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## Former Career & Tech Students Touch Base: Where are they now?



Carrie Endriss works on Toby at the Youngsville Veterinary Clinic

LIBERTY - Transforming our youth into responsible, qualified professionals is the primary focus of Sullivan BOCES. We pride ourselves in preparing the youth of our county so they are able to continue to college or go out into the workforce to become the "Leaders" of tomorrow.

The Career and Technical Education Program prides itself on accomplishing this goal throughout all of its programs. Over the years, several graduates of the Animal Science Program have demonstrated their ability to truly make a difference in our County.

After completing their college education, Carrie Endriss, 2006 Graduate from the Livingston Manor CSD, Brittany Senor, 2005 Graduate from the Liberty CSD, and Heather Ackermann, 2006 Graduate from the Sullivan West CSD, decided to come back to Sullivan County to use their knowledge to make a difference.

According to Carrie Endriss, becoming a Veterinarian has been a dream

of hers since Kindergarten. She was never really interested in the typical academic classroom, so BOCES was a perfect match for her to learn hands-on, in a "Learning Lab", the skills and knowledge she needed to excel in the competitive field of Veterinary Science. Carrie graduated from Alfred State College, with an Associates in Veterinary Technology. "BOCES definitely prepared me academically for college and gave me the edge over my classmates," said Ednriss. (Contd. Pg. 9)

## What's Ahead for the Time and the Valleys 2012 Season?



While the Time and the Valleys Museum is closed for the winter, it is still a busy place. Many volunteers have spent numerous hours this winter preparing for the new exhibits that will be ready for the museum's expected opening on May 5th.

In the above picture, Barbara Purcell is holding a 'sand hog' that will be strategically placed upon entering the lower level of the museum, through a tunnel. The tunnel has been designed to let the viewer feel as though they are traveling through the different phases of construction.

The lower level of the museum is undergoing a complete change that will present new and challenging exhibits.

## Where Does Old Man Winter Reside?



Driving home on Thursday through Peekamoose was definitely a Winter Wonderland scene. And there, hiding in the cascading falls was Old Man Winter himself!

## "Broadway Cabaret" at SC Museum in Hurleyville is an Outstanding Local Theatrical Production

Sullivan County and the Mid-Hudson region are well represented at the film industry's Oscars.

However, theatrical performers are also uniquely represented this winter as seen in the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshops production of "Broadway Cabaret" - A Musical Tribute to Irving Berlin and other fabulous composers of the "Great White Way."

There were only two performances on Friday and Saturday evenings, February 10 & 11, 2012 at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, New York. On opening night, the auditorium was packed beyond capacity. Folding chairs had to be brought downstairs from the museum to accommodate the many seniors in the audience.

The second night, the overflow audience sat on the tables, or just stood. Overflow parking - along curbside Main Street in Hurleyville was a traditional horror show. But no one complained. And no one was disappointed with the lively musical production, "Broadway Cabaret."

Directed at a rapid pace by Richard Chiger, all "schtick" was eliminated. There was one great Broadway song after another, packed into two acts with a five minute intermission. (Contd. Pg. 8)



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. Romans 4:13

**DAYS OF YOKE...**

**Today's History**

**February 20, 1952** - Miss Mardell Maere Matzinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Matzinger of Liberty, and Bruce Denman, Jr., son of Supervisor and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Neversink, will be united in marriage at the Presbyterian Church in Liberty on Saturday, March 1st. Miss Matzinger is an employee of the National Bank of Liberty. Mr. Denman, a former National Bank employee, is now with the armed forces.

Fire in the boiler room at the Frazier-Davis Construction Co. installations at Grahamsville caused an estimated \$2,000 damage early Sunday morning. Prompt action by the Grahamsville Fire Department prevented further damage and stopped the fire from spreading to nearby buildings. Fire Chief Elwood Velie, who is also night watchman for Frazier-Davis, discovered the fire and turned in the alarm at 4:30 Sunday morning.

**February 21, 1962** - Prisoners at the Eastern Correctional Institution at Napanoch formerly opened a drive this week to collect 100,000 books of trading stamps to build a \$150,000 Roman Catholic Chapel within the walls of the institution. The proposed chapel will be called St. Jude. It is to be built in a corner of the recreational yard. The Rev. Matthew J. Killion, Catholic chaplain, said a volunteer committee of prison employees decided on the drive for trading stamps.

Christopher Moser, 68, of Woodbourne, one of the county's last remaining blacksmiths and also a World War I veteran, died at his home on Monday, February 12th. He was born in Roscoe on September 18, 1893, the son of John and Sidonia Moser. He married Loretta Brown at Hurleyville on January 8, 1924. Survivors are his wife of Woodbourne; two daughters, Mrs. John Nelson of Middletown and Mrs. Thomas Marshalek of Woodbourne; a son, Christopher of Woodbourne and five grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ferber were very pleasantly surprised last Wednesday evening then twenty-five friends and relatives gathered at their home to give them a house warming.

**February 23, 1972** - U.S. Air Force Major James H. Grey, son of Mrs. Dorothy Grey, Sundown Rd., Grahamsville, has been decorated with the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service while engaged in military operations against Viet Cong forces in Southeast Asia. Major Grey, a staff nuclear safety officer, was presented the medal at Ent Air Force Base, Colorado where he is now stationed.

Mrs. Effie Sheeley, 89, of Sundown, died Monday at Hamilton Avenue Hospital, Monticello after a long illness. She was born April 12, 1882 in Sundown to John H. and Emily Brown Brooks. She was married to Ivan Sheeley. A life resident of Sundown, she was a member of the Lows Corners Baptist Church and the Willing Workers of the church.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Davie Gully on the birth of twin daughters born Friday night at Ellenville Community Hospital. The girls weighed almost 7 lbs and almost 8 lbs... some size for twins, isn't it?

A big baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks on Valentine's Day. Little Jacob Arthur weighed in at 9 lbs, 4 oz. His maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willis Quick of Ellenville and his paternal grandmother is Emma Hamilton.

**February 25, 1982** - George P. Krom of Grahamsville, a lifelong area resident, died Sunday at Benedictine Hospital, Kingston after a short illness. He was 69. The son of the late Frank and Louise Misner Krom, he was born June 10, 1914 in Claryville. A retired laborer for the New York State DOT, he was a member of the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Sheley Krom, at home; a daughter, Helen Mickelson of Grahamsville and three sons: Richard and Robert of Grahamsville and John Krom of Neversink; two sisters, Mary Donaldson of Grahamsville and Thelma DuBois of Neversink; nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Glen Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hill of Hastings Drive, Grahamsville has been named to the Dean's List at Sullivan County Community College for the first semester. Glenn is a 1981 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is an accounting major at SCCC.

Melissa Ann Robinson of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Richard W. Schmitz of Woodbourne, N.Y. were married July 18, 1981 at the Air Force Academy Protestant Cadet Chapel. The bride is the daughter of Mack and Jean Robinson of the Colorado Springs. The bridegroom is the son of June Schmitz and Lorence Schmitz, both of Woodbourne, N.Y. There was a second wedding ceremony held here for Richard's relatives on July 25, 1981 at the Dutch Reformed Church in Woodbourne with the Rev. Harlan Nyhof performing the ceremony.

**TVCS Girls Indoor Track Wins Section 9 Championship- Gets Triple Crown; Boys Place 2nd at Section 9**

The last two weeks have produced the "triple Crown" for the Tri-Valley Girls Indoor Track Team by winning the OCL Division V, the Sullivan County and Section 9 Class B Championship. The Boys won Division and Sullivan Championship and placed 2nd to Ellenville at the 12 School Section Championship. The Girls had 19 members score points and the Boys had 18 members score points.

The over-all Orange County League Championship Meet was held last weekend with medalists being: Kate Greffrath 3rd High Jump, Maren DiMilia 4th Shot Put and 5th Hurdles, Brooke Gillette 6th 1500 Walk, Eric Boyes 2nd Shot Put and Weight, Brendan Tierney 6th weight, Jim Bernstein 6th 1600 and the 3200 Relay of Bernstein, Omar Lopez, Justin Weintraub and Hauk Boyes placed 6th.

This week 23 team members will compete at the Section 9 State Qualifier at West Point Friday and Saturday. Qualifiers will have to place 1st or 2nd in the 28 School field to qualify for the New York State Championship at Cornell.

Congratulations to all team members on a great season!!

**Sullivan BOCES Awarded Teacher Center Grant**

LIBERTY - Sullivan County BOCES was awarded with a \$106,895 Teacher Center Grant for the 2011-2012 school year. The funds are dedicated to support the work of the Network Team at Sullivan County BOCES and build capacity in accordance with Race to the Top initiatives to enhance teacher practice and effectiveness to improve student learning outcomes.

The grant will allow Sullivan County educators to develop the capacity and competencies needed to implement the Common Core Learning Standards (CCLS) and engage in teacher practices that result in a higher level of student achievement. To reach all teachers in Sullivan County, the Teacher Center is committed to deliver programs in various formats, at different levels of content, and in different locations. The following technology will be used to accomplish this effort: webinars, video conferences, and other online tools and Web 2.0 resources to reach all teachers. In addition to developing the capacity of all teachers in these new competencies, evidence-based practices will be supported through workshops and job-alike programs.

The Teacher Center continues to offer teachers curriculum support through programs such as the StarLab and the teacher workroom. The teacher workroom, located at the Sullivan County BOCES Administration Building, is equipped with a computer that includes software to design cut-outs for instructional bulletin boards or manipulatives. A large poster printer and cold laminator are also available for the creation of supplemental program materials to enhance teacher lessons.

To date, the Teacher Center has engaged the following educators to assist with this effort: Judy Carr, Director at the Center for Curriculum Renewal, will primarily focus on online tools and resources. Carole O'Neill, Consultant, will target Common Core Learning Standards and Laurie Silver, consultant, will address evidence-based practices.

For more information regarding the Teacher Center please contact Cindy Mickelson at (845) 295-4021. For information about the programs and services Sullivan BOCES offers visit our website at [sbcoces.org](http://sbcoces.org) and become a fan on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Sullivan BOCES: Where Futures Begin and Dreams Are Achieved!



## HERE AND THERE *Local News from the Tri-Valley Area*- Hulda Vernooy

Condolences to the Robertson family on the passing of Kathryn Robertson of Woodbourne.

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

### RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE Expert on Gardening Trends to Give Keynote Address

[FERNDALE] - This year's Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference and Expo will focus on gardening trends around the country - and introduce the Renaissance Collection, a group of annuals and perennials that meet the challenges of gardening in Sullivan County. The conference will be held on Saturday, March 10 at the CVI Center in Ferndale.

The Renaissance Collection of annuals and perennials includes nine plants that do well in the Sullivan County climate and are designed to assist communities as the basis of new gardens or as additions to existing beds. There will be a display of the plants at the expo, and the collection will be available at local nurseries and garden centers in the spring.

The keynote address will be delivered by Joe Lamp'l (aka Joe Gardener), one of the country's most recognized and trusted personalities in gardening and sustainability. In 2011 the American Horticultural Society selected him as the recipient of its B.Y. Morrison Communication Award, which recognizes effective and inspirational communication to advance public interest and participation in horticulture - through print, radio, TV and/or online media. That passion was evident to the nationwide audience who watched Joe as host of the popular series "Fresh from the Garden" on DIY Network and "GardenSMART" on PBS.

