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FIRST FRIDAY GROUP TO DISCUSS *FLIGHTS OF PASSAGE: REFLECTIONS OF A WORLD WAR II AVIATOR*

The First Friday Group will be discussing *Flights of Passage: Reflections of a World War II Aviator*, by Samuel Hynes at their March meeting. The meeting will be Friday, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the library. Carol Waxman is their group leader.

Flights of Passage: Reflections of a World War II Aviator is a wonderful autobiography. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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TRI-VALLEY SCHOOL NEWS

Tri-Valley Board of Ed. Has approved the following changes to the school calendar: School will be in session February 18th and March 16th, 2011.

The PTO will hold a **Family Skate Night** on February 5, 2011. Admission

Please note the times for different grade levels: Grades K-3, 5-7 PM; Grades 5-7, 7:30-9:30 PM. For further information, please contact: Christy Brooks, cjajcbrooks@yahoo.com

The Tri-Valley Theatre Club - Dinner Theatre will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011.

The FFA will hold a **Penny Social** on Sunday, February 13, 2011 between 3-7:30 PM. Admission is between \$2-3.

Proceeds will benefit the FFA trip to Costa Rica.

IS SPRING JUST AROUND THE CORNER?

The prognostication we are all waiting for...



No matter what Phil predicts from Punxsutawney, one thing is certain whether in the Catskills or ancient Greece, spring always follows winter.

With the holiday decorations no longer colorfully showing off Bi-Centennial Park on Main Street in Grahamsville, the park took on a new subtle, minimalistic beauty of a "Winter Wonderland." If you were among those who ventured out in last week's snow storm, you could not miss the quiet visible world that nature painted along Main Street in Grahamsville.

Of course, at the same time there were those who wrapped themselves in winter gear and grumbled as they shoveled out their driveways and didn't notice, in which case, they probably did not notice the return of the light either, as the days begin to grow gradually longer once again.

By next week, February 2nd, the weather will be the topic of many discussions as we patiently await the prognostication of Punxsutawney Phil, who by the way, saw his shadow last year. His prediction was all too accurate! How could we forget the "Snowmageddon" of 2010?

'GARDENING IS FUNDAMENTAL' - Sullivan Renaissance Seminar on 'Designing and Planning Your Garden'

[FERNDALE] - Starting a garden should be a fun and exciting activity, yet lots of elements must be considered to make the work easier and more long-lasting. Sullivan Renaissance is hosting a seminar entitled "Gardening is FUNDamental" on Wednesday, February 2 at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Building in Ferndale.

Presented by gardening expert Mary Lewis, this seminar will help individuals and groups begin garden projects by providing a check list of the necessary elements that should be considered when designing and planning a garden. Topics will include location, soil testing, soil amendments, layout, plant choice, plant arrangement and more. (Contd. Pg. 3)

SHADOWLAND'S CHILDREN THEATER PROGRAM to Stage Louisa May Alcott's 'Little Women' in February

ELLENVILLE, NY, January 17, 2011 - Louisa May Alcott's American classic novel, "Little Women," adapted for the stage and staged across the US since 1986, will be performed at Shadowland Theatre in downtown Ellenville on Saturday, February 19 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. The cast is drawn from members of Shadowland's advanced acting classes for children under the direction of Andy Walter, head of the children's theater program, a member of the board of directors and one of Shadowland's founding members. (Contd. Pg. 8)

WALK ABOUT WATER EVENT WILL BEGIN IN NEVERSINK

Chrys Countryman and Deb Weir from the Catskill region in NY have been inspired to undertake a journey of love during Easter Week this coming spring. In honor of the ancient practice of carrying water they will walk from the Neversink Reservoir in NY state to Salt Spring State Park in Susquehanna County PA carrying with them vessels of clean water.

This act is being done as an act of gratitude and to focus attention on the preciousness and vulnerability of clean water supplies in the world today. Water is Life!

Deb and Chrys will complete their leg of the journey on Good Friday which also falls Earth Day this year. The next day, Saturday, there will be a *Celebration of Clean Water* at Salt Spring State Park in the Pavillion. All are welcome and invited to join in this event. We welcome you and welcome your participation in bringing focus and attention to the issues surrounding the challenges facing our communities concerning the subject of clean water. *Walk About Water* is a participatory event.



