offer gift certificates, please accept our holiday invitation!

To promote this idea, if you are a business and have a service or product and offers gift certificates, please let us know. If you haven't offered gift certificates in the past, perhaps it is a good time to start and this idea could work for you.

To promote local business "Made in America" products and services, if your business offers Gift Certificates, *The Townsman* will post your business name, address and phone number and the service/product you offer in each issue of *The Townsman* published before Christmas (Three issues: Dec. 1; Dec 8; and Dec. 15). The quicker you let us know, the better. You can send us your information: by email - tvtownsman@yahoo.com; *The Townsman*, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740; or you can drop it off at the drop box on the porch of the First Aid Building in Grahamsville.

Time and the Valleys Museum Shop (From Pg. 1) Visit the Museum Shop (open through the holidays on Saturdays, noon to 4 p.m., and other times by appointment) go to the website www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org, call 845-985-7700 or write Time and the Valleys Museum, P.O. Box 254, Grahamsville, New York 12740, for a more information or to place an order. All purchases support the Museum and their many educational activities. To make shopping even easier, the Museum will wrap and ship your purchase with a holiday card, directly to your gift recipient!

Getting Ready for Christmas (From Pg. 1)

A Christmas Cookie Sale will be held on Saturday, December 10, from 10 am-12 noon in the Hurlyville UMC Fellowship Hall. Hundreds of homemade Christmas cookies will be set out on tables in the hall. You are invited to buy cookies two ways: Pre-decorated plates of assorted cookies will be available for \$8. Or, you may use a plastic glove (provided at the sale), and fill a container (also provided) with cookies of your choice, for \$5.

Also on December 10, at 4:30 pm, the Woodridge United Methodist Church will hold its Community Christmas Tree Lighting at the church. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to join in these special events. For more information, please call Pastor Sue at 985-2283.

What are Archives?

Pl.n. A repository for records and memorabilia, where they are preserved for future generations.

The "Treasures from the Archives" exhibit is now going on at the Time and the Valleys Museum. Many of the artifacts will bring back memories and demonstrate how life was in the past. Yankee ingenuity is present throughout the exhibit, showing a small device for catching a chicken for Sunday dinner, an impressive bear skin coat, plus much more. A full size restored "Dump Wagon", that was used in the building of the Ashokan Reservoir, has been placed in its winter headquarters on the second floor Archives Exhibit area. The wagon, donated by Walt Cypert, is the largest item in the collection!

Perhaps you have a local historic item that you would want to donate to the museum. Please contact Carol Smythe, historian, at 985 7700. Items donated are carefully recorded and stored properly. They are used frequently in exhibits and displays so that others may enjoy them.

The exhibit can be seen Saturdays from 12-4 on December 3, 10, and 17th.

TVCS FCCLA News

The FCCLA has been very busy working on committee building and other activities. On October 20th we traveled to Arlington High School in Lagrangeville, NY for our fall District 3 meeting. The focus of the meeting was a glance at our "programs" for leadership and competitions. For example: Power of One, is a program giving the power to yourself to make a positive change in your families, careers and communities, one goal at a time or Community Service, taking action in the community and discover the difference one can make. Pie making was a successful event that many members participated as this was our second community service project. We will continue making pies as needed for the Tri-Valley CARES committee. A good time at all the events was had by all.

Girls Cross Country Team Finishes 9th at States Rehm and Bernstein Sportsmanship Winners

Last week at the 2011 New York State Cross Country Championship at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High

School the Girls Cross Country Team competed for a final placement in New York State among Class C Schools. This was the 19th time in School history Tri-Valley was represented at the prestigious meet and placed 9th. The team was again led by the Co-MVP of the season Autumn Bender who led Tri-Valley in all previous races and placed 48th of 139 harriers. She was followed by Sophomore Sabrena Smith 57th, Co-MVP-Senior Olivia Rehm 74th, Soph Brooke Gillette 86th, Soph MIP of the season, Danielle Graham 93rd and Soph Alexandria Brooks 121st. Also congrats to the other members of the team: Devan Jones, Maria Terbush and Mary Alongi who helped make the 2011 season a huge success.

The Boys had MVP Senior Jim Bernstein place 29th of the 143 best Class C runners in the State. At the awards night, Omar Lopez was presented the Coaches Award for his work and accomplishment in the 2011 season and Brendan Hasbrouck was awarded the MIP for the Boys team who ended the season 12th among Class C schools.

Special Congratulations are for Seniors Olivia Rehm and Jim Bernstein who were awarded the New York State Class C Section 9 Sportsmanship award.

'Maintenance Madness'- Seven Habits of Highly Effective Gardeners

Learn how to work smarter in the garden next year at Sullivan Renaissance's seminar entitled "Maintenance Madness" on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Ferndale.

Presented by gardening expert Mary Lewis, the seminar will focus on how to manage one's garden "maintenance madness" through a seven step process to keep the garden beautiful and ones sanity intact. The key elements to managing garden maintenance will be presented through seven habits that teach time management techniques, time saving tools of the trade, site analysis and sound garden design techniques. (Contd. Pg. 7)

Searching for Our Roots - Historian Carol Smythe

The latest news on the Halls Mills Bridge is hopeful according to an e-mail received from Christy Toohey. If you are on-line, check out their website <http://hallsmillscoveredbridge.com/>.

Today was my afternoon at the museum. It was a pleasant surprise to meet Bernard Hettrick of Riverhead, L. I. Mr. Hettrick was hunting up Sugar Loaf way and discovered the remnants of what appeared to be a cast iron and wood lid 19" in diameter. Dave Forshay was on the upper level showing family the bottom dump wagon and other artifacts. He took a stab and said, "It's a lid for a churn." Just to confirm Dave's thinking, anyone stopping a town hall can take a look and see what they think.

John Dwayne McKenna's book "Neversink Chronicles" may be out and for sale by the time you read this column. I was fortunate to see a pre-publication copy. The book is a fictitious account of life in the Catskills beginning around the time the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs were built. "Chronicles" tells how people lived their lives in McKenna's make-believe world. This was the time when eminent domain had brought unexpected, unwelcome change to the inhabitants of the Rondout and Neversink Valleys. Their land was taken so that New York City could have water for their 9 million residents. For any of you who are local, you will read a lot where you will nod and think "that's the way it was".

Truthfully, I couldn't put the book down. It seemed I was traveling in a time capsule beginning with Eureka Poker Night in 1932 and ending with The Destiny of Skyriders datelined Somewhere in Time. Look for it in the museum gift shop.

Cathy Russo's new book "So, What's For Dinner?" pays tribute to both old and new family recipes and traditions. There are copies for sale available in the museum gift shop. Cathy tells me that while researching her family recipes and traditions, she has become interested in her family genealogy. I couldn't resist buying a copy and look forward to trying out some of her recipes.

When you're in Manhattan and have a couple of spare hours, why not the visit the Tenement Museum? My visit certainly was an eye-opener. Many of us have an ancestor who disembarked either at Ellis or at the prior landing spot for immigrants, Castle Garden. My great-grandmother came from Germany sometime in the mid-1800s. She had packed her family treasures in a heavy wooden trunk. The story goes that she was a teenager whose mother had died and after her father had remarried, she came to America. Most likely she lived in the city. How did she move the heavy trunk? Did she live 4 flights up in a tenement similar to the one at the Tenement Museum? Were the outhouses for all the tenants 4 flights down? How did she find her way to Claryville and then to Red Hill?

This was a new thought process for me. Before, I had always thought about people at their point of des-

tinuation. Now I've begun thinking about the time in between - from the time of landing in this country to their final destination.

Just received the most recent issue of "Family Tree Magazine". You know they have some very good research tips in each issue. You can always check it out at your local library.

George and Helen Elias are to be complimented for their very fine representation of history for the Town of Denning. George and Helen are snowbirds. They are remarkable for the amount of quality Denning history research that they are able to do in the six months or so spent in the north each year. If you've got roots in Denning, be sure and stop and take a look.

It is always a treat to welcome the Addy family on one of their periodic visits to Grahamsville. The four siblings are grandchildren of the Rev. William Coombe. They fondly remember childhood time spent at the Coombe family farm on South Hill.

We have found Dale Houghtaling's donated collection of books to be a real treasure trove. The lexicon goes from A to Z - from a Quinlan's History of Sullivan County to a Greene County History to 2 Manville Wakefield books to wondrous Ulster County books and back again. Remember, the Museum Research Room is really just a phone call or an e-mail away. It will be a pleasure to share our resources with you.

Oh - here is a random question for you. While reading McKenna's new book, I came across the swear words Jesus H Christ. Jesus H Christ was a favorite of my father when I was a child. Can anyone tell me what the H stands for?

How Evergreens Stay Green

By Peggy DeWire



I looked at the Christmas tree and marveled again at how evergreens remain green year around. Once they covered the whole world and over millions of years perfected three magic tricks on behalf of all trees to come.

The first and most important is photosynthesis or transforming sunlight into green chlorophyll.

Think of one sunbeam composed of tiny particles of electromagnetic radiation energy called photons. Each wee photon has zero rest mass and charge plus spin of one. How it changes sunlight into chlorophyll is a technology called photonics. Here's what happens:

As a sunbeam shines on a pine needle filled with water, the photons radiant energy splits each molecule of water into hydrogen and oxygen. The oxygen is discarded back into the air. The hydrogen mixes with air inside the needle or leaf and builds a new molecule of chlorophyll, which is carbohydrate (sugar). The whole process takes thirty seconds!

To split the water molecule requires the color bands of red, orange and blue - from the rainbow light spectrum. Only these colors transform light into chlorophyll or carbohydrate (sugar). The middle of the rainbow, where green is located, is mostly reflected. This is why a pine needle or leaf looks green.