Today, Joe Lamp'l combines his national television experience and expertise of gardening, environmental stewardship and eco-friendly living as host and executive producer of the award-winning series "Growing a Greener World" on public television.

"Growing a Greener World is a groundbreaking television series that delivers the latest trends in eco-friendly living mixed with traditional gardening know-how to a modern audience," said Joe Lamp'l. "Each episode features the people, organizations and events that are making a difference in our world today by raising awareness and influencing others to better stewardship of the environment we all share."

To view a full episode online, go to [www.growingagreenerworld.com](http://www.growingagreenerworld.com)

Recipients of the 17th Annual Sullivan First Achievement Awards - to be recognized at the conference - will soon be announced. Door prizes will be awarded at the conference conclusion.

The conference features exhibits and workshops on the Renaissance Collection of plants, garden maintenance, recruiting volunteers, cultivating leaders, cultivating leaders, Main Street success stories, enhancing storefronts, and the Catskill Edible Garden Project. It will also outline the new 2012 Sullivan Renaissance grant program and have applications available.

The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and registration. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and runs to 2:00 p.m. Workshops include:

-The Renaissance Collection: Learn how to use this unique collection of annuals and perennials that have exceptional ability to meet the challenges of gardening in Sullivan County. Visit the collection in the Expo.

- Getting Maintenance Support: Learn how this new support program can provide technical and financial resources to enhance the beauty and sustainability of your community garden. Explore how a master calendar can optimize volunteer hours.

-Recruiting & Retaining Volunteers: What makes a person volunteer and stay with an organization from year to year? Hear about a professional's experience in finding and working with volunteers.

-Cultivating Community Leaders: Successful communities need one or more "spark plugs" to move a community to the next level. Learn about the qualities of these "spark plugs" and how to cultivate talent in your community.

-Main Street Success Stories: Using case studies from the central Catskills, including the communities of Margaretville, Roxbury and Fleischmanns, this session focuses on what it takes to create a successful and beautiful Main Street.

-Enhance Your Storefront for Under \$200: Beautiful storefronts enhance the appearance of the communities and invite customers. Learn how the Sullivan Renaissance Mini Grant Program can help.

- Catskill Edible Garden Project (Two Sessions): Edible gardens are a wonderful way to connect young people with their food, while helping them learn about nature, volunteering and nutrition. Include a presentation of edible garden programs that have succeeded.

-Sullivan Renaissance Salon (Individual Appointments): Bring ideas for beautification projects and have a one-on-one conversation with staff, who will review grant paperwork and answer questions. Sign up for one of seven 15 minute slots from 11:00 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Workshop space will be limited to the first registrants. To sign up on-line, go to [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org). To obtain a registration form, call Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. To return a form, email to [sgonzalez@sullivanrenaissance.org](mailto:sgonzalez@sullivanrenaissance.org); fax it to 845-295-2746; or mail to Sullivan Renaissance, c/o Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754.

This is a recycling event; appropriate receptacles will be provided for attendees.

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

### NWTF's SC Longbeards Recives National Acclaim

Volunteers from the NWTF's Sullivan County Longbeards Chapter received national acclaim for their role in nurturing youth interest and education about the outdoors and an active lifestyle through the NWTF's JAKES outreach program.

The Sullivan County Longbeards were honored with the 2011 JAKES Best Event Award with more than 250 participants Feb. 10 at the NWTF's National Convention and Sport Show at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn.

The award was presented at the NWTF's Federal Breakfast, which celebrated the theme: "Champions of Outreach." The JAKES event was one of more than 1,000 held throughout the nation by NWTF volunteers.

Among other outdoor activities, Benelli sharpshooter Scott Matthews gave a demonstration at the day-long event that brought families together.

The NWTF's JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) program teaches the principles of wildlife management and the traditions of safe, ethical and responsible hunting for youth up to age 12.

At JAKES events, youth learn about the outdoors, participating in activities such as hunting and fishing while learning about wildlife and the importance of conservation.

"The Sullivan County Longbeards provided a shining example of how JAKES events teach our youth about the outdoors and conservation in a fun-filled, safe environment," JAKES program coordinator Mandy Harling said.

The NWTF's Xtreme JAKES program provides advanced outdoor opportunities and challenges for ages 13-17. More than 75,000 youth attended JAKES and Xtreme JAKES events in 2011. Any local chapter that holds a JAKES event can apply for 10 highly competitive JAKES national awards. Sullivan County, N.Y., volunteers received NWTF national award for youth event.

Founded in 1973, the NWTF is dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage.

Through dynamic partnerships with state, federal and provincial wildlife agencies, the NWTF and its members have achieved a great success in restoring wild turkey populations throughout the United States, spending more than \$372 million to conserve 17 million acres of habitat for all types of wildlife.

To become a member of the JAKES or Xtreme JAKES program, or to volunteer in the JAKES program, visit [www.org/jakes](http://www.org/jakes). To learn more about the NWTF, call (800) THE-NWTF, visit [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org) or go to [www.facebook.com/theNWTF](http://www.facebook.com/theNWTF).

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This year's Sullivan County Longbeard's Banquet is scheduled to be held at the Rockland House in Roscoe on April 15th. To purchase tickets, please call (845)439-3738.

Single tickets are \$65.00 includes membership and dinner; Couple tickets (husband & wife) \$95.00 includes two dinners and one membership. If interested in the Early bird special add \$100.00 to any of the above packages and receive \$400 worth of bucket raffle tickets. Lots of great prizes!!

We always have a great time and tickets go real quick, so call soon.

### Little Sparrow at SC Museum in Hurleyville

On Saturday, March 3rd, 2012 6-9pm there will be live acoustic music at the Woodsongs Coffeehouse, Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York. Admission \$5. Hosted by the band "Little Sparrow".

Guest musicians are the Carl Richards Band performing acoustic country, and Antoine Magliano and Steve Schwartz performing acoustic rock and blues. For more information call 845 434-8044 or 845 671-9548.

### SPIRALS AND SPURS

By Peggy DeWire



"How do tree limbs know when to stop growing longer?" Fred asked me as we crossed his backyard at the end of our hike.

"Let's go over to that apple tree and find out," I said as we munched through the snow and stood looking up at it.

We noticed how the limbs grew off the trunk at an angle and how the tree had a typical round shape while a nearby pine was a triangle.



I remarked that a tree grows out of the ground in a spiral to the pre-programmed height and width of its family type. Just like your body, Fred, has genes that control how tall and how big you'll finally get.

As the tree spirals upward, every branch grows from the trunk at a fixed angle which is repeated by all smaller limbs, then twigs and lastly, leaves.

This is called the "universal spiral" which you can see in snail shells, spider webs, rams horns and the outer plates on pineapples. Can you think of more spiral things in nature?

A spiral allows growth in a mathematical ratio of 3.1416 or pi so that each whorl is related to the next in size. Artists call this expanding pattern "dynamic symmetry."



If you let your eye move up the apple tree from branch to branch, noting the angle where they leave the trunk, you'll see it's always the same and keeps the limbs growing parallel. This maintains the tree's overall shape, as pre-programmed. There's one more control I'm coming to.

The tree spiral can be distorted by poor light conditions or wind damage but new limbs always develop at the proper angle succession to expand the spiral.

So, Fred, to answer your question of how branches know when to stop growing, I want you to look at this ordinary twig at the end of its own spiral. Now look back from the end bud along the twig at the winter buds arranged in a neat spiral pattern.

But what's this! An ugly stubby twig in the wrong place! It's a spur that opens its end bud, putting out leaves and flowers but no extenders! Every year that spur makes a rough bark ring on the twig and the number of rings show its age. This spur has three rings and is about two inches long, so it took three years of retarded growth to grow two inches.

Apple trees go for the spur method to hold back branches and keep the tree's symmetry.

So do cherry, birch and larch. Other trees such as tulip and oak let underbranches just die off.

Nature has two patterns for tree growth - spiral and opposite. That is, two branches twigs and leaf buds are always located exactly across from each other on the trunk.

Maple, ash and dogwood use this design to give their leaves greatest exposure to sunlight without overlapping.

Some opposite pattern trees form spurs to maintain their symmetry and compactness.

Why trees make spurs instead of long twigs at the right time and place to build the best-shaped tree remains a mystery yet.

I left Fred rushing around from pine tree to apple tree finding spurs.

He waved goodbye and thanks for showing him something to discover in his wintertime backyard.

### Helpful Hints - Sock it Two You!

Fill sport tube socks with fiber fill and place near doors or on window sills and near cracks to keep cold air from coming through.

Use single sport tube socks to store golf balls, tennis balls and other small toys.

Fill part of the foot with potpourri, clip to the right size that you will need, and sew closed. Then use as a sachet in drawers and closets.

Put soap chips in the foot part of a sock, then clip to size you need, then sew shut. Use in the bath.



**MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 37**

by John Dwaine McKenna



Have you ever had one of those days when nothing goes right? Where every blessed thing is late, broken, or uncooperative? You know what I mean. The wake-up alarm doesn't go off, you can't find the car keys, the boss is all in an uproar and your co-workers won't talk to you? Well, let me tell you about Charlie Hardie, the protagonist in this weeks MBR NO. 37, and a really, Really, R-E-A-L-L-Y bad day at work. The novel is "The first of three explosive pulp thrillers" by an author and cult crime fiction writer named Duane Swierczynski. It's title is Fun & Games (Mulholland, \$14.99, 286 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-13328-9)

In it, Charlie Hardie, an ex-cop with a past, and a drinking problem in the present, flies into Los Angeles and rents a compact car as he prepares to start a new job as a house-sitter in one of LA's exclusive, and expensive, canyon homes out by the Pacific Coast Highway. But that's the end of Charlie's good day. Instead of a sixty-inch plasma TV and a soft leather couch, he finds a squatter, who stabs him with a microphone stand and claims to be a famous actress, who's being chased by a team of hit men determined to kill her, and Charlie's day gets nothing but worse. Before it's over he's been stabbed, beaten, shot at, the house he's being paid to watch is blown up and burned to the ground, and he winds up fleeing for his life with hit men, the LAPD and FBI all looking for him. It's mystery, mayhem, and murder in non-stop action from the opening sentence to the last page in the best pulp fiction tradition. This is the first of the trilogy, and I'll review the second Charlie Hardie adventure, Hell & Gone next week. Stay tuned. If you liked the movie Pulp Fiction, you're gonna love the Charlie Hardie Series.

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**HospitalityGreen to Work with SC Community College to Improve Their Sustainable Operations** -One Year Contract will Focus on Sustainable Purchasing and Waste Management for the College

HospitalityGreen is pleased to announce that it will be working with Sullivan County Community College as a sustainable operations consultant. Sustainability is already at the core of SUNY Sullivan, with a state-of-the-art green facility and an extensive sustainable education curriculum.

"We decided to hire HospitalityGreen to supplement the college's ongoing efforts in campus sustainability," said Helena le Roux Ohm, SUNY Sullivan's Director of Sustainability Projects & Initiatives. "HospitalityGreen's experience and tools related to waste reduction, waste diversion, and policy development will be a tremendous asset for the college. SUNY Sullivan hopes to establish itself as a regional and national leader in campus sustainability, and HospitalityGreen will be an important partner for us in this process."