If you or your community would like to hold events during this time to also place attention on the issue of clean water as Deb and Chrys walk through your area or if you would like to participate during any portion of the walk please contact them to discuss this.

If your community is not along the walking route and you would like to participate by receiving a vessel of water to bring back to your area that would be a welcome way to keep the water flowing and to bring attention to the issue of clean water in your home community.

The vision is to offer all a way to participate in any way that can be envisioned and to inspire local communities to talk about and bring a creative focus to the issues of clean water.

If you or your group would like to join in this celebration at Salt Spring State Park and receive a vessel of water to bring back to your community to continue the journey and bring attention to water in your local area or if you have any questions about this event contact Chrys or Deb, who will keep updating us with information as events and ideas bubble up. (Contd. Pg. 13)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord. Obadiah 1:4

OBITUARIES

Carole M. Krickhahn, 66, of Frost Valley died Saturday, January 15, 2011 at her residence with her family surrounding her, after a battle with cancer.

She was born January 19, 1944 in White Sulphur Springs, NY, to Wanda Kocijanski Cypert and the late Paul Cypert.

Carole and her husband, Paul owned and operated the Valley View House on the Oliverea Road where they graciously hosted thousands of guests over a twenty year period. They sold the business in 2000 and for the past ten years, she has been the head housekeeper at the Emerson Resort in Mt. Tremper. She had a green thumb as witnessed by both her vegetable and flower gardens. Carole was the consummate hostess, a wonderful cook, and made the best apple pies. She was a registered nurse, and was a natural caregiver to those in need. She was devoted to her grandchildren, and did not miss an opportunity to stress the importance of a good education.

Surviving in addition to her mother, are her husband of 44 years, Paul G. Krickhahn; a son, Paul Jr. of New Kingston; a daughter, Kathy Phillips of Osawatomie, KS, five grandchildren: Kirsten, Katelyn and Jake Phillips, Amanda and Paul A. Krickhahn; a sister, Sue Cypert of Canton, NY and a brother, Tom Cypert of Woodbourne. She was predeceased by her sister, Nancy Demetry in 2009.

A Memorial Service will be scheduled for later in the spring.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Frost Valley YMCA Health Center in Carole's memory.

Paul and his family would especially like to thank Tammany from 'Always There' healthcare, the nurses at Benedictine Hospital, Dr. Gina Carena and Dr. Paul Donovan for their care and compassion.

Arthur J. Weigand of Woodbourne passed away Thursday, January 20, 2011 at Catskill Regional Medical Center, surrounded by his family. He was 83.

He was the son of the late Frank and Mary Miller Weigand and was born July 9, 1927 in Woodbourne.

Arthur was a man of many traits. In 1970 he built Indian Acres Campground in Woodbourne and made that his passion. Indian Acres Campground was more than a place to have fun; it was a place where memories were made. It was a place that families would continuously come back to visit because it was a home away from home. Throughout his entire life he worked two jobs, one at the campground and the other being a foreman at VAW Aluminum in Ellenville where he retired after 33 years.

To many he was a friend they could confide in, but to others he was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Arthur was full of stories and infinite wisdom that will never be forgotten. He will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him.

He leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife of 54 years, Elizabeth "Betty" Weigand, whom he married on March 9, 1956; his children, Kathy Rogers and her husband, Dave of Yonkers, John Weigand and his wife, Laura, and Kevin Weigand and his wife, Candy, all of Woodbourne; grandchildren: Tonya Ramos, Amy Whidbee, John Michael Williams, Terilyn Ulatoski, Jared Behan, Lisa Weigand, Leah Behan, Kyla Weigand, Harlen Weigand, Shannon Parlapiano and Shane Weigand; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Frances Hill and Dorothy Osterhout; many nieces and nephews, and a host of friends.

A Funeral Service was held Sunday, January 23, 2011 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne, the Rev. Barbara Claypool officiating. Interment will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

Donations in Arthur's name may be made to the charity of one's own choice.

DAYS OF YORE....
Today's History

January 17, 1951 - Local men included in 78 who took pre-induction physical tests for the Army on Monday in Binghamton were Benjamin Musso, Vincent Quinn, Vernon Osterhout, Joseph Merigliano and Harvey Tillson.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burch entertained at dinner on Tuesday evening in honor of the 83rd birthday of her father, Mr. Chester Hornbeck. Guests besides the hosts and Mr. Hornbeck were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck and family, the Milton Botsfords and the Ralph Slaters.