Trees store little packages of carbohydrate as liquid sugar cells everywhere in the tree - needles, limbs, trunk, bark and roots - and in cold weather convert the sugar into an alcoholic substance slow to freeze. Pioneers made a tasty drink called Spruce Beer by boiling young twig tips in water and adding molasses and yeast to taste.

The second magic trick performed by evergreens is transporting the alcohol throughout the whole tree in long pipeline cells whose woody side walls thicken in winter weather.

The last trick is that all evergreens except tamarack and cypress keep sap flowing through needles year around. Broadleaf trees by contrast make cork cells at the end of the leaf stem, thus blocking water and causing the leaf to drop off in autumn.

Just imagine - 50 million years ago there was nobody around to appreciate a Christmas tree.

Helpful Hint from Mary

Keep a bottle of vinegar within easy reach. When your stove, counter tops, walls or anything else becomes spattered with grease, spray and wipe clean dry rag. Vinegar cuts the grease and leaves a nice shine. Instead of buying expensive lime removers for the toilet and other bathroom fixtures try hydrogen peroxide first, it can do the job for a fraction of the price.

MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 27

By John Dwaine McKenna



My morning alarm is a radio, set to the local National Public Radio, or NPR station. I mention this because one morning a few days ago the discussion was an interview with a thriller writer named Barry Eisler, about his new book, which will be the subject of this week's MBR NO. 27. Eisler is an author I'm familiar with, having read several of his books about a government operative named John Rain, "the most charismatic assassin since James Bond." What made me wake right up and pay attention however, was that Eisler had turned down an offer of a half-million dollar cash advance from his legacy, or traditional publisher, in favor of self-publishing: *The Detachment*, by Barry Eisler (Thomas and Mercer, \$9.99 E-Book, ISBN 1612181554) a significant development in what can be loosely-termed "the publishing conflict" now going on around us. It's a complex issue that can't be adequately explained within the spatial confines of this column, but basically, it's about who's going to control book publishing in the future: authors, or the large old publishing houses and their agents who've dominated the industry almost since Mister Gutenberg invented moveable type.

With E-Book publishing, authors have suddenly been given an uber-weapon to use against their adversaries. (Note: if you'd like to know more, let me know. I'll do a report on the topic on my website if there's enough interest.) Okay... back to *The Detachment*, by Barry Eisler. After I woke up and had some breakfast, I grabbed my Kindle and in less than a minute, still in my PJ's and drinking my morning tea, I was reading a new, just-published book for which I paid a little less than half the retail price... and it wasn't available in paper yet! Don't worry, it will be by the time you read this. Truly, a revolution is underway. Here's the review.

Sort of retired and living in anonymity in Tokyo, the always-cautious assassin John Rain is somehow tracked down and extorted by threat to join one last assassination team to prevent a coup in America. His recruiter is a legendary black-ops operative, Colonel Scott "Hort" Horton. The targets are three high-profile government officials. The payday is multiple millions. The enemy is the Oligarchy, a combination of military, political, media and corporate factions determined to overthrow the legitimate, elected government of the United States. The job requires a team of four who must survive each other, as well as the weight and might of the government, and the combined resources of the Oligarchy. If your taste is for complex thrillers where you can almost hear the gunshots and smell the cordite, be sure to read this one; a highly enjoyable action-thriller.

You can find thousands of other action, adventure and mystery novels at the Daniel Pierce Library. The attached Time and the Valleys Museum will show you some of the actions and adventures which took place in your own back yards over in Grahamsville. Because you either "read or surrender to ignorance." --Confucius (551-479 BCE)

You can get a copy of *The Neversink Chronicles*, at Cannie D's in Neversink, where they're going fast, or on my website: johndwainemckenna.com where you can also find all the Mysterious Book Reports, book lists and reading suggestions, a free story and gobs of other stuff.

Neversink Chronicles (From Pg. 1)

Readers will delight at John Dwaine McKenna's masterful storytelling skills as he introduces them to the David and Goliath conflict between New York City and the ordinary people who lived, loved and worked in an area some had called home for more than 150 years. From the 1930's through the modern era, McKenna gives readers a personal glimpse into the City's relentless quest for water. Timely and tragic, McKenna's fictional stories encourage readers to decide for themselves whether the needs of the many outweigh the rights of the few.

Fresh drinking water is a large and growing concern throughout the United States and water rights have been an issue for nearly every town, village and city. McKenna addresses these concerns by covering the lives of ordinary citizens impacted by the Neversink and Rondout reservoirs. He weaves together historical events and fictional characters in a compelling and entertaining way to produce a delightfully readable and unforgettable tale. Come along as he introduces us to characters like Rocky O'Mara and his poker night in the doomed hamlet of Eureka in the 1930's, when the rivers still ran wild and free, when the dams and the reservoirs were just a rumor; or to Joe and Claudie Cooley, southern field hands, come north in the 1940's, drawn to the Neversink dam project by the promise of equal work, equal pay, and equal opportunity; to the tragedy of Oliver Varley, the accidental king of an empire of automobiles, living on a mountainside farm in the midst of 10,000 junk cars and eighteen children, each named for a different automobile; you'll meet characters like Slapper McSorely, a man with a huge and growing problem; and the two most shiftless, yet ambitious, and somehow endearing rascals you'd ever want to meet, named Buck and John. They're all here, along with a host of others you'll long remember... and think about every time you turn on your water faucet. *The Neversink Chronicles* will leave you pondering the issue of property rights and water as you empathize with the men, women and children who've been impacted by the Neversink and Rondout reservoirs.

John Dwaine McKenna was born and raised in Neversink, New York. His articles have appeared in *Colorado Business Magazine*, *Senior Beacon*, the *Mountain States Collector*, and his column appears weekly in the *Tri Valley Townsman*. He lives with his wife in Colorado Springs, Colorado. *The Neversink Chronicles* is his first work of fiction.

THE NEVERSINK CHRONICLES By John Dwaine McKenna, Rhyolite Press, LLC, 338 pages, ISBN: 9780983995203, \$15.00 www.rhyolitepress.com

WSUL/WVOS Presents \$60,000 Heart-a-Thon Check to CRMC (From Pg. 1) The amount represents 100% of the proceeds pledged and collected from last year's 2011 WSUL/ WVOS Annual Heart-A-Thon that took place February 26. WSUL and WVOS both were broadcast live from the hospital for the entire event. The proceeds are committed to the Cardio Pulmonary Department at the hospital.

Over the last 33 years, the WSUL/WVOS Heart-A-Thon has raised over \$1.6 million dollars in the name of "HEART HEALTH." Since 2005 when Helena Manzone became General Manager of Watermark Communications, her focus has been to benefit the LOCAL hospital by presenting 100% of the proceeds to the Cardio Pulmonary Department at Catskill Regional Medical Center. The last 5 years' totals are in excess of \$360,000 making it the LARGEST local fund raiser in Sullivan County's history.

Next year's WSUL/WVOS Heart-A-Thon will take place again at CRMC on Saturday, February 25th headed by Co-Chairs Alan Kesten of Yellow Cab and Roberta Byron Lockwood of the Sullivan County Visitors Association and Paul Carlucci of the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center.

Fallsburg Lions Club Makes Annual Donation to CRMC

At the annual dinner hosted by Catskill Regional Medical Center, the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club presented a check for \$3000 to CRMC Board Chair Gerald Skoda to help purchase a laparoscopic lens to facilitate this non-invasive surgical procedure. Mr. Skoda thanked President Miranda Behan and Treasurer Sy Berenson for

the ongoing support of the hospital by the continuing generosity shown. The hospital appreciates the long-term friendship of the Fallsburg Lions club.

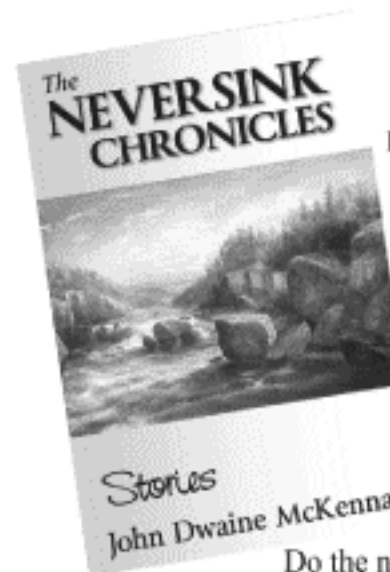
SPECIAL MYSTERIOUS BOOK REVIEW NO. 1 -by Carol Smythe

John Dwaine McKenna has just published his first book *The Neversink Chronicles*, (Rhyolite Press, \$15.00, 338 pages, ISBN 978-0-983-99520-3). I was fortunate to see a pre-publication copy. The book is a fictitious account of life in the Catskills beginning around the time the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs were built. "Chronicles" tells how people lived their lives in McKenna's make-believe world. Eminent domain had brought unexpected, unwanted change to the inhabitants of the areas taken so that New York City could have water for their 9 million residents.

Truthfully, I couldn't put the book down. It was too much of a challenge following this trail that went from dark humor to terrible crimes to dead seriousness and back again. It seemed I was traveling in a time capsule beginning with Eureka Poker Night in 1932 and ending with *The Destiny of Skyriders* datelined Somewhere in Time.

The accuracy of the historic, socio-economic and geographic detail was the glue that held the stories together for me. Consider me naive but I was surprised at the amount and variety of curse words that McKenna's characters used. However it was refreshing to have characters saying "Jesus H Christ". That was the classic in cursing from the 1930's when I was a kid. (Does anyone know what the H stands for?)

The building of the reservoirs, the Viet Nam War and all the ordinary and extraordinary happenings that could be part of a person's lifetime are woven into *The Neversink Chronicles*. Mostly it is crime fiction; sometimes it seems more science fiction. The book may be hard to categorize but it is well worth the time spent reading.

