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FIFTY CENTS

Retired Principal Anna Brett Appointed to SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees

Anna M. Brett, a retired school administrator, has been appointed by County Executive Michael Hein and the Ulster County Legislature to the SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees.



Over her 35-plus year career in education, she worked as a principal at Chambers Elementary School in the Town of Ulster from 1997 to 2008, and in various roles at Kingston High School from 1973 to 1997, including assistant principal, dean of students and health teacher. She will serve as interim principal of Zena Elementary School in Woodstock from March 1 through June 30, when the building is scheduled to close.

Brett is a member and past president of the Junior League of Kingston and has participated on the boards of the YWCA and YMCA, Community Rehabilitation Center, Children's Home of Kingston, Forsyth Nature Center, Woodland Pond, Friends of Historic Kingston and Delta Kappa Gamma Women's Educators Association.

She has been recognized over the years with many awards, including being honored at Ulster Community College Foundation's Gala for her work as an education advocate, Health Educator of the Year by the American Lung Association, Volunteer of the Year by the Junior League of Kingston, School Administrator Award by the Mid-Hudson School Study Council, YWCA's Tribute to Women Educator Award and New York State's School Library Media Association Elementary Principal Award.

Brett attended Nassau Community College and earned a Bachelor's in Health Education from SUNY Cortland. She also holds a Master's in Health Education from Russell Sage College and a Certificate in Advanced Study (CAS) in Educational Administration from SUNY New Paltz.

Brett fills the remaining term of William LeDoux through June 30, 2018, who served on the Board for the past year and is relocating to Massachusetts.

Dr. William Silver selected as Liberty Central School District's Next Superintendent



The Liberty Board of Education has appointed William Silver, Ed. D, as the superintendent of schools for the Liberty Central School District at its meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Silver most recently served as the superintendent of schools at Killingly Public Schools in Killingly, CT, a position he held since 2005. He comes to Liberty with nearly 40 years of experience in the field of education.

"We look forward to Dr. Silver's arrival and feel that he will be an excellent asset to our community and a first-rate academic leader," said Board of Education President Daniel Parkhurst. "The search process can be a lengthy and demanding undertaking, and the Board is very grateful for the leadership and guidance of Sullivan BOCES District Superintendent Larry Thomas." (Contd. Pg. 4)

Department of Environmental Protection Opened More than 6,100 Acres of Watershed Land for Recreation in 2012- Access to Public Lands and Reservoirs Expanded and Partnerships with Local Organizations; Creates Network of New Trails

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland today announced that more than 6,100 acres of City-owned land across the watershed were opened for public recreation in 2012. In addition, DEP expanded the recreational boating program on its reservoirs and formed partnerships with local organizations to create networks of new trails and other opportunities for outdoor enthusiasts in 2012. (Contd. Pg 14)

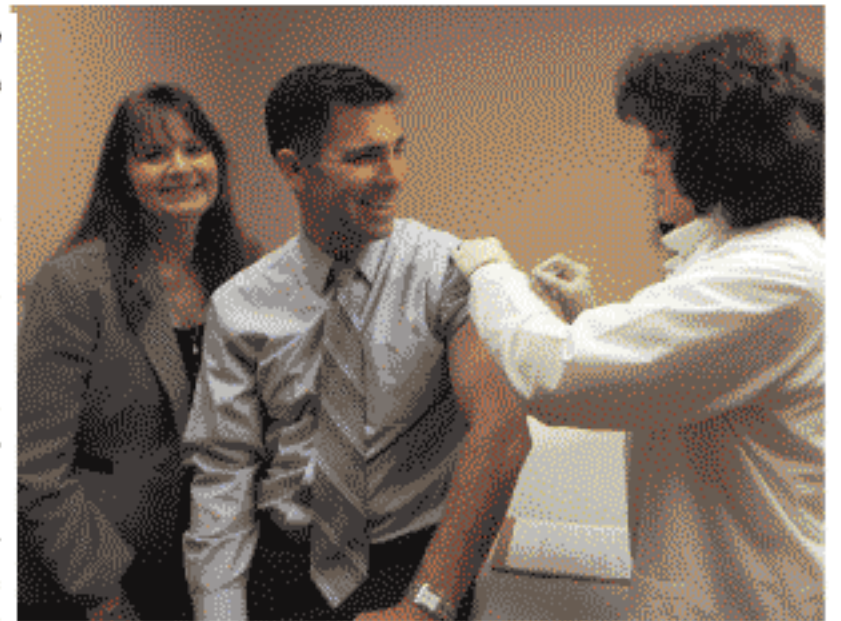
Liberty Free Theatre Director to Receive Award Actor Bill Pullman to Present Creative Coalition Award

LIBERTY - On Saturday, January 18, internationally acclaimed actor Bill Pullman will present the Creative Coalition Award for *Teachers Making A Difference* to Liberty Free Theatre Founder and Artistic Director, Paul Austin, during the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah.

In response to receiving the award, Mr. Austin said, "I'm touched and honored that Bill nominated me for this award. Nothing pleases the teacher in me more than to be remembered by a former student. And it's particularly gratifying to be honored by a group so dedicated to the vital allegiance of arts and community." The Creative Coalition is a not for profit organization founded by members of the American entertainment industry. It educates leaders on free speech, first amendment rights, arts advocacy and public education. (Contd. Pg. 10)

Ulster Co Exec Mike Hein Reminds Residents that it is Not Too Late to Get a Flu Shot - This year's flu season is shaping up to be much worse than average and prevention is the best medicine!

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein went to get his flu vaccination shot today, at Emergency One in Kingston, NY and was joined by Ulster County Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith. Getting a flu shot this year is particularly important because both the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) have reported that this year is shaping up to be one of the earliest, and most intense, flu seasons on record. High levels of flu activity is now prevalent in 29 states, including all New York counties, and County Executive Hein and Commissioner Smith are urging all residents to take immediate action to protect themselves and their families from this serious and preventable disease. (Contd. Pg. 7)



UC Executive Hein gets his flu shot from Maria Riccio, RN, Clinical Director of Emergency One in Kingston, NY while joined by Ulster County Health Commissioner Dr. Carol Smith.

How the Grinch Stole Christmas FBLA Social

-Schuyler Kraus



On December 16, 2012, twenty-five Tri-Valley FBLA members took a trip to Madison Square Garden in New York City to watch Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical*. After the show, we went out for dinner and had a great time. The members attending the trip included: Kainan Justiniano, Shane Rennison, Mareena DiMilia, Brendan Tierney, Amanda TerBush, Andrew Exner, Gavin DuBois, Justin Swarhout, Zach Nilsen, Colleen Jones, Brooke Gillette, Schuyler Kraus, Jessica Gozza, Ashley Exner, Vicky Tingley, Mark Garigliano, Amanda VanSaders, Caroline Martin, Katerina Deni, Emma Pompeii, Taylor Quick, Keira McHugh, Amy Hubbert, Kayla Butler, and Nicole Eisele.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. Isaiah 62:1

OBITUARY

William (Al) Welch, 61, a longtime resident of Neversink, NY, passed away on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 after a short illness.

Al was born in Torrington, CT on November 14, 1951. He graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and continued on to military service with the U.S. Seabees where he served for four years.

Al worked as an operating engineer for 20 years, and retired as a groundskeeper for Tri-Valley Central School in 2010. He was also actively involved with the Neversink Fire Company for many years where he served as a commissioner and volunteer fireman.

In retirement he thoroughly enjoyed motorcycling, spending time with close friends and family, woodworking and sharing fellowship with his MSBF Church family. He will be remembered for his "quick wit," and always lending a helping hand.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Lorraine Welch; daughter, Tina Tynecki and her husband, James of Hellertown, PA; son, Thomas Welch and his wife, Denise of Glen Spey, NY; a brother, Gilbert T. Welch and his wife, Susan of Woodbourne, NY; a sister, Susan Harris of Brooksville, FL; as well as several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Al was preceded in death by his father, Gilbert T. Welch, mother, Irene Welch and one sister, Sarah Kay who died as an infant.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, January 12 at the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne, NY.

Memorial donations may be sent to MSBF (Main Street Bible Fellowship) Ministries, PO Box 344, Livingston Manor, NY 12758 (<http://www.msbfministries.org/>) or Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550 (www.hospiceoforange.com).

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Nikki and Eric Horton of Wurtsboro are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Alexandra Elizabeth born on December 27, 2012 at Orange Regional Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs 10 1/2 oz. She joins her big sister, Sophia, at home.

Maternal grandparents are Barbara and George Dean of Neversink. Great-grandparents are Irene Sosnowski of Neversink and Archie Dean of Neversink.

Paternal Grandparents are Sue and John Horton of Wurtsboro. Great grandparents are Pat and Sam Constantino and Cliff Horton.

Sending hugs and kisses from heaven are Charlie Sosnowski, Lousie Dean and Marjorie Horton.

Days of Yore...

...Today's History

January 21, 1953 - Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Conklin are the parents of a son, Steven, born January 13, 1953 at Liberty Loomis Hospital.

The Grahamsville Choral Society held a surprise farewell party for Dr. and Mrs. Karl Messinger at the Jack Huntsberger home last Wednesday evening after the regular Choral meeting at the school had adjourned. Dr. Messinger has been one of the faithful members of the bass section since the start of that organization nearly five years ago.

The Dairyman's League of the Montela Local held its annual meeting Saturday night at the Lows Corners Church Hall. The following officers were elected:

Van Furman-President
Arthur Burch-Vice President
Robert Many- Secretary and Treasurer

January 23, 1963 - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mickelson, Sr., of South Hill Road, Grahamsville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sandra Lou, to Roger TerBush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger TerBush of Ulster Heights. Miss Mickelson is a graduate of Tri Valley School and is employed by the New York Telephone Company in Ellenville. Her fiance attended Tri Valley School and is employed by Lonstein Motors, Ellenville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bertram of Neversink are the parents of a girl born last week at Liberty Maimonides Hospital.

January 17, 1973 - Mr. and Mrs. Lewis DePew celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a party given by their daughter, Delores Huggins at her home in Jeffersonville on Sunday evening. Approximately fifty friends and relatives were present to help them celebrate this special occasion.

Patricia Gorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gorman, has been accepted in the Conservation and Land Management of Recreational Lands curriculum at the State University Agricultural and Technical College at Cobleskill.

Also accepted at Cobleskill is JoAnne Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker. She plans to major in secretarial science.

January 20, 1983 - Elsie Mae Hill of Hurley, a lifelong area resident, died Friday at Community General Hospital, Harris after a short illness. She was 80. The daughter of the late LaFayette and Lucy Lawrence Smith, she was born Nov. 3, 1902 in Divine Corners. She was a member of the Hurleyville United Methodist Church. Survivors include her husband, Arthur, at home; two sons and two sisters.

Bruce and Kathleen Erath of Sherburne, N.Y. became the parents of a son, Andrew Jeremiah, on January 16, 1983. The happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Gorman and Mr. and Mrs. Oland Erath. The great-grandmothers are Mrs. Irene Lange and Mrs. Helen Bruce. A.J. Erath (Bert) at 99 _ years is the great-grandfather.

Ulster County Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum and District Attorney Holley Carnright Request Citizens' Input on School Safety.

In light of recent widespread concern surrounding school safety, Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum and District Attorney Holley Carnright are seeking written comment from the public. They invite citizens to express their concerns, either by email to sheriff@co.ulster.ny.us or by letter mailed to the Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Attention: School Safety Concerns, 380 Boulevard, Kingston, NY 12401.

