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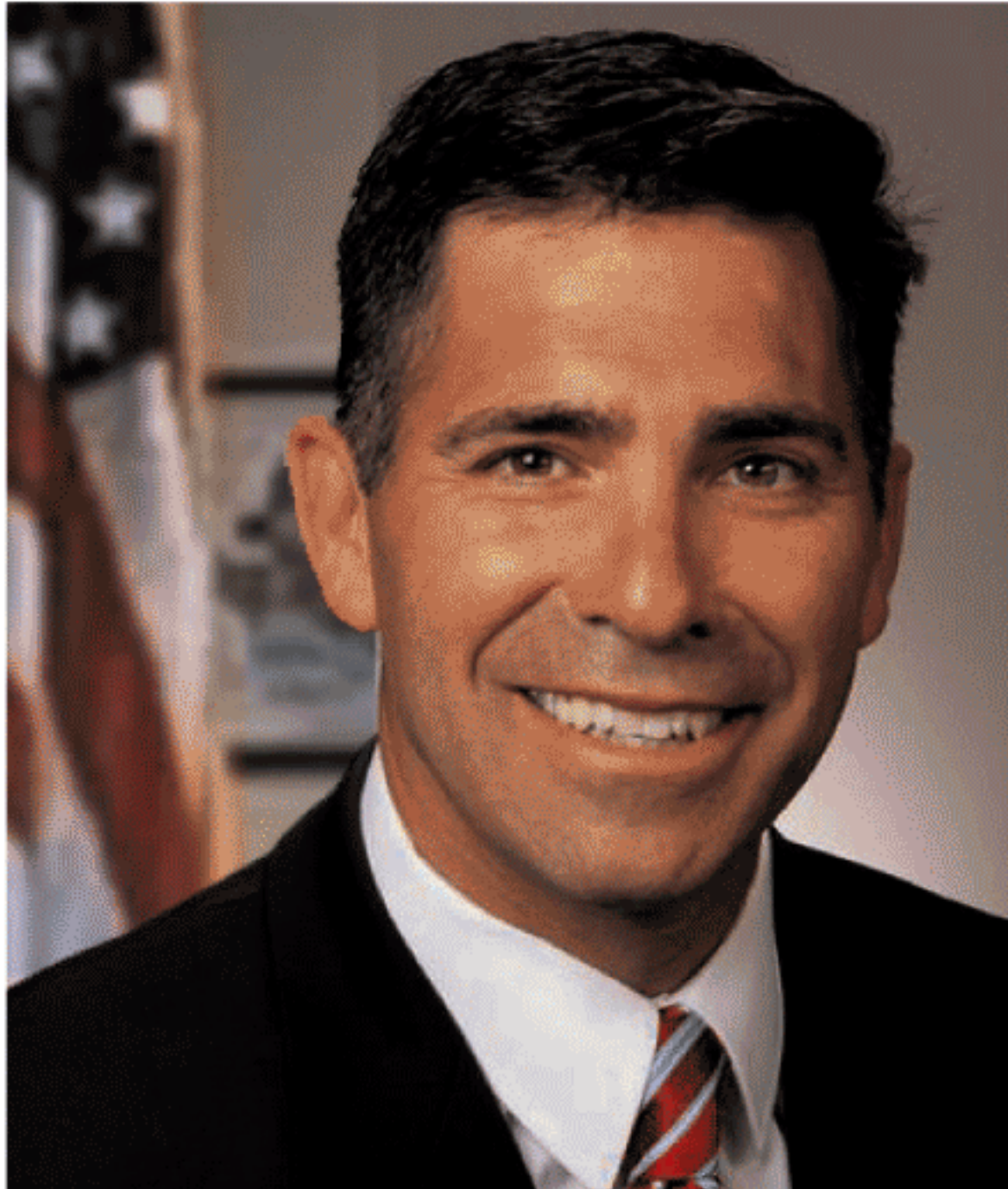
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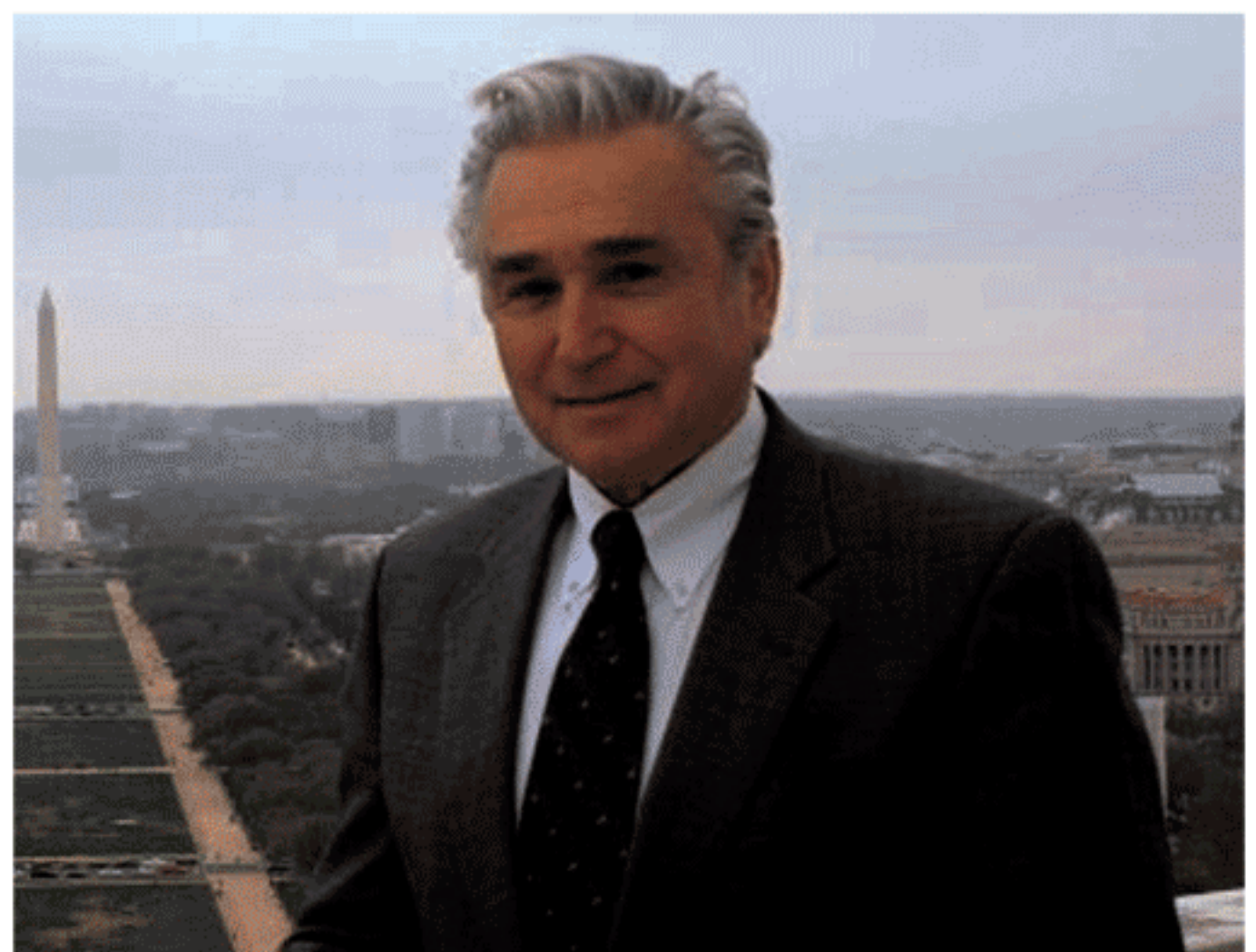
## Ulster County Executive Mike Hein Announces Tentative Deal for the Redevelopment of the Nevele Hotel - *The deal will potentially bring 1,000 jobs and an investment of \$500 million to the greater Ellenville area*



Ellenville--Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announced that there is a tentative deal in place to redevelop the Nevele Hotel in Ellenville, N.Y. Judge Mary Work will be hearing testimony on an Order to Show Cause brought by potential purchasers of the Nevele on Monday, January 23rd. This is the last hurdle before a deal can be finalized.

Claremont Investors, LLC filed the Order to Show Cause to settle the claims of creditors and transfer the debt instrument on the Nevele Hotel, to its designee, Nevele Investors LLC. This group is made up of two members, the Navegante Group and Levine Construction. (Contd. Pg. 14)

## Rep. Hinchey Announces He Will Not Seek Reelection - *Congressman Will Retire From Congress at End of Current Term*



Kingston, NY -- With profound gratitude to the people of New York's 22nd Congressional District and the former 26th Congressional District who he's had the honor of serving, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) announced that he will not seek reelection and instead will retire from Congress at the end of his current term. The congressman made the announcement at the Senate House State Historic Site in Kingston, New York, which was where he announced his first campaign for Congress in 1992. Hinchey has spent the past 38 years of his life in public service, including 18 years in the New York State Assembly and 20 years in the U.S. House of Representatives.

"While it is incredibly hard to leave a job I truly love, I know in my heart of hearts that now is the right time for me to move on," Hinchey said. "I want to thank the people of New York's 22nd District and the people of the former 26th District who put their trust in me to be their congressman. I am forever grateful for their support over the years. They afforded me the opportunity of a lifetime. Every day I've spent in Congress was a day I spent fighting for those who I represent. The people from the Hudson Valley, the Catskills, the Southern Tier and the Finger Lakes were always, and continue to be, at the front of my mind and the focus of everything I do as their congressman." (Contd. Pg. 8)

## Ellenville Regional Hospital to Implement Electronic Health Records

Ellenville, NY (Jan.16, 2012)-Ellenville Regional Hospital in Ellenville, N.Y., has chosen integrated financial and clinical applications from Healthcare Management Systems Inc.® (HMS) because of their easy-to-use functionality, strong customer support and ability to deliver both a highly effective electronic health record (EHR) and a clear path to meaningful use.

Also key to the Ellenville Regional Hospital decision was the ability to have applications remotely hosted via HMS DirectSM, which provides cloud-based, hosted and managed IT solutions to hospitals and healthcare systems nationwide. Under the hosted model, Ellenville avoids upfront capital costs associated with traditional on-premise deployments. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Saturday Movie Matinees at The Shadowland Are Back! - 2012 Afternoon Classic Movie Matinee Series Features *The Time of Their Lives, Rio Grande and Hellzapoppin'*, Complete with Cartoons, Shorts and Flash Gordon

ELLENVILLE, NY, January 19, 2012 - Hudson Valley classic movie buffs, take note: Saturday Matinees at The Shadowland are back this February to April in downtown Ellenville. Following up on its 2010 success and the December 2011 showing of "Babes in Toyland," Shadowland Theatre announced today its 2012 winter/spring line up of movie classics, complete with original cartoons, shorts and chapters from the Flash Gordon serial.(Contd. Pg. 9)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Praise ye the Lord, Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly his commandments.  
Psalm 112:1

**OBITUARY**

**Vincent F. Rush** of Rock Hill, passed away at home on Wednesday, January 18, 2012. He was 82 years old. The son of the late Robert T. Rush and Catherine Cleary Rush, he was born in Brooklyn, NY on January 10, 1930.

During the late 1940's Vince worked for a time as a forester near Coer d'Alene in northern Idaho. After graduating from Saint Peter's College in 1952, Vince served on active duty as a naval officer during the Korean War. Soon after his marriage to Rosalie Joy Savage in 1962, he moved to Sullivan County and worked as a science teacher for 30 years, first at Tri-Valley, and later at Fallsburg High School. As a retired part-time employee at Monticello Raceway, Vince was also very active in the labor movement in Sullivan County and played an important role in bringing union representation to parimutuel employees at Monticello Raceway during the 1970's. He also served as the first president of the Sullivan County Central Labor Council.

Vince was an avid sportsman, who loved hunting and fishing. He particularly enjoyed raising beagles for hunting snowshoe hare. After his retirement in 1992, he enjoyed travelling to visit his children and grandchildren. His faith was an important part of his life, and he was active in the Knights of Columbus and St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Monticello.

Vince is survived by his wife, Rosalie Savage Rush, at home; his brother, John Rush of Montgomery Village, MD; his four children: Robert J. Rush of Huntington Beach, NY, Paul V. Rush and his wife, Eliane of Grahamsville, Matthew S. Rush and his wife, Zigrid of Highlands Ranch, CO and Maureen T. Rush Stewart and her husband, Mark of Fairplay, CO; six grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, January 21 at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Church, Broadway and Liberty Street in Monticello, with Fr. Stanislaus Ogbonna officiating. Burial with military honors followed at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery in Liberty.

Memorial contributions can be made to St. Peter's Church, 10 Liberty Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

**MILITARY NEWS**

**Captain Garigliano Ends Afghanistan Deployment**

Army Captain Jennifer L. Garigliano has returned to Fort Richardson, Alaska, after a year-long deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The soldier is one of 100 members of the 23rd Engineer Company, 6th Engineer Battalion, 3rd Maneuver Enhancement Brigade.