HospitalityGreen will be working with the college throughout the year on purchasing sustainable products and waste management/recycling for everything from dining services and culinary, computer/electronics purchasing, cleaning products and office and tissue paper purchasing. HG will also develop recommendations for improvements for waste and recycling for the cafeteria, dorms, and all academic and administrative departments. Evadne Giannini, Principal and Founder of HospitalityGreen says, "We are so pleased to be working with SUNY Sullivan in this capacity. They are a shining example of dedication to environmental responsibility, and we are looking forward to working with them to meet their sustainable operations goals."

HospitalityGreen LLC is a New York based consulting firm specializing in environmental and operations consulting services. HospitalityGreen partners with service-based and product-based clients throughout the hospitality, manufacturing and institutional healthcare industries, to implement sustainable business practices. For more information on HospitalityGreen and the Green Concierge Project, visit [www.hospitalitygreen.com](http://www.hospitalitygreen.com) or call (845) 436-6173.

SUNY Sullivan, one of the 64 colleges in the SUNY system, offers 40 majors/programs leading to an associate's degree. The college is committed to developing a vibrant sustainability core to the college's mission. Not only does the college offer a number of sustainable programs, most recently wind turbine technology, the campus has a solar panel used to provide an additional electrical energy source, a geothermal facility used to heat and cool a good portion of the campus, a community garden and an experimental straw bale structure that was constructed by students as part of their green technology curriculum.

**Health Quest and Ellenville Regional Hospital Currently Providing Cardiology Services to Community**

Poughkeepsie, NY - February 13, 2012 - Health Quest and Ellenville Regional Hospital are pleased to continue meeting the health needs of the Ellenville community with access to cardiologist Dr. Saeeda Mahmud. She is currently accepting new patients at her office located at Ellenville Regional Hospital, 10 Healthy Way. Call (845) 647-6400 x294 today for further information or to make an appointment.

In December 2010, Ellenville Regional Hospital (ERH) formed a partnership through its Critical Access Transfer Agreement with Health Quest's Vassar Brothers Medical Center (VBMC) in Poughkeepsie. As a result of this

relationship, Dr. Mahmud has become a member of Health Quest.

The expansion of this relationship allows the citizens of Ellenville access to the full depth and breadth of Vassar's award-winning cardiac services as a continuum in cardiac care. As a Critical Access Hospital, ERH provides rural community patients their first entry into the health care system by providing primary hospital services. A Critical Access Hospital (CAH) is a hospital designation which provides enhanced reimbursement from Medicare for small, rural hospitals, as well as the opportunity to better match the local community's needs to the hospital's capabilities.

In order for the hospital to meet the CAH requirements, it must include the services of at least one Critical Access Hospital and at least one full-service acute care hospital. Through its transfer agreement with Vassar Brothers, ERH patients will have access to all of the high quality and cost-effective services currently available at VBMC. Health Quest is the Mid-Hudson Valley's largest healthcare system providing the highest quality care across a broad spectrum of services. Offering the full range of hospital services, pre-hospital emergency care, homecare and nursing home care, the Health Quest system provides immediate and caring service to the one million people who reside in the New York counties of Columbia, Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Putnam and northern Westchester. Health Grades, a leading hospital ratings organization, recently acknowledged Health Quest as "the most recognized health system in the Hudson Valley".

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

For more information, visit [www.ellenvilleregional.org](http://www.ellenvilleregional.org)

**Regarding FEMA Grant Recipients and 2011 Income Taxes**

During Income Tax Season, there have been numerous inquiries asking if the funds received from FEMA and ONA are to be claimed on income tax. The answer is no. Disaster funds are not taxable.

Applicants who suffered damage due to a Federally declared disaster may be able to claim some of their losses on their income tax and should contact the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for further information.

They will not receive a 1099 from FEMA; However SBA loans are interest accruing loans; the interest may be tax deductible. The 1099 was most likely from the SBA. These inquires should go to the IRS phone number above or the SBA at 1-800-659-2955.

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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

## The KISS Principle

Henry David Thoreau admonishes us "to keep our accounts on a thumbnail." Simplify. KISS. Keep it simple, stupid! I am trying, but as tax season rolls around, I am trying to sort out a year's worth of receipts that were not filed but deposited in a very large basket. Just keeping up with the mail is a secretarial job approaching full-time proportions.

E-mail was supposed to expedite communication. It hasn't. All that junk mail that used to fill the mailbox at the end of the driveway now shows up on two computers and an i-Pad. "You've got mail" used to be a joyous announcement. Now it means I have about a half hour or deleting or un-subscribing.

Although I do a lot of shopping on-line, I have multiple user names and passwords. There are so many that I have to record them in a notebook and access them. Invariably the passwords are a stairway away from the computer I am using. I am beginning to long for the simple life when I didn't depend upon a cable modem.

I used to keep my events written on one calendar. Now I have to do that plus update my planner and log them on to i-Calc so the computer can remind me that I have a dentist appointment.

Going to the Library Story hour on Tuesday

mornings with my 18 month old granddaughter is a short respite from the complications of taxes, stock markets, communication and such. We (mommies and grandmommies) sit in a circle and sing "Wheels on the Bus" with Lisa Minard. We eat heart-shaped sugar cookies that Mary Hessely made to go with the apple juice. We glue hearts on paper with Ruth-Ann and sign "I Love You." As I do this with Philanthe, I realize that I don't say that often enough to the people I cherish. Then we take a nap because we are all tuckered out from marching through the stacks with cymbals and drums. Yes, this is the simple joy of pre-school childhood.

Here it is the Ides of February, and my forsythia looks like it might bloom soon. Some bulb flowers are poking through the not-yet-frozen ground. I am enjoying the savings on fuel but lamenting the loss of income to ski areas and men who snow-plow for a living. After floods in the fall, a mild winter here and snow in Greece and Italy, I wonder what Mother Nature has in store for spring and summer. She is certainly one confused Lady. I have a bin of gloves, mittens, scarves and hats that have been unnecessary this mild winter. Another reminder of a need to simplify. Since I have but one head, one neck and two hands, I probably don't need a dozen of each.

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Greetings and welcome to this week's Reservoir Music Notes. Well, we all know by now that Whitney Houston died this week. I actually got the news just before my deadline last week, but I decided not to write anything about it because, well, her music just ain't my bag! But, she did have an amazing voice and was a force to be reckoned with in music, so I decided not to let her pass without at least a mention. The girl could sing! I only wish her career had been guided by someone other than Clive Davis, so she might've had a real music guy in her corner. She could've been another Aretha, had her material not been so white bread! RIP Whitney.

"Howlin' For Hubert," a celebration of the musical legacy of the late Hubert Sumlin and his influence on every guitar hero of today, has been confirmed for February 24th at New York's legendary Apollo Theater. The evening will benefit the Jazz Foundation of America. The concert will feature performances by Doyle Bramhall II, Eric Clapton, Gary Clark Jr., James Cotton, Shemekia Copeland, Billy Flynn, Barrelhouse Chuck Goering, Buddy Guy, David Johansen, Steve Jordan, Danny Kortchmar, Dr. John, Keb Mo, Todd Mohr, Ivan Neville, Robert Randolph, Keith Richards, Kenny Wayne Sheperd, Larry Taylor, Susan Tedeschi, Derek Trucks, Jimmie Vaughan, Jimmy Vivino, Willie Weeks, Jody Williams, Kim Wilson, and other special surprise guests.

After playing for a lifetime and lifting the world with his blues, it is hard to believe that a legend like Hubert, who influenced so many in the music world, could die penniless. That is why this tribute to Hubert will benefit the Jazz Foundation of America, with 6000 musician emergency cases a year, saving jazz and blues one musician at a time. A fund in his honor will be created from this concert as it was his wish that no musician would ever have to go through this again.

For twenty two years the Jazz Foundation of America (JFA) has been committed to providing jazz and blues musicians with financial, medical, housing, and legal assistance as well as performance opportunities, with a special focus on the elderly and veterans who have paid their dues and find themselves in crisis due to illness, age, and/or circumstance. JFA keeps hundreds of jazz and blues legends in crisis, from eviction and homelessness by paying rents and mortgages, and finding creative dignified solutions to heal their darkest hours, as they have always been there to heal

ours.

Quiet and extremely unassuming off the bandstand, Hubert Sumlin played a style of guitar incendiary enough to stand tall beside the immortal Howlin' Wolf. The Wolf was Sumlin's imposing mentor for more than two decades, and it proved a mutually beneficial relationship; Sumlin's twisting, darting, unpredictable lead guitar constantly energized the Wolf's 1960s Chess sides, even when the songs themselves were less than stellar.

A member of The Blues Hall of Fame, Hubert's singular playing is characterized by "wrenched, shattering bursts of notes, sudden cliff-hanger silences and daring rhythmic suspensions". Listed in Rolling Stone's The 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time as well as a four time Grammy nominee he is cited as a major influence by many artists, including Eric Clapton, Keith Richards, Robbie Robertson, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Jimmy Page and Jimi Hendrix.

Tickets are sold out, if they even were ever offered to the public, but if you can talk, buy, squirm, or otherwise gain admission into this once in a lifetime event, you'll have a memory that will last a lifetime!

If you can't get in to the "Howlin' for Hubert" Concert, here's the best of the rest for this week.

Wednesday, February 22 - ROBERT CRAY BAND is at Tarrytown Music Hall tonight. As I mentioned last week, Robert was on the bill for Stevie Ray Vaughn's last concert, and has always been one of Eric Clapton's, and my, favorite guitarists. He writes good songs and can wail with the best of 'em! Recommended!

Friday, February 24 - Really good RnB band, complete with horns and chick singer, are at The Colony in Woodstock tonight. I've heard a lot about SISTER SPARROW AND THE DIRTY BIRDS, and the clips I checked out on the internet sounded really good. What's better than old school RnB? Definitely worth checking out. Also tonight up in Hudson at Club Helsinki, the truly formidable ALEXIS P. SUTER will school you in The Blues and more. Veteran of about a hundred Midnight Ramble opening slots, and dozens of shows with Levon on the road, Alexis was nominated this year for a Blues Music Award in the category of Best Soul Blues Female Artist, so you know she's gonna bring it! And all you gotta do is bring yourself (and a few friends).

Saturday, February 25 - There're four very interesting shows tonight. HOT TUNA is at The Egg in Albany. Great venue, great band. Hope they're playing electric. For you downstaters, the great Cajun band, BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO, is at

BB King's in Manhattan. I always liked these guys, ever since I heard their killer cover of the Derek and The Dominoes classic, "Why Does Love Have to be so Sad". Also in Manhattan, JIMMY DESTRI, keyboard player in Blondie for many years, even into their current incarnation, seems to be out on his own and playing tonight at Joe's Pub. I would really like to check this out, but I'll probably wind up at The Bearsville Theater for THE KANE BROS. BLUES BAND. Formed in Woodstock in 1972, these guys broke up in 1977, but not before impressing Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, and James Cotton. During their 30 year break, they conquered many worlds in music and got back together in 2002. Their audio clips sound most blueswailing, and I'm gonna make this a Pick of the Week. How d'ya like them apples? More info at [www.bearsvilletheater.com](http://www.bearsvilletheater.com).