Local law enforcement administrators have appeared at area school public forums and have communicated with all Ulster County school superintendents to listen to concerns and answer questions posed.

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Office are coordinating with the New York State Police, local municipal police departments, and the Ulster County Police Chiefs' Association to address school safety on a countywide level, in partnership with all area school superintendents.

The Ulster County Police Chiefs' Association has formed a committee to undertake this effort. Chairing the committee is Undersheriff Frank Faluotico, also serving on the committee are Ulster County District Attorney Holley Carnright, Capt. Robert Nuzzo of the New York State Police, City of Kingston Chief Egidio Tinti, Town of Shawangunk Chief Frank Petrone, Town of New Paltz Chief Joseph Snyder and Town of Saugerties Chief Joseph Sinagra. The committee will review written comments received by the Sheriff in the next 3 weeks.

We thank you in advance for your participation and look forward to working with the community to make our county safer. The Office of the Governor

A Round About Tri-Valley- Carol Furman

There was a thought-provoking editorial by Barry Lewis in the January 6 Sunday edition of the **Times Herald Record** regarding Helen Kwasinowicz. In the editorial, Barry called Helen one of the 'Greatest Generation'. He said that "the 'Greatest Generation' was when folks gave of themselves - helped out friends and neighbors without expecting anything in return because that was the way they were brought up." After I read the editorial, I sat down and, off the top of my head, counted at least 20 local members of the 'Greatest Generation' who had passed away in 2012. These deceased individuals were true community leaders who dedicated their lives to making their town, organizations, neighborhoods, places of worship or school districts a better place, without expecting thanks for their accomplishments. Their shoes will be difficult to fill, but fill them, we must. Hopefully younger individuals will step up, if they haven't already, and fill the void left by those who passed on. Nice article, Barry!

Congratulations and best wishes to Stephan Schick who was recently sworn in as our NYS Supreme Court Justice. Friends and family members were present for the ceremony.

Helen Mickelson is spending some time at Achieve in Liberty for therapy. Feel better, Helen, and come home soon!

Get well wishes are also being sent to Gene Ganz of Loch Sheldrake. Hope you're feeling better, Gene! William "Al" Welch of Neversink passed away on January 8th. Al was a groundskeeper at Tri-Valley School for many years. Condolences to wife and family.

Paul Lounsbury of Grahamsville continues to need our prayers and good wishes.

Bonnie Lewis and Karen Matthews from the Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty were guest speakers at the Tri-Valley Lions meeting on January 8th. They spoke regarding the health literacy project and about how important it is for individuals to work closely with health-care providers and pharmacies to fully understand any health concerns they may have. If you need help, Bonnie and Karen are very knowledgeable and are available to answer questions you may have or direct you to someone who can offer assistance.

It is nice to see that the waters of the Rondout and the Neversink are still ice-free. I often spot several eagles sitting in the trees around the Rondout when I go to Grahamsville. Perhaps the Eureka Eagle will utilize her large stick nest high up in the pine tree again this year. I did notice that the top of the old tree was broken off during superstorm Sandy leaving the nest more exposed to the elements. We'll have to wait and see!

The Grahamsville Reformed Church will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, January 20th following morning worship service. A light lunch will be served and members are encourage to attend.

Half the month of January is now gone and so far the winter hasn't been bad at all. It seems the older I get the less I like the snow and below freezing temperatures. I'm sure all of the skiers and snowmobilers are hoping for more snow, however. I guess what will be will be! In any event, try to stay warm and healthy!

Words of Wisdom: The best sermons are lived, not preached.

Neversink Renaissance Plans 2013 Organizational Meeting

Community members interested in our ongoing efforts to beautify the Town of Neversink are invited to attend a Neversink Renaissance Organizational Meeting on Thursday January 24th at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the Daniel Pierce Library. The purpose of the meeting is to identify projects that should be considered for the coming year and the level of competition to participate in with Sullivan Renaissance. Some ideas that are being considered include assisting the in beautification planning for the future Little League complex, the Time in the Valleys Museum Village, and final landscaping plans at the Daniel Pierce Library. Of course there are many ongoing maintenance projects that must be considered as well.

Please come prepared with any ideas you think should be considered. There are so many ways individuals may become involved in community beautification. Should you have questions, please call Dave and Phyllis Moore at 985-2746.

Homeowners May be Reimbursed for 2012 Septic Repairs

Are you a homeowner in the Catskill-Delaware New York City Watershed who repaired or replaced your septic system during 2012 without help from the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC)?

If so, you may be able to recoup those costs now.

The CWC Board of Directors recently voted to allow reimbursement under the Septic Repair and Rehabilitation Program for 2012 septic repairs that occurred within the Watershed but outside priority areas. Adequate monies in the program fund allow the CWC to make this assistance available at year's end.

Homeowners who can show proof that repairs were completed before December 19, 2012, were approved by NYC Environmental Protection and were paid for may fill out a CWC form to request reimbursement.

Full-time residents may receive 100% of eligible costs, while part-time residents can get 60% of those costs reimbursed. Call 845-586-1400 to obtain the reimbursement form.

The ongoing Septic Repair and Rehabilitation Program can help homeowners located within 250 feet of a watercourse in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed. If you are experiencing difficulties with your on-site system, call the number above for information on how to participate in the program in 2013. Septic systems constructed after November 2, 1995 are not eligible for this program, but their owners may qualify for the Septic Maintenance Program, which pays for half the cost of pumping out and inspecting their systems.

The CWC is a non-profit Local Development Corporation based in Margaretville. It is committed to protecting water resources, encouraging environmentally friendly economic development and supporting watershed education in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, a region encompassing parts of five counties - Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster.

To learn more about other CWC programs to assist residents and businesses in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, visit www.cwconline.org.

Ellenville-Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce Holds Board of Directors Organizational Meeting

by: Dianne E Turner, EWCOG Secretary

The 2013 Board of Directors Organizational Meeting of the Ellenville/Wawarsing Chamber of Commerce was held on Tuesday, January 8th at the Chamber office.

The 2013 Board of Directors was installed: President: Red Roudis of Terra Fossil USA; Vice-President: Nicholas Cipollone of Barthel's Farm Market, Inc.; Treasurer: Judie Duplessis Tatz of Thornton, Inc.; Secretary: William Gettel of Provident Bank; Directors: Robin Badjun of Catskill Hudson Bank, Brendan Burke of Shadowland Theatre, Aileen Matthews of Matthews Pharmacy, Jeremy Peters of Peters Market, and John Van Erem of King Kuts Lawn Care

Dr. Mark Craft of Craft Chiropractic was commended and thanked for his service as immediate Past President and for his many years of service on the EWCOG Board of Directors.

The EWCOG Board of Directors will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the EWCOG Chamber office, except should that Tuesday be a holiday. The date would then be moved to the second Tuesday.

The 2013 EWCOG Membership Drive for businesses and individuals is now underway. A reminder to area business owners in need of Health Insurance for themselves/ employees - Health Insurance is available through Chamber membership (2013 open enrollment for this benefit ends January 31st).

The annual Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival sponsored by the EWCOG will be held on Saturday August 10th this year. Blueberry Festival Coordinator is Dianne E Turner ("aka "Mother Blueberry"). Vendor applications are available now.

The annual Wawarsing Wassail coordinated by the EWCOG will be celebrated this year throughout the Town of Wawarsing on Saturday December 7th. Events are already being planned.

For more information: the EWCOG Chamber office at 124 Canal St. in Ellenville is open from 10 to 3 Tuesday through Friday. 845-647-4620; info@ewcoc.com.

Story Time

Beginning Saturday, February 2, 2013, the Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County will sponsor a Story Time from 11:00am to 12:00pm on the first Saturday of the month at the Read It Again Bookstore, located at 63 North Street in Monticello, NY. All children must be accompanied by an adult, who will remain with them throughout the hour. Stories will be read to the children, and an activity will follow, time permitting. Story Time is open to all children in grades K-3, and is free. For more information, please contact the Read It Again Book Store at 845-794-0017.

Large Snowbird's of Grahamsville

- Peggy DeWire



For those who like to bird watch in the winter, don't forget the bald eagle is one of the birds who now make their home year round in the Tri-Valley neighborhood.

The bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), our national bird, is the only eagle unique to North America. The bald eagle's scientific name signifies a sea (halo) eagle (aetos) with a white (leukos) head.

Eagles are a member of the Accipitridae family; which also includes hawks, kites, and old-world vultures.

There are two sub-species of bald eagles. The "southern" bald eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus leucocephalus*, is found in the Gulf States from Texas and Baja California across to South Carolina and Florida, south of 40 degrees north latitude and the "northern" bald eagle, *Haliaeetus leucocephalus alascanus*, that is found north of 40 degrees north latitude across the entire continent.

Both male and female adult bald eagles have a blackish-brown back and breast; a white head, neck, and tail; and yellow feet and beak.

Young bald eagles are a mixture of brown and white; with a black beak in young birds. The adult plumage develops when they are sexually mature. It takes about five years for their head and tail feathers to gradually turn white.

A female bald eagle's body length varies from 35 to 37 inches; with a wingspan of 79 to 90 inches. The smaller male bald eagle has a body length of 30 to 34 inches; with a wingspan ranging from 72 to 85 inches. An eagle's average weight is ten to fourteen pounds.

Their shrill, high pitched, and twittering voice is a common description of a bald eagle vocalizations. Eagles do not have vocal cords. Sound is produced in the syrinx, a bony chamber located where the trachea divides to go to the lungs. Bald eagle calls may be a way of reinforcing the bond between the male and female, and to warn other eagles and predators that an area is defended.

An eagle's eye is almost as large as a human's, but its sharpness is at least four times that of a person with perfect vision. Bald eagles are active during daylight hours (diurnal).

It's possible for bald eagles in the wild to live longer than thirty years, but the average lifespan is fifteen to twenty years.

Eagles have a tolerance to cold temperatures as their skin is protected by feathers lined with down. Their feet are cold resistance, consisting of mostly tendon. The outside of the bill is mostly nonliving material, with little blood supply.

Golden eagles are larger than bald eagles in average height and wingspan, but there isn't much difference in average weight. One way to distinguish a golden eagle from an immature bald eagle is leg plumage. A golden eagle's legs are entirely feather covered; an immature bald eagle's lower legs are bare. Adult golden eagles are brown with tawny on the back of the head and neck; tail faintly banded.

An eagle's wings are long and broad, making them effective for soaring. To help reduce turbulence as air passes over the end of the wing, the tips of the feathers at the end of the wings are tapered so that when the eagle fully extends its wings, the tips are widely separated.

We are fortunate that a pair of eagles has decided to make a large white pine at the top end of the Rondout Reservoir on the Sundown Road, their permanent home.

Once paired, bald eagles remain together for life using the same nest, year after year. Should one of the pair die however, the survivor will not hesitate to accept a new mate.

Few birds compare with the majestic bald eagle, a symbol of great strength, long life, and a native to North America. No wonder they were chosen as our National Bird.



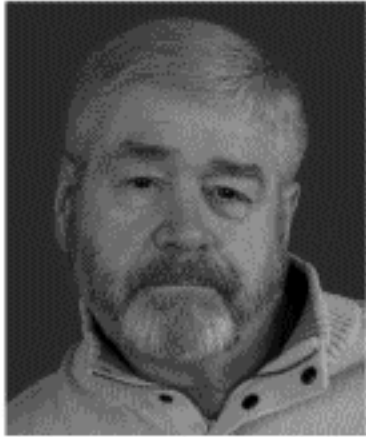
Household Hints

A Healthy Vinegar Tip

Treat sinus infections and chest colds, add 1/4 cup or more vinegar to the vaporizer.