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The Olive Jar Holiday Stress - by Carol LaMonda

The date, as I write this column, is November 25, a scant month away from Christmas. To mark the hectic season with a commercial exclamation point, commercials have been hyping "Black Friday" as an event equal to Disney World on the Fourth of July. I can't think of a better way to kill the holiday spirit than by pitting blood-thirsty bargain shoppers, hopped up on yesterday's pumpkin pie, cranky from lack of sleep, in a marathon shopping event. Not me! It's not that I lack the spirit of the battle and the conquest of a deal, I just can't rev up my engines to go from the delightful family feast to the hula-laloo of an aggressive shopping spree. My gears need time to warm up and adjust to the upcoming season.

I am still in leftover mode. Turkey is leftover. Leaves are leftover, Halloween pumpkins are leftover, and my summer clothes still lurk in the closet. Last Christmas seems like yesterday, and I bet I can still find some pine needles stuck in the carpet. I need to slide into the season gradually. To help me do that some invitations came to holiday parties. I have not yet received my first Christmas card although I can predict it will come from Bev and Joe Stein.

The Olive Tree Lighting on Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7 always gets me in the spirit as little children decorate cookies and tell Santa, who comes by fire engine, what they want on Christmas Morning. The Olive Democrats have their Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 10 from 8:30 to 11:30 at the Boiceville Inn. It's a good way to start the day with a hearty breakfast and have the kiddies meet Santa and get a toy. You can make the rounds by attending two other events in Olive. That is the same day as the Olive Library Fair and the Samsonville Methodist Church cookie sale.

May you all enjoy the spirit of the holidays in December whether they be Winter Solstice, Kwanza, Hanukkah, or Christmas. There is excitement in the dance of snowflakes, the colors of joy, and the pride we take to decorate our homes as we snuggle into the season of giving and sharing.

This year I am trading Black Friday for Green Saturday when I snip a few evergreens to begin the season of love and warmth. Might even hang a wreath. May have a cup of green tea with peppermint. I intend to savor the season, not rush headlong into it.

Olive Muse - Agents of Change - Charlie Blumstein

I had the great pleasure of attending the Nov. Olive Cub Scout Pack 63 monthly meeting at the American Legion hall in Shokan and was immediately struck by the growth in the number of new scouts and parents present. If the school district is losing 100 students per annum, isn't it odd that the number of Cub Scouts is increasing? What is going on here? Perhaps it has something to do with the wonderful character, skill and team building activities that unfolded during a very busy evening. The amount of time and effort it takes to competently administrate a scout troop is considerable and we are very, very fortunate to have a dedicated group of volunteer parents and Scouting alumni to carry on the great scouting traditions.

Our several vital Olive Scout Troops (Cub, Boy, Girl) combined, create a myriad of benefits which include the volunteer services that the Scouts provide to the community and the character and skill building nature of Scouting, which will be of great benefit to the individual Scouts for the rest of their lives. The important core values that are constantly offered and reinforced at and between meetings serves to help build a strong foundation for the individual Scout to lead a useful, productive and meaningful life, in my view.

Some recent Scout activities I have seen are: the Annual food drive to re-stock the Olive food pantry which was very successful, Renovating the vegetable garden at the Tongore Pines Senior residence and discovering how much effort and teamwork it takes to grow food locally, making wood-fired pizza for the seniors periodically and engaging in woodworking and timber framing, a natural offshoot in a forested area.

Of great interest to me is that more than a few Scout parents are voicing the notion that they want their children to learn practical skills such as gardening and woodworking that will help to sustain them if the economy is unable to provide enough jobs. Some have said that their children might have to stay here and create a life and their own employment, a refreshing traditional practice with much merit, in my view.

When I first arrived here in the late 1970's, small mills dotted the landscape and there were little woodworking shops of every stripe scattered throughout the hills and dales. Given that fuel is now precious, rationed by price if you will, the notion that we are going to continue to merrily sell our raw logs cheap to Canada for processing and shipment back to us dear via a big-box home center seems questionable. I would much rather buy lumber made right here by my neighbor and keep the dough right here in town.

I very much want to see, if need be, half a dozen scouts cooperate to produce traditional timber frames for export out of town, rather than see our raw logs leave for a pittance. Given that timber frames are the highest value green-stick product there is and given that there is a growing number of wealthy people wanting to escape urban environments, I would say that learning how to create beautiful structures and environments out of low cost locally harvested materials is not such a bad idea.

This is why the Scouts are agents of change. The Scouts and their families see the economic collapse unfolding before their very eyes. The 40% loss of purchasing power over the last decade is essentially a default which is causing families to start making up the shortfall by their own hands. More people than ever are growing and preserving food, doing their own building and their own repairs. We are entering a do-it yourselfers revolution. The Transition Movement points out the great "re-skilling" that is evidently underway.

By nature, a vast school system takes at least a decade to adopt a new paradigm as societal conditions change. The Scouts can turn on a dime as needed and engage in program development in real-time as we are seeing right here. In 5 years, there will indeed be a whole new, young crop of local builders who, I believe, will be re-adopting the age old and energy efficient tradition of taking the local yield of under-utilized timber and revive the stump to finished product system. The real value is created when the raw material is worked, which the scouts are learning to do. The Scouts, in my view, may very well be the foremost agents of change and they may indeed lead the town in the great "Re-skilling" that is clearly underway. The skills they learn will help form a deep well of practical skills which, when combined, lead to increased community resilience, something in short supply these days, in my view.

"The mission of Boy Scout Troop 63 is to develop the youth of Olive into productive citizens. We will instill the values of the Scout Oath and Law, developing skills through rank advancement and by providing a safe, supportive environment in which to learn through a strong outdoor program, teamwork, and support from trained adult and youth leaders.

We will accomplish this by providing a stimulating and supportive Scouting program that enhances growth through both intellectual and physical activities. We will also work to develop leadership capabilities by providing training, excellent role models, and opportunities to lead within the troop. The outdoor program will enhance self-reliance and respect for the environment."

Keep up with Olive Scouting at <http://www.olivescouts.org/troop63/> I'm at waverider75@earthlink.net Have a great week!



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-

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Greetings y'all! Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. The Townsman didn't publish last week, due to the holiday, but I wrote my column just the same, and posted it online at www.reservoirmusiccenter.com. If you'd like to read it, go there and click on "blog".

As some of you may know, I've got a new favorite radio station. It's 98.9 on your FM dial, and 1220 on the AM dial. The format is called Fox Oldies, and what it is, is basically what used to be

called "Top 40" when I was growing up, only they weren't oldies then! When Top 40 dominated the airwaves, we couldn't wait for it to go away! When FM Rock appeared on the scene, everybody loved it, because no longer would we have to listen to Engelbert Humperdinck with our Beatles, Stones, Dylan, and Airplane. (No offense to Engelbert. "Release Me" is a great country song, but you get the idea.) Top 40 mixed rock and roll hits with country, R & B, easy listening, pop, and, well, whatever was a hit. You could hear Johnny Cash, followed by The Dave Clark Five, followed by The Four Tops, followed by Mr. Acker Bilk, followed by The Beatles, followed by Marty Robbins, Sam and Dave, Tom Jones, The Stones, and on and on. Listeners were exposed to great music of all types.

But, as I said, FM Rock entered the scene, and all the easy listening pop stuff went away, which we all cheered, but little did we know what it would lead to. In the current radio universe, everything is formatted, and all music played must fit into that format. We've had several generations now who've never been exposed to anything outside of their personal comfort zones, and this is where radio has let us all down! When I was growing up, and even beyond my formative years, you could listen to the radio to be exposed to new and innovative music. I'm talking about Jimi, The Who, Pink Floyd, The Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane, Traffic, unreleased tracks by The Beatles, Stones, and Dylan, and more. Now that's a format - Classic Rock. Like nothing has happened since then. Most of my White friends think they hate Hip Hop, but I guarantee you, I could put together a 2 hour Hip Hop show that would blow their minds, if they could lose their preconceived notions for a while! The same goes for Hip Hop fans who think they hate Rock n Roll! And Hard Rock fans who think they hate Country! How would they know? They've never heard real Country music! It's not played on the radio anymore! What they call Country music now is a mix of Pop and 70's Rock. Barbra Streisand meets Bob Seger, if you will. A Country song is not about how happy you are and how much you love your girlfriend!

But, I digress! The point is, radio has failed the music listening public by being too restricted and too narrowly focused. This, in turn, has caused the record companies to react in kind, and finally, this restrictive atmosphere has trickled down to artists and music fans, which has created the current state of affairs in the music business, which is to say, there ain't no music biz no more! And when multi platinum record producers tell me that, and they do, it's true! And I put the blame squarely on the shoulders of radio and radio programmers. Did you know that 98% of all terrestrial radio stations are programmed by professional programmers from LA, New York, or somewhere where the station isn't, which has killed the regional breakout hit and the regional DJ's who used to bring variety and local flavor to their broadcasts. I believe the only local exception to this is WKZE, which from what I've heard, does give their DJ's a bit more freedom, but only a bit. WDST DJ's have no freedom to spin what they want, and neither do any other radio stations in our area!

If this situation was in place for the last forty years of music history, The Beatles, Stones, Dylan, Blondie, Ramones, et al. would never have made it in the music business! And there's more, lots more. Open the airwaves, open the record companies, open your minds! We're all missing a lot of great music today!

But if you go to some of this week's live music picks, you can hear some great music this week! Here 'tis!

Thursday, December 1 - The aforementioned BOB SEGER returns to Madison Square Garden for one night. A lot of great songs! So many that you've gotta like at least some of them!

Friday, December 2 - My Pick of the Week is PATTI SMITH AT The Metropolitan Opera House at Lincoln Center. She's a rocker and a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, although I don't know if this is a solo gig, or it's The Patti Smith Group. My guess is the latter, but she could just be reading her poetry or her book, which would be good too, but would not warrant the Pick of the Week status. Call ahead to find out.

Also tonight, is a special Ramble at LEVON HELMS with the immortal DR. RALPH STANLEY, the last living link to the beginnings of bluegrass music.