Sunday, February 26 - Today was George Harrison's birthday and there are celebrations planned for several clubs in Manhattan. Don't know any of the bands, so I'm not recommending any of them, just sayin', if you dug George's music, you'd probably have fun at any of them. More info at [www.villagevoice.com](http://www.villagevoice.com), click on Calendar section and select date. Former Woodstock resident, TODD RUNDGREN pulls into City Winery in Manhattan tonight for the first of two shows.

Monday, February 27 - Todd wraps it up at City Winery and "In Performance at The White House: Red, White, and Blues" airs on PBS tonight at 9PM. This might be a show worth Tivoing, or whatever you use to record TV shows. The show features Mick Jagger, Jeff Beck, BB King, Keb Mo, Gary Clarke, Jr., and Trombone Shorty, with Booker T as musical director. WOW! This is a Pick of the Week, my first ever TV pick! Maybe the President will join them for another round of Al Green's "Let's Stay Together". LOL.

Tuesday, February 28 - If you missed VAN HALEN at their Café Wha? performance last month, you can catch them tonight at Madison Square Garden. Also, legendary guitarist, LEO KOTTKE, starts a two night run at City Winery in Manhattan. Kottke is the foremost living proponent of acoustic trance guitar in the style popularized (well, at least to his core cult following) by the late great John Fahey. He ain't gonna rock out, but you will be mesmerized. Leo finishes up tomorrow night, Wednesday, February 28.

Happy Leap Year! See you next week.

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**From Sullivan Co Sheriff's Office**  
On Thursday February 16, 2012, at approximately 6:00 PM, Sullivan County Deputy Sheriff Richard Morgan was preceding east bound in his marked patrol car on Sullivan Avenue (Old 17) in Ferndale. As he emerged from under the ST-17 overpass, his vehicle was struck by ice and snow that had been thrown by a state DOT plow truck from the roadway above. The falling debris blew out the patrol car's windshield causing cuts to the deputy's face and lodged shards of glass in his eyes. Deputy Morgan was rushed to Catskill Regional Medical Center in another Sheriff's vehicle that arrived on the scene shortly after the accident. Just before arriving at the hospital's entrance, the vehicle transporting the injured deputy had to engage its four wheel drive and detour off road, around several downed utility lines, in order to reach the emergency room. The utility lines had been knocked down by a

car that ran off the road in a separate accident. Deputy Morgan was treated in the emergency room and released several hours later. He is expected to make a full recovery.

**Kerhonkson Woman Faces Animal Cruelty Charge**  
On Thursday, February 9th, Ulster County SPCA investigators arrested and charged a Kerhonkson woman with animal cruelty. She is accused of failing to provide proper care for her dog, a misdemeanor under section 353 of New York State Agriculture and Markets law. Keri Ann Baker, 40, of 74 Minnewaska Trail Rd. in Kerhonkson, NY, had her 8 year old German Shepherd euthanized in late January, but not before concerned individuals were able to photograph the dog named Gwen in a state of severe neglect.

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Evidence was forwarded to Ulster County SPCA investigators and Baker was arrested following issuance of a warrant. The defendant was arraigned in Town of Wawarsing Court and assigned a public defender. Further proceedings are adjourned until February 24th when Baker is scheduled to reappear before the court.





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## Medication Use Safety Training (MUST!) for Seniors

Older adults live with at least one chronic condition, including arthritis, heart disease or diabetes, take multiple medicines and consult several healthcare providers. In addition, age-related changes that affect the way certain drugs work in the body, as well as noticeable communication gaps about medicines between patients and their healthcare providers, can set the stage for serious medicine use related problems, resulting in additional illness, hospitalization and even death.

The Caregiver Resource Center has scheduled MUST for Seniors™ (Medication Use Safety Training) workshop for Monday, March 12 at 12 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension (64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty). Seniors and caregivers may call (845) 292-5250 or email cn55@cornell.edu to register by March 7 (a minimum of 5/maximum of 15- please RSVP to hold your seat). The CRC is joining the National Council on Patient Information and Education (NCPIE) to provide important information about safe medicine use to older adults and caregivers.

MUST for Seniors™ is an interactive initiative designed to promote safe and appropriate medicine use by giving older adults and caregivers the tools and know-how to avoid medication misuse, recognize and manage common side effects in consultation with their healthcare providers, and improve medicine use knowledge, attitudes, and skills to avoid medication errors. When used properly, medicines can treat or delay the onset or progression of many chronic conditions, and enhance quality of life by limiting loss of function and alleviating troublesome symptoms.

"This is an important educational campaign, especially in light of the aging baby boomer population, which is expected to reach 71 million strong by 2030," said Deborah Allen, Executive Director of the Sullivan County Office for the Aging. "The use of multiple medicines -- prescription and over-the-counter medicines in addition to supplements and herbal remedies -- can result in potentially harmful drug interactions, so it's critical to open a dialogue among older adults, caregivers and healthcare professionals about these issues."

## SUNY Ulster Presents Changing Times, New Directions Workshop

Learn about SUNY Ulster's seamless Admissions process and receive valuable information and resources at a workshop from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on February 28, at the Business Resource Center, Room 123, at One Development Court, in Kingston.

If you are looking for new skills to enhance your marketability, start a new career, or are thinking about going to college for the first time-this workshop is for you.

A seat for this free information session can be reserved by calling the Admissions Office at (845) 687-5022 or emailing admissions@sunyulster.edu.

Those unable to attend on the above date should call the Admissions Office to learn about additional sessions at 845-687-5022 or email at admissions@sunyulster.edu.

## "Broadway Cabaret" at SC Museum in Hurleyville is an Outstanding Local Theatrical Production (From Pg. 1)



Photos & Information: Richard Chiger (845) 794-7966

Sullivan County Dramatic Workshops production of "Broadway Cabaret" - A Musical Tribute to Irving Berlin and other fabulous composers of the "Great White Way."

The show kicked off naturally with Irving Berlin. The entire cast strode on stage with a rousing "There's No Business Like Show Business" from Annie Get your Gun.

This was immediately followed by a Berlin duet, "They Say it's Wonderful" by Lori Schneider-Wendt (Hurleyville) and Scott Eckers (East Meadow). In the second act Scott sang, "Grow for Me" from Little Shop of Horrors while a blood-sucking plant swallowed his thumb.

Lori's solo was an emotive, polished "Maybe This Time" from Cabaret. Audience applause affirmed this to be a shower-stopper.

The audience, was toe-tapping along with Laura Garone's (Grahamsville) tap dancing to "I got Rhythm" from George Gershwin's "Girl Crazy." Laura also sang, "How Deep is the Ocean" from Berlin's "White Christmas."

Blended harmony with two different melodies in, "Your Just in Love" from Irving Berlin's Call Me Madam, and, in Act II - "Night and Day" from Cole Porter's "Gay Divorcee" was provided by Soprano Dr. Terri Hall (Rock Hill) and Tenor Carmine Pace Iantori (Middletown). He sang in the higher range than Terri in a complex harmonic duet style reminiscent of Frank Sinatra with Ella Fitzgerald.

Fifteen year-old Haylee Cosgrove (Grahamsville) soloed the plaintive, "Little Lamb" from Gypsy. Then joined by 15 year-old Ilyssa Weiner (Woodridge) danced and sang, "If Momma was Married" also from Gypsy. Ilyssa also soloed "What I did for Love" from "A Chorus Line."

The provocative Taylor Joffe (Livingston Manor) got into a shoutin' singing match with Richie Chiger in "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better," then performed the hellzapoppin "I get a Kick Out of You" from Cole Porter's "Anything Goes."

Described in the program as the world's worst banjo player, Banjo Billy Brenner (Grahamsville) performed "Makin' Woopie" singing the joyous, "Once in Love with Amy" from Frak Loesser's

with audience participation. When his banjo was confiscated, he hopped around the stage singing the joyous, "Once in Love with Amy" from Frak Loesser's "Where's Charley."

The old pro Sally Gladden (Woodridge) roused the audience in "Blue Skies" from Berlin's "Betsy." Then Sally did her trademark emotional "Dolly" speech to Ephram and sang "Before the Parade Passes By" from "Hello Dolly."

Twelve year-old long blond haired Mekayla Perneszi (Fallsburg) literally stole the show.

In Act I she sang, "Never Never Land" from Peter Pan. In Act II she transported you directly to Broadway as she belted out "Tomorrow" from "Annie."

Julie Fedor (Hurleyville) brought the audience close to tears with her poignant, "Somebody Like You" from "Jekyll and Hyde," and "Memory" from Andrew Lloyd Weber's "Cats."

Even Richard Chiger (Monticello) got into the act with "Somewhere" from Leonard Bernstein's, "West Side Story."

Saving the best for last was the delightfully unpredictable elfish Ellen Pavloff (Kerhonkson), a Fallsburg School teacher. Holding only a photograph, Ellen sang the melodic soulful, "What'll I Do" from Berlin's "Music Box Review."

Then Ellen transformed herself into the kid who wouldn't grow up singing, "I Gotta Crow" from "Peter Pan" dancing wiggling everything, and caw-cawing all around the stage.

The show ending with a full cast reprise of "There's No Business Like Show Business" with Director Richard Chiger leading the performers on stage, and the audience.

Special recognition was deservedly accorded to the dedicated and greatly overworked Leon Hilfstein, piano accompanist (Hurleyville) who rehearsed with each performer during rehearsals and during the show - except for Banjo Billy.

The Broadway Cabaret's uniqueness was in its inspired professional performances. Just as in films, it takes an organization of specialists. Stage Manager Bunny Woloszczak (Hurleyville) was the mother hen of efficiency suggestions and encouragement.

With precision, rushing, Paul Puerschner comprised the Stage Crew. Lights, sound and equipment were provided and controlled by Jim Schmidt, Harold Tighe and Tom Delfavero.

Sullivan County had and still has a rich theatrical tradition. It starts from before the Catskill hotels and resorts, through Woodstock, Narrowsburg's Delaware Valley Art Society and its Opera House, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, Bethel Woods and into Open Mike and jam nights in local taverns and coffee houses.

Fall and Winter theatrical events such as these should not be overlooked. We have no local movie house except in Callicoon. These theatrical shows keep our creative spirits warm.

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**Water Color Paintings by Kuhn Caldwell at the Healing Arts Gallery**



Kuhn Caldwell's water color paintings will be on solo exhibition at the Healing Arts Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital from February 27 through April 20. An opening reception to meet the artist will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 from 5 -7 pm. Ellenville Regional Hospital is located at 10 Healthy Way in Ellenville. Free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. For more information about the Healing Arts exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 647-6400, ext. 286.

Kuhn Roberts Caldwell, a Cragmoor resident for seven years, has been creating art ever since he can remember, perhaps inspired by his mother and an artist

in her own right, Annie Kuhn Roberts Caldwell.