Feel good recipe. A teaspoon of apple cider vinegar in a glass of water, with a bit of honey added for flavor, will take the edge off your appetite and give you an overall healthy feeling.

Mysterious Book Report No. 80 by John Dwaine McKenna



Had to dig down to the bottom back of the bookshelf for this week's Mysterious Book Report. It's one that's been out for a time, having been published in the mid 1990's. I read it years ago and passed the volume on to someone else . . . which I came to regret as I was writing *The Neversink Chronicles*, because it's about the same subject: dam building and the confiscation of private property. Now, thanks to the efforts of my beautiful wife June . . . who haunts the local used bookstores like a literary wraith . . . I have a near-mint copy of *Bucking The Sun*, (Simon & Shuster, 1996, \$23.00, 410 pages, ISBN 0-684-81171-5) by Ivan Doig to review. Although you may have to enlist the help of one of those foxy librarians and dig a little bit to find a reading copy, it's worth the effort because Ivan Doig is one of America's best, most iconic and most underappreciated writers. In my opinion that's a crying shame. Those of you unfamiliar with his work, who take the time and effort to read him, will be well-rewarded with a new author for their favorites list.

Bucking The Sun takes place in the 1930s in eastern Montana. Its subject is the damming up of the Missouri River at Fort Peck . . . an inspired, monumental and tragic undertaking. The novel follows the travails of the Duff clan, who go from being bottomland farmers to displaced, landless, and homeless persons, then to being gainfully employed and prosperous while building the dam itself . . . and finally back to penury when construction is finished. Sound familiar? "To 'buck the sun' is to push against the glare of sunrise or sunset," to quote the dust jacket, and the Duffs are pushing back against the whole world . . . a world they find themselves in by chance. And yes Virginia, there's a murder to solve as well. This novel is broad in scope, accurate in historical detail and poignant in its story of a family trapped by fate; a victim of circumstances and forces beyond their control. All readers will enjoy this underappreciated literary treasure from an American Master of the writing craft. Search him out, read this book. You'll not be disappointed. It's a gem.

Great News! Your local public library has many, many more literary masterpieces for you to seek out and read, including the rest of the body of Ivan Doig's work. Go ahead . . . don't be shy or too proud to meet the librarians. Be a heroine or a hero. Become a regular patron of the library. It's free, open and available to everyone. All you have to do is go.

Thanks to all of you who have gone to the websites: johndwainemckenna.com and rhyolitepress.com

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Thought of the week: "Those who will not read are no better off than those who can not read." Think about it . . . I'll see you next week. --JDM

Daniel Pierce Library Opens Public Computer Center

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY: The Daniel Pierce Library will open a Public Computer Center (PCC) at its Grahamsville location starting in January 2013. The PCC will offer computer and Internet courses for everyone from beginner to advanced... and those who aren't sure they learned it all the first time around. This service is open to all Daniel Pierce Library patrons on Mondays as follows:

- Monday, January 28, 2013
- 4:30 - 5:30pm Open hours of support; a specialist will be on hand to answer questions and provide guidance for computer-related problems. No registration is necessary, and feel free to bring in your electronic device.
- 5:30 - 7:30pm Computer class: "Getting Started with Computers". This class is appropriate for all users. Beginners will get a good understanding of how the computer works and be able to start navigating. More familiar users will learn new tips and tricks to make using the computer much more efficient and enjoyable.
- Monday, February 11, 2013
- 4:30 - 5:30pm Open hours of support; a specialist will be on hand to answer questions and provide guidance for computer-related problems. No registration is necessary, and feel free to bring in your electronic device.
- 5:30 - 7:30pm Computer class: "Intro to eBooks". This class will focus on the popular eReaders, the Amazon Kindle, the Sony Reader, and the Barnes & Noble Nook, as well as teach users how to borrow eBooks from the library, download free eBooks, or read eBooks on a computer.
- Monday, March 25, 2013
- 4:30 - 5:30pm Open hours of support; a specialist will be on hand to answer questions and provide guidance for computer-related problems. No registration is necessary, and feel free to bring in your electronic device.
- 5:30 - 7:30pm Computer class: "File Management". This course provides an overview of Windows Explorer, the file manager. Whether it's photos, downloading an attachment, or endlessly searching for documents, file management is the key. Understanding how to create a file/folder structure to organize documents or photos and ensure ease of access will make working on the computer a much more productive task.

Future dates and classes to be announced... For more information on this wonderful new program or to register for class, stop in the library or call 845-985-7233.

Dr. William Silver selected as Liberty Central School District's Next Superintendent (From Pg. 1)

Dr. Silver will begin his new duties on January 14, following interim superintendent Edward V. Rhine's departure from the district after coming out of retirement to fill the position left vacant in September. Silver's three year contract includes a starting salary of \$154,000.

"I am very excited to be joining the Liberty Central School District, and look forward to working with the board of education, faculty, staff, parents and community members to move the district forward," said Dr. Silver. "During the interview process, there was a clear sense of pride expressed about the district and the community. Joining a district and town with such a strong sense of purpose

makes me believe that we can accomplish great things."

Silver began his career in public education in 1974 at Shoreham-Wading River Central School District in Shoreham, NY, where he was a fourth and fifth-grade teacher. In 1986 he became principal of East School at the Long Beach City School District, a position he held for nearly ten years before becoming the superintendent at Springs Union Free School District in East Hampton, NY from 1995-99. He then served as superintendent at Hebron Public Schools and Regional School District No. 8 in Hebron, Andover and Marlborough, CT from 1999-2004.

Dr. Silver holds a doctorate in educational leadership from Columbia University Teachers College and a New York State School Administrator/Supervisor (SAS) Certification from Hofstra University with a major in educational administration. He obtained his master's in curriculum and teaching, elementary education from Columbia University and holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Union College in Schenectady, NY.

Deadline to Pay Taxes

Sullivan County Treasurer, Ira J. Cohen, would like to remind property owners who received a County tax foreclosure notice during October 2012, the deadline to pay is January 31, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Payments postmarked January 31, 2013 will be accepted. Unless the unpaid delinquent taxes are paid in full, or an installment payment plan is agreed upon, the property will be foreclosed and slated for sale at public auction. For information about the installment plan, and any other questions regarding this foreclosure should be directed to the County Treasurer's Office at 845-807-0200.

The Treasurer's Office will accept payment in the form of cash, certified bank check, money orders, and MasterCard or Visa credit card. Certified bank checks and money orders should be made payable to the "Sullivan County Treasurer." Personal checks will not be accepted

Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Alert

LIBERTY- Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County recommends that county residents check their trees for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA) this winter and contact its office for treatment options to help preserve this valuable forest tree. The office provides free identification of key invasive species such as Hemlock Woolly Adelgid, Emerald Ash Borer, Feral Pigs and Giant Hogweed. If you have a concern about an invasive species, contact 845- 292-6180.

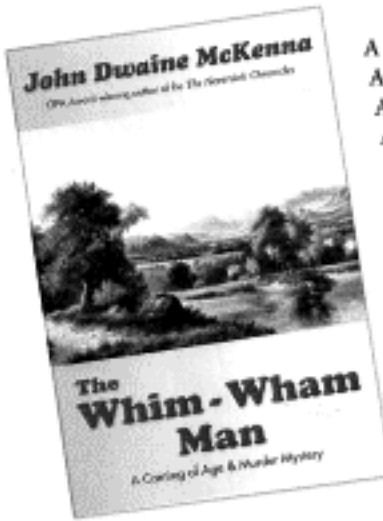
"Late fall and winter are a great time of year to check your Hemlocks for Hemlock Woolly Adelgid because they are at a stage in their lifecycle that they are easy to see and identify," said Liz Higgins, Agriculture and Natural Resources Issue Leader at CCE.

In the fall and winter the Adelgids appear as white fuzzy larvae and are easy to spot. Looking at the branches facing water and at the ground around the trees for fallen branches containing the Adelgids can also help identify whether or not a taller tree is infected. Without treatment, infected Hemlocks will typically die within 4-10 years. This winter, CCE staff has been working to identi-

fy patterns of HWA infestation in Sullivan County. The north-east quadrant of the county, around the Rondout and Neversink reservoirs are heavily infested, but staff did not find HWA in much of the north-central and north-western quadrants, north of Route 17 from Liberty through Roscoe. These heavily forested areas will be a focus of future monitoring. It is likely that the insect will continue to spread through the county.

Treatment of infected trees is recommended to help save the species until longer-term, biological solutions are developed. Infected Hemlocks respond very well to several insecticides and some treatment options are effective for several years. For large stands of Hemlocks, where treating all of the trees is too expensive, landowners are recommended to select particularly good Hemlocks throughout their stand for treatment to help preserve the species. These trees will provide the seed stock for future Hemlock forests. Without treatment, we risk losing this valuable species and scientists are optimistic that long-term control is possible.

CCE is working with the state to monitor and report invasive species and to provide education to residents about control options.



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Resolving



As I typed the title of this column, I realized that I meant to write about January Resolutions that we all make and rarely keep. However, typing it as a gerund, I realized that changing it to a verb sheds a new light on the age old tradition of making resolutions. Resolving jumps out as re (a word cell that means "again") and solving (which hints there is a problem in need of solution). Well, the problem I had to solve was to clean out the space upstairs to replace carpeting with pine flooring. That meant moving furniture and paring down the "stuff" that gathers here. When we moved here six years ago, we moved my cedar hope chest up here. I didn't have time to go through it as I was too busy settling into the new house. It remained a time capsule from "who-knows when." Under some musty smelling curtains and ancient crocheted blankets were the "treasures" of long ago-- love letters from hubby,

wedding cards, baby books, and scrapbook memorabilia that only I could identify. Blankets and curtains went to the public clothing bins. Baby books were transferred to forty-something babies. Cards were read once and tossed after shedding tears that most of the people who came to my wedding in 1965 are long gone. Love letters were read and ceremoniously burned in the wood stove. The author of those letters, who professed undying love, yelled at me for smothering the coals in his wood stove. Next went my invitation to pledge Arethusa Sorority in 1963 and my letter of acceptance to the State University of New Paltz in 1961. In a fit of purging, I managed to condense 8 square feet into a small manilla envelope. Cleaning out one hope chest has spurred me on to pare down what I don't use to create space.

The space I create is the space that is the antithesis of the MAN CAVE. It is the FEMALE LOFT. I write, I read, and I paint up here. It is the "go to space" when I want to be me. Everyone needs a place to be creative, for everyone has a need to express themselves.

Speaking of creativity, I belong to the Senior Citizen Art Club that meets on Mondays at the Reservoir Methodist Church from 10-12. It has expanded to include others who knit, scrapbook and crochet. Joining with others inspires and encourages us to let creativity flow.

Next week we will gather for a field trip to visit a fellow artist's exhibit. Lois Ostapczuk's exhibit is a collection of nature scenes she has painted from photos take by her husband, Ed Ostapczuk, as he fishes the local creeks. The exhibit will be on view at the Catskill Watershed Corporation on Main Street in Margaretville on weekdays from now through February from 8 to 4:30 p.m. Anglers, hikers and nature lovers will appreciate Lois's vision of Maltby Hollow Brook, Red Rock Falls, and the Rondout Creek. She is able to capture the rocks and water of intimate scenes on a canvas that makes the person feel one with the tranquility and beauty of nature.