And also, tonight is the first night of a two day engagement with STRING CHEESE INCIDENT at Reverend Ike's former church, The United Palace, on Broadway and 175th Street in Manhattan. This place is so far uptown that you barely have to enter Manhattan to get there, and you can be back in Kingston in just over an hour.

Saturday, December 3 - String Cheese finish up at Rev. Ike's and DAVID BROMBERG stops by The Bearsville Theater.

Sunday, December 4 - The fabulously entertaining MIKE AND RUTHY are at the lovely Empire State Railroad Museum in Phoenicia. Actually, the museum is also fabulously entertaining! A great place to enjoy music.

Tuesday, December 6 - RYAN ADAMS brings his Americana based brand of Rock n Roll into what is definitely one of New York's, or anywhere's, most divine musical venues, Carnegie Hall. This should be well worth the price of admission.

Alright, that's it! I'm out! Have a great week!

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Holiday Reception and Trains on Main in Livingston Manor

On Saturday, December 3rd, the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce kicks off HOLIDAY TRAINS ON MAIN, a nostalgic trip back in time with handmade model trains on view at the CAS Arts Center and Morgan Outdoors!

A kick-off reception will be held from 3:00 - 5:00pm, Saturday December 3rd, hosted by the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, featuring an amazing Lionel standard gauge set and several other train layouts, a holiday Sing-a-long with the MountainTones, and a special visit by SANTA! Cake and cider will be served in celebration of CAS's 40th Birthday!

Model train builders will be on hand at the CAS Arts Center from 12 - 2:00pm Saturdays in December. Also at CAS on Saturday December 10th at 2:00pm, Wayne Levitt will present a program on the O&W Railroad and its impact on the region with particular focus on Livingston Manor. And CAS is hosting a floor to ceiling display of 1920s-60s antique toys from Lionel trains to Mattel Hot Wheels, with pages from the Sears Christmas Wish Book.

To thank you for shopping locally, Livingston Manor businesses are giving away an armload of gifts to three lucky shoppers. The 7th Annual Livingston Manor Boxcar of Goodies, filled with gifts donated by local busi-

nesses, gives additional incentive to shop in Livingston Manor. The more you shop, the better your chances of winning. The drawing is December 23rd and all events are free and open to the public.

'Maintenance Madness' (From Pg. 3)

"Working smarter rather than working harder is guaranteed to give you more time to enjoy your garden," Lewis said. "It's all about simplifying and taking control of maintenance tasks. You can explore strategies to fit gardening into even the busiest of lifestyles!"

The new 2012 Sullivan Renaissance maintenance program will also be explained.

Mary Lewis is a consultant for Sullivan Renaissance and had been a Renaissance judge for nine years. She is founder and principal of Barncroft, a garden design firm; chair of Zone III 2008 Annual Meeting of the Garden Clubs of America; and past president of Orange and Dutchess Garden Club. A Cornell University graduate, she studies botanical art at New York Botanical Garden.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by December 5.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. For more information or to register, call 845-295-2445 or visit www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

Shop Local! ASK Offers Affordable Art for the Holidays

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) will host its annual small works show during the month of December. This years exhibit, titled "Bells & Bows" features a diverse collection of works by ASK Member's. All artwork will be for sale at an affordable price. The exhibit will run from December 3rd through the 31st, with an opening reception on Saturday, December 3rd from 5 - 8 pm.

With a crazy year behind us, we have all the more reason to appreciate the Arts. A world without color, beauty, grace and design would be a poor one at that. Can you imagine a world in just black and white the way birds see it??? Let's put on our most comfortable, warm clothes heading out to the First-Saturday Shows taking in the sites along the way. ASK has lots of small sized, art treasures for you to pick up for a loved one or friend. Something very special that will remind them of all that's good and worthwhile. Come join us for an evening of fun and warmth! Come all you Belles and Beaus. Enjoy the holidays!

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Each year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* publishes holiday greetings to your friends, neighbors and family. This year our holiday issue will be published on December 15th. The deadline for all holiday greetings is Friday, December 9th, 2011. **Businesses are welcome to send greetings too!**

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7th & 8th Graders Participate in Workshop



Above, Tri-Valley middle school Spanish Teacher, Senora TerBush, teaches the students at her workshop to create Mexican Ornament Crafts. Just in time for the holidays, students worked on colorful 'Ojo de Dios' (Eye of God) ornaments.

(Grahamsville, NY) On Friday, November 18th 7th and 8th Grade students, wearing "We Are All Stars" were invited to participate in a variety of workshops. Among the workshops was, "Helping Those in Need," presented by the main organizer of the workshop event, Matt Haynes, a middle school English teacher at TVCS.



Michael, John and Morgan add books to measure the strength of the paper tower they constructed from a single sheet of paper. Balancing the books as they were placed on the tower was as critical to the exercise as the construction of the tower. Their tower began to crumble as the sixth 12-pound book was added!



Above, Nicole Irwin, Catelyn Krum, Myah Florez and Nicole Beach become a 'human tower' as they get it together in the "Let's Get it Together" workshop.

Below, students create and decorate a gift box for candy at the "Stamping In" workshop.



Science teacher, Mr. Jones demonstrates EMS techniques in his workshop. Students volunteered to be the victims, while other students learned the function and use of life-saving EMS equipment.



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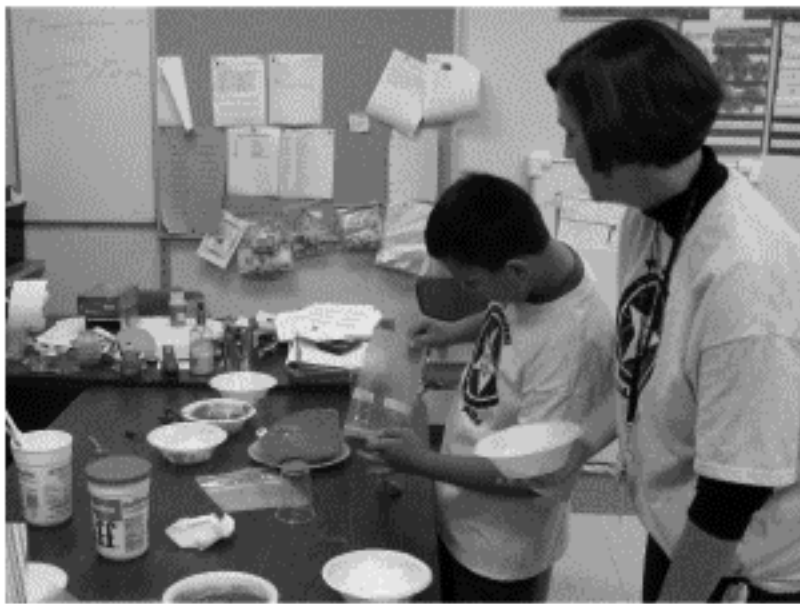
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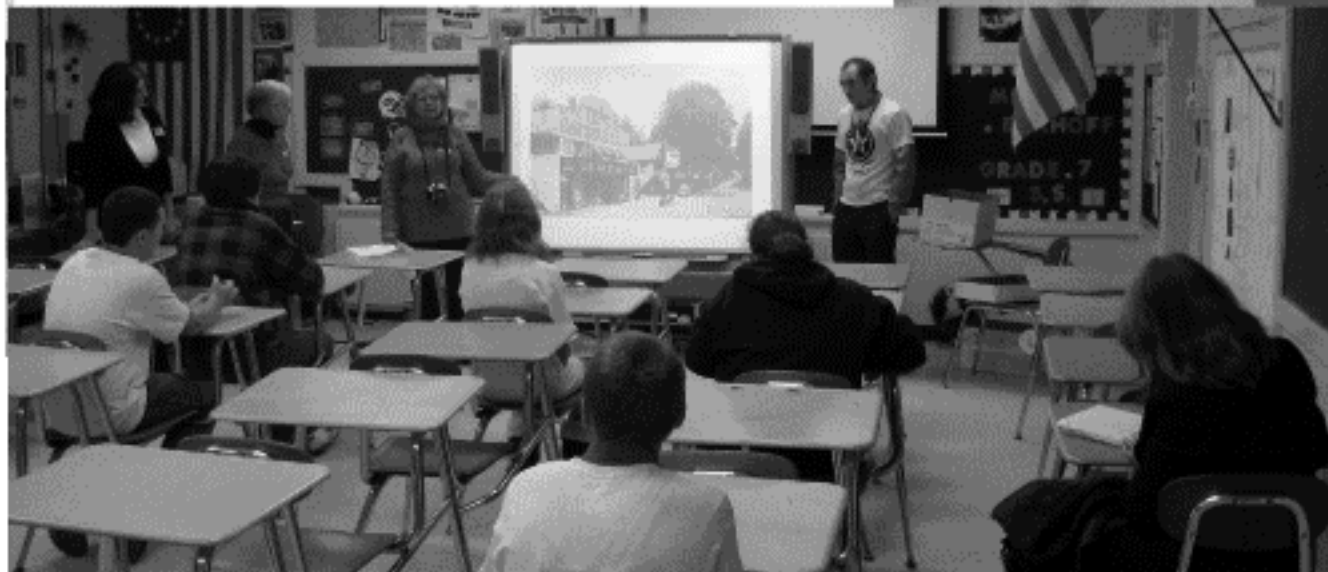
Event at TVCS



Shaun Smith makes no-bake Pumpkin Pie in a Cup at the No-Bake workshop. The other taste treat at this workshop was no-bake 'Some More's'.



TV teacher, Mrs. McKenna explains the tasks and responsibilities involved as a NYS Wild Life Rehabilitator to students attending her NYS Wildlife Rehab workshop.



Above Ms. Ramirez demonstrates how to make an origami figure as the students follow along. Below, students learn the art of balance during a Yoga demonstration.