Caldwell studied art with nationally known watercolorist Frank Stanley Herring in Burnsville, North Carolina, from age 14 through college. He studied at the University of Virginia on a fellowship from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and received his Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts from the Richmond Professional Institute. A former resident of New York City, he was the Art Director for Christian Dior Perfumes for 20 years. His paintings can be found in private collections from California, to Texas, Iowa and at least seven other states. He enjoys the local scenery and society, and his bold and beautifully arresting watercolors reflect his love of his surroundings.

**Have You Ever Wanted to Play the Bagpipe?**

MONTICELLO - On February 27th, you can fulfill your dream of learning how to play the bagpipe. This course is just one of the many new courses being offered through the Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES. Classes will run on Wednesdays from February 27th through April 16th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello.

For just \$152, you too can learn the basic techniques of playing a bagpiping - including appropriate scales and actual tunes. Students are responsible for the purchase of their practice chanter. To register and find out more information about the course please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 or 791-4070 between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm or visit us at scbores.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter

**Former Career & Tech Students Touch Base: Where are they now?** (From Pg. 1)

Today, Carrie works at the Youngsville Veterinary Clinic with Brittany Senor. At the Clinic, they are gaining the valuable experience that will ultimately allow both girls to continue on their journey to reach each of their dreams. Although Carrie loves working with all animals, her goal is to working at an Equine Clinic.

Heather Ackermann is working in the Horse Therapy Programs at the Center for Discovery and New Hope. Krysta Kelly, a senior at the Liberty CSD and current Animal Science students, is working with Heather in the Horse Therapy Program at the New Hope facility as a volunteer.

According to Barbara Moran, Animal Science Instructor at BOCES, "I have visited both of Heather's programs and her work there is amazing."

If you would like more information about the Career & Technical Education Programs offered at Sullivan BOCES call (845) 295-4152 or visit us at scbores.org.

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**Health Occupations and LPN Students Give Back to School Districts**

LIBERTY - As part of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month™, the Health Occupations, New Vision Health, and high school LPN students from Sullivan BOCES are circulating throughout the county visiting each school district to provide a series of Give Back to School Districts events. At the events, students provide materials and blood pressure screenings for staff and talking to various science classes about the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

One of the recipients of the Sullivan West Give



Dakota Hahl checks Patricia Norden's blood pressure

Back Event, Patricia Norden, an English Teacher at the high school, was really appreciative of what the students were doing. "It's great to know that these students are going into the healthcare field. Knowing many of them, I know they have the personality to excel in the field. Each of them are caring and considerate people," said Norden.

"The Give Back to School Districts events planned throughout the month will illustrate the rigor and relevance CTE courses offer our students," said Denise Sullivan, Director of Career and Technical Education. "By providing this service, our local districts can see how they have invested in their students' lives by sending them to Career and Tech. We then can provide the students with the latest technology and skills that will prepare them to become successful employees, as well as future leaders."

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center browse our website at www.scbores.org or call 295-4152. For program updates, become a fan of Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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**You too can learn the basics of solar thermal heating**

MONTICELLO - On February 24th, the Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a course in Solar Thermal Basics. Classes will be held from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm at the St. John Street Education Center, in Monticello.

Thanks to a NYSEDA grant, this course is being offered for only \$100.00. Classes will run on Fridays from February 24th through March 26th.

This course is ideal for individuals who want to understand how the solar thermal system works and how they can help save fuel costs.


To register and find out more information about the course please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 or 791-4070 between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm or visit us at scbores.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



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**Leap Year and an Extra Day!**

- L. Comando

We get an extra day this year. Is that good or bad? Some may think it is just an extra day of work, while there are those who will look at the day as special and celebrate it. And don't forget those babies that were born on February 29th who only get to celebrate their birthday once every four years! A special Happy Birthday to all of you.

For single women who may adhere to whimsical tradition, Leap Year Day just might be what they have been waiting for. Traditionally, going far back into history, it's the day single women can step up to the plate and propose their wishes to an available man. Would they ask for dinner for two, a movie, a warm hug, or even marriage?

From one its original sources four centuries ago in Scotland, the tradition was called Woman's Privilege that evolved into Al Capp's updated idea in his Sadie Hawkins cartoons during the 1930s.

Of course, today with our new modern electronic tools a woman can make quick work of communication no matter what the questions are, unlike the poor Scottish, French, and Italian women back in the day who had to wait patiently for the day to come and whether it was asking to go to a dance, dinner or propose marriage, it had to be done face-to-face!

Now on February 29, a woman can write her innermost longings on email and send it in seconds or post her hopes on Facebook. Or she can text the man of her dreams with a sweet heartfelt message and include her best photo in the transmission.

How did this all begin. Whether you want the scientific reason for Leap Year, or the romantic whimsical side, it is just not an ordinary day!

Starting with the the quasi-scientific reasoning, we all know that Leap years are necessary because the actual length of a year is 365.242 days, not 365 days.

It is believed Julius Caesar was behind the origin of leap year in 45 BC. The early Romans had a 355 day calendar and to keep festivals occurring around the same season each year a 22 or 23 day month was created every second year. Julius Caesar decided to simplify things and added days to different months of the year to create the 365 day calendar, the actual calculation were made by Caesar's astronomer, Sosigenes. Every fourth year following the 28th day of Februarius (February 29th) one day was to be added, making every fourth year a leap year.

However, there is one exception to the leap year rule involving century years, like the year 1900. Since the year is slightly less than 365.25 days long, adding an extra day every 4 years results in about 3 extra days being added over a period of 400 years. For this reason, only 1 out of every 4 century years is considered as a leap year. Century years are only considered as leap years if they are evenly divisible by 400. Therefore, 1700, 1800, 1900 were not leap years, and 2100 will not be a leap year. But 1600 and 2000 were leap years, because those year numbers are evenly divisible by 400.

And then there is the romantic celebration of Leap Year!

The Leap Year tradition of women asking for a man's hand in matrimony is said to have started in the 5th century with St. Bridget. Bridget of Ireland is the protector of pregnant women, midwives and one of the three patron saints of Ireland and she is the Patroness of Dairy, Cattle and Poultry Workers. According to history books Saint Bridget beckoned St. Patrick and complained to him that the nuns were upset because they never had a chance to propose to the man they wanted to marry. During the time of St. Bridget, nuns were able to marry. She petitioned St. Patrick for all women to be able to propose to a man. St. Patrick granted women the 29th day of February, to propose to their men. The story continues, and it is also told that St. Bridget proposed to St. Patrick and

he turned her down. Instead he promised to give her a silk gown and a kiss.

According to English law of the time, February 29th had no legal status but, there was an unwritten law that stated if a man turned down a woman's proposal during Leap Year he had to compensate her with a kiss plus either a silk gown or a pair of gloves as St. Patrick had promised.

Others credit a Scottish law enacted in 1288 under the unmarried Queen Margaret, which allowed a maiden "liberty to bespeak ye man she likes" during leap year. The knave who refused to marry her and could not prove his engagement to another was assessed a fine.

Then there is the absolute whimsical rendition of Sadie Hawkins Day that began with one of Dogpatch's earliest settlers, Hekzebiah Hawkins. Sadie, the homeliest gal in all the hills, was his daughter and she grew frantic waiting for suitors to come a-courtin'. Still a spinster when she reached the age of 35, her father panicked. He feared Sadie would be living at home with him for the rest of his life. In desperation, he called together all the bachelor men of Dogpatch and declared it Sadie Hawkins Day. A foot race would be held. Sadie would be in hot pursuit of the town's eligible bachelors with matrimony as the prize! Within two year Life magazine featured an article, "On Sadie Hawkins Day, Girls Chase Boys in 201 Colleges." By 1952 Sadie Hawkins Day was so popular it was celebrated at more than 40,000 venues across the country. Even Canada joined the USA in observing the first Saturday following the ninth of November in a Leap Year as Sadie Hawkins Day.

So girls, get creative!

With the beginning of the Lenten season this week, just before we observe Leap Year Day on the 29th, you might want to mull over this idea, if you need an excuse to ask that longtime boyfriend to take a trip to the altar. Since it has been another rule of traditional belief that the way to a guy's heart is still through his stomach why not take him to an "All You Can Eat" fish fry or buffet on a Friday night during Lent. CATCH him off guard and pop the question when he'd least expect it. After all, 2016 is a long wait.

And to all those women who have been happily married, enjoy that extra day this year with that man of your life! I know that is what I am going to be doing.

... Mid Hudson Buffet Frank?

**Kid Stuff at Pine Hill Community Center**

The Pine Hill Community Center will launch Kid Stuff, a free new program for children ages 6-12 on Saturday, March 3, from 10am-12.

Every Saturday morning a different artist, writer, musician or environmental expert will conduct a workshop. PHCC is working with artists and craftspeople from The Catskill Mountain Artisans Guild and with writers from Writers in the Mountains to bring skilled professionals to lead the workshops. Plans for spring and summer include planting a community garden and exploring the natural resources in the Pine Hill area.

On March 3 printmaker and ceramacist Gerda von Leeuwen will teach participants printing techniques to personalize books that can be used for future projects in the series. On March 10, Val Wells will be on hand with a popular workshop on paper marbling - water and color, what could be more fun? Future workshops will be led by artists including poet Sharon Cuccionotta, Collagist Nat Thomas, feltmaker Jill Cline, writer and artist Ellen Greene, author and craftswriter Bethany Lyttle, and others to be announced.

All children are welcome; no pre-registration is required, and there is no requirement that each child come to every class. Pine Hill Community Center Director, Ann Epner, says that this program is designed to interest and attract children from the whole Delaware/Ulster County area. "Every Saturday morning, there is the Coffee's Ready program at theCenter - so parents can socialize and enjoy coffee and baked goodies while their children are in the workshops, or they can drop the kids off and get their Sat. morning errands done," she says.

Funding for the program comes from The Ulster County Youth Bureau and a private foundation. All materials are included. For more information, call (845) 254-5469.

The Pine Hill Community Center - Serving the People of the Central Catskills Celebrating What We Have, Responding to What We Need - Together!

Pine Hill Community Center is located at 287 Main Street, Pine Hill, NY 12465. For information call: 845.254.5469 - Email: info@pinehill-communitycenter.org or visit their website at: www.pinehillcommunitycenter.org

**Message from the Office of Governor Cuomo**

Governor Cuomo knows that the best way to get New York's economy moving again is by focusing on three things: jobs, jobs, and jobs.

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**Statement By Attorney General Schneiderman on Agreement Between Time Warner Cable and MSG Networks**

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today issued the following statement on the agreement to restore MSG Networks' programming to Time Warner Cable customers.

"Our office has worked diligently with Time Warner Cable and MSG Networks over the last month to bring about a resolution to their dispute. We are pleased that both parties have reached an agreement that will finally allow Knicks, Rangers, and Sabres fans to enjoy the rest of this season's games."

**Tea Party Meeting**

At 7:00 PM the monthly meeting of the Sullivan County Tea Party Patriots will be held on March 1st at Yaun Company, 240 Chestnut Street, Liberty. Jim Reed will introduce guest speaker, Robert Dekaj, who will relate experiences of his grandparents, freedom fighters in Albania after WWII. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. For further information contact Marta at [whrotties@netzero.net](mailto:whrotties@netzero.net).