The unit, known as "the Guardians", served in clearing roads of mines and improvised explosive devices (IEDS). While deployed, Garigliano was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the NATO Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal and the Overseas Service Ribbon.

The captain is a chemical officer with four years of military service.

She is the daughter of Karen F. Whipple of Neversink and Louis Sorrentino of Cortlandt Manor.

Her husband, Anthony, is the son of Michael W. and Lisa M. Garigliano of Grahamsville.

Garigliano graduated in 2002 from Tri-Valley HS, Grahamsville and received a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point.

**College News**

**Dean's List at SUNY Orange in Middletown for the 2011 fall semester:**

Congratulations to Full-Time student, Melissa Franson, who was on the SUNY Ulster President's List for the Fall 2011 semester. Melissa is a Napanoch resident. Also congratulations go to Steven Lichtenberg, a Grahamsville resident who is a part-time student and was named to the Fall 2011 Dean's List.

**Dean's List at SUNY Orange in Middletown for the 2011 fall semester:**

Kelsey M. Riley of Grahamsville  
Krista Devore of Neversink  
Destiny Hinkley and Jacqueline Perito of Woodbourne

**DAYS OF YORE...**

**Today's History**

**January 23, 1952** - Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Slater of Lackawack are the parents of a son, Gary Emerson, born Saturday night at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville. The baby weighed 8 lbs. 15 oz. Mrs. Slater was the former Vira Hornbeck.

The total snowfall for this area up to Thursday was 34.9 inches, according to Otis Donaldson, who has been recording the weather and the amount of rainfall for 38 years as gage keeper for the New York City B.W.S.

This coming Sunday the congregation of the Methodist Church will worship for the first time in the newly painted sanctuary. The newly organized choir, under the direction of Miss Marilyn King, will sing for the first time.

Maude, the mule belonging to Robert Van Keuren, died Monday of old age. No one seems to know how many years she had been a resident of this earthly vale. Maude was fond of cake, pie and candy and wasn't too proud to beg a handout from delighted neighbors.

**January 24, 1962** - Mr. George Erts, honorary member of the Claryville Fire Department, will be the speaker on Saturday evening at the dedication of the new Fire Hall in Claryville. There will also be dancing and refreshments for all following the dedication.

Dale Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Ross of Grahamsville, has been awarded first prize for a feature story in "The Polytechnic", student weekly newspaper at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy. His feature, "Through an International Window", won \$10 in the annual judging. Dale, a graduate of Tri Valley Central School, is a sophomore at RPI majoring in electrical engineering.

**January 26, 1972** - George Keeler and Mrs. Wilson DeMyer, both of Grahamsville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie, to John Gasko. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gasko of Cochection. The couple plans a July wedding. Miss Keeler is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is attending Sullivan County Community College. Her fiancé graduated from Narrowsburg Central School and St. Bonaventure University in Olean. He is employed at Schmidt's Wholesale, Inc., Monticello.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. William Schulte, 11 years on Jan. 28th; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harms, 30 years on the 30th; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gotsch, 42 years on Feb. 1st; and to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keller, 47 years on the 2nd.

**January 28, 1982** - Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark of Grahamsville announce the engagement of their daughter, Irene, to Wayne Barringer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Barringer also of Grahamsville. Miss Clark is a senior at Tri-Valley Central School and will further her education in Business Administration. Mr. Barringer is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and R.P.I. with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is now employed by I.B.M. in Virginia. Wedding plans are incomplete.

Samuel H. Carr of River Road, Grahamsville, a retired employee for the Town of Neversink and a lifelong area resident, died Thursday at home after a long illness. He was 75. The son of the late George and Elizabeth George Carr, he was born July 16, 1906 in Grahamsville. Survivors include his wife, Olive Richards Anapel Carr, at home; a son, George Carr of Kansas and two grandchildren.

Wilson Van Wagner of Claryville, retired Supt. of Highways for the Town of Neversink, and a lifelong area resident, died Sunday at home after a short illness. He was 67. The son of the late Etson and Cora Brown Van Wagner, he was born Feb. 23, 1914 in Claryville. He was a former Justice of the Peace for the Town of Neversink and was a former bus contractor for the Tri Valley School for 25 years. Survivors include his wife, Connie Speck Van Wagner, at home; three daughters, Helen Clark of Accord, Patricia Grey of Grahamsville and Connie Matthews of Claryville; a sister, Edna Sheeley of Grahamsville.

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

Harold Stangel of Neversink is celebrating his 90th birthday on January 25th. Happy Birthday, Harold, and may you be blessed with many more.

Also, birthday greetings go to Matthew Ryan who will celebrate on Jan 27, Cheyenne Hennessey on Jan 29 and Logan McKeon on Jan 31. Happy birthday to all!

Have a good week and God Bless. (Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.) You can also send your information via email: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)

**SC Town Clerk's Food Drive**

The Sullivan County Town Clerks are concerned about their residents having to choose between heating and eating this winter. A non-perishable food drive will be held at Sullivan County's Town Halls throughout the month of February during regular office hours. The Neversink Town Hall is open Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding holidays. We are located at 273 Main Street in Grahamsville. Food collected will be given to the Town of Neversink's Local Food Pantries. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

**AARP Driver Safety Program**

AARP Driver Safety Program will be at the South Fallsburg Community Center, Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, New York on Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Please arrive at 8:45 am. The snow date is Feb. 18, 2012. To register or for info- Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). Sonny Smith, an AARP-Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance. The fee is \$17 for AARP members and \$19 for non-members; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sonny Smith. Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (R&SVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging.

**Ellenville Regional Hospital (From Pg. 1)**

"We're in the healthcare business, not the IT business, so we only considered companies that could provide us with a hosted approach because we wanted to avoid building a big IT department," said Patricia Gavis, vice president and chief financial officer of Ellenville Regional Hospital. "Providing better healthcare with fewer resources is the industry trend. The hosted model helps with that, and so does being able to choose one provider in HMS that gives us everything we were looking for - we didn't want to worry about interfacing different vendors."

In addition to the core financial and clinical applications, Ellenville Regional Hospital purchased HMS' emergency department information system, HMS EDIS powered by MEDHOST, and will engage HMS' EHR Initiatives Group for meaningful use consulting services to help accelerate the Stage 1 attestation process.

Hospital leaders conducted a detailed and competitive review of healthcare IT providers that included multiple site visits to vendors and hospitals. The decision to choose HMS ultimately was made because administrators and clinicians agreed that HMS' products and personnel were clearly the best fit for Ellenville Regional Hospital.

"We looked at product functionality, support and overall cost, and HMS really was the clear winner when considering those factors. It was also very clear to us that HMS' system would be easier to implement and maintain, and that their people truly know how to work with us," said Steven Kelley, president and CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital. "HMS also has proven very successful in getting other hospitals to meaningful use, and we believe that the HMS system is the most likely to help us achieve meaningful use in the shortest amount of time."

Located about two hours north of New York City, Ellenville Regional Hospital has won several regional and national quality awards, including Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative awards from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in 2009.

"Our systems can deliver the data that clinicians and administrators need to further measure and improve quality, while providing a flexible platform for more quickly achieving meaningful use and the associated financial incentives," said Tom Stephenson, president of HMS.

**About HMS**

Healthcare Management Systems Inc. (HMS) is a Nashville-based healthcare company that develops, sells and supports integrated clinical and financial hospital information systems and services designed to increase efficiency while improving patient safety. The HMS EHR is 2011/2012 compliant and has been certified by Drummond Group, an ONC-ATCB, in accordance with the applicable certification criteria adopted by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Founded in 1984, HMS currently serves more than 700 community

hospitals; behavioral, rehabilitation and long-term acute-care facilities; and multi-entity healthcare organizations nationwide. For more information, please visit [www.hmstn.com](http://www.hmstn.com).

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**About Ellenville Regional Hospital**

Ellenville Regional Hospital is a 25 bed rural critical access hospital located in Southern Ulster County. The Hospital offers a wide range of services including inpatient services, rehabilitation, emergency care, physical therapy, orthopedics, gastroenterology, cardiology, cardio-stress testing, pulmonary, pain management, ambulatory surgery, laboratory, diabetes education, oncology, clinical pharmacy services, medical nutrition therapy, hospice care, women's health including bone density, mammography, ultrasound, urogynecology and imaging including CT scan, digital X-Ray, nuclear medicine, and MRI studies. The hospital has won numerous quality awards including a Patient Safety Award from the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet) Patient Safety Institute for reducing the average length of stay in the Emergency Department to less than 100 minutes. For more information, visit [www.ellenvilleregional.org](http://www.ellenvilleregional.org)

**2012 NYS NWTF Awards Banquet**

On Saturday evening January 14, the members of the Sullivan County Long Beards attended the State Annual Awards Banquet where they were honored by the NYS Board of Directors with trophies for earning the titles of the "Best JAKES event of 2011" and the "Most adult members in NYS". They also were the recipients of a framed plaque for completion of the prestigious "5 Star Award Program" for which specific criteria must be met to receive, one of which is keeping families involved in the outdoors. Secretary, Fran D'Auria received the "NYS 2011 Outstanding Member of the Year" award for her years of dedication and service to the NWTF. The highlight of the event however was the "NYS XTREME JAKE of the Year Award" which was presented for the first time ever at this Banquet.

This is a newly implemented program in which young adults have the opportunity to submit an application for consideration to their NYS NWTF Chapter Presidents. November 1st is the deadline date for submission.

The very first ever "NYS XTREME JAKE OF THE YEAR" is Ethan Morgan, a Sullivan County Long Beards member and a complete outdoorsman. Ethan received this award because he loves fishing, hunting, hiking and all things outdoors but most of all Ethan gives back to society. He has been present at many Sullivan County Long Beards Events and as he has matured, he has helped educate the younger JAKES. That is what being a sportsman is all about...giving back and educating those who are interested and can or do not know what to do. Ethan received free admission & dinners to the Banquet for himself and his parents, free stay at the hotel in Waterloo, a plaque from the NYS NWTF and an embroidered jacket from the Sullivan County Long Beards Chapter. The Sullivan County Long Beards are very proud of Ethan for all of his accomplishments and wish him the very best. This is what we had hoped for at the inception of this Chapter. We hope to have many more NYS XTREME JAKES OF THE YEAR in the years to come.

**TVCS Track and Field News**

The last two weeks have produced many season best performances as the teams look forward to the OCL Division, Sullivan County and Section 9 Championship Meets.

On the January 7th weekend the teams competed at the Southern Tier Invitational at Cornell University. Individual Champions were Mareena DiMilia in the Shot Put and Dominique darby in the 20lb Weight throw. Other top finishers were: 2nd SP Darby, 2nd Wt throw Heidi Furman, 6th Aric Boyes Shot Put, 7th Boys 3200 Relay (Omar Lopez, Jim Bernstein, Justin Weintraub, Hauk Boyes), 7th Autumn Bender 1500, 8th Damon Lopez 55 Hurdles.

On January 11th Darby and Furman qualified for the Milrose Games Weight throw trials. Dominique won the event with a school record toss of 471" in doing so has qualified for the Finals at Manhattan College on Saturday February 11th

On January 16th the teams competed at West Point at the 28 School Orange County League developmental meet. DiMilia won the Shot Put with a 2nd best career toss of 38' 5" with Jim Bernstein winning the 1600 run.

This weekend the teams will compete at the Yale Invitational in New Haven Connecticut with the remainder of the team competing Sunday at West Point.

**FREE BINGO Friday NIGHT**

Have fun and play BINGO at Neversink Town Hall 6:30 pm. Please bring a can good for the local food pantry. The prizes are \$5 gift cards to Walmart or McDonalds. Refreshments will be served. Come out for some old-fashion fun! Bring your grandkids!

**OSSIFRAGA IS HERE**

by Peggy De Wire



As I stood watching a noisy of black fish crows foraging on a Florida beach, it reminded me of their big northern cousins dropping into a cornfield to feed back home in Grahamsville.

A fish crow (*Corvus ossifraga*, meaning bone breaker) is the smallest in the family at 15-17" long. Its overall black plumage is glossy black and small feathers grow halfway down the bill covering the nostrils. It's a mini crow for looks but not for voice.

Its call is a loud hoarse "cah" rather than "caw". Sounds like a crow with a bad cold. A second call is a croaky "oh-oh" that explains why the Seminole word for crow is oha-owa.



The fish crow makes its southern Florida home along coastal waterways, river mouths and sloughs. Also in mangrove swamps. It forages for food on ocean beaches or tidal mud flats, not caring if the water is fresh or salt.

Their diet is mainly vegetable and 25% animal including small crabs and shrimp along with baby rabbits and birds. They also like wild fruit and berries.