Most of us resolve to exercise more or to stick to a healthy regime--noble and worthy resolutions, but consider adding one more resolution. Let the person within ooze out. We are not only meant to maintain; as humans we are born to create.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-

Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center • 711 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401

Greetings loyal and faithful readers! Welcome to a new year, and a new year of this column! Today marks the beginning of the third year that I've been writing this, and judging from the responses of people I meet, you seem to be enjoying it. Thanks for stickin' around!

I've had a month off, and I'm still kind of burnt out from the holidays, so this week will be brief. Mainly, I wanna tell you about a band whose live shows I've been recommending since they started, Blue Chicken!

I've been recommending them because I know the musicians involved, and I know the high level they play at, but I had not been able to personally make it to one of their shows until about a month ago, at The Bearsville Theater, and let me tell you, they're better than expected, and expectations were high! Blue Chicken are simply superb! They are easily one of the best bands in the Hudson Valley, and beyond!

Here's the deal - almost everyone in this band plays in the Levon Helm Band! Okay? Now you understand? The only member who's not from Levon's band, is Sid Maginnis, the superb guitarist from David Letterman's Late Show band, and Sid and Jimmy Weider, Levon's Telecaster Master, seem to spur each other on to greater and greater heights! They play off each other beautifully, forming the core that this band is built around!

The rhythm section of drummer Tony Leone and bassist Byron Isaacs can only be called impressive and first rate! Tony never got a chance to show off his chops in his limited appearances with Levon. In this band, he gets to show what he can do, and he's reeeaaaally good! And Byron, who usually played doghouse bass with Levon, gets to plug in an electric and rock out with these guys, and he looked like he was having a grand old time!

Add in multi-instrumentalist and horn player, Clark Gayton, and you have got a band, my friends! I strongly suggest that you catch these guys anytime you can!

And now, let me strongly suggest some other shows!

It's January, the holidays are over, and everything, including the music scene, slows down for a couple of months. This week, I've only got a few upstate shows to recommend, partially because, like I said, it's winter, and partially because the website that I get my NYC info from, has decided to give me info about St. Louis instead of New York! Nothing

against St. Lou, it's just a little far, so here's what we've got!

Thursday, January 17 - The legendary WAILERS skank on in to The Bearsville Theater tonight. If you dig Reggae, or just the best of anything, this is your show! I know they're all dead, but The Original Wailers were just about the tip top of Reggae music, like, ever!

Friday, January 18 - BLUE FOOD at The Bearsville Theater. Lots of good musicians funk'n' it up! All your friends will be there, and it'll be fun, so go!

Sunday, January 20 - NRBQ, Bearsville Theater. Quirky little Rock & Roll band that's been around for a while, who're basically worshipped by other musicians! If you wanna find out why, go!

That's it for now folks! Sorry there's no NYC shows in here this week. Maybe by next week my sources will have gotten it together!

Happy New Year everyone!

Ticket to Work Employment Network at ULSTER WORKS Assists SSI and SSDI benefit holders with job training and employment options- Ulster County Office of Employment and Training holds monthly workshop for SSI and SSDI consumers to increase their income

Kingston New York: On Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 2 PM, The ULSTER WORKS OneStop Center and the Ulster County Office of Employment and Training are hosting a program designed to provide Ulster County's SSI and SSDI benefits recipients with instructions on how to get back to work. A trained counselor will offer tools for finding employment, job training and the best ways to gain self-sufficiency in the workplace.

The workshop will explore work incentives available in the Ticket to Work Program established by the Social Security Administration that allow SSI and SSDI benefit holders to increase their income and avail themselves of training opportunities. The trained counselor has a network of key employers who are willing and able to provide jobs, with a goal towards self-sufficiency in the workplace.

This program is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 2:00 pm at the OneStop at 601 Development Court (Albany Avenue) in Kingston. Reservations are required. Job seekers should contact: Troy Snyder, Disabilities Resource Coordinator of the Ticket to Work Program at the Ulster Works OneStop Center on Albany Avenue at 845-331-7202.

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The workshops are free, and, with municipal approval, may serve as the mandated four hours of training required of members of town and village Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeals. Code Enforcement Officers may also receive in-service credit for two of the classes. Space is limited. Registration deadline is February 22. To register, visit www.cwconline.org, or call 845-586-1400.

Three sessions will be offered:

"Local Regulations: Enactment Procedures" addresses the process a municipality must go through in order to adopt a resolution, ordinance or local law. Topics will include notice provisions and posting; aging of legislation prior to action; required hearings and referrals; SEQRA compliance; post-adoption publication; certification; filing requirements, compliance with SEQRA and post-adoption procedures.

"Intermunicipal Planning" will explain how sharing the cost of a planning project with a neighboring community with common problems or goals can ensure a high quality planning project at a lower cost to taxpayers. This program provides an overview of the statutory abilities of local communities, case studies from across New York and an opportunity to exchange ideas for planning at an intermunicipal level.

"Revising Zoning" discusses appropriate timing for updating a municipality's zoning regulations, and what you should be looking at when you review them; the importance of the comprehensive plan; and procedures for the amendment of zoning laws and ordinances, including referral to the county planning board, public hearings, and filing requirements.

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

Information on CWC programs and projects, as well as meeting schedules and board agendas, can be found on the corporation's web site: www.cwconline.org. Inquiries are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CWC's offices; via email at invest@cwconline.org, and by telephone, toll-free: 877-WATSHED (877-928-7433).

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Ulster Co Exec Mike Hein Reminds Residents that it is Not Too Late to Get a Flu Shot (From Pg. 1)

"Our public health efforts in Ulster County are continually focused on prevention, which saves lives, makes people healthier, reduces lost productivity - and saves taxpayer dollars. There are a relatively small number of serious illnesses that are preventable and influenza is one of them. Getting a flu shot has never been more convenient and I strongly urge all residents, who have not done so already, to get vaccinated now," said County Executive Hein.

Dr. Smith noted that CDC surveillance had revealed that over 2,200 hospitalizations and 18 pediatric deaths have been linked to the flu, nationwide. To date, 77 cases on influenza have been confirmed in Ulster County. "We know that this is an unusually early and intense flu season. The flu virus has been with us for many years and some people have never gotten seriously ill from the flu, so they downplay the need to get vaccinated. At best, getting sick with flu can put one out of commission for several days or weeks. At worst, it can result in hospitalization and even death. It's not too late to get a flu shot. Influenza vaccine is safe, effective and inexpensive. Everyone, age 6 months and older, should get vaccinated immediately," said Dr. Smith.

According to the CDC, this year's flu season is about five weeks ahead of the average season and has not yet peaked. The dominant strain of influenza virus circulating this year is H3N2, which is highly virulent and can cause unusually serious illness. In the most severe seasons, influenza can result in up to 200,000 hospitalizations and up to 49,000 deaths. CDC reports that this year's vaccine is well matched for the three strains of influenza that are circulating. Flu vaccinations in Ulster County are available at

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Livingston Manor Visioning- Residents Invited to Share Ideas for Future of Hamlet

[LIVINGSTON MANOR] - Residents in Livingston Manor will get an opportunity to share their ideas for the future at the first of two "community visioning workshops" scheduled for later this month.

The first workshop will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 24 at the Livingston Manor Presbyterian Church on Rock Avenue. Everyone interested in the future of Livingston Manor and its business district - or who has an idea for a local project that would improve the community - is encouraged to attend.

The workshops are being jointly sponsored by Livingston Manor Renaissance and the Livingston

Manor Chamber of Commerce, and will be facilitated by staff from Sullivan Renaissance and the Sullivan County Division of Planning.

"These will be highly interactive workshops with lots of opportunity for participation," explained facilitator and community planner Helen Budrock. "Now is a perfect time to think about where the hamlet is heading and opportunities for future improvements."

The first workshop is designed to give residents an opportunity to share their thoughts about what they like and don't like about their community. For most of the evening attendees will work in small groups on identifying Livingston Manor's strengths and weaknesses in four specific areas: Community Appearance; Business Development and Tourism; Infrastructure and Community Facilities; and Recreation and Social Issues.

At the second workshop, scheduled one week later on Thursday, January 31, participants will work on generating ideas for specific projects that build upon the information generated during the first workshop. At the end of the second workshop, participants will then vote on the projects they would most like to see implemented.

At a subsequent meeting, Budrock will work with the steering committee and local officials to select a handful of projects to start immediately and help identify potential funding sources.

For more information on this project contact Helen Budrock at 845-295-2462 or Marge Feuerstein of Livingston Manor Renaissance at 845-439-5519.

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First Annual Art and Soul of the Catskills Film Festival to be held in Pine Hill

Eight of the winning films from the First Annual Art and Soul of the Catskills Film Festival will be screened at the Pine Hill Community Center on Saturday, January 19 at 7 pm. The films were among the 40+ that were submitted to the Festival and shown in Delhi on August 25th. Free will donation.

Festival organizer Jessica Vecchione was gratified by the response to this first annual event, both by the number of entries and the quality of the work. Ms Vecchione will be on hand at the Pine Hill Community Center to introduce the films and to share information about the 2013 Festival, now in the planning stages.

The ASCFF accepted submissions from all levels of filmmakers providing they were residents of Delaware, Otsego, Ulster, Green, Chenango and Schoharie Counties, the film was produced in these counties, or the subject of the film centers in these areas.

The films that will be screened in Pine Hill include "In Montauk," a narrative feature by Kim Cummings, a moving story about two strangers who find themselves in a seaside community in the winter. "In Montauk" is playing the festival circuit and has won awards across the board at various festivals including Audience Award for Best Drama at Woods Hole, Best Screenplay at the World Music & Independent Film Festival and Best Director at the Toronto Independent Film Festival.

Steve Monosson's "Log vs The Space Invaders," is an hilarious 11 minute comedy short which pits our hero (Log) against a rude, red-suited, ransacking clan of intergalactic invaders, The Space Intruders. "Log" received an honorable mention in the Short Narrative category.

In the Vignettes category, 2nd place winner "Fragmented" by Tess Mayer is a study of individual actions and brief, usually ignored moments that tie meaning into our lives. The clips study youth and serenity and are set to Philip Glass' The Poet Acts. "Robin , 4 Eggs, 4 Weeks" by Fred Margulies took Honorable Mention in this category.

Music Video First Place Winner "Song for Clementine" by Erica Hill and Margee Challa captures some of the beauty and danger, the light and the shadow, of childhood. Shot in the woods outside of Hill's home in Delancey and starring Hill's daughter Coco, the short uses the inherent drama and stunning palette of the natural Catskills environment to great effect, resonating perfectly with song, an ode to new life from Pakatakan Mountain's own Two Dark Birds. "I Love You, Rachel Maddow," directed by Blake Farber, a Music Video Honorable Mention is a satiric dreamscape video of singer/songwriter Marc Black's song.

In the moving and inspirational First Place Short Documentary "Making the Shift to Community Connections" by Catherine Tweedie, The Arc of Delaware County demonstrates how

to make the shift to community connections for people with disabilities. Hear from self advocates, community members and staff.

Ann Epner, the Director of the Pine Hill Community Center say, "I was among many disappointed people who were unable to get to Delhi for the Festival in August." I'm so pleased that we will have a second chance to see these fine films.