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## Statement from US Congressional Candidate Schreiber on Tax Increase

"Congress must act to protect our citizens from a payroll tax increase," says Julian Schreiber, candidate for the US House of Representatives from NY-22.

"With only two weeks left to act, Republican leaders in Congress finally appear ready to join with Democrats to prevent a tax hike that would hit 160 million people right in their paychecks. This tax hike would not only harm working families but also our economy.

"While Republicans in Washington have never seen a tax break or special deal they didn't like when it's for the privileged and well-connected, they have held this common-sense tax cut for average Americans hostage to their political agenda. It's a matter of fairness. It's time to put the interests of middle-class taxpayers first.

"Republicans representing New Yorkers in Congress should join with Democrats and do the right thing for the middle class. It would be irresponsible to derail our recovery by taking more money from the pockets of our people. This is no time to raise payroll taxes."

On January 31, 2012, Ulster County native Julian Schreiber announced his candidacy to succeed Maurice Hinchey in NY's 22nd Congressional District, where he grew up and is raising his family.

Julian served as a federal prosecutor in the Southern District of NY fighting drug trafficking and white collar crime, as Ulster County Senior Assistant District Attorney, and as an Assistant General Counsel at the Central Intelligence Agency working on international terrorism cases, among others. In 2002, Julian received the Distinguished Service Award from the US Attorney General for assisting in the prosecution and conviction of four al Qaeda terrorists for the bombing of two U.S. embassies (United States v. Osama bin Laden).

Julian Schreiber is running for Congress to bring his independent voice and common sense priorities to Washington: for a strong economy with prosperity built on good jobs; for a fair tax system in which the wealthy don't pay lower rates than American workers; for effective oversight of our financial industry; and to resist demands for even more special treatment by the powerful and the privileged.

Schreiber is a graduate of Kingston High School, Yale College and Yale Law School. He lives in Stone Ridge, NY, with his wife, Shannon, and their three young boys.

## Hinchey Leads 111 House Members Against Post Office Closures USPS Relying on Flawed Data for Closure Plans

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and 110 other U.S. House members today called on Postmaster General Patrick Donahoe to institute a moratorium on United States Postal Service (USPS) discontinuance studies, which will determine if more than 3,600 post offices and other retail facilities should be closed. In a letter signed by the bipartisan group, Hinchey cited a Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) report that points to deep flaws with the data used by the USPS to determine which postal facilities should be considered for closure.

"The data the U.S. Postal Service used to select which post offices it would consider for closure was incomplete, inaccurate and inappropriately targeted rural post offices," said Hinchey. "I'm calling on the Postmaster General to halt all discontinuance studies. Unless they start operating with better information, they could do more harm than good."

The House members outlined several problems cited by the PRC's report on the USPS Retail Access Optimization Initiative (RAOI), including:

- Incomplete data for all Post Offices, branches and stations. Currently, the USPS does not have inclusive data for every individual office, branch or station, which makes it impossible to accurately calculate cost savings from proposed closures.

- Inaccurate representations of usage and revenues for all Post Offices, branches and stations. For example, revenue measurements do not include transactions such as post office box visits, exceptional dispatch for local periodicals, or alternate revenue transactions such as business mail or returns.

- Estimates of the distance between postal facilities that are undergoing a discontinuance study and others nearby that would be required to absorb the consumer base use geographical distance rather than actual driving distance. While the discontinuance study may address this issue, the RAOI needs to provide this information at a preliminary stage so accurate assessments can be used to inform which Post Offices, branches or station are eligible for a discontinuance study.

- The low workload and revenue screen included in the RAOI disproportionately targets rural post offices for discontinuance studies. Targeting rural post offices for discontinuance studies clearly violates 39 U.S.C. 101(b), which maintains that the USPS is required to provide effective and regular postal service to rural communities.

The letter is cosigned by Representatives Michael Grimm, Gary Ackerman, Jason Altmire, Joe Baca, Karen Bass, Shelley Berkley, Sanford Bishop, Tim Bishop, Earl Blumenauer, Madeline Bordallo, Robert Brady, Bruce Braley, G.K. Butterfield, Lois Capps, Michael Capuano, Russ Carnahan, John Carney, Judy Chu, David Cicilline, Yvette D. Clarke, Hansen Clarke, Wm. Lacy Clay, Emmanuel Cleaver, Steve Cohen, Gerry Connolly, John Conyers Jr., Mark Critz, Peter DeFazio, Rosa DeLauro, Ted Deutch, Mike Doyle, Donna Edwards, Keith Ellison, Eliot Engel, Bob Filner, Barney Frank, Charlie Gonzalez, Al Green, Gene Green, Raul Grijalva, Michael Grimm, Luis Guterrez, Alcee Hastings, Brian Higgins, Jim Himes, Mazie Hirono, Tim Holden, Rush Holt, Jesse Jackson Jr., Sheila Jackson Lee, Hank Johnson, Eddie Bernice Johnson, Marcy Kaptur, William Keating, Dale Kildee, Ron Kind, Larry Kissell, Dennis Kucinich, Barbara Lee, John Lewis, David Loebsack, Zoe Lofgren, Nita Lowey, Ben Ray Lujan, Carolyn Maloney, Doris Matsui, Carolyn McCarthy, Betty McCollum, Jim McDermott, James McGovern, Mike McIntyre, David McKinley, Jerry McNerney, Mike Michaud, Brad Miller, Gwen Moore, John Olver, Bill Owens, Frank Pallone, Bill Pascrell, Donald M Payne, Gary Peters, Collin Peterson, Pedro Pierluisi, Chellie Pingree, Nick Rahall, Charles Rangel, Silvestre Reyes, Laura Richardson, Steve Rothman, Bobby Rush, Tim Ryan, Loretta Sanchez, Jan Schakowsky, Adam Schiff, Bobby Scott, Jose Serrano, Terri Sewell, Heath Shuler, Albio Sires, Louise Slaughter, Fortney Pete Stark, Betty Sutton, Bennie G. Thompson, Mike Thompson, Paul Tonko, Ed Towns, Maxine Waters, Peter Welch, Lynn Woolsey and John Yarmuth.

## Schumer, Gillibrand Introduce Legislation to Ensure US Military Buys Steel Made in America, Not China, for Armor Plates - Legislation Would Protect Domestic Jobs and America's National Security by Restoring Requirement that Military Steel be 100 Percent Made in America - Would Help Both Nucor and Klein Steel

U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, joined a group of their Senate colleagues in introducing new legislation to ensure that armor plate for America's military is made in America. The bill would restore a 35-year rule, overturned by the Department of Defense in 2009, requiring that steel purchased by the U.S. military be 100 percent made in America-that is, both melted and finished in the United States. The legislation would be a boost for both Klein Steel, with locations in Western New York, and Nucor, with its Auburn location.

"Our military steel should be proudly stamped 'Made in the U.S.A.' each and every time," said Senator Schumer. "Great manufacturers from every corner of our country are ready to answer the call of duty - let's give them the chance to step up and produce the high quality steel that our military needs, which would boost jobs across the country and help New York companies. American workers can meet the military's need, so we should call on them instead of workers halfway around the world in China or other countries that don't play by the rules and undercut U.S. jobs at every turn."

"There are no better manufacturers than the ones right here in New York State," Senator Gillibrand said. "And there's no reason the products we use to defend our nation shouldn't be stamped with the words 'Made In America.' Our bill can help our manufacturers grow, create new jobs, and guarantee our men and women in uniform are armed with the highest quality equipment."

Steel armor plate is used for military vehicles, tanks, and equipment. Under Defense Department regulations, specialty metals procured for defense purposes-including steel armor plate-must be produced in the United States. Despite more than 35 years of legal interpretation and administrative practice requiring that specialty metals be melted in the United States, the Defense Department in 2009-in the midst of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and during a time when the demand for steel was high-published a final rule defining the word "produced," as it applies to armor plate under the Special Metals Amendment, to include simple finishing processes. This means that armor plate melted in foreign countries, including Russia and China, could be imported and subjected to simple finishing processes in the United States and then deemed to have been "produced" domestically.

Countries like China provide illegal subsidies to their domestic industries, along with undervaluing currency so their exports have an unfair price advantage. The senators were successful in passing the Currency Exchange Oversight Reform Act in 2011, legislation that represents the biggest bipartisan jobs bill-at no cost to American taxpayers-to clear the Senate last year. The bill would treat currency manipulation as an unfair export subsidy,

giving the U.S. new resources to provide immediate relief for American manufacturers being undercut by cheap Chinese imports.

The American Steel and Security Act would require steel armor plate to be both melted and finished in the United States, not only protecting American steel jobs, but our country's national security. The Senators noted that steel companies across the Empire State utilize Nucor steel, whether it's for military plate purposes or simply for raw material supply. Klein Steel, with several locations in Western New York, utilizes much of Auburn's materials and both Klein and Nucor agree that steel made in the U.S. would create more jobs here at home. As Nucor continues to supply, considers expanding, and diversifying its production line in Auburn and across America, it takes its other steel partners' goals into mind, often basing production off their demands. Many are working to hone in on the defense industry, which is why the Senators are seeking to ensure that foreign steel melted abroad does not undercut the ability of U.S. producers like Nucor.

After numerous Congressional inquiries and report language questioning DOD's interpretation of "produced," the FY11 National Defense Authorization Act included a provision requiring a review and, if necessary, revision of the existing regulation to ensure the definition is consistent with Congressional intent (the review was required to be completed within 270 of enactment of the law, i.e., early October 2011). On July 25, 2011, DOD published its request for comment, and the deadline for public comment was September 8, 2011. As of early 2012, DOD has yet to finalize its review.

The legislation, written by Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH), was also introduced by Amy Klobuchar (D-MN), Robert P. Casey, Jr. (D-PA), and Al Franken (D-MN).

In a December letter, Senators Gillibrand and Schumer called for a review of the definition of "produced" as it relates to specialty metals. Current language on armor plate steel - a critical protective element for troops in warzones - considers steel melted outside of the U.S. to be "domestic" and compliant with the Specialty Metals Amendment. The Senators are pushing for new language that would require that armor steel plate be melted in the U.S. and would ensure that federal procurement regulations favor domestic sources of steel.

## POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando - Governor Andrew Cuomo In Action

Dear Fellow New Yorker's,

Two years ago, our state promised to enact real teacher evaluations to secure a \$700 million grant from the federal government. However, a lawsuit blocked enactment and New York risked losing the money. To break the gridlock, Governor Cuomo set a 30-day deadline in his budget address for the teachers' unions and state education officials to come to an agreement on an effective evaluation system. Thanks to the Governor's leadership and the hard work of all parties involved, we were able to work together to put the needs of New York's students first. Yesterday, the Governor, joined by the leadership of the teachers' unions and NYS Education Commissioner John King, announced the creation of a groundbreaking teacher evaluation system that will make New York a national leader in education reform. To learn more about this historic agreement, go to; <http://www.governor.ny.gov/BuildingaNew/ny-students-first>.

The new statewide evaluation system sets guidelines for a combination of performance measures, including classroom observation and student achievement. This will not only make sure that our students are getting the education they deserve, but will pave the way for our children to benefit from \$700 million in federal education funding. By working together, we are putting students first.