In October when dozens of fish crows gather in one area, they live almost exclusively on palmetto berries.

During the winter months when orange, tomato and strawberry crops ripen, fish crows eat them but don't really cause significant damage because other food grows year round in the sub-tropics.

The worst charge against fish crows is robbing nests of other birds, especially wading birds like herons and egrets. They perch in tall trees overlooking the rookeries and wait patiently for a parent bird to leave its nest unprotected - then swoop down to snatch an egg.

In April I watched a pair of fish crows (they mate for life) build their nest in a tall palm beside a golf course. Made of sticks and Spanish moss and lined with pine needles, it became home to four sea green, brown-spotted eggs.

When I pointed out that nest to my friend Helen the next time we played golf, she interrupted me. "You know what else is in it? My golf ball! I saw a fish crow fly up there with it last week!"

A curious crow investigates any possible new source of food. Its cleverness is legendary. I've seen a fish crow neatly remove a sandwich from a plastic wrapper.

Fish crows will hide extra food and cover it with leaves or grass.

I like fish crows in spite of their bold noisy ways. For one thing they look after their fledglings longer than most birds, teaching them all the wily tricks of successful crows.

Family ties are strong. A whole flock will come to the aid of a hurt member.

I've seen fish crows "mobbing" ospreys in the same cooperative attack that big northern crows use to drive red-tailed hawks away.

I just hope that this fish crow family here on the beach with me has not learned how to become golf ball eating crows.

**Helpful Hints - Sock it Two You!**

Here are some more things that you can do with that 'one-of-a-kind sock' who is missing its mate.

During this winter season, like most of us our hands and feet need a bit of moisterizing. Before retiring for the evening, lather your hands and feet with lotion and cover with those colorful socks that don't have a partner. Sleep on it and in the morning you have nice, soft hands and feet.

Fill the sock with rice. Leave enough room at the top of the sock to tie a knot. Microwave the rice-filled sock for 30 seconds. When removing the sock from the microwave, hold the sock by the knot to keep from burning your hands, then apply your one-of-a-kind heat pack to the aching area for relief. Reheat the sock as needed. When not in use, store your heat pack in a cool, dry place.

**MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 33 by John Dwaine McKenna**

At the time of this writing, it was December 22, the second day of Hanukkah, the first day of winter and two days before Christmas. It was also the winter solstice; the shortest day of the year . . . or the longest night . . . and it was cold, foggy and snowy here in Colorado Springs. In fact, it's sort of like London, England - where this week's MBR takes place. It's a retro Sherlock Holmes mystery, the first one authorized by the estate of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in its one hundred-and-twenty-five-year history. That fact alone tells us this one's so dang close to the original Sherlock Holmes, it could have come from the pen of Dr. Doyle himself. Its title is *The House of Silk* (Mulholland Books, \$27.99, 294 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-19699-4) by Anthony Horowitz, and I can honestly say it's the best, most authentic, and interesting Holmesian mystery I have ever read. Literally hundreds and hundreds of books have been written about the iconic fictional detective since Arthur Conan Doyle passed on July 7, 1930. I call them Sherlock-schlock for the most part, because they fail miserably to measure up to the original. But this one is different . . . very different. *The House of Silk* begins and ends as a manuscript written by Dr. John Watson. It was "not to be opened and read until one-hundred years" after Watson's death because "it would tear apart the entire fabric of society . . . something I (Watson) cannot risk." The events described being "too monstrous to appear in print . . . in the present time of war." (1915)

The mystery begins when a new client appears at 221-B Baker Street seeking Sherlock Holmes's help. The man is a fine art dealer named Edmund Carstairs, recently returned from a trip to America, and in fear of his life. He's being followed by a member of a notorious gang from Boston, sworn to revenge their leader's death at the hands of a Pinkerton detective hired by Carstairs. Then Carstairs' house is robbed, he's stalked by a sinister man in a flat cap, and his family is threatened. And so begins the ever-more complicated mystery, with Holmes and Watson following a trail of clues that take them from the mansions of aristocracy to the teeming, vice-ridden streets of Victorian London, as they follow the trail of something called *The House of Silk*. The novel twists and turns to a surprising and audacious conclusion. Like the Holmes of Conan Doyle, the Sherlock depicted in *The House of Silk* is at times, "secretive, over-confident and thoroughly annoying." He's also a complicated character who smokes incessantly, plays a Stradivarius violin late at night, has an older brother named Mycroft, a criminal-genius arch-enemy named professor James Moriarty, an indefatigably dedicated companion and biographer named Dr. John Watson, as well as a photographic memory, and an occasional predilection to inject himself with liquid cocaine in times of great stress. In short, one of the most interesting characters in all of fiction. *The House of Silk* will make you want to read all the rest of Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories while impatiently waiting for Anthony Horowitz to write his next one.

Many of the novels and stories from the pen of Arthur Conan Doyle are at your local library and available for free. All you have to do is go. It's the greatest free deal there ever was . . . and one of the best uses your tax dollars have ever been put to.

If you visit my website: [johndwainemckenna.com](http://johndwainemckenna.com) you'll see what I've been doing with all of my non-tax dollars. There, you can ask questions, make comments, criticize, submit your personal entry in the dumbest-or-smartest-things-ever-said contest, submit your plan for world peace, how to run the government, or how to fix the traffic lights in town. You'll find book lists and reading suggestions, a short story, all the news and information from all the Mysterious Book Reports ever written and . . . you can buy a copy of *The Neversink Chronicles*. Wow! That's all the time for this week. I'm out of gas. See you next week. Read a book . . . there's gonna be a test!! --JDM

**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 2011, the deadline to pay is January 31, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Payments postmarked January 31, 2012, 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.

**Liberty to Hold Community Budget Forum on February 2nd**

The Liberty Central School District in coordination with Sullivan County BOCES is holding a community budget forum to discuss the 2012-2013 school budget. The forum will be held on Thursday, February 2nd, 7-9 p.m. at Liberty High School and will give Liberty residents and opportunity to discuss their thoughts, ideas and concerns about the budget.

"During these difficult past budget seasons, we have needed to make significant reductions across the board," said Liberty Superintendent Michael B. Vanyo. "This year also presents the additional challenge of staying within a 2% tax levy cap as well. We want to make sure that we are in touch with our community and want the public to have a voice in the budget formation process."

The forum will begin with an introduction by Sullivan County BOCES Superintendent Larry Thomas, who will also moderate the event. Participants will be divided into smaller groups, guided by a Sullivan BOCES facilitator, to discuss key budget concerns including ways to save money, educational programs, and the top priorities of the community. Participants will then have the opportunity to discuss each group's results.

If you would like to participate, please R.S.V.P. by Tuesday, January 30 to District Clerk Tania DeFrank, at 845-292-6990 or [tdefrank@libertyk12.org](mailto:tdefrank@libertyk12.org). R.S.V.P.s are strongly encouraged, but not required. For questions, please contact Communications Specialist Allison Ruef, 845-292-5400, ext. 2055 or [aruelf@libertyk12.org](mailto:aruelf@libertyk12.org).

**GILLIBRAND TO SEC. VILSACK: KEEP NEW YORK'S USDA OFFICES OPEN -7 USDA Offices Proposed For Closure Across NYS Irene, Lee, Other Natural Disasters Highlight Need For Local Support to Rebuild Farmland**

Washington, D.C. - With seven USDA offices across New York State facing closure, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, New York's first member of the Senate Agriculture Committee in nearly 40 years, is urging U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack to keep all of New York's USDA offices open and available to New York State's agriculture communities. "New York's farmland saw the worst of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee this summer - one right after the other," Senator Gillibrand said. "Rebuilding our farms

cannot and will not be done without the support provided by local USDA offices - whether it's help securing emergency funding or technical assistance, removing debris and other help getting the resources our farms need. For our state's economy to grow and thrive, and to keep the food we grow safe and healthy, we need access to our local USDA offices."

**Cahill: Governor Cuomo's Plan to Roll the Belleayre Ski Center Into the Olympic Regional Development authority is not Ready for Prime Time**

(Albany, NY) In today's Executive Budget presentation, Governor Cuomo outlined his plan to place the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center (BMSC), currently overseen by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), under the management of the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA). Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) released the following statement regarding this proposal: "The issue at Belleayre is funding, not administration. Left to its own operationally, the Ski Center has been and can be profitable. Management efficiencies have long been the practice at the facility. Putting it in an under-funded regional authority with little or no connection to the Catskills does not put the needed capital resources into the system. Forcing Belleayre to compete for capital funding with all of the other parks in the state, which themselves have been starved of necessary infrastructure support, is no consolation. "In the recent round of budget cuts, the ski operation saw a hugely disproportionate reduction to their resources as compared to other agencies of the state, and even within the DEC. "While we can agree that Belleayre has long been an 'odd fit' for the State Department of Environmental Conservation, it is time to go back to the drawing board and re-imagine the possibilities for the great asset of the Catskills, this center of commerce for the Route 28 corridor and tremendous recreational facility for so many New Yorkers."

**STATEMENT BY SENATOR JOHN BONACIC On Governor Cuomo's Proposed 2012-2013 State Budget**

"This budget reduces costs on property taxpayers, provides some mandate relief, creates greater efficiencies in government, and keeps our promises to education. I am particularly pleased the Governor recognizes the need for additional aid for flood control, and is working to address high need school districts."

"Working to cap Medicaid over the next three years is a positive step. I would like to see more done faster and will urge that be a part of the Senate's budget plan. Likewise, transferring Belleayre to ORDA is a welcome development - clearly - the DEC has no interest in operating Belleayre. I want to work in support of having local representation on ORDA's Board, to ensure the Catskills have a permanent and clear voice at ORDA."

"Creating a new public pension tier will provide long-term savings to localities, and limiting pension benefits long-term will make New York more competitive overall. Lastly, creating more accountability in our classrooms is something I strongly support. We need to reward good teachers, and move those teachers who are not performing, onto different career paths."

"Taxpayers deserve an accountable government that reduces red tape, gives them greater efficiency in State agencies, and meets necessary expenses. The Governor's budget appears to meet those goals and I look forward to working with him and the other members of the State Legislature to adopt an on-time, responsible budget."

"Lastly and most importantly, no new taxes and private sector job creation remain the Governor's priorities, as well as mine."

**Statement on Governor Cuomo From Ulster County Executive Mike Hein**

Kingston, NY - "Governor Cuomo has shown a real commitment to local property taxpayers by proposing important mandate relief provisions that will provide a foundation for flexibility and relief to local governments. The Governor's Executive Budget reinvents government to better produce results for New Yorkers and protect taxpayer dollars. I thank the Governor for his leadership, and together we will continue rebuilding New York State."

**Attorney General Schneiderman Announces Settlements Requiring Health Insurers to Publish Accurate Provider Directories - Health Insurers Have An Obligation To Provide Consumers With Accurate Information About Their Coverage**

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today announced settlements with eight major health insurance companies, requiring them to ensure the accuracy of provider directories posted on their websites by removing providers who no longer participate with the plans and correcting listing errors for providers who are in the plans. The settlements also require insurers to implement new business practices for updating their online provider directories in a timely manner going forward, and to pay restitution to consumers who paid more than they should have because they went to providers their insurers erroneously listed as in-network.

The companies with which Attorney General Schneiderman has reached agreements are: Empire HealthChoice HMO, Inc., Empire HealthChoice Assurance, Inc., Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York, HIP Insurance Company of New York, United HealthCare of New York, Inc., Oxford Health Plans of New York, United HealthCare Insurance Company of New York and Vytra Health Plans.

"Consumers are entitled to accurate information from their health care insurers, especially for something as basic as whether or not their doctor is in their network," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Inaccurate directories lead to delays in care and additional costs to the consumer, particularly when that consumer winds up seeing a doctor who is not actually a provider in the plan and pays out of pocket. These settlements fix inaccurate provider directories and their significant negative impact on consumers."

The Attorney General's Health Care Bureau commenced an investigation into the accuracy of the online provider directories after receiving consumer and provider complaints through its Health Care Bureau Helpline.

The investigation uncovered inaccurate listings that wasted consumers' time, and delayed access to medical care by forcing consumers to find another physician after discovering -- through a phone call or sometimes upon arriving at an appointment -- that their physician was no longer participating in the plan. Consumers also experienced delays in accessing medical care when participating doctors were listed with incorrect contact information, or when their doctors referred them to providers on the list who were no longer participating in the plan.



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**The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda  
By the Numbers**

I am notorious for being mathematically challenged. I often will say, "I don't do numbers; I just do words." However, numbers give structure to our world. Two numbers are milestones for two special people. Don DuBois just turned 98 proving that age is just a number. Don drives, works on inventions and builds PET (Personal Energy Transporter) scooters that get sent to third world countries to aid land mine victims. He is working on his next book. "Aunt" Shirley Sampsen turns 88 this week. These people are magnets, attracting others to admire and adore them.