Carol Smythe, Town of Neversink Historian joins other Time and the Valley Museum members, Lynn Priebe and Elise Hornbeck as they stepped back in time and presented a bit of local history at the Time and the Valley Museum Workshop.



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Shorts & Sweets for the Holidays



Actress DeLois "Cookie" House

Big Sky Productions and the Sullivan County Historical Society present "Shorts & Sweets for the Holidays" on Saturday, December 10, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sullivan County Museum at 265 Main Street in Hurleyville, NY. Admission is \$10.00 to benefit the Historical Society.

The program will feature holiday readings, music and even a few holiday jokes from Big Sky's Carol Montana, DeLois "Cookie" House, Jack Leshner, Michael Valentine, Debbie Palmarini, Pete & Crystal Tweed, Little Sparrow and Ed Berens. During intermission enjoy free holiday refreshments. Call 845-985-7783 or 845-434-8044 for information.

"Open House... Open Mic" Night is Huge Hit at Old Stone House

An enthusiastic crowd turned out for the first-ever Old Stone House "coffee shop" event, featuring a magician, music, and a huge table of cakes, cookies and coffee.



Photo by Garrett-Waldmeyer

Andrea Eddings helps "The Great Zambini" at Old Stone House event.

Visiting kids took advantage of the nearly endless supply of crayons and paints, while grown-ups focused on conversation and relaxation. The event, which began at 8pm, was set in the midst of the building's art gallery, where the works of Sullivan County artist Jonathan Jimenez filled the walls with their exciting colors.

The evening's highlight was the arrival of local comic magician "The Great Zambini," who brought out hearty belly laughs from the crowd - along with many loud groans -- with his wacky act. Who knew, before his performance, how to make a shoe appear out of thin air? (Try simply taking it off your own foot, of course!)

The next "Open House...Open Mic" is being planned for near the end of the winter season. The Old Stone House, a community-based education and arts center, is at 282 Hasbrouck Road in the hamlet of Hasbrouck, NY, easily accessible from either Rt. 42 or Rt. 55, and just a few miles from Monticello, Liberty and Grahamsville. For information, visit the web site at www.oldstonehouse.catskill-life.com.

Catskill Art Society purchases its Building in celebration of its 40th Anniversary

The Catskill Art Society (CAS) is the proud new owner of the building that they have been occupying for the last four years at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor. The space, once a movie theater, was redesigned to house CAS in 2007. It includes two spacious, light-filled galleries as well as exhibition space in the large center hall.

In the back are class rooms where virtually any conceivable aspect of the arts spectrum can be taught. In addition there is an upstairs space, still raw, but planned as theater space and artists' studios.

Over a span of forty years, beginning in December 1971, CAS has been a home for local artists where their work could be shown and discussed and new skills could be acquired. When CAS moved to Livingston Manor in 2007, it was revitalized with growing responsibilities and a new community mission. Having a welcoming storefront and Main Street presence enabled CAS to become meaningful to a whole new and growing generation of artists. CAS flourished and became an anchor of a community that was fast becoming a destination for those in search of culture all over the area.

To keep that future bright, CAS has embarked on a 40th anniversary fund-raising effort with the goal of providing moneys for the completion of the stabilization project and for an operating fund that will allow it to maintain and expand programming in the years to come. It can expand its programming on a multi-year basis, free of the stress and instability of a year to year lease. With the purchase of the 48 Main St. building, CAS has a stake in the community and is revving up to be the engine for new vibrancy and enterprise in the western Catskills that it was always meant to be. To find out ways in which you can contribute contact Kathryn at 845-426-4227 or Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org

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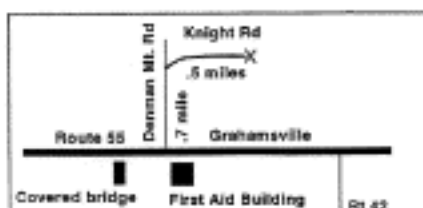


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Understanding New York's Property Tax Levy Cap As it relates to public schools

For many years, New Yorkers have paid some of the highest property taxes in the country, spurring individuals and business owners to increasingly clamor for tax relief.

In June 2011, state leaders responded by enacting a law that places new restrictions on how school districts (and municipalities) may increase their tax levies. Although the new law has been referred to as a "2 percent tax cap," it does not, in fact, restrict any proposed tax levy increase to 2 percent. The law does, however, require at least

60 percent voter approval for a school budget if the proposed levy increase exceeds a certain amount. That amount, called the "tax levy limit", will be determined by each district according to a complex formula outlined in the law, and will vary by district. Although schools have the option to exceed their "tax levy limit" with voter approval, the reality is that any proposed school tax levy increase will be compared to this levy "limit" - or against the now-prevalent expectation of "2 percent" - adding to the pressures schools face to keep taxes low despite escalating costs, declining state aid and rising expectations for teaching and learning.

What will all of this mean for district residents as they prepare to vote on their local school budgets in May 2012? For starters, there will be new terminology to understand and new ways that schools will present budget information, in conjunction with this law.

More importantly, because community members have different priorities and perspectives, school leaders will be under intense pressure from some constituents who expect school districts to stay within their "tax levy limits" and others who will strongly advocate for districts to save valued programs and services by invoking what Gov. Andrew Cuomo calls the law's "built-in relief valve" - the 60 percent voter approval option.

One thing seems certain - the new tax cap legislation is likely to complicate the struggle to find meaningful tax relief and to build and sustain world-class schools.

Here are some facts regarding the new Property Tax Levy Cap:

- The law doesn't prohibit tax levy increases greater than 2 percent. Despite how it has been described the legislation signed into law in June requires every district to calculate its own "tax levy limit." Two percent (or inflation, if less) is just one of eight factors in this calculation.
- The "tax levy limit" is the highest allowable tax levy (before exemptions) that a district can propose as part of its annual budget for which the approval of only a simple majority (50% +1) is required. Any proposed tax levy above this limit will require budget approval by a supermajority (60% or more) of voters. However the law does not place a limit on any taxes a district would levy to pay for expenditures related to specific "exempt" items, including court orders, pension costs and local capital expenditures. These items are added to the "tax levy limit" to get the "allowable" tax levy limit.
- The new law applies to the tax levy, not to tax rates or individual tax bills. It doesn't impose a universal 2 percent cap on taxes. The law does require a greater number of voters to approve a budget that exceeds a school district's individual "tax levy limit", as calculated by a complex formula.
- If the budget is not approved by the voters of the district, a school district has the option of putting up the same budget or a revised budget for a revote, or adopting a contingent budget. If a proposed budget is defeated twice by voters, a district must adopt a contingent budget.

If the new law doesn't actually cap tax levy increases at 2 percent, how will it provide property tax relief? With or without a law "capping" tax levy increases, school leaders know that many New Yorkers are struggling in this economy and agree that property tax relief is needed. At the same time, they have heard first-hand from residents what many polls have indicated: Most New Yorkers do not want tax relief to come at the expense of their public schools. However, living with the realities of the new law - while mandated costs escalate and the pressure to control taxes continues - will force difficult decisions.

The law seeks to control increases in school tax levies (a source of revenue), not to help curb escalating expenses. Except for a few modest mandate-relief measures, the law does nothing to help schools rein in costs. At the same time, New York State's public schools have lost more than \$1 billion in state education funding in recent year, putting even greater pressure on local taxes to fund school programs. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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UC Sheriff Dive Team (From Pg. 1)

This generous gift comes on the heels of Hurricane Irene's devastation. Members of Local 825 witnessed the swift water rescue of several people in the County by the Ulster County Sheriff's Office's Dive Team. Over 30 people were brought to safety through the efforts of these team members. Seven people were rescued from one house and 3 people were rescued from another house. Both houses were ripped from their foundations and the families were trapped inside the buildings.

Observant members of Local 825 witnessed the difficulties and challenges encountered by members of the Sheriff's Dive Team because equipment and supplies that were needed on-site could not be brought as close to the scenes as needed because the Team didn't have an equipment trailer designed to navigate through less-than-ideal road conditions.

Sheriff VanBlarcum wishes to thank Local 825 for their generosity. This trailer will enable the Swift Water Rescue & Dive Team to have, at hand, much needed equipment during a rescue mission. Being able to access that equipment expeditiously translates into less response time and more efficiency.

Understanding New York's Property Tax Levy Cap (From Pg. 10)

The law must result in some measure of tax relief for residents. However, the extent to which the law will also result in the loss of educational programs will depend on levels of state education funding and whether state leaders offer any meaningful mandate-relief measures to help control rising costs.

The property tax cap law poses an enormous challenge for public schools, and school leaders need to hear from their communities to help guide them through the difficult decisions that will need to be made. It is more important than ever to become informed about the complex issues shaping school district budgets and education programs.

Please attend a budget meeting this year or contact your district with questions about its budget development. Make sure to visit your school district's website for more information. And - whether you've ever done so in the past or not - please remember to vote on your school budget on Tuesday, May 15, 2012!

(This publication was developed by the Capital Region BOCES and Questar III State Aid Planning. Some information has been condensed. The full text version can be found on the Tri-Valley Central School District website at trivalleycsd.org)

Cahill Blasts Leadership in Congress for Targeting Heating Assistance at a Time of Record Breaking Prices - LIHEAP

Assembly Energy Committee Chair Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) announced the opening of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), a federally funded program that provides heating benefits to help households meet their monthly energy expenses. Enrollment in the program begins tomorrow, two weeks later than previous years. The majority leadership in the House of Representatives is seeking to cut over \$150 million of New York's share of funding, leading to a great deal of uncertainty over how much money will be available for assistance.

"Far too many New Yorkers are forced to choose between heating their homes and feeding their families through the long, cold winter months due to skyrocketing fuel costs," said Assemblymember Cahill. "New York has traditionally received a large share of LIHEAP funding due to the harsh winter weather in the Northeast and our greater reliance on volatile heating oil. The leadership in Congress needs to understand that their actions will put the lives of our most vulnerable residents at risk and they must take immediate action to restore the funding."