Thank you for getting involved

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

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



**The Rondout Blowout**

The following is a story in five parts, brought to you by *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*.

It is entirely fiction. All characters, incidents, names, and places are either products of the author's imagination, or are used fictitiously. Any resemblance to actual persons, whether living or dead, is entirely coincidental and unintended. It appears in slightly different form in *The Neversink Chronicles* as the next-to-last story, entitled *Fictition*.

We're proud to introduce: *The Rondout Blowout...* a story in five parts -copyright ©2012 by John Dwaine McKenna

**PART ONE:**

On Tuesday, a clear, bright fall morning when the air was clean and crisp, with a snap to it that was as sharp as a broken heart, John Tweety felt a trembling in his feet as he walked down the driveway to get the newspaper.

It was only a tickle at first, so slight he almost didn't notice. Then it came again. This time it was stronger, and lasted a couple of seconds longer.

"Almost like putting one of those electric back massager things on my feet," he thought. "Weird. Just one more weird-assed thing in a whole damn barrelful of 'em." Like the lawn, always soggy. It was so wet that the kids couldn't play out there without coming in all wet and muddy. And there was the permanent mud-puddle, a big one, behind the house where he parked his pickup. Betsy had sunk to her knees in it when it appeared like

magic one afternoon. "Can't remember when it last dried up," he thought.

"And I don't think it's rained much lately. I'll check with Betsy when I get back to the house."

At the end of the driveway, he hopped across a rivulet of water where the culvert was backed up because the drainage ditch that paralleled the main road was full.

He retrieved the Times-Herald Record from its delivery box underneath the mailbox and stuck it under his left arm. He glanced at the pair of 3-inch hose that ran down the other side of the lawn from the sump pumps in his basement, and saw they were running at full capacity. John walked back to the house with his newspaper, being careful not to splash mud on his shoes or uniform.

He went around Betsy's car and his pickup, and entered his three bedroom Cape Cod through the back door where the mudroom was . . . saw his wife Betsy moving gracefully around the

kitchen. Betsy was what Mr. A.M.C. Smith referred to as "a traditionally built woman," and a blue-ribbon cook. John never ceased to be amazed by her talent in the kitchen. "Plenty of woman to hold on to in the bed," he thought to himself. He got a mug from the cupboard and poured some coffee, took it to his place at the table.

"Jeeze, I should of put boots on. It's really wet out there." John frowned as he inspected the cuff of his light gray CO, corrections officer, uniform pants, found a few drops of mud and wiped them with a paper napkin.

"Have you checked the well-house in the last week?" Betsy said without turning from the stove where she was making pancakes. "Call the boys, this is ready."

John walked three steps to the stairway and called up:

"Robert, Roger, get a move on. Your mother has breakfast ready. NOW."

He sat back down and helped himself to a cranberry muffin. He said, "Betsy, these are great," as he chewed and dabbed at a crumb in the corner of his mouth with his right thumb.

"Have you checked the well-house?"

"Yeah, Honey. A few days ago."

"This week?"

"No."

"I think you'd better. It's really wet out there. I think it's overflowing again." (Contd. Pg. 14)

It's time for our annual  
**Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner!**  
**Sat. March 10**  
(SNOW DATE: March 11)  
4:30 p.m. until the food runs out.  
**Hurleyville UMC**  
Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage meal  
Tickets at the door:  
Adults and Take-outs: \$10  
Children 5-12: \$5  
For more info, call 434-5097 or 985-2283  
Come and enjoy GREAT food and fellowship!

**CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.**  
**HAPPY ST. PATTY'S DAY**  
**Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper**  
**Saturday, March 17**  
SERVING FROM 4:00 TO 8:00 PM  
ADULTS \$10.00  
Beverage included  
CHILDREN UNDER 12, \$5.00,  
UNDER 5 YRS. FREE  
\$50 FROM THE DINNER IS DONATED TO CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

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

The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches invite you to weekly worship:  
**9 am in Hurlyeville,**  
**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  
P. O. Box 480  
507 Hasbrouck Drive  
Woodbourne, NY 12788  
845-434-8263  
Email: [crosswayaog@aol.com](mailto:crosswayaog@aol.com)  
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**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**  
The Little Church with the Big Heart  
**Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion**  
Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner  
Coffee hour follows service  
All are welcome!  
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  
**March 3, 2012**  
**5:30 pm**  
Sundown United Methodist Church at the Sundown Church Hall  
Grahamsville United Methodist Church  
Feb 18, 2012  
**Thrift Sale Only**  
9 am-1 pm

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**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
(embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)  
**6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY**  
Weekend Mass schedule:  
Saturday afternoon: 5:00.  
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am  
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.  
Daily Mass schedule:  
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am  
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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.  
Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor  
845-985-7480



**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:****LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that the regularly scheduled meeting of the Town of Neversink Town Board scheduled to be held on April 11, 2012 at 7:30 pm, has been rescheduled to be held on April 17, 2012 at 7:30 pm, at the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main St., Grahamsville, NY.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk  
Dated: February 17, 2012

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that March 1, 2012 is the final day for ALL EXEMPTION FORMS to be returned to the Assessor's Office. If we do not receive these forms by that date we will have to remove your exemption for the coming year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at (845) 985-2262 ext. 323, Monday thru Thursday 8:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

2/15; 2/23

The Catskill Watershed Corporation is soliciting bids for portable toilets for a boating program implemented on the Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie Reservoirs. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, March 16, 2012. For bid documents please contact Timothy Cox or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400.

2/16; 2/23

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, The Town of Denning is seeking sealed bids for: #1 and #2 Stone Mix (Ton) Low Abrasion, Millings (Ton), Quarry Rubble (Ton), Solite (Ton), Abrasive Sand (Ton), Low Abrasive Sand (Ton), Screenings (Ton), Gabians (Ton), #1 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1A Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1ST Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #2 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #45 Stone (Ton), Sand - Snow & Ice Control (Yard) / No Clay, Loam or Organics, Item Sand - Snow & Ice Control (Ton) / No Clay, Loam or Organics, #4 (Ton) from Ledge Rock, Crusher Run (Ton) Tail Gate Spread, Dumped Rip Rap (Ton), Flat Bed Rip Rap (Ton), Cold Patch (Ton), Tailings (Yard), Tailings (Ton), Bank Run (Yard), Bank Run (Ton).

The material must be of such grade as to be acceptable to the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent. Sand for all locations shall be screened, clean, hard sharp and free from loam, clay, frozen lumps, loam or organic material with 100% passing through a 3/8 inch sieve.

Upon acceptance of bid price, bidder shall in turn notify the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent when he has at least 100 tons of material stockpiled for the Town of Denning in order that the testing may be done by the Highway Department or by a designated agent for final approval.

Bid forms are available from the Town Clerks Office or the Town Highway Superintendent. Forms must be in a sealed envelope with the company name clearly visible. Bids may be mailed to: Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

All sealed bids must be received by Tuesday, March 13, 2012 prior to the Town of Denning Town Board Meeting; to begin at 7:00 P.M. during SAID meeting All Bids will be publicly opened and read. The meeting is to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

The Highway Superintendent must be informed upon ordering of any and all fuel charges to be added to any material delivery, followed by a fax to serve as written notice.

All material must be delivered to the Town, within the confines of the Town of Denning.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason. The Highway Superintendent reserves the right to reject any unacceptable material.

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

Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk  
2/21; 2/28

**Rondout Blowout (From Pg. 13)**

"Okay. I'll do it when I get off work tonight."

"Don't forget, okay?"

"Kay. I won't."

Roger, Robert and Fearless, the boys' blonde cocker spaniel, all came tumbling down the stairs, laughing, racing and barking; all determined to be the first down the stairs.

John had a mouthful of muffin but swallowed the whole lump and said,

"Take it easy, you two. Don't get the dog all riled up."

"He has to go to the groomers," Betsy said. "I'm dropping him on the way to school."

"He does stink," John said.

"It's because he gets all wet whenever he goes outside."

"Roger, put Fearless in his run and make sure you latch the gate. Robert, help your mother set the table. Chop-chop boys, get a move-on, I gotta go to work."

"And we gotta go to school," the twins said in unison as they went about their assigned tasks. Fearless Fosdick was at the door, wagging his stub tail so hard his whole body was quivering. He yipped twice while Roger got his yellow rubber boots on.

The Tweety's finished a breakfast of pancakes and bacon by 6:20 am, the same as any other weekday. The boys were out by the mailbox waiting for the school bus a few minutes later. John gathered his DOC utility belt and buckled it on. He was going on tower duty today, something he looked forward to as it got him away from the general population, or 'genpop' in the argot of the Eastern Correctional facility where he worked. It was a maximum-security penitentiary at Napanoch, New York, a short ten-minute commute from his house in Warwarsing, but he wanted to be there early today, so he could draw a rifle and relieve the other two CO's in whichever tower he was assigned. He was hoping for the northwestern one because he could just make out the roof of his house with the binoculars.

"Wish my feet would quit trembling and twitching. Maybe I'm going on a journey," he thought. "Yeah, that's it. I bet I'm going on a trip."

Betsy was putting the last touches on her hair and makeup when John leaned in the bathroom door.

"I'm out of here sweetheart."

"Bye, honey. Would you put Fearless in the car on your way out? I'll drop him off on my way to school."

"As you wish, my foxy beauty," John said as he nuzzled her neck, with his hands feeling her breasts.

"You fresh boy."

"Ever and always. Ever and always m'dear," he said as he went out the door to retrieve Fearless and put him in the car. Neither one of them guessing that by 6 o'clock in the evening, they'd be separated and on the national news, or that they would be at the epicenter of the greatest man-made hydraulic disaster since the Johnstown flood killed 2,209 people in southwest Pennsylvania on May 31, 1889.

The flood occurred when heavy rains, poor engineering and lack of proper maintenance caused the failure of the South Fork Dam, 14 miles upstream from Johnstown. The dam impounded the waters of the Conemaugh River, forming Lake Conemaugh, for the exclusive South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club, whose membership included Andrew Carnegie and Henry Clay Frick as well as other luminaries and local dignitaries. The lake was stocked with fish and was two miles long, more than a mile wide and sixty feet deep at the dam. When it failed, a "moving wall of water and debris forty feet high and half-a-mile wide swept downstream with an estimated force of Niagara Falls." The villages of South Fork, Mineral Point, Woodvale and East Conemaugh were totally destroyed, and Johnstown so heavily damaged, it took five years of concentrated effort to rebuild. The lawsuits, brought by the flood survivors against the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club and its individual members, seeking damages and redress for death and suffering was denied.

The disaster was deemed . . . "An act of God."

After the trial, Jerry O'Reilly, a bereaved coke shoveler, was heard to say, "Act o' God my arse. T'wasn't God put that sodding bloody dam up there and t'waren't God doin' the fishin' up there neither."

At 6:40 am John Tweety turned south on Route 209

to make the three-mile commute to Eastern Correctional. By 8 am he was in the northwest tower, armed with a .270 caliber Winchester bolt-action, model 70 rifle with a 12x20 Leupold scope, surveying his field of fire from behind dark aviator sunglasses, fully prepared to kill any rioters or escapees without hesitation.