The other number I am paying attention to is the snowfall prediction. Honestly, a weatherman or woman points to a colorful map and GUESSES what will happen. Take last night, for example. A "dusting" is what was predicted. Well, it took me two hours to shovel off four inches of "dust" from my deck. Tonight they are saying five to seven inches of snow. I am already in snow day mode. Even though I have been retired for five years and even though tomorrow is a Saturday, I gear up like every other child and teenager for that very special day that a snowstorm brings.

When I was teaching, the first person who would greet me each day was Joe Murray, the custodian. Our private joke was that I only had time to bake cookies if I had a snow day, and if we had our snow day, Joe Murray expected his share of the cookies. I am already planning to bake cookies tomorrow, and I will miss Joe Murray and our private jokes.

A snow day is a special holiday because it is liberating. The calendar clears of all events and responsibilities, and there is a quiet excitement watching the power of nature from the warmth and safety of home.

I wish we had had some snow before Christmas. Somehow Santa made it here anyway. Speaking of Santa, I heard the silliest rumor. Word is that someone wanted to borrow the Town of Olive's Santa suit, but couldn't because he was Republican. Hmmm, didn't know Santa was a Democrat. Truth be told, the Town of Olive doesn't own a Santa suit, nor an Easter bunny suit, nor an Uncle Sam suit, nor a turkey suit or a pumpkin outfit.

Where do these rumors start? Like the game "telephone" that alters the message with each telling, I know how they spread. However, now they multiply by the technology as geometric as number of people who repeat them. It is said that a lie told often enough is perceived as the truth. Email and Facebook are magnifying glasses for spreading information, true or false, like an epidemic of influenza. Three numbers all should follow to filter information and vaccinate rumors are: 1. Is it true? 2. Is it worth repeating? 3. Is it harmful? Just saying....

**Olive Muse- Charlie Blumstein**

**Byway Slipping Beneath the Waves**

The proposed Catskill Mountain Scenic Byway appears to have run aground due to some thorny ethics issues. Unlike the Shawangunk Scenic Byway, which is an excellent example of an intelligent and effective plan to boost tourism, The Catskill Byway process has been beset with ethics issues that are now being documented for use in a process in which it is hoped that all stakeholder groups and affected parties will be able to deliberate the byway issues and reach a consensus on how best to proceed with the various outstanding issues.

Given the depth and breadth of the byway presentations (or lack thereof), the main promoter's stories concerning the byway seem to be incredible to the average byway resident. (Rt. 28 corridor resident). If that is indeed the case, then the byway is slowly slipping beneath the waves. Our goal is to resolve this in a gracious manner without assigning blame. We generally do not hang out dirty laundry in Olive as is common in many regional news outlets. With this brief note, we offer a gracious and warm offer of retirement with grace and forgiveness to the locally involved officer(s).

The first 2 venues in which we seek resolution are non-judicial and if, after several attempts are made to achieve an equitable and just resolution, we fail to reach an accord, we will then seek judicial intervention. I say we as I am merely an errand boy for a volunteer committee that is dealing with the litigation, should that route become necessary. I am the messenger that gets pelted with pucky when delivering the mail.

Some of the issues are related to alleged civil rights violations. I am not at liberty to discuss the details other than that a bill of particulars is being prepared for use in the dispute resolution process.

All e-mails 'twixt the Olive Town Gov. and this writer will be copied to the UC District Attorney's office so as to provide another impartial location for our records of communications.

Seemingly, a scalawag carpetbagger or 2 is wreaking havoc within a 188 year old venerable NYS chartered corporation, by means of repeated attempts to privatize zoning under the cover of night. The very notion is patently absurd and defies the imagination.

When I asked for the minutes from the 30 CCC meetings, the Regional Planner at the Catskill Center for Conservation and development refused, on the grounds that they are not a gov., they are a not for profit corporation. He said that he called Albany and that's what they said. The Planners statement well illustrated how a privatized zoning commission works, with no accountability. Using the term "ethics violations" is being generous, in my view. How many Towns will vote for that? None.

The relief sought by Olive stakeholders from other parties in the byway matter is; a new town office building in Boiceville and a building for scouts, 4-h and an agriculture office in South Olive, the breadbasket of Olive.

If the 2 principals in the byway matter were to migrate to quiet green pastures, then this could be smoothed over quickly and that is the course that we are charting, to skirt the Isles of Judicial Morass and sail the faster and easier routes to the Isles of Accords and Resolutions. The loss of trust is insurmountable, in the opinion of many in my neck of the woods. Seemingly, the plan did not have a diverse board overseeing the process, allowing for the will of just a few to prevail.

Next week, much more on the various "plans" that our rulers have in store for us.

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An "Intro to Beekeeping" seminar will be held at the Olive Free Library in West Shokan, NY on Saturday, February 11th. This is a FREE seminar. There are a lot of e-books, starter kits, mentoring services, and many other "offerings" out there that will gladly take your money in exchange for the promise of making you a beekeeper. You can spend \$100s of dollars or more getting into beekeeping, but you don't have to. Third world nations across the globe keep bees with little to no investment. With the right knowledge, you can draw that happy medium line that best meets your goals. You can get all the details and sign up at <http://www.BushkillFarms.com>

If things go well, and there is enough interest, there will be a part 2: hands-on session in one of my bee yards in the spring.

**Pancake Breakfast** at the Olivebridge United Methodist Church, Feb 11th, 7:30 am til 11am. Come early and then do the free bee keeping seminar up at the library. It either supports the food pantry or the scouts, either of which is worthy. Have a great week!



**RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-**

*Fred Perry, Owner of Reservoir Music Center,  
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Greetings, and welcome to this week's Reservoir Music Notes. The great Johnny Otis ("Willie and the Hand Jive") and the great Etta James passed away this week. Ironically, Etta was said to have been discovered by Johnny. Two more immortal legacies go into the history books!

This week I'm profiling one of the most exciting young guitarists around, Jon Klenck, AKA Jonny Monster, and it's not hard to see where his name came from - He is a monster guitarist! I've already written about how the Jonny Monster Band blew my mind on New Year's Eve at Backstage Productions in Kingston. In that article, I said that if you drew a line from Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Ray Vaughn to Jonny Monster, you'd be overstating the case, but not by much! To those two illustrious axeslingers, let me also add Johnny Winter, because that influence is also there in Jonny Monster's playing. But that's the league this kid is playing in! He's really that good!

And Jonny's no Jonny Come Lately to the Blues music he plays so skillfully. He's done his homework, as evidenced by his occasional solo acoustic shows where he goes back to the roots of the Blues, performing material by the likes of Robert Johnson and Leadbelly.

Based in New Paltz, the band consists of Jonny on guitar and vocals, Pete Newman on bass, and Roger LaRochelle on drums and vocals. They play all over the Hudson Valley and New York City, and last year opened for Johnny Winter at The Bearsville Theater. I

wasn't there, but I'm sure Jonny held his own in the show down with Johnny, and I wouldn't be at all surprised if the student bested the master! And now The Jonny Monster Band triumphantly returns to The Bearsville Theater this Friday night, January 27, for a free show in the Artist in Residence series. This show is on "Don't Miss" status!

The band released their self titled CD last year which showcases Jonny's high energy, aggressive guitar style. These guys are way beyond the average boring blues band. This is really exciting, rockin' music! More info at [www.jonnymonsterband.com](http://www.jonnymonsterband.com) and on Reverb Nation, My Space, and You Tube.

Other recommended shows this week are:  
**Thursday, January 26 - TODD RUNDGREN** stops by the City Winery in Manhattan. Not a huge Todd fan, but he is good, always interesting, and this might make a good ending to the week in the city before heading to



*The Johnny Monster Band*

*Photo Jim Rice*

Woodstock for the weekend.

**Friday, January 27** - Well, I'm gonna make THE JONNY MONSTER BAND one of my Picks of the Week, because he's great, he's young, he's exciting, it's close by, and it's free, but there are three other shows tonight alone that could easily qualify for Pick of the Week status. Over at The Orient in Poughkeepsie, we have up and comers, THE RYAN MONTBLEAU BAND. Excellent band! Up at Club Helsinki in Hudson, THURSTON MOORE from Sonic Youth is in the house, and you know what? Game day decision! If you feel like driving, or live near Hudson, this has got to be a great show, so, Pick of the Week #2! (Cont. Pg. 10)

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To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). Sonny Smith, an AARP is a Certified Instructor, and will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations.

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For information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message).

The fee is \$17 for AARP members and \$19 for non-members; make checks payable to AARP, and

mail to Sonny Smith. Please enclose your phone number with payment.

Classes are limited to 35, so apply early. This course is instructed by a Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (R&SVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging.

**Note: Fee has gone up to \$17 for AARP Members and \$19 for Non-members**

**ASK Hosts the Hosts**  
On Sunday, February 12, at 6:00 p.m. (snow date: February 19), the Arts Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway, Kingston, will present ASK Hosts the Hosts, a reading by hosts of poetry series throughout the Hudson Valley.

The challenging work of hosting poetry readings has been the long-time endeavor of those who will come together with their peers to read their own work.

The readers will include: Teresa Costa, Second Thursdays, Bohemian Book Bin, Lake Katrine; Mike Jurkovic, Calling All Poets, Howland Cultural Center, Beacon; Judith Lechner, Writers' Night at Cafe Mezzaluna, Saugerties; Phillip Levine, Chronogram Open Word, Beahive, Kingston; Robert Milby, Mudd Puddle, New Paltz; Michael Platsky, Monday Night Readings, Harmony Cafe, Woodstock; Cheryl Rice, Kingston; Dan Wilcox, Third Thursday Poetry Night, Social Justice Center, Albany; and Chris Wood, Heyday Poetry Series, Half-Moon Books, Kingston.

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## Rep. Hinchey Announces He Will Not Seek Reelection (From Pg. 1)



Hinchey was first elected to the House in 1992. He is a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, which allocates funds in the federal budget. On that panel, he serves on the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies and the Subcommittee on Defense and previously served on the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies. He is also a member of the Joint Economic Committee. Earlier in his congressional career, Hinchey served on the House Committee on Financial Services and the House Committee on Natural Resources. Prior to coming to Congress, Hinchey served 18 years in the New York State Assembly after being elected in 1974, including 14 years as Chairman of the Environmental Conservation Committee.

Upon graduating from high school, Maurice enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving in the Pacific on the destroyer U.S.S. Marshall. After receiving an honorable discharge, he worked for two years as a laborer in a Hudson Valley cement plant. He then enrolled in the State University of New York at New Paltz and put himself through college working as a night-shift toll collector on the New York State Thruway. He went on to earn a master's degree at SUNY New Paltz and did advanced graduate work in public administration and economics at the State University of New York at Albany.

In the same spot Maurice Hinchey announced his first campaign for Congress, he made the following statement on Thursday.

"Thank you all for coming here today. This year marks the 20th year I've had the high honor of representing our part of New York in the United States House of Representatives. It's been the greatest privilege of my life to serve the residents of Ulster, Orange, Dutchess, Sullivan, Delaware, Broome, Tioga, and Tompkins counties. In fact, I first announced I was running for Congress 20 years ago at this exact location -- the Senate House State Historic Site in Kingston, New York."

"And as many of you know, I previously had the honor -- thanks to the good people of Ulster County -- of serving 18 years in the New York State Assembly, including 14 years as the Chairman of the Environmental Conservation Committee."

"Never in my wildest dreams did I ever envision that I'd have such an

extraordinary opportunity to serve my community, my state, and my country. I have been very fortunate."

"My story is one of a kind from a working class family who enlisted in the Navy after high school and returned to work in a local cement factory. But I had high hopes for myself and knew that a good education would lead to a better life. So I enrolled at SUNY New Paltz and worked the night shift at a New York State Thruway toll booth so I could pay for school while also having time to study at night."

"My father always had a love of politics, and I also became involved in politics, eventually deciding to run for the New York State Assembly. And despite the fact that only one other Democrat had been elected from that area since the Civil War, I gave it my best and won. None of that would have been possible without an education and without an undying love for my state and my country."

"I hope that my story inspires many others to take up public service and to give back to their community, state, and country. Despite all the turmoil, rancor, and pettiness we see in politics today, I still believe in public service. To me there are few things nobler than a person who chooses to serve their community, whether it is in public office, at a public agency or school, the military, or even volunteering through a local charity. We need more people to choose those paths and become strong, effective voices for the middle class."

"As you all know, I went through a fairly serious health challenge during this past year. During that time, I received an outpouring of support, and I am forever grateful for all the well wishes and prayers I received. Such support helped get me through this. For that I am extremely fortunate."

"This life changing experience helped put everything in perspective for me. It's easy to get caught up in the day to day things in life, but this past year provided me with an even greater appreciation for my family, my friends, and, quite frankly, my time."