Fire, which broke out early Saturday morning at the Neversink Dam, caused damage estimated at well over a million dollars to property owned by S.A. Healy Co. A warehouse and its contents were completely destroyed and an adjoining machine shop was damaged. Huge "uke" tires weighing 1,800 pounds and worth \$2,000 apiece, fed the flames.

Seven of the local citizens of Grahamsville have bought a J-3 Piper Cub plane and are in the process of obtaining their licenses for flight. Members of the club are Dr. Karl H. Messinger, William Krum, Sam Anderson, George Maybury, Vincent and Jay Zanetti and Al Visscher.

January 18, 1961 - Roscoe Dobbins, a Grahamsville farmer for 40 years, died in Liberty on January 13th. He was born Sept. 13, 1879 in White Sulphur Springs, the son of Martin and Martha Whitmore Dobbins. He was married to the late Anna Koracik. Among the survivors are Mrs. Anthony Cypert of Woodbourne, Leo Sheeley of Lackawack and William Fenn of Woodbourne.

Oscar D. Banta, operator of a Grahamsville millwork and building materials business, died Saturday at his home. He was 80. He is survived by a son, Roger and a granddaughter, Patsy Ann, both of Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Knox are the parents of a son, born Monday, January 16th at the Maimonides Hospital, Liberty, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy of Lake Paradise have purchased the farm house and 30 acres of land on Big Hollow Road. It is part of the Emmett Slater Farm.

January 20, 1971 - Patricia Osterhout, sophomore at Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, N.Y. has been placed on the Dean's List for the fall semester, obtaining a 3.58 average. Miss Osterhout is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Osterhout of Woodbourne.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis DePew celebrated their 38th wedding anniversary on Friday the 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. French Harris of Neversink announce the engagement of their daughter, Linda to Barry TerBush, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald TerBush of Grahamsville.

Anniversary wishes to the Thomas Hendersons, 6 yrs. on the 23rd; Mr. and Mrs. Edward DuBois, 23 yrs. on the 25th; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buley, 7 yrs. on the 26th.

Boy Scout Troop 187 will hold a Court of Honor on Wednesday evening in the Tri-Valley School auditorium. Karl Shader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Volney Shader, will receive his Eagle Scout award.

January 15, 1981 - Ethel F. Messinger, 67, of South Hill Road, Grahamsville, died Friday, Jan. 9, 1981 at the Ellenville Community Hospital. A lifelong area resident, Mrs. Messinger was born July 27, 1913 in Kingston. Survivors include her husband, Samuel J. Messinger at home; a son, Steven Messinger of Poughkeepsie; a daughter, Karen Provenzone of Nineveh; and three grandchildren.

Brrrr is the word with the thermometer dropping well below zero. (Minus 28 degrees on Davis Lane this morning). Most area residents are hibernating and enjoying the warmth of their home fires.

Glennie Curry was one of the many strikers arrested for 'sitting in' the lobby of the Harris Hospital after the close of visiting hours last week. The culprits were taken before a Town of Thompson judge and later released.

HERE AND THERE - No news this week.
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NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy
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Have a good week and God Bless.
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

'GARDENING IS FUNDAMENTAL'
(From Pg. 1)

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

Sullivan Renaissance places a strong emphasis on good design. In order to receive grants this year, all garden and landscaping projects will have to submit a garden design plan and plant list.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. To register by January 31 or for more information, visit www.sullivanrenaissance.org or call 845-295-2445.

WINTER CONFERENCE

Individuals interested in Sullivan Renaissance should also mark their calendars to reserve Saturday, February 26 for the annual Winter Conference and Expo at the CVI Building. The keynote speaker will be tourism expert and lecturer Dr. Peter Tarlow.

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

FIRST FRIDAY READERS (From Pg. 1)

Teenager Hynes (now Woodrow Wilson Professor of Literature, Princeton) took naval flight training, and became a Marine bomber pilot. Late during World War II he flew over 100 missions against the Japanese. His scintillating descriptions of this time, of his friends and often bawdy fellow pilots, of his tentative romantic adventures, and of new vistas and challenges, are woven together with skill and intelligence.