Pine Hill Community Center is located at 287 Main St. Pine Hill, NY 12467. For more information call (845) 254-5469 or email- info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org. Website: www.pinehillcommunitycenter.org

DEP Announces New Pilot Program that will Allow for use of Electric Trolling Motors While Fishing

Pilot Program Builds on Success of Recreational Boating Expansion and Will Begin at Cannonsville Reservoir this spring

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland today announced a new pilot program that will allow for the use of electric trolling motors for permitted boats fishing at Cannonsville Reservoir this year. The one-year pilot comes after last year's successful expansion of the recreational boating program, and it marks the first time motorized boats for fishing will be allowed on any of DEP's upstate reservoirs. Water quality monitoring during the four-year recreational boating pilot revealed that the regulations put in place, including mandated steam cleaning of boats, led to no negative affects to water quality and no indication of invasive species in the reservoirs - key indications that the limited use of boats on the reservoirs did not affect DEP's ability to provide high quality drinking water. Electric trolling motors are powered by a sealed, marine grade battery and do not use gasoline or oil that could degrade the water supply. DEP will continue to monitor water quality to ensure no impacts are seen from the introduction of electric trolling motors.

"More than nine million New Yorkers, or nearly half the state's population, rely on these reservoirs for their daily drinking water needs so we have closely monitored the recreational boating program and will continue to do so this year with the introduction of electric motors," said Commissioner Strickland. "Working with our local partners we would like to responsibly expand recreational boating, which has proven to strengthen local economies

by attracting even more visitors to watershed communities."

The pilot program is scheduled to begin in April and the guidelines will be similar to those established for recreational boating over the last few years:

- Boats and their motors must be steam cleaned by a certified vendor before they are used in the reservoir. Steam cleaning protects against the spread of certain invasive plants and animals.
- Vendors will issue a trolling motor tag after the motor is cleaned.
- Motors will need to be steam cleaned each time the motor is used on the reservoir, unless it remains stored along with the boat at the reservoir.
- A DEP Access Permit is needed for anyone boating and/or fishing on City reservoirs.

To be eligible for the program, electric trolling motors must not exceed 55 pounds of thrust, and their batteries cannot exceed 12 volts. The motors must use marine-grade batteries that are sealed, and they must be affixed to the boat to prevent them from falling into the reservoir. Trolling motors are to be used only for fishing, and only in conjunction with row boats and jon boats. DEP will consider expanding the acceptable use of the motors and types of vessels after the year-long pilot. While the trolling motors may be stored along with the boats at the reservoir, the batteries must be removed at the end of each day.

New York State laws for trolling motors will also apply, including the requirement that users have a whistle, a hand lantern, and an anchor on board.

The new pilot program for electric trolling motors follows the successful expansion of the recreational boating program, which also began with a pilot at Cannonsville Reservoir in 2009. Last year, the recreational boating program expanded to include Neversink, Pepacton and Schoharie reservoirs, where a total of 983 tags were issued for the use of kayaks, canoes, row-boats, sculls and sailboats. The recreational boating season will open on Memorial Day again this year and run through Columbus Day.

Fishermen have long sought to use electric trolling motors on City reservoirs, and the motors will help some fishermen reach portions of Cannonsville Reservoir that might be difficult to access using non-motorized boats. DEP plans to convene a focus group of anglers in February to solicit thoughts on the details of the program. Participants for that focus group have not yet been chosen. If the pilot program is successful, it could be expanded to include other reservoirs that are open to recreational boating in the City's watershed.

Expanding recreational opportunities in the watershed is one of the goals outlined in Strategy 2011-2014, a comprehensive strategic plan that outlines 100 distinct initiatives to make DEP the safest, most efficient, cost-effective and transparent water utility in the nation. The plan is available at DEP's website at www.nyc.gov/dep.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of high quality water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP employs nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$68 million payroll and \$153 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$13 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/nycwater.

Woodland Terrarium Workshop

LIBERTY- Keep a miniature woodland garden inside this winter! Back by popular demand, Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County offers a workshop on making a woodland terrarium, or a contained environment of living plants. Recycle plastic or glass containers from home or use one of ours to build a woodland terrarium for home or to give as a unique gift. Each participant will take a beautiful terrarium home. Workshop fee is \$25.00, covering instruction and materials. Join CCE on Thursday, February 7th, 2013 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Pre-registration required for a spot at 845-292-6180.

Susan Dollard, CCE Sullivan County Master Gardener Program Coordinator, will be the presenter at this workshop, sharing creative ideas for terrariums. Contact Susan with any questions at smd243@cornell.edu. CCE Sullivan County Master Gardener Program is sponsoring this workshop opportunity.

Those Were the Days, My Friends...

The Catskill Mountains are a large area in the southeastern portion of New York State. They are located approximately 100 miles north-northwest of New York City and forty miles southwest of Albany, starting just west of the Hudson River. The term "the Catskills" came to mean specifically Sullivan County and the "Borscht Belt" hotels that became the favored destination from the 1920s through the 1960s for Jewish vacationers from the Tri-State Area.

In *Memories of The Catskills: The Making of a Hotel*, Alvin L. Lesser reminisces about a place and a time that will live on in the memory of those who were part of it. Through humorous vignettes and personal recollections, the book takes readers back to experience those days. We learn of Alvin's mischievous boyhood pranks that often involved one of his cousins, a bit about his schooling (not a highlight for him), and we learn briefly about his time serving overseas during World War II. He then shares memories of his return to The Lesser Lodge, finding a bride, and working side-by-side with his family to make the Lodge a success.

The hotels of this region that struggled benefited during the recovery years. By 1940, a period of prosperity called the Golden Age had begun. By the middle of the next decade, *The New York Times* reported that there were 538 hotels in Sullivan County, along with 1,000 rooming houses and 50,000 bungalows. These hotels lured the same vacationers back year after year and treated them like members of the family.

The Lesser Lodge was started by Alvin's mother and father with just a modest house and some out buildings. However, Lesser Lodge ultimately grew from a sprawling complex into a resort of some prominence with multiple buildings and bungalows as well as a lake, swimming pool, handball courts, and a separate day camp for the children of guests.

From his birth in 1922, on through his childhood and young adulthood, Alvin Lesser lived mostly in his parents' hotel. During the winter-when a new building wasn't going up-the family lived in the Bronx or Brooklyn.

The 1987 film *Dirty Dancing*, set in a Catskills resort in the summer of 1963, gave many a snapshot of life in one of the hotels where a guest was provided not only a room, but also food and entertainment free of additional charges. Now *Memories of The Catskills* puts the reader there in a more intimate way.

Memories of The Catskills: The Making of a Hotel is not just the story of the Lesser family and those who made up the day-to-day, year-to-year life there. Lesser conveys the warmth of people who made others welcome by providing a respite making them all family-staff, entertainers and guests alike.

From 1922 until The Lesser Lodge burned down in 1963, Alvin's life reflects that special time and place.

"With each passing year, there are fewer folks who remember this era," writes John Conway, Sullivan County Historian, in the book's Foreword. "That's why efforts like this book are so important and so vital to preserving memories of a time that will likely never be duplicated."

Alvin's son Gary encouraged his father, now 91, to write this memoir so that his immediate family wouldn't forget the stories, and-others who might have spent time in "the Catskills" or heard about it all their lives-could get a taste of it for themselves

Early Praise for Memories of The Catskills: The Making of a Hotel

"Those were the days my friends!! Whatever your frame of reference of the 'Catskills' is- guest, staff member or just heard about the area, you will find Al Lesser's book a delight. Traveling down memory lane, while reading this sincere and heart-warming true story, brought back many wonderful memories. Al Lesser has given us a unique opportunity to go behind the scenes and learn how it all happened. I laughed, smiled, and also shed a few tears with the Lesser family. Whether one came from a smaller property, or a large one such as mine (Grossinger's), we all traveled the same road, perhaps with a few minor detours. Our ultimate destination was identical- hospitality for the folks who vacationed with us. Next scheduled activity, READ *Memories of The Catskills*."

~ Elaine Grossinger Etess, *Grossinger's Hotel*

2013 Coyote Hunt \$2000 Grand Prize

The 6th Annual Coyote Hunt will take place February 8, 9,10, 2013 and is sponsored by The Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County, Inc. NY.

The \$2000 Grand Prize will be awarded to the hunter with the heaviest coyote weighed in for the 3-day hunt. The \$200 Daily Prize will be awarded for the heaviest coyote weighed hi on each of the 3-day hunt. The \$100 Extra Prize will be awarded to a Junior Hunter (12-15 years old) for the heaviest coyote of the 3-day hunt. The \$100 Extra Prize will be awarded to a Female Hunter for the heaviest coyote of the 3-day hunt. 5700 will be awarded for all other coyotes weighed in during the 3-day hunt.

A new digital hanging scale will be used to weigh all coyotes! (In case of a tie in weight the prize money will be split)

A \$30 early entry fee Postmarked by **January 25th** will cover the 3 days of the hunt plus the weigh-in dinner on Sunday and a free \$5 gun raffle ticket to be drawn at the dinner. The late registration fee is \$35 and will be charged after January 25th. **Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after 7PM on February 5th.**

For more info please feel free to call Kay or Jack @ 845-482-4987, Pat Voges @ 631-968-8210, or Federation Secretary Linda Loughrey @ 845-482-4985 or visit our web site at: www.sullivancountysportsmensfederationny.com

Information and entry blanks are available at Cannie D's in Neversink.

'Be Mine Forever' An Exhibition About Love at Alliance Gallery

"Be Mine Forever," the fifth in a series of five exhibitions featuring photographs and poetry celebrating love, opens on Saturday, January 26, 2013 with a reception from 2 - 4 p.m. at Alliance Gallery, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

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The "Be Mine" series showcases poems and photographs expressing stages of romance, heartbreak, marriage, and lasting love. As in other years, the poetry will be transformed and displayed as a "poem object," a physical rendition of the poem's central image or images. These "poem objects," along with the written poem, will be displayed in the gallery, mingled with photographs on the theme of romantic love.

Mary Greene of the Upper Delaware Writers Collective will curate the poetry selections and Alliance Gallery director Rocky Pinciotti will curate the photographs. Over the past four years these two curators have perfected this unique mixed-media cross-platform exhibition.

"Each year, the poets, photographers and gallery goers all share the warmth and love this show brings to our town" says Pinciotti "It is a unique event and a very moving exhibition." Greene adds, "Be Mine Forever is the perfect antidote to the snowy chill of midwinter. The photos, poems and poem objects are inspirational, heart-felt and a lot of fun-sure to wrap a smile around your heart."

The exhibition will include presentations by photographers describing their images, poets reciting their poems and singer Sharon Paige performing torch songs accompanied by pianist Bob Lohr all in the Gloria Krause recital hall. The exhibition will also include the popular magnetic poetry wall. New this year will be an opening night romance photo wall where gallery goers can have their photos taken for a photo slide show that will be played on a monitor in the gallery for the full run of the exhibition.

The "Be Mine" opening reception has become the place to be in January in Sullivan County. Come by to enjoy the exhibit, create a poem, talk directly with the photographers, listen to the poets reading their poems and be part of the romance photo slide show.

"Be Mine" runs throughout the Valentine's Day season, closing on Saturday, February 16. This exhibit, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY and is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

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

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Liberty Free Theatre Director to Receive Award (From Pg. 1)

Paul Austin has had a long career in film, television and theater as actor, director, playwright and teacher. For the past eight years he has devoted his energies to establishing the Liberty Free Theatre in Liberty, NY, which presents

plays, music, poetry and fiction free of charge to the people of Sullivan County. Along with an active professional career, Mr. Austin has taught acting and directing privately and as tenured faculty at Sarah Lawrence College. He recounts he "first met Bill when he came to study with me at an earlier theater of mine, the Image Theatre and Studio on Theater Row in New York City. At one point, he was cast in a workshop production of Sam Shepard's *Curse of the Starving Class*, which another student, Patricia Daily, then produced to great success Off-Broadway. From the Shepard play Bill went on to Hollywood and a well-earned, successful career in film. We've remained friends over the years."