"So I stand here before you today, to announce that I will not seek reelection to the U.S. House of Representatives this fall and will retire from Congress at the conclusion of my current term."

"While it is very hard to leave a job I truly love, I know in my heart of hearts that now is the right time for me to move on. I am also very much aware of the upcoming redistricting process. I feel very strongly that the integrity of the 22nd District, which has encompassed the same general area for four decades, should be preserved and remain largely intact. I make this announcement now out of respect for that redistricting process and my colleagues in the New York congressional delegation."

"I do not know -- nor do even those directly involved in the process -- how redistricting will shape out, but I do feel that it is fair for those important upcoming decisions to be made with my future plans publicly known."

"Before I go any further, I want to thank the people of New York's 22nd District and the people of the former 26th District who put their trust in me to be their representative. I am forever grateful for their support over the years. They afforded me the opportunity of a lifetime."

"Whether it was marching in the Columbus Day Parade in Binghamton, strolling around the Ithaca Commons, walking across the Walkway Over the Hudson, or simply running into people at the grocery store, I've truly enjoyed meeting so many extraordinary people over the years who have inspired me to fight on their behalf."

"I worked as hard as I could for them each day, trying to be as effective of a voice as I could possibly be. They were always, and continue to be, at the front of my mind and the focus of everything I do in Congress."

"I also want to express my overwhelming gratitude to my staff -- both current and former members in my congressional and assembly offices. None of the things I achieved during my time in public office would have been possible without their tireless efforts. These men and women worked extremely hard over many long hours. They are very dedicated, talented, and committed people. I am so thankful for their support and help over these nearly four decades."

"I am very proud of the many accomplishments I've achieved during my time in Congress. From securing the designation of I-86, to obtaining billions of dollars in federal investments across this great district, to the cleanup of PCBs in the Hudson River, to developing a cluster of solar energy companies in upstate New York, to my work on protecting our nation from hydraulic fracturing and many other critical initiatives."

"In the case of I-86, the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and I authored legislation designating New York's Route 17 as Interstate 86, in order to bring increased economic activity to the Southern Tier and Catskills regions. In 1998, the 381 mile stretch of Route 17 was set on a path to becoming I-86, making it eligible for a wide array of new federal funding. The conversion of Route 17 to I-86 will eventually provide a federal interstate connection from I-90 at Erie, PA to I-87 at Harriman, NY. And the New York State Department of Transportation is currently planning a major reconstruction project for Prospect Mountain in Binghamton, New York, which will create more than 200 jobs."

"And I am very proud of the fight I led first in Albany and later in Washington to force General Electric to pay for and clean up the 1.3 million pounds of PCBs it dumped into the Hudson River between 1947 and 1977. Dating back to my days as Chair of the State Assembly's Environmental Conservation Committee, I fought against numerous attempts to delay and narrow the clean-up process and worked tirelessly to make sure the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency held GE responsible for the cleanup. Today, the second and final phase of the clean up process has begun and its commencement is an important step forward in removing the PCB contamination that has plagued this great river for many decades and restoring the river to the great natural resource it once was."

"There are so many other accomplishments of which I am very proud and could mention, but I did want to note one other in particular. I'm very proud to have initiated the revitalization of the old Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge by drawing attention to its potential and securing the first public funds for what would eventually become the Walkway Over the Hudson. Overall, I directly secured \$1.34 million in federal funding for the project and helped deliver an additional \$2.4 million through (Contd. Pg 9)



**Rep. Hinchey** (From Pg. 8) the 2008 Hinchey American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The federal money combined with state and private contributions, namely through Robert Dyson's Dyson Foundation, were used to create what has become the world's longest pedestrian/bicycle bridge. The Walkway has attracted more than 1.2 million visitors since opening to the public in 2009.

"I am also very proud of all the many battles -- big and small -- that my office has fought on behalf of my constituents. Whether it's been securing Social Security benefits that were previously denied to seniors, resolving immigration and visa issues that reunited families, obtaining medals for veterans who valiantly served their country, nominating hundreds of young men and women to our service academies, or giving tours of the U.S. Capitol Building and White House in Washington, my office has developed a first rate reputation for its strong constituent casework. Again, none of this could have been achieved without the hard work of my staff."

"While it's been a privilege to serve in the House for two decades, I never took this opportunity for granted and always understood that I needed to continue to earn the trust of voters every two years."

"Some of those campaigns were extremely close while others were not. But I could not have won those 10 races for Congress and nine races for the Assembly without the hard work and dedication of my campaign supporters. They are the ones who knocked on doors, made phone calls, displayed bumper stickers, and provided the financial resources that were necessary for me to get my message out. It was a wild ride and I am very thankful for the time and energy that so many people put into my campaigns over the years."

"While part of me is sad that there won't be another campaign this year, I am very much at peace with my decision and excited and ready for this next chapter in my life. At this time, I do not know exactly all I will do, but I plan to write, travel, and spend more time with my family and friends."

"I also know that I plan to stay publicly active and will speak out on the many issues confronting our great nation. There is an extraordinary amount of work that needs to be done to improve our economy, help strengthen the middle class, protect the environment, safeguard civil liberties, and help shield our nation from various threats. But it's time for someone else to fight those battles in Congress on behalf of the people I've proudly represented for two decades."

"There will definitely be a transition for me to become a private citizen, but just like I've always encouraged my constituents to do, I will speak up and let my voice be heard on the many important issues of the day. An effective democracy is one in which the people stand up and fight for what they believe and I will do just that."

"I leave Congress with no regrets, but with a strong appreciation and love for this extraordinary institution, our democracy, and the people of our nation, particularly the people of this great district who I love dearly. Thank you."

**Saturday Movie Matinees at The Shadowland Are Back!** (From Pg. 1)

The 2:00pm Saturday matinees' schedule includes:

**February 18** *The Time of Their Lives*, starring Bud Abbott and Lou Costello- Original 1946 movie trailers *Melody Parade*, a musical short *Lincoln in the White House*, a Technicolor short with Frank McGlynn, Sr.-*The Big Snooze*, a Looney Tune cartoon starring Bugs Bunny, *Flash Gordon*, chapter 4

**March 17** *Rio Grande*, starring John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara, directed by John Ford-Original 1950 movie trailers, *Little Rural Riding Hood*, a Tex Avery cartoon *Punchy Cowpunchers*, starring the Three Stooges, *Flash Gordon*, chapter 5

**April 28** *Hellzapoppin'*, starring Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson, Original 1941 movie trailers, Woody Woodpecker cartoon, *Knock! Knock! -Is Everybody Happy*, musical short starring Ted Lewis, *Flash Gordon*, chapter 6

To commemorate Presidents' Weekend, Shadowland will kick off the series by presenting Bud Abbott and Lou Costello in "The Time of Their Lives." This very atypical feature from the great comedy duo is all about a Revolutionary War patriot, with a letter of recommendation from General Washington himself, who is mistakenly killed and his spirit accursed to remain on the estate of a Colonial traitor for all time. Costello plays the hapless ghost and Abbott is, in modern times, the descendant of a butler who worked for the traitorous villain.

The 1946 Universal Pictures release, says Ray Faiola, the Matinee series coordinator, "is alternately creepy and hilarious with an especially spooky séance sequence." Co-starring are the lovely Marjorie Reynolds, wise-cracking Binnie Barnes and Gale Sondergaard as the housekeeper who is also a medium. The film was directed by Charles Barton, who also directed the team's classic monster fest, *Abbott and Costello Meet Frankenstein*.

With Washington represented in the feature, Abe Lincoln is showcased in the Warner Bros. Technicolor short, *Lincoln in the White House*, a 20-minute reenactment of Lincoln's first term of office starring Frank McGlynn, Sr., an actor who started in *Chautauqua tents*, went into vaudeville and eventually motion pictures, often portraying Abraham Lincoln.

In March, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, the series will feature John Ford's western classic, *Rio Grande*, which, in addition to John Wayne, stars a roster of players from the Emerald Isle including Maureen O'Hara, J. Carroll Naish and Victor McLaglen.

In April, the Saturday matinee program will present perhaps the most anarchic film ever made, *Hellzapoppin'*, based on the famed 1938 Broadway revue starring Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson, supported by Martha Raye, Hugh Herbert, Mischa Auer and Shemp Howard.

"At our 2010 series," Faiola says, "the first three chapters of the 1936 Universal serial *Flash Gordon*, starring Buster Crabbe, were received with wild enthusiasm, so we're continuing *Flash's* thrilling adventures on the planet Mongo with chapters 4, 5 and 6. Charles Middleton co-stars as the flamboyant villain Ming the Merciless."

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



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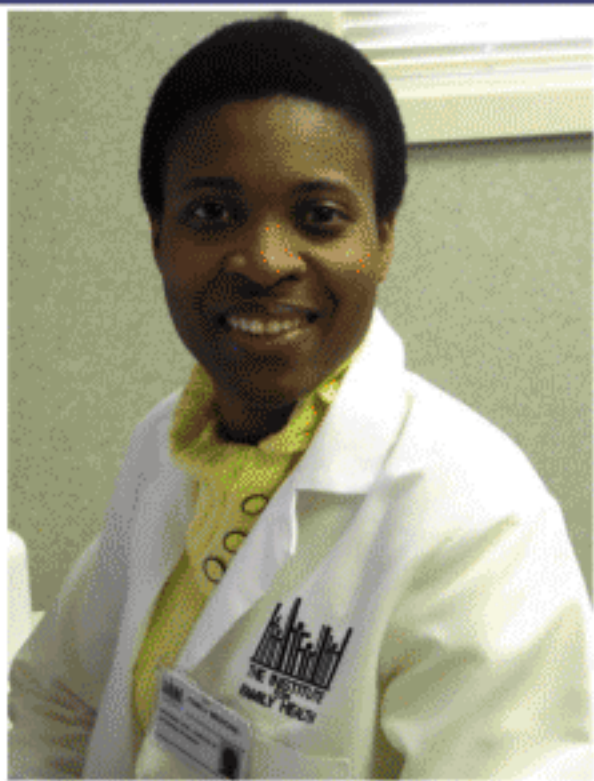
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The class will be held on Wednesday, February 15 (snow date February 29) from 12-1:30 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension (class room A). The class is free and a light lunch will be served. Reservations are required for adequate supplies ~ please call Cornell Cooperative Extension (by February 13) at either 292-5250 or 292-6180 and speak to Cindy.

# Thorn Winter's SCIENCE FICTION & FANTASY FLASH

## The Hierophant (Part 3 of 3) By Thorn Winter

Continued from last week's part two...

"Baby, I need you to focus."  
Catherine snapped her fingers.  
I shrugged. I had no idea what she was talking about, as though I'd just woken up in the middle of the situation after being clubbed over the head. But I had a strategy ready.

"Well, what do you think?" I asked cleverly.  
"Nice try," she retorted, wincing from a harsh drag from a Nat Sherman.

"Sir," Ivy said sweetly. I turned to her. "She is asking you to decide if you'll marry her and get rid of me."

"Oh," I said. "Well, the decision isn't really mine to make." I turned to Catherine. "I desire your presence, Cat, but the Outer Gods have given me a responsibility. Ivy is my heir."

Cat's nostrils flared and her eyes narrowed as she stared at my hand resting on Ivy's shoulder.

"Okay," she said.  
She took another drag while I stood awaiting her response -- trusting in the Outer Gods.

"I trust you," she said coolly.  
I interpreted the sudden, slight drop in the temperature of my skin and release of tension in my chest to mean I was relieved.

"Yay!" Ivy squealed with delight as she lunged at me, wrapping her arms around my neck and kissing my cheek. I smiled with my crooked, doglike teeth clenched together and my eyes wider than normal as Cat shook her head and passed me the cigarette. I reached over Ivy's hug to take it.

I wanted to tell Catherine I loved her, but I didn't like saying it in front of Ivy. It made me feel like a weak Hierophant and the Outer Gods demanded better. I filled my lungs with the cigarette's smoke and exhaled, relaxing even more.

"I'll make dinner," I offered, sliding quickly from Ivy's embrace and toward the cabinet where we kept our pots.

Behind my back, I heard Ivy say to Catherine, "I promise not to, you know, mess around with him."

My blood ran cold and the knot reformed in my chest. To Ivy her statement was an innocent, albeit coarsely expressed vow to not break Cat's trust.

I turned and looked at Cat. She stared back at me. My heart raced, and I tactfully returned by focus to the routine of squatting and retrieving a cast iron frying pan to cook our steaks.

"I'm leaving you," Cat said coldly. I closed my eyes and gripped the handle of the heavy frying pan as the acid burn of sadness formed in my heart. I stood, feeling a tear escape my eye and run down my cheek. I turned and hit Catherine over the temple with the frying pan producing a crunching, thumping gonging sound as blood sprayed over the white walls of our kitchen -- in the house where we had lived for thirteen years.