In 2010-11, LIHEAP provided benefits to 1.4 million households, 32 percent of which were senior citizens. These are families and individuals making less than 60% of the state's median income. Although the Federal Energy Information Administration is predicting that the cost of heating oil this winter will reach a record high, the leadership in the House of Representatives is looking to drastically reduce New York's allotment. Of those receiving assistance in the state, 30 percent rely on a deliverable fuel, primarily oil, to heat their homes. New York is a prime beneficiary of the program and a bi-partisan coalition of the state's Congressional delegation have come out against the proposed cuts to the program.

"Older New Yorkers spend a higher percentage of their household budget on their energy costs," stated Lois Wagh Aronstein, AARP New York State Director. "Service terminations are also on the rise over the past few years. New Yorkers simply cannot afford to see LIHEAP funding cut at a time when so many are struggling to make ends meet."

Those who feel they will have trouble meeting energy costs this winter should contact their local

social services office for information about eligibility and enrollment or visit www.mybenefits.ny.gov/ for an online assessment.

"LIHEAP is a valuable program that can provide assistance to many struggling families and seniors," said Assemblymember Cahill. "New Yorkers should not have to break their budget or put their family at risk to pay for heating. I encourage all those who are having trouble making ends meet to apply for aid."

Hinchey's Calls for Rejection of NYS DEC's Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement for Hydraulic Fracturing-

Congressman Submits Prepared Remarks at Agency's Public Hearing in Binghamton; Says State Must Develop Tougher Standards

Binghamton, NY -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) delivered the following remarks through a representative from his Binghamton office at New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) public hearing on the agency's revised draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement for hydraulic fracturing. The congressman could not personally attend the hearing due to votes in Washington, but will be issuing more in-depth, formal written comments to the DEC in the coming weeks.

Hinchey is a leader in the effort to protect drinking water and the environment from the risks of hydraulic fracturing. He is a co-author of the FRAC Act, which would mandate public disclosure of chemicals used in frack fluid and allow the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate fracking activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The congressman also authored the appropriations language that led to the current EPA study on hydraulic fracturing.

"On behalf of Congressman Maurice Hinchey, who is in Washington, DC today for votes, I want to thank the DEC for the opportunity to comment on the revised draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (dSGEIS) on horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus Shale.

"Congressman Hinchey appreciates the hard work that Commissioner Martens and his staff have invested in this document. In addition, DEC has lost many staff over the past few years, making this task all the more difficult.

"Despite this sincere effort, Congressman Hinchey believes that the SGEIS falls far short of what is needed to protect local communities from the risks posed by shale gas drilling and does not fully mitigate potential threats to public health, drinking water, air quality, and municipal infrastructure. Two years ago, in response to the first draft SGEIS, Congressman Hinchey provided 11 detailed recommendations to mitigate the risks of shale gas drilling.

"These included a cumulative impact study, a ban on the use of toxic chemicals in fracking fluids, a requirement for full public disclosure of all chemicals used in the fracking process, more DEC staff to oversee drilling operations, phased-in development of new well pads, and more. Unfortunately, these recommendations are not included in the new SGEIS and others are only partially addressed.

"We have learned much more about hydraulic fracturing since 2009. More incidents of broken industry promises, harm to local communities, air pollution and water contamination have been reported. Just this week, in Pavillion, Wyoming, the EPA found fracking chemicals in well water. These incidents raise serious new concerns that are not addressed by the revised SGEIS.

"Recently, physicians and other health professionals from around New York State called for full assessment of the public health impacts of gas exploration and production. The SGEIS omits this critical review, and Congressman Hinchey agrees that the state should conduct a health impact assessment.

"In addition, the EPA has begun a new study on the impact of fracking on water resources that Congressman Hinchey initiated. This study is expected to produce initial results by the end of next year. The EPA is also developing rules to protect the public from toxic air pollutants that are emitted by gas drilling sites. The Congressman believes it would be irresponsible and unwise for New York to allow new shale gas drilling before these actions are completed.

"The consequences of failing to safeguard our water resources, air quality, and public health would far outweigh the purported economic benefits associated with drilling. Congressman Hinchey believes the current SGEIS does not provide these protections and should be rejected."

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) released the following statement, following the Delaware River Basin Commissions decision to cancel a vote on final fracking regulations. Last week, the congressman sent a letter to DRBC Commission Members urging them to cancel the vote.

Hinchey, a co-chair of the Congressional Delaware River Task Force, has continually pressed the DRBC to conduct a comprehensive environmental review prior to issuing new regulations governing water withdrawals from the basin for hydraulic fracturing. Earlier this year,

he strongly supported New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's lawsuit to compel the Delaware River Basin Commission to conduct a cumulative environmental impact study of shale gas drilling in the Delaware River Watershed.

Hinchey is a leader in the effort to protect drinking water and the environment from the risks of hydraulic fracturing. He is a co-author of the FRAC Act, which would mandate public disclosure of chemicals used in frack fluid and allow the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to regulate fracking activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The congressman also authored the appropriations language that led to the current EPA study on hydraulic fracturing.

"I am pleased that the Delaware River Basin Commission has followed through on my request to cancel a planned vote on the adoption of Natural Gas Development Regulations for the Delaware River Basin. The commission should not begin considering adoption of any final regulations until it conducts a comprehensive and cumulative environmental impact study. Without such a study, there is no guarantee that the DRBC's regulations would be sufficient to protect the Basin."

POLITICAL SLANT - Frank Comando -

Press Release: HINCHEY: REPUBLICAN ATTEMPT TO AMEND U.S. CONSTITUTION WOULD COST MILLIONS OF JOBS, RISK SOCIAL SECURITY, AND MEDICARE.

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement in opposition to a constitutional amendment supported by U.S. House Republicans. The measure would restrict the country's ability to finance deficits during economic recessions, without either dramatically raising taxes or causing massive layoffs and cuts to vital social programs like Social Security and Medicare.

"I worked with President Clinton to balance the budget, and voted against the failed George Bush era policies that turned a surplus into a deficit and caused our debt to skyrocket. I opposed the trillion-dollar Iraq invasion and occupation, and voted against the costly tax cuts for the richest 1 percent. I said no to a prescription drug program that gave away hundreds of billions to big pharmaceutical companies, and I voted to stop the billions in giveaways to big oil companies.

"Today the Republican Party would have us believe that we can simply vote away the budget deficit they created by editing our Constitution. That is not a realistic proposition since it would force the government to either dramatically raise taxes or cause massive layoffs and cuts to social programs such as Social Security and Medicare. Instead, we should be working through the normal budget process, as President Clinton did, to make the numbers work. Doing so requires a balanced approach that pairs strategic spending cuts with the elimination of tax loopholes and giveaways for big corporations and the richest one percent.

"This so called balanced budget amendment would require us to do the opposite. Instead of a sensible plan, it would demand draconian cuts. Instead of a finding a way to protect Medicare and Social Security, it would require their virtual elimination.

"In times of economic downturn, our country has always relied on its good credit to finance the country through hard times. It's what helps ensure that recessions don't become depressions; it's what allows us to continue paying teachers so that they educate our children; it's what allows us to fund our military so that it can keep us safe around the world; and it's what funds our firefighters and police so that they can keep us safe in our home and communities. In fact, nonpartisan economists have estimated that enactment of a balanced budget amendment would eliminate 15 million jobs, double the unemployment rate to 18 percent, and cause the economy to shrink by 17 percent. "This policy would be an absolute disaster and our founding fathers didn't include it in our Constitution for good reason. It's time for Washington to set aside the games and gimmicks, and get serious about solving our budget problems." **Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY)**

A message from Jon Sennett

Dear Friends & Supporters,

Now that the dust has settled on the campaign for Ulster County District Attorney, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your support during this election process. Without your enthusiasm, I would not have been able to keep up my endurance during this remarkably intense campaign. Your care and consideration will not be forgotten. You have my deepest thanks. I am humbled by the encouragement I received throughout this campaign. Thanks to you, we were able to focus on a message and strategy of which I am very proud; I regret only the result. From the bottom of my heart I thank you all for your support.

Have something to say send it; it must be less than 200 words, e-mail politicalslant@yahoo.com.

The Family Council of The SC Adult Care Center Acquires Original Artwork



Members of Family Council of the Sullivan County Adult Care Center received two beautiful oil paintings created by local artist, Heather Pollack of Monticello. Family Council Secretary Gail Fredenburg, former Council Secretary Joan Dirie, Priscilla Cowan and Ann Kowalik spent many days in the month of October at the facility sprucing up the units and lounges in preparation of the upcoming holidays. They arranged for the new artwork to be hung in the hallway of Unit One on the first floor. Residents and their families have voiced their excited approval of the new artwork.

CAS ARTS CENTER Holiday Calendar

CAS Holiday Bazaars (December 3-4, 10-11, 17-18) and Holiday Hours
Announcing: Three Weekends of the CAS Holiday Bazaar: 1st Weekend - Saturday, December 3 (11am-6pm) & Sunday, December 4 (11am-2pm); 2nd Weekend - Saturday, December 10 (11am-6pm) & Sunday, Dec 11 (11am-2pm); 3rd Weekend - Saturday, December 17 (11am-6pm) & Sunday, Dec 18 (11am-2pm)

Concurrent with the annual CAS Members Show & Holiday Fair (running from November 26 - December 23, 2011) - CAS will be hosting three weekends of Holiday Bazaars featuring local art & craft vendors. All Holiday gifts for sale are handmade and include fine jewelry, soaps, organic botanicals, hardwood cutting boards, holiday ornaments, holiday baked goods from Flour Power Bakery, small artworks, embroidery services, and more! CAS will have extended hours for the holidays and will be open Monday, December 19 - Friday, December 23 from 12-5pm. CAS will be closed to the public from December 24, 2011 - January 20, 2012. The CAS Arts Center is located at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor and is wheelchair accessible. For more info call 845-436-4227 or email Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org.