Bill Pullman has received world-wide acclaim for his work in such films as *While You Were Sleeping*, *Ruthless People*, *Spaceballs*, *The Accidental Tourist*, *Sommersby* (in which Paul Austin also appeared) and his role as President of The United States in

Independence Day. He once remarked that watching *Independence Day* with then-President Bill Clinton was as daunting as "shooting baskets with Magic Johnson". He has been currently re-elected to a second term as President of the United States, in the new television series, *1600 Pennsylvania* on NBC. He is also highly regarded for his support of and work in independent films and he also returns to the stage as often as he can. Early in his career, he appeared with Paul Austin in Vincent Canby's *The Old Flag*. Not too long ago, he co-starred in Edward Albee's *The Goat* on Broadway. Despite an overwhelming professional schedule, Mr. Pullman makes time to be with his family - wife, dancer Tamara Hurwitz Pullman, and their three children. And he is very active in community service; he works with "Concerned Citizens of Montana" to promote a national smart grid for energy transmissions, The Pullman Women's Health and Birthing Center and the MS Society.



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Left to right: Paul Austin, Afemo, Bill Pullman in Vincent Canby's *The Old Flag*.

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Free Bingo - WHEN: Friday, January 25. DETAILS: Daniel Pierce Library Community Center 6:30 pm. Please bring a can good for the local food pantry. Prizes will be awarded! Refreshments will be served. Come out for some old-fashioned fun! Bring your grandkids! SIGN-UP: Limited to the first 55 people signed up.

Capital District Flower Show - WHEN: Friday, March 22. DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 8:30 am to ride motor coach bus to Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, NY return at approximately 5:30 pm. 17 Garden & Landscape Exhibits, 100 Flower Exhibits and Garden Market place featuring 150 vendors. SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$15 residents/\$23 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, February 12.

Villa Roma FUN DAY - WHEN: Saturday, May 11. DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 8:30 am to ride school bus to Villa Roma, return at approximately 5:30 pm. Spend the day swimming in indoor/outdoor pool, bowling, and riding go-karts. Please bring all required clothing with you. SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$10 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 26 includes lunch & make your own sundaes.

Father's Day Brunch Cruise - WHEN: Saturday, June 15 DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 9:15 am on motor coach bus to the River Rose, Newburgh, return approximately 2 pm. Includes 2 1/2 hour tour on Hudson, Brunch Buffet, Cash Bar available. SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$20 residents/\$39 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, April 23.

FLEA MARKET - WHEN: Saturday, July 13. DETAILS: With both new and used items something for everyone. Reserve your table now! We NEED VENDORS to sell new items, and Community Members to buy space for our Community Yard Sale. SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$15 per space must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 25.

Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Yankees Baseball Game - WHEN: Thursday, July 25. DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 3:30 pm by motor coach bus, return at approximately 10:30 pm. Price includes ticket, all-you-can-eat hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, as much water & soda as you can drink, baseball cap and program. Please bring money to purchase additional food if you would like. Check them out at www.swbyankees.com SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$12 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, May 28.

Zoom Flume - WHEN: Saturday, August 3. DETAILS: Enjoy a fun filled family day complete with a wave pool & water rides. The Motor coach bus leaves the Town Hall at 8 am & returns at approximately 6 pm. Please bring money for the snack bar, coolers are allowed so feel free to bring lunch if you would prefer. SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$12 residents/\$36 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 25.

Grease Forestburgh Playhouse - WHEN: Sunday, August 4. DETAILS: Transportation is not being provided by Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Dept. You may wish to car pool. Lunch begins at 1:30. See the musical and eat lunch at the Tavern. SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$36 residents/\$49 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 25 this includes the show and lunch.

Mad Science Show "Sounds Like Science" - WHEN: Thursday, August 22. DETAILS: Join us for an evening all about sound and sound waves. This is going to be a live, interactive educational experience complete with Slime Making at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5pm. Rain or Shine. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Raffle tickets will be for sale \$1 a piece or 6 for \$5 for various gift baskets. SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$3 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, August 6 this includes the presentation, 1 hot dog, 1 drink, 1 bag of chips and slime to take home.

Shopping Cabela's - WHEN: Saturday, September 14. DETAILS: Leave Town Hall 8 am to shop this massive 250,000 sq. ft. showroom, featuring a décor of museum-quality animal displays & huge aquariums. Get everything you need for this upcoming season! SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend 21 residents/\$31 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, July 9.

D & U Railroad - WHEN: Saturday, September 28. DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 9:30 am to ride motor coach bus to D&U Train Depot where we will enjoy a scenic ride from Arkville to Roxbury. On the way home stop at the World's Largest Kaleidoscope with a 10 minute show inside. Please bring money for snacks. SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$12 residents/\$26 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, August 20.

Water Gap Trolley Show Lunch - WHEN: Wednesday, October 2. DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 9 am to ride motor coach bus to PA. After enjoying the Trolley Tour go to the Big A Grillehouse for lunch and The Gerry Gessie 'Duo' Show. Then shopping at the "Country Kettle." SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$40 residents/\$59 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, August 6.

Kids Expo - WHEN: Sunday, October 6. DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 9 am return approximately 5:30 pm. The Poughkeepsie Waterfront will be transformed into a festival of fun! Live music, animal shows, a petting zoo, inflatable bounce houses, music, food and much more! The event will span all the way to the Walkway Over the Hudson. Please wear walking shoes and bring money to spend. SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$12 residents/\$26 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, August 6.

Ice Skating, Ice Time - WHEN: Saturday, November 2. DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 12:30 pm to ride motor coach bus to Ice Time, Newburgh, return at approximately 5:30 pm. Spend 2 hours ice-skating. Please bring all required clothing with you and \$7-\$10 to purchase snacks. SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$10 residents/\$23 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, September 24.

Transportation to NYC - WHEN: Saturday, December 7. DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall 8 am return approximately 8 pm. Get dropped off near Times Square. Spend the day as you wish. SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$21 residents/non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, November 5.

Procedure to Attend Events

PLEASE do one of the following BEFORE the cut off date: MAIL permission slips & payment to Parks and Rec Dept PO BOX 307 Grahamsville, NY 12740 OR come & fill out permission slips & bring payment to the Town Hall Upstairs Parks & Recreation office between 3 pm & 6 pm on Tuesdays. PLEASE NOTE the following:

- Permission Slips can be downloaded below or picked up at the Town Hall between 3 pm & 6 pm on Tuesdays.
- Trips may be cancelled due to lack of number of sufficient participants (35) or inclement weather
- Parks & Recreation Meetings are held the Last TUESDAY of the month at 7 pm in the Town Hall.

It is very important that everyone understands that your seat is saved only when I get payment and permission slips together. In the past I have been taking permission slips and waiting on payment. People have been calling in and I have been holding their seats. I am no longer able to do this. In addition, I will no longer be calling or emailing people requesting payment and permission slips. If you wish to attend an event you must make the commitment by turning in payments with permission slips. A waiting list will be put together once I have 55 people register with payment to see if I can get a second bus. Thank you for your understanding.

Governor Cuomo Proposes 3 New Casinos

Gov. Andrew Cuomo is proposing three new casinos in upstate New York in an already crowded Northeast market.

In his State of the State address Wednesday, Cuomo argued that upstate casinos could be a magnet to downstate gamblers who visit casinos in Atlantic City or Connecticut.

Two enterprises in the Catskills are hoping for approval - the Empire Resorts/EPR group in the former Concord Hotel in Kiamesha Lake, and the old Nevele Hotel in Ellenville.

Republican State Senator John Bonacic is the sponsor of the casino gaming constitutional amendment. He said gaming is "a key part of potential economic growth" in the Catskills and Hudson Valley regions.

Democrat Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther pledged to lobby for the Sullivan County project. "I think they have done a lot of their homework already and I think their project is an incredible project and I think there is going to be a committee formed and I think that if they present their plan to the committee 90 miles north of New York City, and close to New Jersey and Connecticut, I think that we will really be in the running," Gunther said.

Ulster County Executive Michael Hein, a Democrat, has promised to push the Nevele project. "We believe the Nevele is the right choice. We believe it is a perfect fit because of its proximity to the New York metro area and it can virtually guarantee a successful casino in that exact location," Hein said.

Analysts say any new customers would come from either an out-of-state casino or other gambling operations within the state.

New York is already home to five Indian casinos and nine racinos that offer video slots but no table games.

The Legislature is expected to consider final passage this year of an amendment to the state constitution that would allow seven casinos beyond Indian land. If approved by lawmakers, voters could make a final decision on the amendment in November.

UC Executive Hein calls for Bipartisan "Coalition of The Rational" to Rise Up, Protect Taxpayers and Support Shared Services

Kingston, NY - Yesterday was a bad day for the taxpayers of Ulster County. Political games by Ulster County Legislative Chair Terry Bernardo put over \$200,000 in taxpayer savings in jeopardy. In Legislative Committee, the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature purposely blocked an innovative shared service agreement between Ulster and Dutchess Counties to provide reciprocal conflict defender services.

County Executive Mike Hein said, "As a Democratic County Executive working with our neighboring Republican County Executive, we created a common sense solution that allows our public defenders' offices to work collaboratively. This action will enhance programming, save taxpayer dollars and provide new resources to fund valuable programs for people in need. Instead, petty political maneuvers by the Legislative Chair have once again put in danger the best interest of the taxpayer and those most needy in our community." County Executive Hein concluded by stating, "It is my great hope that a bipartisan 'coalition of the rational' from both parties will come together and do what the American people long for from their elected officials: stop the petty politics and get things done."

David Donaldson, Minority Leader of the Ulster County Legislature said, "I warned my Republican colleagues in the Legislature just last week that the failures of Terry Bernardo were not going to get any better with time. What we have here is another one of her glaring mistakes that the Legislature will have to fix. This is money-saving legislation supported by both myself and the majority leader that she intentionally blocked. I hope her constituents call on her to end the political games and work to save them money. I am confident that there are enough reasonable legislators on both sides of the aisle to come together and adopt this cost-saving proposal."

Cahill Opposes Fee for Walkway Over the Hudson- "There Are Numerous Alternatives to Keep Access Free to the Public"

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) once again showed his strong support for public access to parks by coming out against entrance fees for the Walkway Over the Hudson,

which connects Ulster and Dutchess County over the Hudson River. Recently, a member of the Bridge Authority board questioned the source of revenue for the maintenance and repair of the world-acclaimed Walkway Over the Hudson. Assemblymember Cahill immediately contacted the New York State Bridge Authority and was informed there are currently no proposals for a fee. However, Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero indicated that the Authority recently put up a significant sum of money toward important maintenance and repair. Ruggiero reaffirmed that he and the Authority fully intend to fulfill their duties in relation to the Walkway Over the Hudson.

Pedestrian tolls along the Hudson River crossings have an interesting and varied past. Initially, a twenty-cent toll was charged for each individual passenger and for pedestrians at some of the crossings. Upon the assumption of control by the Bridge Authority in 1933, pedestrian charges were cut in half. Shortly thereafter, the charge for additional passengers was eliminated, but the pedestrian charge remained. In 1945, pedestrian tolls were halved again, to five cents. Separate pedestrian tolls were eliminated altogether in 1980 and have not been imposed since. When the Walkway Over the Hudson was turned over in part to the New York State Bridge Authority, the enabling legislation prohibited the imposition of tolls or fees for passage or use. (See Chapter 219, of 2010, § 6. Subdivision 8 of section 528 of the Public Authorities Law)

"Although the proposal is not official policy, the fiscal burden on the Bridge Authority is very real," said Assemblymember Cahill. "That is why it is important that we begin discussing alternative methods for funding maintenance to the Walkway now and crush the idea of an entrance fee becomes it gains a footing in any way."