The cigarette hung limply from Catherine's lips as she fell to the white tiles with a dull slap. Bits of skull floated on small rivulets of blood that ran down her face and I could see the pink jelly of her brain oozing out of the crushed hole in her forehead. She stared up at

me, convulsing like dying road kill -- her eyes still filled with the same loving disdain she'd always effused.

"You bastard," she mumbled weakly.  
She had always said that she wanted to find her passion, and now, as she looked up from the floor, her eyes filled with tears.

I cried too. "I love you, Cat. But you have to go. All of the Abyss awaits you and you will find your own path as I did when I became the Hierophant. I will never again delve. I will see no more of its secrets."

"You are my best friend," Catherine said.  
"You've given me love and hate."

I placed the Staff of the Hierophant in her hands and closing my eyes, called forth the magic that summoned the Outer Gods to take her. It was my final spell -- a dark blessing that caused her dying body, and even her blood and smashed gore that stained the tiles and walls, to slowly fade from this existence.

Her lips moved, but her ghostly form emitted no sound. I could see fear in her face as she gripped the staff tightly, it fading with her -- going with her.

"You will be alright," I mouthed, knowing she couldn't hear me past the dimensional rift which was forming between us.

We stared into each other's eyes, inches apart but separated by infinity and we were more in love than ever before. I hoped she understood that I gave up everything so that she might ascend. Finally, Catherine vanished along with the staff. That was the Outer Gods last surprise for me -- a Hierophant always ascends with their replacement at their side.

"Is she the Hierophant now?" Ivy whined. The Outer Gods were pleased and their voices faded from my mind. I barely noticed the missing weight of the staff as with happy memories of Cat, I returned to cooking dinner in my clean, white kitchen, in this: the human layer of the Abyss.

### Greetings True Believers!

*Wooo hooo... where did that come from... maybe I shouldn't have had so many wings before bed! If you missed 'em, check the last two weeks of the Townsman for parts 1 and 2 of this story. I hope you enjoyed this trip into the weird! Come back next week for more strange tales!*

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### Reservoir Music Notes (From Pg. 6)



Photo Jim Rice

Johnny Monster on guitar.

in the historical building.

And finally, BLUE CHICKEN is back at The Town Crier in Pauling. This band consists of Jim Weider and other members of Levon Helm's Band, so you know what level of musicianship you're getting with these guys - top notch! The Towne Crier is closing soon (hopefully reopening in another location) so this may be one of your last chances to hear some great music

**Saturday, January 28** - Pick of the Week #3! LENNY KRAVITZ at Radio City Music Hall! Now I know many people are iffy about Lenny, for various reasons. Whatever! The first time I saw Lenny Kravitz, I only went because I was in the neighborhood with nothing to do, and I could get in free. I wasn't a huge fan going in, but I was a huge fan coming out. Lenny is like a harder rockin' Grateful Dead, in spirit. His music is all about recapturing the love from the 60's, rock and roll, and more. He, too, has done his homework, he knows where the music came from, and he respects the old masters of all forms of music, from Rock to Jazz and beyond!

If you are in the city tonight, and wanna rock harder than Lenny, there's always Lemmy! As in MOTORHEAD and MEGADEATH at Madison Square Garden! Motorhead never fails to please! THE RYAN MONTBLEAU BAND continues their visit to New York with a show at Brooklyn Bowl. SLOAN WAINWRIGHT is at The Towne Crier. Not that familiar with Sloan's music, but in my book, if your name's Wainwright, you deserve a listen! Closer to home, THE WIYOS pull into Club Helsinki and UNCLE ROCK returns to Utopia Studios for another Kidtopia. This is a great event for the entire family.

**Monday, January 30** - STEVE EARLE continues his residency at City Winery in Manhattan. Next week is the last week of Steve and Allison's residency, so don't wait until the last one and find something's come up and you can't make it! And slide guitarist par excellence, CHRIS DUARTE will be amazing patrons at BB King's in Manhattan.

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### Among the key highlights of Hinchey's time in public office are:

- Under Hinchey's leadership as Chairman of the Environmental Conservation Committee, the panel conducted a successful investigation into the causes of "Love Canal," the nation's first major toxic dumpsite, and developed landmark environmental legislation including the nation's first law to control acid rain.

- Between 1982 and 1992, Hinchey led an investigation into organized crime's control of the waste-hauling industry that led to the conviction of more than 20 criminal figures, including one for murder.

- Hinchey successfully led the fight, first in Albany and later in Washington, to force General Electric to pay for and clean up the 1.3 million pounds of PCBs it dumped into the Hudson River between 1947 and 1977. Dating back to his days as Chair of the State Assembly's Environmental Conservation Committee, Hinchey fought against numerous attempts to delay and narrow the clean-up process, and he worked tirelessly to make sure the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency held GE responsible for the cleanup. In 2011, Hinchey visited the upper Hudson River to laud the commencement of the second and final phase of the cleanup as a critical step forward in removing PCB contamination that has plagued the Hudson River for many decades.

- As an assemblyman, Hinchey developed the statewide system of Urban Cultural Parks, including those in Kingston and Binghamton and authored the legislation that created the Hudson River Valley Greenway. He built on this accomplishment later, as a member of Congress, by writing and championing the passage of legislation that created the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, giving the region national prominence as well as access to increased federal resources.

- In his first year in Congress, Hinchey helped to initiate and spearhead the successful legislative effort to preserve more than 15,000 acres in Sterling Forest, the last significant area of open space in the New York metropolitan region and an important watershed for southeastern New York and northern New Jersey.

- As a member of the House Banking Committee, Hinchey's pointed and persistent questioning of Alan Greenspan forced the Federal Reserve Board Chairman to admit to the existence of taped recordings of the meetings of the Federal Open Markets Committee (FOMC), the board's policy making body. As a result, the public now has direct insight into the thinking of the FOMC, and the logic behind the decisions affecting interest rates and other important economic policies.

- In 1993, Hinchey and the late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan authored legislation designating New York's Route 17 as Interstate 86, in order to bring increased economic activity to the Southern Tier and Catskills regions. After their legislation was passed as part of the 1998 Building Efficient Surface Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (BESTEA-21), the 381 mile stretch of Route 17 was set on a path to becoming I-86, making it eligible for a wide array of new federal funding. The conversion of Route 17 to I-86 will eventually provide a federal interstate connection from I-90 at Erie, PA to I-87 at Harriman, NY. The New York State Department of Transportation is currently planning a major reconstruction project for Prospect Mountain in Binghamton, New York, which will create more than 200 jobs.

- In 1999, Hinchey succeeded in passing an amendment that required the CIA to report to Congress on its involvement in the 1973 coup of Chile's democratically elected President, Salvador Allende. Following the coup, President Allende was assassinated and General Augusto Pinochet began his 17-year dictatorship. The report, now known as the Hinchey Report, makes a clear case that the United States - at the very highest levels of government - was deeply involved in the destabilization of Chile's government and economy over a period of nearly 20 years.

- In 1999 and 2000, Hinchey successfully secured emergency assistance for U.S. apple farmers who suffered severe weather-related crop damage. Without this emergency aid, many apple farms in New York would have been lost.

- Hinchey led efforts to convince state and federal agencies to address toxic contamination facing the Village of Endicott, New York. Hinchey's attention to the pollution, a legacy of the region's industrial past, prompted ongoing studies on public health and the health of former IBM workers. In 2004, he successfully petitioned the DEC to reclassify the site from Class 4 to Class 2 on the state's registry of inactive hazardous waste sites -- bringing much greater resources, attention, and urgency to the need to test and remediate Endicott's more than 300 acre toxic spill.

- As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Hinchey has secured billions of dollars in federal aid to spur job growth, improve public infrastructure, advance education and the arts, improve health care facilities and services, and support economic development in local communities throughout the congressional district he represents in a wide array of ways.

- Hinchey provided early and key support for the revitalization of the old Poughkeepsie Railroad Bridge by drawing attention to its potential and securing the first public funds for what would eventually become the Walkway Over the Hudson. Overall, the congressman directly

secured \$1.34 million in federal funding for the project and helped deliver an additional \$2.4 million through the 2008 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The federal money combined with state and private contributions, namely through Robert Dyson's Dyson Foundation, were used to create what has become the world's longest pedestrian/bicycle bridge. The Walkway has attracted more than 1.2 million visitors since opening to the public in 2009.

- Hinchey was one of the first and most outspoken members of Congress to oppose President Bush's effort to invade Iraq. He subsequently became a forceful critic of ongoing operations within Iraq and led the call for the removal of U.S. forces, which has now occurred.

- Hinchey led the congressional outcry against the NSA's warrantless surveillance program that was instituted under President Bush. He requested, and helped successfully secure, the launch of an independent Department of Justice probe to determine any wrongdoing.

- Hinchey successfully secured nearly \$14 million in federal funding to secure SUNY Binghamton's future as a top caliber research university. The federal funding helped establish the Small Scale Systems Integration and Packaging Center, which includes the Center for Advanced Microelectronics Manufacturing and the Center for Autonomous Solar Power.

- Hinchey used his position on the U.S. House Appropriations Committee to secure millions in federal funding for Cornell University's science and agricultural research programs.

- Hinchey secured \$4.1 million to help establish a new state-of-the-art Broome County Intermodal bus terminal. Now up and running and nicknamed "Hinchey's Hub," the terminal has helped revitalized a previously forgotten part of downtown Binghamton and allowed for convenient passage of tens of thousands of travelers moving to and from the Southern Tier.

- Hinchey helped develop the concept for and secured nearly \$2 million in federal funding to create the Owego, New York Riverwalk - a 1,200-foot walkway along the Susquehanna River in Owego's historic downtown commercial district that has provided pedestrian access to the river and helped maintain river banks from flood damage.

- Hinchey secured nearly \$1 million to help create the City of Ithaca's Waterfront Trail - a six-mile, multi-use trail providing an active, non-motorized transportation and recreation way connecting the community's most popular waterfront parks and places.

- Hinchey established the Tioga Rural Area Economic Partnership (REAP) program -- an initiative which was designed to spur economic growth in the county and has delivered over \$20 million in federal and state investments. A second zone in Sullivan County and Wawarsing was established. The REAP Zones in the State of New York are two of only five such areas in the entire nation.

- In 2007, Hinchey led the effort to establish The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) -- a not-for-profit entity in upstate New York that brings together private solar companies and research institutions throughout the state to develop new ways to efficiently and effectively develop economically viable solar technologies. The results have been extraordinary. Hinchey and TSEC have attracted numerous companies to upstate New York and helped create more than 600 solar energy-related jobs with many more on the way.

- Hinchey is the primary leader in Congress to protect drinking water and the environment from the risks of hydraulic fracturing. He is a co-author of the FRAC Act, which would mandate public disclosure of chemicals used in fracking fluid and allow the EPA to regulate fracking activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

- In 2009, Hinchey authored the appropriations language that initiated the EPA's current national study on hydraulic fracturing. This is the first comprehensive and independent analysis of the risks that hydraulic fracturing poses to drinking water.

### Cahill Statement on Congressman Hinchey's Decision not to Seek Re-election

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) released the following statement:

"Congressman Maurice Hinchey's legacy is one of great tenacity, principle and outstanding service to the people he has represented throughout his time in the New York State Assembly and United States House of Representatives.

"During his tenure in Albany, he was responsible for the foundation of New York State's environmental protection laws, now considered a model for the world. In Washington, the Congressman developed a well earned reputation as a person who stood strong for his beliefs, often in the face of overwhelming odds.

"I consider Maurice a personal friend and mentor. I will continue to seek his good advice and counsel.

"I look forward to working with him for the duration of his time in public office. I wish him a long, healthy and prosperous life as a private citizen in the years to come.

"The people of the 101st Assembly and 22nd Congressional Districts have been well served by his activist representation. I am grateful for all he has done and continues to do for the betterment of our state and nation."

### President Obama's Statement on Retirement of Congressman Maurice Hinchey

As a native New Yorker, Maurice Hinchey has served the people of the Empire State for over 35 years. Prior to his time in office, Maurice proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy. He then went on to serve as a member in the state assembly for eighteen years, followed by ten consecutive terms as a U.S. Representative for the 22nd Congressional District of New York. Throughout his career Maurice has been a champion for the middle class, leading the charge for renewable energy and Wall Street reform and working tirelessly to get Americans back to work. Michelle and I join the people of New York in thanking Congressman Hinchey for his service.

### Pelosi Statement on the Retirement of Congressman Maurice Hinchey

Washington, D.C. - Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi released the following statement today after Congressman Maurice Hinchey announced he would not seek another term in Congress this year:

"Congressman Maurice Hinchey is a lifelong public servant, a dedicated representative for New York's 22nd district and the Hudson Valley, and a strong voice for America's working families and the middle class. He answered the call to serve his country as a young man, joining the U.S. Navy right out of high school and deploying overseas; when he returned home, he gave back to his community by serving in the New York State Assembly and the U.S. House of Representatives.