This is not a standard story of courage in war, but rather a tale of the dogged and mortal persistence to pass many versions of "the Test" that training and combat and even sex presented to a young man preparing for war. An introspective, winning, and vivid recollection sketched by a gifted observer. Mel D. Lane, Sacramento, Cal.

Participants of the group are encouraged to bring any WWII memorabilia or medals to share and discuss.

FARM FINANCE DAY

In cooperation with Farm Credit East, Cornell Cooperative Extension will be hosting a Farm Finance Day on Wednesday, February 2nd to help you plan for short term and long term financial needs.

Two workshops will be offered via satellite at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County for producers to attend. The morning session from 10:00 - 11:30 AM will focus on Farm Succession Planning and the afternoon session (1:00 - 3:00 PM) will be on Farm Tax Updates. Producers can attend either or both workshops.

A fee of \$15 will be charged if attending both workshops or \$10 if attending only one.

Please register by contacting Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-292-6180 by January 27th.

BOCES BOARD MEETING POSTPONED TO JANUARY 27th

LIBERTY - The BOCES Board meeting scheduled for tonight has been postponed to Thursday, January 27th at 6:30 pm.

The meeting will take place in the BOCES Administration Building Conference Room #1, 6 Wierk Avenue, Liberty.

All BOCES Board meetings are open to the public

SC PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will feature a *Show and Tell Session* by stamp club members on February 1st, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY. A discussion of what they collect, and how they collect will take place.

We will have our regular give-aways, door prizes and home made refreshments.

Next month's meeting will be on Sunday, March 6th with a special guest speaker.

FAIRY TALES, FOLK LORE AND MYTH: METAPHORICALLY PREDICT THE MYSTERY OF WEATHER



Is it a beautiful ice angel or is it a jötunn, a very large ice monster as described in Norse mythology?

No, it is a frozen waterfall on Peekamoose Road in Sundown! Before the winter is over, why not take a ride through Peekamoose and see the magic of winter in full dress! And don't forget your camera. There are numerous frozen waterfalls, and beautiful natural ice carvings created by the flowing pristine water of the Rondout Creek.

If you are not on that side of town, the Neversink also presents many beautiful winter scenes.

The big question now on most everyone's mind, when will winter be over?

Since 1887, members of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club in western Pennsylvania have tried to note the first appearance of the rodent they call Punxsutawney Phil. If Phil comes out of his burrow into sunlight on February 2nd and spies his own shadow, he's said to jump back down underground, dooming us all to six more weeks of winter. On the other hand, a cloudy Groundhog Day forecasts an early spring.

Weather myth and folktales are many. Perhaps one of the oldest tales is the ancient Greek tale of Persephone.

It's said that Hades abducted Persephone to make her his bride, thus crowning her Queen of the Underworld. When Demeter noticed her daughter was missing, she broke into a frantic search for her. Plummeted into despair, she let all the vegetation around her wilt, animals had no offspring, and mankind started to die. She swore she wouldn't fix this until she found her daughter. Because the Earth was dying, Zeus was forced to intervene and struck a deal that for one-third of the year, Persephone would stay with Hades, and the rest of the year dwell on the Earth with her mother.

The story of Persephone is, like many myths, one that deeply resonates with modern humanity, perhaps just as much as it did thousands of years ago. We may or may not believe in gods and goddesses, the underworld, or magical forces, and yet the story somehow still rings true. Taken literally, it's an enthralling story, but it's what's going on underneath that draws people in. Persephone's story is one of a mother and daughter's love and unbreakable bond. It's also a story of death and renewal, that winter always thaws into spring, that the bad things in our lives can't last forever, and that things come and go. It's a story of mortality, the tension of life and death. And it's because of Persephone's return, the return of the daughter, that the world once again springs forth anew.