The Walkway, which has become a tourism hub of the Mid-Hudson region, was made possible through grants secured by retired Congressman Maurice Hinchey, state funds strongly supported by Assemblymember Cahill and private donations from a drive spearheaded by Philanthropist Robert Dyson and the Dyson Foundation. This attraction brings over half a million visitors each year, funneling close to \$24 million into the local economy annually.

"The Walkway was a community effort from the beginning; the individual contributions that were made from the residents of this area were truly inspiring. This project is a win-win for our communities. Together we can and should come up with a solution where everyone wins," said Robert Dyson of the Dyson Foundation.

NYS Bridge Authority Executive Director Joseph Ruggiero said, "The Bridge Authority has planned for the maintenance of the Walkway Bridge structure in its five-year capital plan, unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners. Additional funding to offset maintenance costs would be great, but given the state's fiscal situation, we are prepared to fulfill our obligation for the safe and efficient maintenance of the structure within our current finances. Should additional funding for maintenance become available at a future date, the Bridge Authority would welcome the support, but rest assured that safety will never be compromised." Ruggiero added that the Bridge Authority constantly seeks additional sources of funds, including advertising on bridges and the marketing of fiber optic services. The Bridge Authority is funded through the collection of tolls and does not receive federal or state tax monies for operation and maintenance of its facilities.

"There are numerous alternatives to keep access free to the public," said Assemblymember Cahill. He is the sponsor of the "Pennies for Parks" Initiative (Assembly Bill 1148) that creates a long-term funding source to restore and maintain the state's aging parks through a five-cent fee on carry-out grocery and retail bags. The Assemblymember also pointed out that interpretative centers, gift shops and other concessions at their site support other public facilities. "A good example of creating a revenue stream without limiting public access is Sam's Point located in Cragmoor (town of Wawarsing). While there is a \$10 parking fee, there remains no separate admission charge for the public use of the grounds.

"There are plenty of opportunities to secure the future for this great attraction while maintaining the fiscal stability of the Bridge Authority and without forcing the residents of our community and those that are visiting to pay an admission charge," said Assemblymember Cahill, "I look forward to working with leaders in our communities and at the state level to keep our Walkway free and the Bridge Authority strong."

NYS Needs More Meat and Less Dressing from the Governor- A Legislative Statement from Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (R,C,I-New Hartford)

Gov. Cuomo has again delivered a State of the State address which would make any outsider think that we are in the express lane on the way to economic recovery. I personally will be entering this new session with reservations about the governor's pronouncements.

The governor has outlined some of our state's strengths and how from those strengths we can and will become stronger. His Taste-NY program, which promotes our locally grown and produced products in "duty free zones", is a testament to the ingenuity, pride and talent of our local farmers and artisans, but they need tax relief to truly flourish and share their goods. But this doesn't quite reach far enough for our communities.

Just a few months ago, New York State was listed as dead last nationally for states that are, to coin the governor's own term, "open for business." We cannot sustain any more overbearing government involvement when year in and year out it has failed our small businesses and communities. Taxes are too high, economic development is just another name for member items and our children are still suffering from poor school funding and education policies.

The governor needs to stop grabbing for headlines. This year, I want to see him pick this state up by the boot straps and put us on a serious road to recovery. If he can come to the table with that attitude, I will be there to work with him to ensure that New York is once again known as the Empire State.

POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando
- press release -

SENATOR BONACIC'S REACTION TO GOV.

CUOMO'S STATE OF STATE ADDRESS

Governor Cuomo has laid out a clear vision for the Legislature to consider. New Yorkers want to ensure our government enacts policies that encourage private sector job growth; and that our government functions in a bi-partisan, responsible way.

I am pleased the Governor has highlighted destination casino gaming, which is a key part of potential economic growth in our region. I am sponsoring the Governor's proposed Constitutional Amendment on casino gaming. I look forward to seeing this long sought after form of entertainment finally happen in the Catskills.

Like the Governor, I personally have no need to see a casino located in New York City and would prefer a total of two in Sullivan and Ulster Counties. Ultimately though, I want no 'poison pills' in the casino legislation. I am supportive of the rights of local communities to enact and amend zoning laws to permit or prohibit gaming. I will work to ensure that one of the first three casinos, if not two, are in the Catskills.

I am also supportive of the Governor's call for better promotion of agriculture and was interested to hear of his support for whitewater sports in the Adirondacks. I look forward to suggesting to him that he include Port Jervis and the Upper Delaware River in that initiative.

The Governor's ideas for students are positive. Opportunities for more education are key to growing the future of New York. The more time in the classroom with quality teachers, the better our students will be.

Clearly the Governor has put forward a social agenda befitting the Cuomo name. I am hopeful he can show that his proposal on minimum wage, when combined with promises to reduce workers compensation and unemployment costs, can ultimately lower the cost of doing business in New York.

Lastly, I appreciate the Governor's recognition of a need to better prepare for weather related disasters. While 'Superstorm Sandy' is the storm on everyone's mind, and was devastating in terms of both lives lost and property destroyed, our communities in the Hudson Valley and Catskills have far too much experience with disasters, for all the wrong reasons. I look forward to ensuring any changes in our disaster preparedness policies and laws serve to benefit small and mid-sized communities, as well as New York City.

This space is also for you; To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and townsman guidelines adhered to, as listed in the masthead, Email politicalslant@yahoo.com

Village of Ellenville Receives \$233,000 in Safe Routes To School Program Funds

The Village of Ellenville has been awarded \$233,000 in Safe Routes To School (SRTS) Program Infrastructure and Non-Infrastructure Funds for the East Ellenville Pedestrian Safety Project. This 100% federally funded reimbursement program will allow the Village to improve pedestrian access and safely connect the Kossar Place neighborhood with the Ellenville Central School District campus.

Residents of the Kossar Place neighborhood in Ellenville have voiced concern regarding the safety of pedestrians, especially children, who are forced to walk on roads due to aging or absent sidewalks.

"Congratulations to the Village of Ellenville. As County Executive and Chairman of the Ulster County Transportation Council, I applaud the decision by the State to act on the Council's recommendation and fund the Village's Safe Route to School program," said County Executive Michael Hein. "Children are our future and I am pleased that the Village will be able to make improvements to sidewalks and signals. This will help to ensure that their trips to and from school are safer."

The Safe Routes to School program is a federal, state and local effort to enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school and to make walking and bicycling to school safe and appealing.

Invasive Species Identification Assistance

LIBERTY- Free identification services for all potential invasive species are offered by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County. CCE will be available to answer questions about invasive species including the importance of early

detection and rapid response. For more information contact the office, located on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, at 845-292-6180.

An "invasive species" is a species that does not naturally occur in a specific area and whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health, according to The Presidential Executive Order 13112. It states: Invasive species are plants, animals including insects, pathogens and parasites that spread quickly and cause harm to other species. Not all non-native species become pests. In fact, 98% of our food supply comes from introduced plants and animals. It is estimated that only 1% of the species introduced every year become invasive. Even though it is only a small percentage of species that cause problems, the environmental damage caused by these invaders has been estimated at \$138 billion dollars a year.

CCE Sullivan County is working with the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) to help with the early detection and rapid response to Invasive Species in Sullivan County.

Catskill Mountain Chapter of Hadassah Book Discussion

The Catskill Mountain Chapter of Hadassah will be having a book discussion on Wednesday, January 30th at Temple Shalom (Rt.42 and Dillon Rd) in Monticello, NY at 7:00 pm. The book being discussed is *I Am Forbidden* by Anouk Markovits, which is available at amazon.com or your local library. *I Am Forbidden* brings to life four generations of one Satmar family, from the Central European countryside just before World War II, to Paris, and then to contemporary Williamsburg, Brooklyn, NY. It is a beautifully crafted, emotionally gripping story, of what happens when unwavering love, unyielding law, & centuries of tradition collide. The discussion is open to all and light refreshments will be served. To RSVP, or for more information, please contact Lauren Miller at 845-794-3962 or lauren.miller13@gmail.com or Shain at 845-557-6593 or shain@frontiernet.net

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

The Annual Plot-Holders' meeting for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will be on February 5th, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the Neversink Town Hall.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Honorable Chairman Scott B. Samuelson
Sullivan County Legislature
Members of the Sullivan County Legislature, and
Residents of Sullivan County

**RIDICULOUS PROPOSED CHARTER
REVISION FOR EXPENSIVE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

I just read about the Sullivan County Legislator's proposal for a Charter Revision, to create a new and more expensive County Executive. Does this mean that our Legislatures are admitting that they are unable, incapable or unwilling to do the job they were elected to do - which I think is to supersede the Town Supervisors and run the County Government? Even with the overall supervision by County Manager David Fanslau?

Mr. Fanslau is an intelligent, effective and diplomatic County Manager. Lawyers could best describe his work by saying Fanslau must be doing something right because everybody seems to dislike him.

Has anyone discussed this idea with Orange County Executive Ed Diana?

Last year, I tried my hardest to propose a fair, more effective, proven, and far less expensive, and responsible form of Government to wit: return to the original Sullivan County Supervisors form of government. Neighboring Delaware County still has, and loves it. So do numerous other counties throughout New York State. Residents who only elect Supervisors seem to be more interested and involved in county affairs. And they save numerous "duplicate" salaries, expenses and pensions.

Individual Sullivan legislators told me this can only be done by a charter revision proposal and vote initiated only by the Legislators (as per its "protective" Charter) and no Legislator would propose this. When I brought this up at the open Legislature Meetings, the Legislators did not comment. It was like talking to a wall.

Incidentally, I also favor keeping the Sullivan County Transfer Station (County dump) in Sullivan County. How can we save money shipping our trash to some unknown faraway place?

It must be to some place where they can take our money and work for less.

I must be getting old, because I seem to be making less money.

In conclusion, I dare and challenge the Legislators when they put up a charter revision vote for a County Executive, to also put up to a vote the complete immediate dissolution and elimination of the entire Sullivan County Legislature.

William A. Brenner
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cc: Letters to the Editors

FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo delivered his 2013 State of the State address, where he proposed a comprehensive agenda that builds on the progress of the past two years.

The Governor outlined actions to attract good jobs and economic growth, including:

- Accelerate the commercialization of good ideas and new businesses to create jobs
- Reform workers' compensation and unemployment insurance to reduce business costs
- Make New York a national leader in building a clean tech economy program
- Better match training programs to meet required skills of available jobs
- Continue to focus on growing the economy in Upstate New York

We will continue our work to create a world-class education system that prepares the next generation for the future by taking steps to:

- Provide students with more learning time
- Recruit and retain only the best and brightest educators
- Improve education and resources in New York's neediest communities

To restore New York as the progressive capital of the nation, Governor Cuomo proposes to:

- Achieve equality for women through a 10-point plan to break down barriers that perpetuate discrimination

and inequality based on gender

- Raise the minimum wage to \$8.75 an hour
- Decriminalize marijuana possession in public view with 15 grams or less

-Ensure fairness in justice system by strengthening eyewitness identification and recording criminal interrogations

-Invest \$1 billion to preserve affording housing
New York has put in place some of the strongest public safety laws in the nation, but the Governor recognizes there is more we can do to protect New Yorkers such as:

- Reduce gun violence by putting a safe and fair gun policy in place
- Criminalize the sale and possession of designer synthetic drugs

-Increase cyber security in the state
To give New Yorkers a stronger voice in government and strengthen the state's democracy, the Governor's proposed reforms include:

- Make the state's campaign finance laws more fair and require more disclosure
- Make voting easier by creating an early voting system

-Launch OPEN NY to increase government transparency and allow online access to government data, reports, statistics, and other information

Facing the reality of climate change and extreme storms, the Governor proposed a series of proposals to prepare our state:

- Harden our infrastructure, including a more resilient New York Harbor, subway system, fuel delivery system, utility infrastructure, and strengthened wastewater infrastructure
- Update our building codes to improve the resilience of our buildings and provide homeowners in vulnerable locations with support to mitigate future threats or to relocate

-Redesign our power system to strengthen state oversight over utilities and privatize the Long Island Power Authority's (LIPA) to address its systemic flaws and weaknesses

- Establish a world-class emergency response network, including specialized training for the National Guard and the creation of a statewide volunteer network, civilian emergency response corp and private sector emergency response task force
- Strengthen cell phone networks and communication systems and develop a program to allow mass text messages to send messages to a specific geographic area

-Lower the regional greenhouse gas emissions cap, increase alternative local renewable power sources, and ensure a skilled energy workforce by expanding career training and placement programs.