At 8 am, Betsy Tweety had just dropped Fearless at Wendy's Grooming Service in Kerhonkson and was on her way to New Paltz, where she taught modern American literature. She was hurrying because her first class was at nine, and it was forty miles away. The twins were doing the pledge of allegiance in their second grade classroom at Ellenville Elementary with Mrs. Henderson and twenty-two other kids.

Other than the trembling in John's feet, it was an ordinary day in every respect so

far . . . but it was about to change. Big time.

\*\*\* TO BE CONTINUED \*\*\* Read part II in next week's Townsman

**Sullivan Nonprofit Summit**

BETHEL - The 2012 Sullivan Nonprofit Summit will take place on Wednesday, March 7 at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

This year's summit will continue its focus on fostering leadership and collaboration among the region's rural nonprofits to generate greater impact and support. It will also acknowledge innovative ideas that have produced practical results, and can be used as a model by other nonprofits in the region and beyond.

Educational sessions will include: "Building a Strong, Successful Board," "Role of Nonprofits in Revitalizing the Region," "Pursuing Government Grants" and a panel discussion with regional professionals. Nonprofit representatives will learn what is really working for nonprofits in the region and for the communities they serve. Speakers will also share stories and models of successful collaborative efforts among rural nonprofits and communities.

"Bethel Woods Center for the Arts is pleased to host for the second time the Sullivan Nonprofit Summit," said summit host and Bethel Woods CEO Darlene Fedun, "As a nonprofit we take seriously our role as a cultural and civic center, where we celebrate the arts and their essential role in creating vibrant and engaged communities. The summit is an example of our continuing commitment to serve as community convener and catalyst for innovative ways to inspire citizenship and re-vitalize our region."

The featured lunchtime keynote speaker is Doug Bauer of the Clark Foundation, which helps individuals lead independent and productive lives, and supports nonprofits and programs in New York City and Cooperstown, NY. In addition to the Clark Foundation, Bauer is also executive director of the Scriven and Fernleigh Foundations. He serves on boards or committees for Children's Health Fund, The Melalucca Foundation and Philanthropy New York (formerly NYRAG).

Bauer's on philanthropy have been featured in the Associated Press, The Chronicle of Philanthropy, Contribute, The Financial Times, The Los Angeles Times, The New York Post, The Wall Street Journal and on NPR and CNBC. He has co-authored, with Steven Godeke, Philanthropy's New Passing Gear: Mission Related Investing, A Policy and Implementation Guide for Foundation Trustees.

The afternoon of the summit will focus on breakout sessions designed to give nonprofits in similar fields the opportunity to meet and develop potential projects for collaboration, and will also include the announcement of the Sullivan Regional Innovation Award by Darlene Fedun.

"Through the annual Sullivan Nonprofit Summit we aim to highlight and address in innovative ways the special challenges our regional nonprofits face compared to their metropolitan counterparts," said summit steering co-chair Linda C. Hartley of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts and Hartley Consulting, Inc., "Studies show, for example, that while poverty is more common in rural than in urban areas, large foundations awarding more than \$4 million per year gave only \$530 million to rural nonprofits in 2009, or 1% of out of the \$46 billion awarded by all foundations. By joining forces on creative programs, advocacy and support we can more effectively serve the people and communities of our region."

Summit steering committee co-chair Amanda Langseder from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County said, "The summit is itself, a great example of the power of nonprofit collaboration. Committee members representing nearly a dozen organizations have pulled together to make this year's summit a surefire success. The members of the committee meet regularly, giving of their precious time and resources. This year's event will be a comprehensive day of professional development, leadership training, networking and encouraging messages to all who take pride in working for a nonprofit organization." (Contd. Pg. 15)



**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**

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

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

**Maritime Aquarium, CT Saturday- April 21.** Leave the Town Hall at 8:30 am-return at approximately 5:30 pm. \$22 residents/\$31 non-residents **must be paid by February 28** this includes motorcoach transportation & admission.

**Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre-** Wednesday, April 25. *Legally Blond*. Leave the Town Hall 9 am- return at approximately 5:30 pm. \$40 residents/\$53 non-residents **must be paid by February 28** this includes admission to show, lunch, dessert & motor coach transportation.

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

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

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

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

**Shop0ing Colonie Center, Albany, NY** Friday, November 16. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am return to the Town Hall at approximately 7 pm. \$21 residents and non-residents must be paid by October 16.

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

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

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



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

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

**AL-ANON MEETINGS -**

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

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

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- 2/28/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall
- 3/2/12 First Friday Readers - Daniel Pierce Library - 1 pm -- 985-7233.
- 3/3/12 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 3/6/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall 7 pm
- 3/7/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board
- 3/8/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 3/10/12 Hurleyville Methodist Church **Corned Beef/Cabbage Meal** 4:30'til food runs out. Call 434-5097 or 985-2283
- 3/13/12 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 3/14/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 3/15/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 3/17/12 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 3/17/12 Claryville Fire Dept **St. Patricks Day Corned Beef Dinner** 4 -8 pm (No Pancake Breakfast in March)
- 3/21/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM (No Meetings until March 2012)
- 3/24/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 pm Call 985-7480 for more info
- 3/27/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall

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

June 9, 2012 -11 am - Fund Raising country Auction sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum (Fairgrounds)  
 July 28, 2012 Time and the Valleys Museum Annual Old Time Fair and BBQ

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

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| GRAHAMSVILLE DELI        | VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)  | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY     |
| GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE  | WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION           | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE     |
| CANNIE D'S               | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)      | PLEASANT STONE FARM    |
| BLUE HILL LODGE          | P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne) | PETER'S MARKET         |
|                          | AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty)         |                        |

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 Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Ricclardella'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 County Nonprofit Summit** (From Pg. 14)

This year's summit steering committee includes: Tracy Carluccio, Delaware Riverkeeper Network; Susan Diamond, SullivanArc; Alexis L. Eggleton, Town of Wallkill Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc.; Darlene Fedun, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts (summit host); Kristin Geeslin; Linda C. Hartley, Hartley Consulting, Inc. (co-chair); Maria Ingrassia, SUNY Sullivan; Kathy Krieter; Amanda Langseder, Cornell Cooperative Extension (co-chair); Ann K. Manby, Catskill Art Society; Christine Maraia, Orange Regional Medical Center; Karen Van Houten Minogue, Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan; Laura A. Quigley, Workforce Development; onathan Rouis, Sullivan County Legislator; Whitney Schlott, Bethel Woods Center for the Arts; Kaytee Warren, Chief Professional Officer, United Way of Sullivan County

The summit event sponsors are Catskill Hudson Bank, the Community Foundation of Orange & Sullivan, Jeff Bank and SUNY Sullivan.

For more information or to sponsor the March 7th Sullivan Nonprofit Summit, contact Amanda Langseder at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County at 845-292-6180, [ags97@cornell.edu](mailto:ags97@cornell.edu). To register for the Summit please contact Cindy Niven at 845-292-6180, Email: [cn55@cornell.edu](mailto:cn55@cornell.edu).

**Are You Interested in Pursuing A Career in Nursing?**

**LIBERTY** - On Tuesday March 6th, the Sullivan County BOCES Career and Technical Education Center will be hosting two information sessions about the BOCES LPN (Licensed Practical Nursing) Program. Potential students can choose to attend either sessions are being offered: 1:00 PM to 2:00PM or 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Both sessions will be held in the Eugene D. Nesin Theatre/Auditorium at the St. John Street Education Center, in Monticello.

Each session will include an overview of the LPN Program admission process. Learn about the application requirements, admission testing, financial aid resources and other program information. The nursing faculty will also explain the program curriculum, competencies and clinical rotations. Career advancement opportunities and college articulation information will also be presented.

Part-time and Full-time programs are available for adults and high school seniors. We are now accepting applications for September 2012.

Registration is required to attend the sessions. Attendance is strongly recommended for adults and high school seniors interested in enrolling in an LPN class for September 2012. For more information and to register please call (845) 295- 4940. Now is the time to start your nursing career!

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The Career & Tech Program at BOCES prepares students with skills, knowledge and work ethics for the 21st. century.

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

**Adult HVAC Introduction to Sales course Accepting Applications**

On February 28th, the Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a new course in their HVAC series, HVAC Introduction to Sales.

Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. John Street Education Center in Monticello, from February 28th - May 3rd from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm. The cost is \$499.00.

Instructor Dave Lounsbury, will introduce students to different methods of sales that keep the focus on profit and how to sell "Systems". This comprehensive sales training offers specific approaches and sales techniques particular to HVAC systems and equipment.

To register and find out more information about the course please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 or 791-4070 between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm or visit us at [scoecs.org](http://scoecs.org), like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

The Adult Program at BOCES enhances our community, one family at a time.

**SC Dramatic Workshop Announces Auditions for Mel Brooks' Musical Comedy "The Producers"**

Director - Lori Schneider-Wendf Musical Director - Scott Eckers Auditions to be held Saturday and Sunday, February 25, 26 from 10 am - 1 pm at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville Production Dates - August 17, 18, 19, 24, 25, 26 (Performances to be held at the Rivoli)

Actors, singers, dancers needed - please bring sheet music for a song that shows off your range. An accompanist will be provided.

Dress comfortably and be prepared to be put thru some simple dance routines as part of the audition.

For additional information or to schedule an alternate audition time, please call Lori at (845) 701-0142 or contact her via e-mail at [MLori1962@aol.com](mailto:MLori1962@aol.com)

Casting principal roles and company roles. (Please note - ages are what you can PLAY - not actual age): Max Bialystock - Tenor, or a high baritone. 50ish; Leo Bloom - Again, baritone or tenor - late 20s, early 30s; Franz Liebkind - Heldentenor - Frenetic. Needs to maintain a German accent; Ulla - 20s Dexterious voice (soprano/belter) and a body of sin - someone who can boop-oop-de-doop a la Betty Boop meets Marilyn meets Jayne with the belting power of an Ethel Merman! Needs to maintain a Swedish accent.; Roger DeBris - Solid baritone - tall, flamboyant; Carmen Ghia - Tenor, almost bordering on a countertenor, more of a character singer that shades and compliments Roger's sound, the way Leo's compliments Max's. Flamboyant.  
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**Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia - Ninotchka (1939) Comedy**



**The Grapes Of Wrath, (1940)**

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This was a time when Oklahoma farmers were dispossessed during the Depression as they try to make ends meet, while fighting for better lives in California. Directed by John Ford, starring Henry Fonda, Jane Darwell, John Carradine, Charley Grapewin, Dorris Bowden, Russell Simpson, John Qualen, O. Z. Whitehead, Eddie Quillan, Zeffie Tilbury, Darryl Hickman, Ward Bond, Charles Middleton, Tom Tyler, Mae Marsh, and Jack Pennick. One of the great American films, an uncompromising adaptation of John Steinbeck's novel about impoverished Okie farmers.

See it on TCM this Saturday February 25, 2012, at 8:00 PM, 129 min, Rated, TV-G.

**Quiz:**

- A. Name the actor who played Casy?
- B. Name the actor who played Ma Joad?

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-Linda G. Comando

To me, a wonderful intuitive mind...

Thanks again, for the space Knarf, - Frank

Hope you like this week's movie?

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**ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA**

A. John Carradine  
B. Jane Darwell

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