"From his seat on the Appropriations Committee, Congressman Hinchey has always put his constituents and his state first - creating good-paying jobs with investments in local highway projects, protecting family farms and a safe food supply, and acting to preserve our natural resources and national parks. He has upheld our obligation to our men and women in uniform. As a key advocate for renewable energy, he led the charge to transform upstate New York into a hub for high-tech, clean energy manufacturing, solar energy research, and innovation.

"As he moves on to future endeavors, Congressman Hinchey will be missed by all House Democrats."

### POLITICAL SLANT - Frank Comando - Congressman Maurice Hinchey

I was saddened to hear my friend Congressman Maurice Hinchey say he was finishing out this term and not going to run for Congress this coming election.

I met Maurice, while I was helping another great Congressman, Mathew F. Mc Hugh. It was 1976, when Maurice was a NYS Assemblyman. He impressed me as an eager young man looking to make his way in politics. I knew almost nothing of his ethic except his supporters worked very hard for him, which I surmised was out of the love of how and what he accomplished in previous elected positions. In addition, by my standards, he was looking to make his way in this world. Maurice certainly made an historical mark.

Thinking about the sadness, I realized, I was being selfish, as I was worried where we would get another Maurice Hinchey to represent us? Nowhere!

Often I would hear Maurice say, "I am your friend," to the most troubled of us, and he meant it, and did all he could to help teach of us. Just look at his record. Was there political compromise? Usually in negotiations. With Maurice, the working class, and the small business structure benefited. Maurice could not compromise against his own ethic. He would not give up the rights of the people. This is the main reason why, I called him a 'Statesman,' in our founding forefathers sense of the word. With great self-determination he carried our burden to the highest levels of National and International Governments of this world of horror, with its wars, and starving children, gluttonous merchants, and greedy National, and Trans-National Corporations, that gave a bad name to all business people. Maurice fought this for the benefit of the people, fighting corporations that refused to be taxed at the same rate people are. Maurice lived and fought against unfairness as a human being. Maurice, you are one of the most compassionate soft-spoken, and understanding individuals, - a true statesman. Thank you for the jobs and the money you have brought to our area.

Well Maurice, I guess it is time you went to the beach to write your memoirs. Get well soon and do not stay away. Write something for us on occasion. We will miss you...

Your friend,  
Frank

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

**Municipal Officials Invited to Disaster Preparedness Workshop**

An informational workshop for town and village officials seeking to be better prepared for the next disaster will be held Thursday, March 22 (weather date March 23) at the Margaretville Fire Hall, Church St., Margaretville.

The event is sponsored by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC). Register free online, [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org). Deadline is March 16.

The workshop will begin with a session on "Preparing, and Using, an Emergency Action Plan" Art Snyder, Director of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management for Ulster County, will discuss how it is activated, and who is responsible for seeing that it is implemented appropriately. He will be joined by Carl Chipman, Supervisor of the Town of Rochester, an Ulster County municipality that developed a comprehensive Action Plan and successfully employed it during Hurricane Irene. Michael Sterthous, an attorney with the Albany law firm Whiteman Osterman & Hanna, will offer a primer on "Declaring a State of Emergency, and Emergency Orders." He will explain the intent, practical application and legal ramifications of emergency declarations, and the Local Emergency Orders that often follow.

Rich Bell, Delaware County Emergency Services Coordinator, and Gene Rosa, Margaretville Fire Chief, will team up to discuss "Responding to an Emergency." Topics will include communications issues, transportation challenges,

They will offer first-person perspectives on the tragedy - how they balanced personal and public trauma, dealt with contractors, struggled to be fair in helping affected constituents, fielded offers of help from volunteer groups and handled the "second flood" - that of donated food, clothes and relief supplies that poured in immediately after the disaster.

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](http://www.cwconline.org).

**Sullivan Co Philatelic Society News**

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will hold a 20 Lot Stamp Auction at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center on February 5th at 1:00 pm. This is open to the general public as well as members. All lots must show catalogue prices as well as minimum bid. We are looking for junior collectors to start a stamp club in the Monticello School District. For information contact Art at 794-2586. The meeting is being held in Monticello.

We will have a short business meeting before the auction. Homemade refreshments will be served by Richard Ried. Also we will have door prizes and giveaways.

Please be informed this year that we are having a stamp and coin show in June. More information will be release as it becomes available.

**Nesin Cultural Arts presents "Toy Symphony" Family Event with the Premier Performance of the Sullivan County String Orchestra**

Local students will have the opportunity to perform with the newly formed Sullivan County String Orchestra on Jan 21, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. in the Eugene D. Nesin Theatre, St. John Street, Monticello. The students enrolled will engage in a workshop starting at 10:00 AM to re-create Leopold Mozart's "Toy Symphony."

The students will be given a chance to participate and observe rehearsals by professional musicians, which include members of New Haven Symphony, The Greater Newburgh Symphony, and students from The Juilliard School. They are members of a new ensemble "Sullivan County Strings" who will be giving its pre-

miere performance of works by Mozart and Tchaikovsky before the "Toy Symphony."

Members of "Sullivan County Strings" are Akiko Hosoi (member of the New Haven Symphony), Kim Mai Ngyuen and Avery Waite (students at The Juilliard School), Andrew Trombley (Monticello Native and Juilliard graduate), and Nancy Wegrzyn and Scott Glasser who are both members of The Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra as well as music teachers in the area. Wegrzyn teaches at the Monticello High School and Glasser teaches at the Liberty School District. This ensemble will perform Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nacht Musik" and Tchaikovsky's "Souvenir de Florence" in the first half of the concert.

The students participating in the workshop and concert won't be the only ones involved in this project. "Toy Symphony" will require an interactive audience experience. Alongside the traditional instruments of the orchestra, the work calls for whistles, rattles, bells, and more. The toys will be handed out to young people and those young at heart in the audience. The audience will become performers under the direction of area high school students. Participating audience members will come onstage with the musicians to help with the performance.

Tickets with toys are \$8.00 for children 3-10 with one free adult. As this is a fundraiser to help support future programming there is a suggested ticket donation price of \$5.00. Tickets are available at the door or pre-concert on the web at [www.nesinculturalarts.org](http://www.nesinculturalarts.org) and by phone at 845-794-6013. Nesin Cultural Arts is a non-profit, tax deductible 501(c)3 organization.

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The Town of Neversink announces an Alternate Member position available on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The alternate member will serve when a regular member is unable to participate on an application or matter before their respective Board. Alternate members are expected to attend all meetings.

The Alternate Member to the Zoning Board of Appeals will be appointed by the Town Board for a term to expire on December 31st, 2013. All provisions of state law relating to Zoning Board of Appeals member eligibility, vacancy in office, removal, compatibility of office and service on other boards, as well as any provisions of a local law/local ordinance relating to training, continuing education, compensation and attendance, shall also apply to the alternate member.

Please send a letter of interest to: Mark McCarthy, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by January 31, 2012. Please address any questions to Mark McCarthy, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301.

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**Public Notice:**

The Annual Plot-Holders' meeting for the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will be held on February 9, 2012 at the Neversink Town Hall at 7:00pm.

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**UC Exec Mike Hein Announces Tentative Deal for the Redevelopment of the Nevele Hotel**  
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Plans for the property include the demolition of structures; keeping iconic facilities such as the tower, the entrance lobby and the ice rink; and the restoration of assets such as the Tom Fazio golf course and ski slope. The initial project construction budget, dependent upon approval of legalized gaming in New York State, is approximately \$500 million. Once completed, the Nevele will employ up to 1000 people. While the Nevele will be designed to include gaming, the resort will be a family-style facility similar in concept to the former Nevele and compatible with other area Catskills family resorts.

"My administration has been working on moving this project forward for a very long time," said County Executive Mike Hein. "These Nevele investors bring real hotel development experience to the table. I look forward to working with them in a public private partnership to ensure that the Nevele is restored in a way that benefits the Village of Ellenville, the Town of Wawarsing, Ulster County and New York State.

"The Village of Ellenville stands ready to assist with municipal services necessary for a reopening of the Nevele," said Ellenville Mayor Jeff Kaplan. "We appreciate the opportunity to work with new ownership to see the facility reestablished."

"The Town of Wawarsing embraces this effort to revitalize the Nevele property. This historic resort was an important employer in Wawarsing and a prime example of the Catskills tourism economy. We understand that Governor Cuomo envisions bringing gaming to the Catskills. I look forward to starting the conversation with Wawarsing residents to ensure that all of our concerns are addressed," said Town of Wawarsing Supervisor Scott Carlsen.

"I am pleased to see credible investors at the table for the potential purchase of the Nevele. I look forward to working with them to ensure that the Nevele is redeveloped in a way that pays homage to the history of the Nevele, while providing good jobs in our community," said County Legislator T.J. Briggs.

The 450-room Nevele Hotel in Ellenville, NY, has not operated since 2009. The iconic resort property features an 18-hole golf course, ski run, ice rink, tennis, pools, stables, conference facilities and

many other assets. The closure of the Nevele Hotel resulted in the loss of hundreds of jobs in the Ellenville-region, an area already devastated by the loss of over 1000 manufacturing jobs in early 2000.

Governor Cuomo's State of the State address clearly identified a plan to bring legalized non-tribal gaming to New York State as a way to retain gaming revenues in New York and revitalize the tourism industry.

**SUNY Ulster Offers Information Session on Sustainable Building Advisor Certificate Program**

Professionals interested in gaining certification in sustainable building can learn more at a free information session on the Sustainable Building Advisor Certificate Program. The session will take place at the Business Resource Center (BRC) in Kingston on Feb. 4, at 10 a.m.

The session will provide an overview on the Sustainable Building Advisor Program beginning the weekend of Feb. 25-26 and running for nine Saturday/Sunday sessions through October. The program is geared toward, but not limited to, design and construction professionals, architects, project managers, realtors, resource conservation specialists and other building professionals. No specific prerequisites are required for the program other than the desire to learn about building better, more energy efficient, healthy and cost effective buildings.

Cliff Cooper, MS, CIH, LEED AP, BD + C, CSBA and Janus Welton, AIA, LEED AP BD + C, CSBA are the lead instructors for the course. Students will also learn from local experts in various aspects of sustainable design and take field trips to regional sustainable sites.

The SBA program is rated as a 400 Level Mastery Course by the U.S. Green Building Council's Education Provider Program. The course is approved for LEED AP credential maintenance credits and fulfills the LEED Green Associate exam eligibility criteria. The American Institute of Architects (AIA) has approved the SBA Program for core Continuing Education Learning Units.

This training prepares professionals to take the CSBA exam, which provides the nationally recognized Certified Sustainable Building Advisor designation. The Sustainable Building Advisor Institute, (sbainstitute.org), the national provider of the SBA Course, works with SUNY Ulster to offer the course at the BRC. To register for the information session or for more information, call (845) 687-5012, or email songayla@sunyulster.edu.

For a complete list of sustainability courses or for more information, contact SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional Education Office at (845) 339-2025 or visit [http://www.sunyulster.edu/continuing\\_ed/noncredit\\_programs/sustainability.js](http://www.sunyulster.edu/continuing_ed/noncredit_programs/sustainability.js)

**Cahill's Statement on Governor Cuomo's 2012-13 Executive Budget**

(Albany, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) released the following statement:

"The actions taken by the Legislature last year to reform the tax code and cut the deficit in half while lowering taxes for the middle class enabled Governor Cuomo to propose an Executive Budget that holds that line on overall spending and fulfills our promise to increase the state's share of education and health care costs.

"Last year, we committed to increase state aid in order to direct much needed relief to school districts struggling to provide a quality education under the pressure of escalating costs. The \$800 million in new funds in the Executive Budget is the first step to meeting our promise; now we have to make sure those resources are distributed fairly and effectively to meet the needs of our children.

"Just as with education, the Governor made good on our commitment to increase in the state's share of Medicaid. Efforts to move forward with a health care exchange and initiatives that will continue to shift our system toward rewarding cost-effective patient centered care will lower consumer costs and provide more access to care.

"I am encouraged by the Governor's commitment to adopt a hard cap on local Medicaid costs, an idea the Assembly began advocating even before adopted the three percent cap years ago. Freezing county costs and taking over the administration of the program is going to provide significant property tax relief in the long run.

"One of the Executive's proposals would shift the management of the Belleayre Ski Center over to the Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA). The issue at Belleayre is funding, not administration. Left to it's own operationally, the ski center has been

and can be profitable. Management efficiencies have long been the practice at the facility. Putting it in an under-funded regional authority with little or no connection to the Catskills does not put the needed capital resources into the system. Forcing Belleayre to compete for capital funding with all of the other parks in the state, which themselves have been starved of necessary infrastructure support, is no consolation. While we can agree that Belleayre has long been an "odd fit" for the Department of Environmental Conservation, it is time to go back to the drawing board and re-imagine the possibilities for the great asset of the Catskills, this center of commerce for the Route 28 corridor and this tremendous recreational facility for so many New Yorkers.