Don't miss the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce's kick off of HOLIDAY TRAINS ON

MAIN, a nostalgic trip back in time with handmade model trains on view at the CAS Arts Center and Morgan Outdoors! The public is warmly invited to the child-friendly festivities including a visit with Santa, sing-a-long with MountainTones Community Band, and birthday cake celebrating CAS' 40th Anniversary hosted by the CAS Arts Center on Saturday, December 3 from 3-5pm. Meet the Model Train builders at CAS, Saturdays from 12-2pm through December 17th. On Saturday, December 10 lecture by train aficionado, Wayne Levitt at CAS at 2pm.

Roscoe CS PTA Holiday Dessert "Silent Auction"

Roscoe Central School PTA will be holding their first ever: Holiday Dessert "Silent Auction" on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at the Roscoe-Rockland Community hall. Doors open at 6:30 and winners will be announced at 7:30 To participate please call: Cheri 607-498-9940

Also, The "Famous" Roscoe PTA Annual Variety Show "With Holiday Flair" on Friday, December 9, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the RCS Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30 pm Adults: \$5.00 Sen. Cit. \$4.00 \$3.00 Students Under 4 FREE

Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary

announces the arrival of **Santa on December 11th** when he makes his annual visit to **Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville**

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TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY

Current exhibits
• Impact of Water on the Life and the Growth of the Valleys
• The Rondout and Neversink watersheds: Before, During and After
• Photo exhibition on view entitled: *A Glimpse into the Building of the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and Connecting Tunnels*: Photos from the DEP Archives.

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

Open Saturdays 12-4, and other times by appointment. Research by appointment Adults: The current admission is \$2, Children under 16 -\$1, and children under six are free. For more information call: 845 - 985-7700 or go to the website: timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

Annual Holiday Cookie Sale
Saturday December 10, 2011
10:00am to 3:00pm
Samsonville United Methodist Church
1983 Cty. Rte. 3, Samsonville, NY 12461
Wide assortment of homemade holiday cookies. Choose your favorites to create your own custom box. \$8.00 per pound.
Contact Arlene Kelly 657-2615 or ajkelly037@hvc.rr.com for more information

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

CrossWay Assembly of God

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

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

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

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

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

Covered Dish Supper
Dec. 3, 2011
Sundown United Methodist Church
at the **Sundown Church Hall**
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Trift Sale Only
9 am-1 pm - Nov 19

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

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

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

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

LEGAL NOTICES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at the Town of Denning Town Hall on the matter of the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012. At SAID hearing any and all interested person(s) were heard.

ALSO TAKE NOTICE that the budget, having been duly discussed at Said Town Board Meeting has been approved and adopted for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012. This budget is on file and available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office, during normal business hours, at the Town of Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD
Joy Ann Monforte
Town Clerk

Legal Notice
ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CLARYVILLE
FIRE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 13, 2011

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Claryville Fire District will take place on December 13, 2011 between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00 pm at the Claryville Fire House located on Denning Rd. for the purpose of electing one commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2012, ending December 31, 2015. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections and the Ulster County Board of Elections on or before November 21, 2011 shall be eligible to vote. Candidates for the District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Claryville Fire District, PO Box 22, Claryville, NY 12725, no later than twenty days before the election, November 23, 2011.

Dated November 22, 2011
Jim Tisch, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
Claryville Fire District

2012 SC Catskills Travel Guide

FERNDALE, NY- The Sullivan County Visitors Association has extended the deadline for tourism businesses to get their information in so that they can be included in the 2012 Sullivan County Catskills Visitors Guide. The guide is distributed throughout the nation and internationally via print and a downloadable version on the internet. "If you have a business or event and are looking for customers, the travel guide is the most cost effective way to get your information into the hands of potential visitors to Sullivan County," states Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President/CEO.

Any tourism business can receive a free listing in the guide. If you are a member of the SCVA, you also receive many benefits including an expanded listing with contact information and direct links to your web site on the main SCVA web site and the affiliated web sites that SCVA maintains. Member businesses can also qualify for matching funds assistance in advertising.

New for this year, the SCVA will be holding several meetings throughout the county in December and January called cluster marketing. "It is a way of bringing businesses within the communities together to learn about one another, create travel packages and market more efficiently," stated Byron-Lockwood. "If we are to continue to keep the edge on attracting visitors, we must create new and innovative ways of marketing to the public."

The SCVA will unveil more about this program and others at its annual holiday meeting on December 1, at 5:30 p.m. at Mr. Willy's Restaurant in Monticello. Tourism businesses are encouraged to attend. It is free to members and \$40 for non-members.

You can contact the Visitors Association at 747-4449 for more information on the Visitors Guide, the Annual Holiday Meeting or any of the other programs the SCVA has to offer. Liberty Central School District to hold open house on December 7th. Community welcome to tour the new buildings and facilities

Holiday Hours at the Town Hall

The Town of Neversink will observe the following Holiday Hours. The Town Hall will close at noon on Friday, December 23rd & all day on the Monday, December 26th for Christmas and will also close at noon on Friday, December 30th and all day on Monday, January 2nd for New Years. The Transfer Station will be open from 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday, December 24th and Saturday, December 31st. Please plan your Transfer Station and Town Hall business accordingly. The Town of Neversink wishes you a very Joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
A Regular Board Meeting
Will be held
On Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.
A Policy Committee Mtg. will be before the regular meeting starting at 6:00 p.m.
In the Secondary School Lower Library Level,
Grahamsville, New York

**'MAINTENANCE MADNESS'
Seven Habits of Highly Effective Gardeners**

[FERNDALE] - Learn how to work smarter in the garden next year at Sullivan Renaissance's seminar entitled "Maintenance Madness" on Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Center in Ferdale.

Presented by gardening expert Mary Lewis, the seminar will focus on how to manage one's garden "maintenance madness" through a seven step process to keep the garden beautiful and ones sanity intact. The key elements to managing garden maintenance will be presented through seven habits that teach time management techniques, time saving tools of the trade, site analysis and sound garden design techniques.

"Working smarter rather than working harder is guaranteed to give you more time to enjoy your garden," Lewis said. "It's all about simplifying and taking control of maintenance tasks. You can explore strategies to fit gardening into even the busiest of lifestyles!"

The new 2012 Sullivan Renaissance maintenance program will also be explained.

Mary Lewis is a consultant for Sullivan Renaissance and had been a Renaissance judge for nine years. She is founder and principal of Barncroft, a garden design firm; chair of Zone III 2008 Annual Meeting of the Garden Clubs of America; and past president of Orange and Dutchess Garden Club. A Cornell University graduate, she studies botanical art at New York Botanical Garden.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by December 5. Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. For more information or to register, call 845-295-2445 or visit www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

Liberty CSD Tours of Recent Building Projects

On Wednesday, December 7th, the Liberty Central School District will offer tours of the recently completed building projects at Liberty High School and Elementary School.

The tours will begin PROMPTLY and will take a half hour. The Elementary tour will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m., and the high school tour will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end by 7 p.m.

Those wishing to tour the new facilities can take one or both tours. The elementary tour group will meet in the new foyer of LES and the high school tour group will meet in the lobby outside the David E. Panebaker Auditorium.

The timing will be as precise as possible for both tours, since the annual high school winter concert (part 2) begins at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Once the concert begins, no one is permitted to enter the auditorium until intermission, so the tours will be finished by 7 p.m. to ensure that anyone on the tour has time to enjoy the concert.

"We would like to give our community an opportunity to see the completion of the \$35.8 million building project and how these improvements will directly benefit the students of the District," said Superintendent Michael B. Vanyo.

A ribbon cutting and breakfast reception was held on October 14th, however tours were not given at that time. Scroll down to find a link to photos of that event.

The completed capital project includes a variety of improvements, with perhaps the most visible being the

new high school library/media center. Its unique design makes it a "net zero building" with regard to energy usage, the only known such school facility in the state. Other renovations included a new covered walkway, foyer and main office at the high school. Locker rooms, bathrooms and six science classrooms were also renovated.

At the elementary school, improvements include the addition of eight new classrooms, a cafeteria, a kitchen and a drop-off loop at the front of the building; an expanded playground; facade preservation; renovated offices and bathrooms; and replacing windows and roofing. Those finished spaces bring to a close what Superintendent Vanyo has called "phase 1" of an ongoing facilities improvement plan.

Construction By the Numbers:

- 285 tons of steel were used at both the elementary and high schools. 42,000 square feet of metal decking was also used.

- At the elementary school, there were approximately 52,000 cubic yards of "cut and fill" removed. This is the soil, rocks and earth that was dug out to make way for the parking lot, building additions and retaining wall.

- July and August of 2010 saw the most construction workers on-site at one time. There were 94 crew members working together to get the school prepared for the first day of the 2010-11 school year.

- 206,000 bricks were used at both the elementary and high schools (142,000 at LES; 64,000 at LHS) and 56,000 concrete blocks were used (35,000 at LES; 21,000 at LHS).

Go here to see pictures of the Liberty CSD Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

http://www.libertyk12.org/News/2011-12/110111_ribboncutting.cfm

Go here to visit the capital project page and view photos of the entire project, start to finish: <http://www.libertyk12.org/CapitalProject/capitalproject.cfm>

UCCC Police Academy Graduates

16 members of the 2011 graduating class of the Ulster County Law Enforcement Training Group and Ulster County Community College at their graduation ceremony on November 11, at the Hillside Manor in Kingston.