To read his full plan for New York State, <http://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/themes/governor/sos2013/2013SOSBook.pdf>

To join the Governor in his plan for 2013, visit www.NYGetInvolved.com, where you can also find full coverage of today's address, including video and the Governor's PowerPoint presentation.

Sincerely,
The Office of the Governor

DEP Opened More than 6,100 Acres of Watershed Land for Recreation in 2012

(From Pg. 1) "By working with our local partners we have been able to expand and improve recreational access to some of New York's most scenic land and waterways," DEP Commissioner Carter Strickland said. "We will continue to focus on creating new opportunities for hiking, boating, fishing and other outdoor activities in order to attract even more visitors and help contribute to a stronger economy in our watershed communities."

DEP opened 6,184 acres of land for recreational use in 2012, of which 5,554 are public access areas and can be used without a permit. Entry on the remaining 630 newly opened acres requires a DEP permit. In addition, 1,521 acres of watershed land that previously required a permit were converted to public access areas. The City first established public access areas in 2008 to allow recreation without permits on certain watershed lands. Since then, the number of acres open for recreation without a permit has more than doubled, from 20,009 to 52,198. These lands are typically open for fishing, hiking, hunting, cross-country skiing and other low impact recreational activities.

The year also brought new partnerships which have enhanced the existing recreational use of City-owned land in the watershed, including:

- In January 2012, the Finger Lakes Trail Conference received a DEP land-use permit to construct and maintain 2.5 miles of a hiking trail over City water supply lands just north of the Cannonsville Reservoir. The Finger Lakes Trail System includes the main trail from the Pennsylvania-New York border in the Allegany State Park to the Long Path in the Catskill Forest Preserve, as well as many smaller trails. Portions of the trail inside the City's watershed ran along public roads, but the DEP permit allowed for a section of the trail to be moved into woods and fields owned by the City. The low-impact hiking trail primarily follows existing

trails and old tracks.

- DEP issued a land-use permit to allow the Village of Fleischmanns to use City land for a temporary park after its village park was destroyed by tropical storms Irene and Lee in 2011. DEP also established Devasego Park, a designated use area on City land adjacent to Schoharie Reservoir, so that residents and visitors would have a public area close to the heart of Prattsville for walking, Frisbee, picnics and other outdoor activities.

- DEP also worked with the Town of Andes and the Catskill Mountain Club to allow two new hiking trails on City land in the Pepacton Reservoir basin. One trail, located on the north side of the reservoir, begins at the Shavertown Bridge boat launch site and rises through the woods to scenic fields. The other trail, off Finkle Road, begins at a scenic pull-off that Andes built on City land after receiving a land-use permit from DEP several years ago.

- DEP partnered with Westchester County to allow participants in the Westchester County Adaptive Deer Management Program to enter City lands around Muscoot, Cross River and New Croton Reservoirs. These lands will be open to hunters who were enrolled in the special program to help manage the high deer populations in that portion of the county.

The expansion of the recreational boating program in 2012 brought kayaks, canoes, rowboats and non-motorized boats to Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton and Schoharie reservoirs. A total of 983 tags were issued to recreational boaters, 45 percent of whom were from outside the watershed and 10 percent of whom were from outside New York. Permits for recreational boating, which require certification that the boat has been steam cleaned, can be obtained free of charge through DEP's website.

"Delaware County has already seen an uptick in visitors because DEP chose to expand recreational opportunities on its land and on the Pepacton and Cannonsville Reservoirs," Delaware County Board of Supervisors Chairman Jim Eisel said. "New businesses that rented kayaks, steam cleaned boats, and offered other services began emerging once DEP opened its reservoirs to more recreational boating. It's a clear sign that Delaware County and DEP working cooperatively has strengthened the tourism economy."

"We are excited about the additional recreation land DEP has opened for the public to enjoy," Greene County Legislature Chairman Wayne Speenburgh said. "By complimenting the many recreational trails, ski slopes and other destinations that already exist, DEP is helping attract more visitors to enjoy the unique natural beauty of the Catskills."

Expanding recreational opportunities in the watershed is one of the goals outlined in Strategy 2011-2014, a comprehensive strategic plan that outlines 100 distinct initiatives to help ensure that DEP is the safest, most efficient, cost-effective and transparent water utility in the nation. The plan is available on DEP's website at www.nyc.gov/dep.

There are now 114,833 acres of City-owned land open for recreation in the watershed, including 80,941 acres of land, and reservoirs that comprise 33,892 acres. Much of that land was purchased through DEP's Land Acquisition Program, including 6,811 acres of land and conservation easements in 2012. The acquisitions in 2012 included 4,007 acres of land that were purchased outright, of which 3,726 acres, or 93 percent, have been or are expected to be opened for public recreation. Recreation is not allowed on conservation easements. The 2007 Filtration Avoidance Determination issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires New York City to continue an active Land Acquisition Program, focusing on properties selected for their water quality protection benefits. The City only acquires land and easements from willing sellers, and pays fair market value based on independent appraisals.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of high quality water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP has nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$68 million payroll and \$153 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunities. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with more than \$13 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/nycwater

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

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Free Bingo - Friday, January 25. -Daniel Pierce Library Community Center 6:30 pm. Please bring a can good for the local food pantry. Prizes will be awarded! Refreshments will be served. Come out for some old-fashion fun! Bring your grandkids! Limited to the first 55 people signed up.

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

Walking Club Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 Grahamsville Fairgrounds



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.

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

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

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

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

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

Farm to Table Co-Packers getting \$775K from NY to expand at TechCity

Ulster food distributor Farm to Table Co-Packers will receive \$775,000 in state grants to help pay for a \$1.8 million project to expand its TechCity facility and buy additional equipment to increase production.

Farm to Table Co-packers operates out of a 21,000-square-foot industrial kitchen in Kingston's Tech City. Fresh, locally grown produce and farm crops are brought to the facility, cleaned, flash-frozen (if necessary), and packaged to be readied for sale.

The funds are coming from the Empire State Development Corp. and state Department of Agriculture and Markets

Owner of the company, Farm to Table Co-Packers stated, "We are creating here what's called a food hub. We are the Hudson Valley food hub in terms of aggregating from farms and then producing value-added (goods) and doing distribution to markets throughout the state and even outside the state

Farm to Table Co-Packers has, among other things, helped local farmers lower their costs for packing and distribution.

In 2012 Farm to Table Co-Packers worked with over sixty various farms, and had over 800,000 pounds of produce go through the facility and out to different markets including stores, schools and farm markets.

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- 1/19/13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church - Thrift Sale Only - 9 am - 1 pm
- 1/20/13 Claryville Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon
- 1/21/13 TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- 1/29/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm
- 2/2/13 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 2/6/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm
- 2/13/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 2/14/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 2/18/13 TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - President's Day
- 2/16/13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church - Thrift Sale Only - 9 am - 1 pm
- 2/19/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 3/2/13 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall

Reminder: To all local organizations & municipalities to send their Meeting/Event calendars for 2013

Save the Dates!

Saturday, May 4th, 2013 for the Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk -- in memory of Donald Ter Bush, Charter Member and President of the Tri-Valley Lions, who passed away July 16, 2012.

Annual Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival sponsored by the EWOC - Saturday August 10th-Vendor applications are available now. Coordinator is Dianne E Turner ("aka "Mother Blueberry")

2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair - Sundown Methodist Church Hall - Date to be announced.

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Farm to Table Co-Packers began utilizing space at TechCity, the former IBM-Kingston site, in January 2010.

During that same year while serving in Congress, Maurice Hinchey together with U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Regional Director Willie Taylor, and local farmers first announced new federal funding to implement a comprehensive plan intended to strengthen and develop the local agriculture industry and collectively market Hudson Valley branded food products to New York City.

Hinchey obtained \$350,000 from Congress as part of the fiscal year 2010 appropriations process in order to help the non-profit, Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC), develop a "food corridor" along Route 209, running from Ellenville to Kingston.

Assemblywoman Gunther Announces Middletown District Office Move Carmel Wilson to join Gunther's Staff as Constituent Services Manager

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D, 1, WF -Forestburgh) today announced the re-location of her Middletown District Office to Middletown City Hall, Third Floor. The office was formerly occupied by Congressman Maurice Hinchey.

"While I have always had an office in Middletown, the new, larger space, at a more convenient location, will provide better access for the people I represent in the City of Middletown and the Towns of Wallkill and Mt. Hope," said Assemblywoman Gunther. "I thank Mayor Joe DeStefano for his hospitality and generosity and look forward to continuing our great partnership."

Assemblywoman Gunther also announced that Carmel Wilson has joined her staff as Constituent

Services Manager. Ms. Wilson previously served the Office of Congressman Maurice Hinchey in the same location.

"In addition to being a familiar face, Carmel has a wealth of knowledge and experience in government and constituent service," said Assemblywoman Gunther. "I'm proud to have her as part of our team. She will be a tremendous asset."

The Middletown District Office will be open 9 am until 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Constituents needing assistance are encouraged to either come in or call the office at 845-342-9304.

Gillibrand Statement on Obama Announcement of U.S. Transition from Combat Operations in Afghanistan this Spring

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, released the following statement following President Obama's announcement that U.S. forces in Afghanistan will end most combat operations starting this spring and transition to a support role. Senator Gillibrand was one of the Senate's leading voices pressing for an aggressive draw-down of combat troops from Afghanistan.

"President Obama's announcement today regarding his policy winding down the war in Afghanistan was a step forward. A faster transition to Afghan led operations will shift U.S. troops from a combat to support role by the middle of this year. I urge the President to use this momentum to speed up and increase the draw-down of U.S. combat troops. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I stand ready to work with the President and the Department of Defense on solutions to continuing U.S. security in South East Asia that does not involve the presence of U.S. combat troops in Afghanistan."



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The ArtsWAVE Center is a 3,600 square foot former storefront, located in the village of Ellenville, New York. Selected artists will have use of the art center for three weeks, in exchange for offering a Free Class, and having an "Open Studio" evening to show work in progress.

Special Consideration will be given to artists in Ulster County, and to projects with a strong local focus, but all artists are encouraged to apply.

Apply now to be considered for the session you prefer. For more information e-mail: class@artswave.org or call 845.443.5319

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PINE HILL COMMUNITY CENTER -This weekend, eight of the winning films from the **First Annual Art and Soul of the Catskills Film Festival** will be screened at the Pine Hill Community Center on Saturday, January 19 at 7 pm. The films were among the 40+ that were submitted to the Festival and shown in Delhi on August 25th. Free will donation.

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