"The spending plan offers a lifeline to the State University of New York by providing an influx of \$113 million in operating costs that will allow them to reduce class sizes, strengthen programs and retain more full-time professors. However, the Governor has not proposed any additional state money for our public universities, leaving general fund expenditures for SUNY and our Community Colleges at last year's levels. The boost is coming on the backs of students and their families through unsustainable annual tuition increases. I will work to protect access to these vital institutions by fighting for the state to return to the days when it shouldered a majority of the responsibility for our public higher education system.

"We began this process in December by making our taxes more equitable and giving the Governor the tools to manage the state's finances. With the proposal of the Executive Budget we are now entering the next phase. I pledge to work closely with my colleagues and Governor Cuomo to enact a responsible spending plan that moves New York forward and stands up to the challenges families are facing throughout Catskill and Hudson Valley Regions."

**"What's Happening at Cornell Cooperative?"**

**Save Energy, Save Dollars Workshop on February 7th at CCE 6:00-8:00** - This free workshop is open to the public. Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills. Also, learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. There will be free energy-saving materials to be provided to all participants. Please call Cindy to pre-register at 845-292-5250

**CCE Sullivan County will be offering a workshop called "How to Make a Woodland Terrarium" on Thursday, February 2, 2012** from 5:30- 7:30 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Education Center, 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd, Liberty, NY. This workshop is in time for Valentine's Day! Where: CCE Sullivan County When: 2/2/12 Time: 5:30- 7:30pm Fee: \$25.00

**Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues is on February 15th at CCE from 6:00-8:00.** This is a free workshop that provides information on selecting and using credit wisely, strategies for paying down debt, obtaining and receiving a credit report, and understanding a credit score. Participants will receive free credit management tools.

**Upcoming 4-H County Events & Deadlines:**

January 27- International & Discover 4-H Night - This county event is now in its 23rd year and is open to the public. It is a colorful, interactive, fun event presented by 4-H Clubs and Members. Enjoy displays and presentations celebrating the diversity of cultures around the globe as well as unique 4-H Programs in Living History. The event starts 6:30pm at the Cornell Cooperative Extension building, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty.

January 30- 4-H/Toastmaster Public Speaking & Leadership Program for Youth with Mike LaFountain of the Sullivan County Toastmasters. This 5-6 week series is highly recommended for any youth interested in improving their public speaking skills. To register, call Cindy, 292-6180.

February 4 - Craft Class with Karen Mariner: Celebrate Valentine's Day with these crafts of the month. For one price, participants have the option to do one project or both. Learn how to make a craft stick trinket box in the morning session, 10am-12pm, and make a chocolate bouquet in the 1-3pm session. Bring a bag lunch if attending both sessions. Family friendly pricing is \$5/participant, \$8/two family members, and \$10/three family members (four or more - call 4-H office). The classes are appropriate for youth age 5-18 years but those aged 5-8 must bring an adult with them. Please pre-register by calling Cindy 292-6180. Questions may be directed to 4-H Community Educator, Marilyn Jones.

February 10- 4-H Connects to Sewing Machine Basics: Pre-registration is required for this meeting, please call Cindy, 292-6180.

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

**FREE BINGO Friday, January 27** at Neversink Town Hall 6:30 pm. Please bring a can good for the local food pantry. The prizes are \$5 gift cards to Walmart or McDonalds. Refreshments will be served. Come out for some old-fashioned fun! Bring your grandkids!

**Maritime Aquarium, CT Saturday-April 21.** Leave the Town Hall at 8:30 am-return at approximately 5:30 pm. \$22 residents/\$31 non-residents must be paid no later than February 28 this includes motor-coach transportation & admission.

**Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre-Wednesday, April 25. -Legally Blond.** Leave the Town Hall 9 am- return at approximately 5:30 pm. \$40 residents/\$53 non-residents must be paid no later than February 28 this includes admission to show, lunch, dessert & motor coach transportation.

**Mountain Creek Water Park, NJ - Saturday, August 4** Leave Town Hall 8:30 am-return to Town Hall at approximately 6:30 pm. \$12 residents/\$36 non-residents must be paid no later than June 26 this includes motorcoach transportation and admission.

Permission slips can be downloaded from our website [www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org) or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. For more information call 985-2262 ext. 312 or email [racerj12@aol.com](mailto:racerj12@aol.com).

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



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

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

**AL-ANON MEETINGS -**

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>  
**Monday 7:00 p.m.** United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty  
**Thursday 7:00 p.m.** Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
**Saturday 8:00 p.m.** United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

**Bathing without a Battle**

As you care for your loved one, who is ill or confused, is it a struggle at bath time? Is bathing causing distress and discomfort (for them and you)? Would you like to learn problem-solving approaches to help your loved one take a bath, going back to making it a pleasant experience?

The Alzheimer's Association and the Caregiver Resource Center of Sullivan County will present Bathing without a Battle to share information on tailoring a 'person-centered' approach to bathing an individual with dementia. The class

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- 1/31/12 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 7 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 2/1/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board
- 2/3/12 First Friday Readers - Daniel Pierce Library
- 2/4/12 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 2/8/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 2/16/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 2/16/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals(subject to cancellation due to inclement weather)
- 2/18/12 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 2/19/12 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 2/20/12 Town of Neversink Holiday - PRESIDENT'S DAY
- 2/28/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall
- 3/21/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM (No Meetings until March 2012)

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

**To All: Municipalities, Civic Organizations, Churches, etc.**  
**Please remember to send us your Events Calendar for 2012**  
 so that we may continue to post your meetings and events throughout the coming year.  
 You may send them by regular mail: **Townsmen, PO Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12y40**  
 or email: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)  
 or drop them in the Drop Box on the porch at the **Grahamsville 1st Aid Building**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

will be held on Wednesday, February 8 (snowdate February 22) from 12-1:30pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension (class room A). The class is free and a light lunch will be served. Reservations are required for adequate supplies ~ please call Cornell Cooperative Extension (by February 6) at either 292-5250 or 292-6180 and speak to Cindy.

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

**"The Descendants" Opens Friday, January 27 at Callicoon Theater**

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present George Clooney in The Descendants opening Friday, January 27.

Clooney stars as a Hawaiian land baron steering his two daughters through a tragic time when his wife is on life support after a boating accident.

Director Alexander Payne (Citizen Ruth, Election, Sideways) has a knack for telling stories about people forced into difficult personal decisions. He establishes his lead characters in a web of complex supporting characters, so we understand the pressures they're facing. Here he has assembled a consistently outstanding cast, including the teenage daughter Alexandra (Shailene Woodley) and the younger Scottie (Amara Miller). Film critic Claudia Puig of USA Today says that Payne "reaches new heights in emotional agility, weaving a multilayered story with perfectly calibrated doses of comedy and tragedy."

The Descendants recently picked up two Golden Globe trophies, including the top honor of Best Dramatic Movie and another for Clooney as Best Dramatic Actor.

The Descendants is rated R and will screen nightly at 7:30 p.m. Friday, January 27-Tuesday, February 7 with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays at the Callicoon Theater, 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$9 (\$7 admission on Mondays and matinees. \$6 for children under 12).

CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art films. A percentage of the profits and \$1 per person from ticket sales benefit the programs and services of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County. For more information, call (845) 887-4460 or visit [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org).

**Reiki Instruction Offered Through SC BOCES**

On January 28th, the Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is starting a new series of classes to help people become Reiki Practitioners. Reiki is the most ancient therapeutic approach used in holistic healing. This method of healing utilizes light touches and specific stationary placements to transform universal energy into a healing power. This series of classes is a nice enhancement to the services offered by any massage therapists.

There are three different levels in Reiki. The Adult Program is offering all three levels to provide students with the ultimate designation of Reiki Master/Teacher. All classes will be held at the St. John Street Education Center.

Reiki I: is being offered on Saturday, January 28th and February 4th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The fee for the class is \$120.00.

This course introduces students to the principles and practices of Reiki to bring the mind and body to a state of equilibrium and wellness. Participants will learn to use their palms with light touches and specific stationary placements to transform universal energy into a healing power, in addition to the hand positions, protocol, and Reiki healing exchanges.

Reiki II: is being offered on Saturday March 3rd and March 10th from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. The fee for the class is \$144.00.

This course allows participants to advance their Reiki skills, learn Reiki symbols, distance healing, and emotional balancing to become a Reiki practitioner.

Reiki III Master/Teacher: is being offered on Saturday April 14th, 21st, 28th and May 5th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The fee for the class is \$216.00.

This course is designed especially for therapeutic practitioners who pursue mastery in Reiki to teach and train others.

To register and find out more information contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 or 791-4070 between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm or log onto [scbooces.org](http://scbooces.org) and become a fan on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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

**Woodsongs Coffeehouse joins "The Great Sullivan County Food Raiser"**

Producers of the Woodsongs Coffeehouse at the Sullivan County Museum have joined forces with the Dancing Cat Saloon to raise money for Sullivan Counties Food Banks.

Now in it's forth year "The Great Sullivan County Food Raiser" raises money for the food banks of Sullivan County by hosting live music events in multiple locations. The musicians donate their time, and guests are asked to make donations of five dollars or more at the door. Five dollars feeds one person, twenty-five dollars feeds five people and fifty dollars feeds ten people.

The event will take place Saturday February 4th at 6pm at the following locations: The Dancing Cat Saloon, The Catskill Distilling Company, Mr. Willies, Dutch's Tavern of Rock Hill, and The Woodsongs Coffeehouse at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. Also joining the Food Raiser for the first time will be Bum and Kel's Restaurant of Loch Sheldrake.

Please join us Saturday evening, February 4th for great live music all over the county. And for those of you who can't make it on Saturday night, the Food Raiser will continue with some very special guest musicians at the Dancing Cat Saloon on Sunday, February 5th from 2PM to 7PM.

For more information about "The Great Sullivan County Food Raiser" visit the Dancing Cat Saloon website <http://dancingcatsaloon.com/>.



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**Knarf's Classic Movie Trivia -**

**Soylent Green (1973)**



A future cop uncovers the deadly secret behind a mysterious synthetic food. Directed by Richard O. Fleischer Cast: Charlton Heston, Edward G. Robinson, and Leigh Taylor-Young. See it on TCM Sunday, January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM 138 min, Rated, C- 97 min TV-MA

**Quiz:**

- A. Name the actor who played Sol Roth?
- B. Name the actor who played Tab? (Hint, he was once a bartender on avenue U in Brooklyn)

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

**TRI VALLEY - LITTLE LEAGUE BASE BALL - Registration- Last chance to register your children for the 2012 season!** Sign-ups will be held Saturday, Jan 28 from 10:00am-4:00pm at the Town Hall in Grahamsville. Please note that this Saturday, January 28, is the **FINAL REGISTRATION DATE**. Your child does not need to be present to register, however, new players must supply L.L. commissioners with a copy of their birth certificate in order to register. For more info: Jessica Marchuck, and Jill Knox can be reached at 985-7554

**PHOENICIA - Ricciardella's** has the finest Italian food in the Hudson Valley and the Catskills. For a recent family birthday celebration, we called around and found **Ricciardella's** one of our previous advertisers. We started with two 'Hot Appetizer's for Two' - clams, mussels and calamari in a medium hot sauce. "For two" was enough for all seven of us before enjoying our surf and turf, lobster and oh yes, Adnil's Eggplant Rotini. Try **Ricciardella's**- you will not be disappointed with your competent waiter Nick, or your very able Chef Kaham!

**CLARYVILLE - Blue Hill Lodge & Café!**- another fine eatery with wonderful goodies. While delivering the *Townsmen*, Fred Perry of Reservoir Music requested us to pick up ten pounds of **Pistachio Sesame Halva** from the Blue Hill Lodge & Café. Now he is addicted!!! The **Blue Hill Lodge & Café** has many tasty delights. Aside from breakfast and lunch, along with dinner, you can also savor fine wines and spirits. Don't miss out! Give your taste buds a treat and visit the **Blue Hill Lodge & Café** at 1471 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725, Phone: (845) 985-0247 Email: [info@bluehillodgecafe.com](mailto:info@bluehillodgecafe.com).

Have a good week!

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**RENTALS**

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

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**2 Bedroom trailer:** No pets- \$700 + utilities

**2 Bedroom duplex** Huge bedroom up, large bedroom 1st floor. \$700 + utilities. No Pets, Security & References 985-2941.

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**Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville: 2 Bdr,** walking distance to Town Park, \$550 per month + utilities and security-No pets. 985-7242. pd1/19

**Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville: 3 Bdr,** walking distance to Town Park, \$675 per month + utilities and security-No pets. 985-7242. pd1/19

**FORSALE**

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

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