The graduates were Gregory C. Schwarzenegger and Matthew C. Shelters of the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department, Ryan A. Shuman and Richard W. Weaver III of the City of Kingston Police Department, as well as the following students in the Ulster County Community College Police Basic Training Program: Michael F. Miller of Hurley, Joseph P. Exner of Red Hook, Robert J. Ruger of Modena, Robert A. Kozlowski of Newburgh, Lawrence Lee of Rhinebeck, Michael A. Mills of Accord, Christian W. Robbins of Highland, Christopher M. Zeh of Hartwick, Adrienne T. Licari of Wappingers Falls, Eric H. Hansen of Gardiner, Thomas R. McCabe of Campbell Hall and Darek Tyminski of Florida. (Note: the names above are not in the order of appearance in photo.)

Furthest left is Ulster Police Chief Matthew Taggard and Ulster County Sheriff's Sergeant Allen Rowe. Furthest right is Kingston Police Sergeant Michael Bonse.

Prospective Student Day at SUNY Ulster

This is a wonderful first-time introduction to college for high school students and their families on Saturday, December 3, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. in room 203, Vanderlyn Hall College Lounge on the Stone Ridge campus.

Discover the value of a community college education covering topics beginning with the Admissions process through plans for transfer after graduation. Learn how to maximize tuition savings with our scholarship opportunities. Take a guided tour of the campus and learn about student life from a student tour guide.

Contact the Admissions office to reserve a seat at 845-687-5022 or reserve online at www.sunyulster.edu/Visit.

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

Watch the *Townsmen* for future events of hosted by the Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation Department.

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

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, and a very happy Holiday Season!



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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>

Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne

Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

- 12/2/11 First Friday Readers Group 1 pm - Daniel Pierce Library
- 12/3/11 **Grahamsville United Methodist Christmas Craft Sale/Luncheon 10 am - 3 pm**
- 12/3/11 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm** Sundown Church
- 12/3/11 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 pm**
- 12/3/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc Holiday Party (No December meeting-next meeting March 21)
- 12/4/11 **Town of Neversink Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** in Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville- 5:00 pm
- 12/6/11 Town of Denning Board Meeting - DenningTown Hall - 7 pm
- 12/7/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 12/8/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting
- 12/10/11 "Shorts & Sweets for the Holidays" 7:30pm SC Historical Society Hurleyville. \$10.00 845-985-7783
- 12/11/11 **SANTA WILL VISIT BI-CENTENNIAL PARK** in Grahamsville - from 11am to 1pm at the square
- 12/13/11 Caring for Caregivers - Daniel Pierce Library - 6 pm
- 12/13/11 Claryville Fire District -Budget Hearing
- 12/13/11 Town of Denning Business Meeting Denning Town Hall 7 pm
- 12/14/11 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 12/15/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 12/20/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 12/21/11 First Day of **HANUKKAH**
- 12/21/11 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 12/23/11 Neversink Town Hall will close at NOON for Christmas
- 12/26/11 Town of Neversink Christmas Holiday 0
- 12/27/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 7 pm Neversink Town Hall

GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN every **FRIDAY** afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.
SAVE THE DATE! December 4, 2011 **Town of Neversink Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** in Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville- 5:00 pm
December 11, 2011 Santa will visit Bi-Centennial Park in Grahamsville from 11 am to 1 pm!

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

SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
 GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
 GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE
 CANNIE D'S
 BLUE HILL LODGE

ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.)
 VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
 WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION
 MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)
 P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne)
 AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty)

JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
 MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
 NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
 PLEASANT STONE FARM
 PETER'S MARKET

NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN

The Good Stuff Cafe • Boiceville IGA • J & G Log Homes, LLC • Ange's • Tetta's • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's
 Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Ricciardella's • Emerson Resort

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Sullivan Renaissance Makes Presentation to Town Board (From Pg. 2)

Our thanks to the following teams who attended to our signs for the season: Mike and Ruth Curley of Bradley, Carol and Larry Bivins of Willowemoc, Jona Hamilton and Don Erath of Grahamsville, Barbara Weiss of Claryville, and Kelly Plescia and the 4-H Club who managed the care of two signs in Grahamsville. The 4-H Club also provided an additional fall treat by making scarecrows for each sign. It should also be noted that the Bivins' team created a brand new town entrance sign for Willowemoc that incorporates historical background photos similar to the historical kiosks in Willowemoc. Great job! Thanks to all.

Following the Town Board meeting, representatives of the Tri-Valley Little League, Neversink and Sullivan Renaissance brainstormed ideas of how our organizations can work together to help with the relocation of the Tri-Valley Little League Fields. We look forward to seeing how, once again, our community can work together for a common goal.

SLAC December Meeting

The December meeting will be held on Friday, December 16th at the Neighborhood Center.

SUNY Ulster Offers "Introduction to Voiceovers" Workshop

SUNY Ulster Continuing and Professional Education will offer an "Introduction to Voiceovers" Workshop on Dec. 2, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Business Resource Center in Kingston, to provide an overview of what's involved in working as a professional voiceover artist.

The program will cover the different types of voiceovers and what tools are needed to find success in the voiceover industry. Participants will have the opportunity to perform a real voiceover script that will be recorded so they can later receive a professional voiceover evaluation.

The course fee is \$49. To register or receive additional information, call 845-339-2025.

Get Into the Holiday Spirit with Homespun Crafts!

Ferndale, NY- Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County 4-H Program is offering a winter workshop on how to make homemade

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 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>

crafts for the holidays! It will be held on December 3rd at 1:00-3:00 at their facility on 64 Ferndale- Loomis Rd. Ferndale, NY. Youth age 5-19 years will learn how to make low cost crafts for gift giving. Parents are encouraged to accompany their child. Homemade baked goods, coffee and hot chocolate will be made available for purchase by the Bethelites, a Community Group with CCE.

One fee of \$10 or \$5 for enrolled 4-H'ers, gives participants access to 10 stations of activities. Make and take home one of each activity, or try just a few of the crafts that can be easily reproduced at home. Featured activities include ornament making, punched tin luminary, cookie decorating, beaded penguin key ring, mini decorative wreaths, craft stick stars, animal magnets, card-making and more! Enrollment will be limited so pre-registration is necessary to guarantee a seat. Come with your family and enjoy a chilly, winter afternoon together having fun. Call Marilyn Jones 292-6180 to register or to obtain more information.

"Theme Tree Exhibit" at SC Historical Society

Grand Opening, Sunday, December 4, 2011, the 25th annual holiday "Theme Tree Exhibit", from 2:00p.m.-4:30p.m., with musical entertainment, presented by the Sullivan County Historical Society. Also for your holiday gift buying there will be books by local authors for sale. At the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY, refreshments, for information please call 845-434-8044. Snow date, December 11. Exhibits will be displayed through month of December.

Grahamsville Reformed Church

Roast Pork Dinner

December 3, 2011
 Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm

Menu: Roast Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Tossed Salad, Homemade Apple Sauce, Bread/Rolls, Homemade Apple Cake, & Drinks

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

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

Thank you for your support and God Bless you all!

Spaghetti Dinner

\$5.00 per plate

When: December 2nd, 2011

Where: Tri-Valley School Cafeteria

Time: 4:00 - 6:30 pm

(The play, Pajama Game starts at 7 pm)

Eat in or take-out

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia - Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942)



A spirited musical biography of the song-and-dance man who showed us what American patriotism is about, and how he kept it at the fore front of our awareness through two world wars. Directed by, Michael Curtiz. Starring, James Cagney, Joan Leslie, Walter Huston, Irene Manning, Rosemary DeCamp, Richard Whorf, Jeanne Cagney, S. Z. Sakall, Walter Catlett, Frances Langford, Eddie Foy, Jr., George Tobias. Cagney wraps up film in neat little package all his own with dynamic recreation of George M. Cohan's life and times; he deservedly won Oscar for rare song- and-dance performance, as did music directors Ray Heindorf and Heinz Roemheld. Two computer-colored versions exist--one of which is edited down for TV! See it on TCM Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 9:45 PM, 126 min, TV-G

Quiz:
A. Who played Eddie Foy?
B. Who played Jerry Cohan

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

GRAHAMSVILLE - 12/3/2011 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner 5:30 pm.

GRAHAMSVILLE - 12/4/2011 at 5:00 pm Town of Neversink Annual Tree Lighting ceremony in Bicentennial Park

SUNDOWN - 12/3/2011 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper, 5:30 pm.

HURLEYVILLE - Sullivan County Historical Society & Museum 265 Main Street - P.O. Box 247, Hurleyville, NY 12747 Shorts & Sweets for the Holidays - 2011 Saturday, December 10, 2011 Big Sky Productions, NY. Admission is \$10.00 to benefit the Historical Society. The program will feature holiday readings, music and even a few holiday jokes, intermission enjoy free holiday refreshments. Call 845-985-7783 or 845-434-8044 for information.

BOICEVILLE - Land Mark Grill is open serving fine food and spirits for you to enjoy...

Museums in Ulster & Sullivan Counties - A good way to spend an afternoon in the Catskills is to visit one of the many museums. To name a few in the nearby Ellenville area: Ellenville Public Library and Museum, O&W Railway museum, Greenfield Park Museum in an authentic one room schoolhouse, Wawarsing Historical Society Knife Museum and The Quaker Meeting House Museum. In Sullivan County: Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in Livingston Manor, Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History in Narrowsburg, Liberty Museum & Arts Center in Liberty, Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, and of course right here in Grahamsville, The Time and the Valleys Museum, which I understand has some very special holiday gift items!

Have a great week,
Knarf Odooc Gnome

A. Eddie Foy
B. Walter Huston

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

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1+ bedroom house in woods, private; long driveway, 30+ acres. Available after November 1. Wood stove & oil heat. \$800 + utilities. Security, references. 693-4464 b12/15dt

Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville: 2 Bdr, walking distance to Town Park, \$550 per month + utilities and security-No pets. 985-7242. pd12/1

FORSALE

Electric Guitar Jackson Kelly 6-string Black & Blue Striped Coffin Case - for more information call 845-866-0699. tfn

Black Leather Couch - 91" - 2 years old. Excellent condition. \$500.00 -985-7189

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