FREE RESIDENTIAL ENERGY SAVINGS WORKSHOP IN LIBERTY

On February 1, 2011 at 6:00 CCE, in cooperation with NYSERDA, will offer a program for homeowners and renters. Learn how to plan now for a more energy affordable year. Presentations will be made by Cornell Cooperative Educators, Mid-Hudson Energy Smart Communities and a new Sullivan County solar energy company called Solar Alchemy. This workshop will cover

residential energy efficiency, NYSERDA programs including free energy audits and renewable energy. This event is free and open to the public. Space is limited, so please register in advance at 845-331-2238 or Meredith.nierenberg@gmail.com

Winterize your home so you can Save Energy and Save Dollars. On February 23rd 2011, at 5:30 pm Cornell Cooperative will offer a free workshop that is open to the public at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd, in Liberty, NY. Whether you are a homeowner or rent your home, this is information you can put to use. Come and enjoy a light dinner and hands on experience. Learn how to do low-cost and no-cost weatherization practices that will save energy and reduce your energy bills. You will be taught useful techniques and receive a free energy kit you can use on your own home. Also, learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. Each participant will receive a free energy kit of materials and a light dinner, but they must pre-register at 845-292-5250

A POND IN WINTER

By Peggy DeWire



As I drove past a familiar roadside pond that cold day, I saw it was covered with ice and nothing moved. Quite a contrast to the lively place I remembered last summer with frogs and toads, turtles and dragonflies.

What was going on under the ice? How had the water changed? Was there enough food and warmth for pond life to survive in

the winter?

A permanent pond has water 6-10 feet deep year round. It maintains fairly even temperatures with gradual seasonal changes. Light penetrates the shallow depths to the bottom so that plants grow from bank to bank.



The temperature of the water determines what level it occupies in the pond. A cold water layer at 39 degrees is the heaviest and drops to the bottom taking a myriad of tiny organisms down to winter safely in the mud.

A warm water layer at 32 degrees floats at surface level and freezes over, covering the pond with a blanket that keeps warmth from radiating out into the colder air above.

Enough winter sunlight filters through the ice for plants to make their own green food (photosynthesis). This ensures great plant crops of one-cell algae and diatoms harvested by small organisms which in turn feed bigger ones like frogs, turtles and fishes.

There are thousands of transparent diatoms in one glass of water. These micro-plants reproduce by the millions to form half the staple food crop in pond water.

Completing the other half are millions of one-cell animals called protozoan. They convert into protein pond water gases like oxygen and dissolved chemicals like calcium.

So pond life, eat or be eaten, still goes on in winter but at a much slower pace. Food is plentiful. Temperature stabilizes at 32 degrees. Oxygen level is maintained by the wonderful respiration exchanged between plants and animals. Plants breathe in carbon dioxide and expel oxygen while animals inhale oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide.

The animals I saw last summer around the pond are all hibernating now, their body metabolism slowed.

Frogs bury themselves in the bottom mud and breathe through their skin. Turtles cover themselves too and extract oxygen through the extra blood vessels lining their neck and from body tissues. In fact, by the end of winter, a turtle has so shrunken that it hardly fits in its shell.

Pond insects in the larva stage crawl in the detritus on the bottom or cling to plant stems where they suck sap.

I drove on thinking that life in the pond under the ice is truly as lively in winter as summer.



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

By: Greg J. Goldstein, Town of Neversink Supervisor

Happy and Healthy New Year To All!!!! I would again like to express my gratitude and appreciation to Linda Comando and the Townsman Staff for allowing me this column so that I can keep the residents informed of the town happenings!

Cell Tower Since I took office in 2006, one of my goals was to bring cell service to the Town of Neversink. The Town Board, with the help of the Planning Board, adopted zoning laws so that when a cell tower company or individual wanted to erect a tower, the law would be in place. Finally, after many years of trying to bring cell service, it is my understanding that Homeland Towers, LLC is looking to construct a tower in the Town of Neversink, which should be operational sometime this year.

Dept. of Motor Vehicles The DMV will be at the Town Hall from 10 AM to 2:30 PM on February 10th, March 10th and April 14th.

Dog Census Reminder that the Town of Neversink is in the process of conducting a dog census. New York State law states that all dogs must be licensed. Dog census letters were sent out with the 2011 tax bills. Those whose taxes are paid through escrow will get their letter with their receipt. We thank and appreciate everyone that has come in to register their dogs.

Emergency Situations Winter weather is upon us and I would like to remind everyone that if they are faced with an emergency situation (i.e. no heat, electricity, etc.) and need assistance from the Town to please call me at the Town Hall or at my home (985-0027) so that I am able to get you the help needed or at least reach out to the appropriate authorities for assistance.

Historian's Office Reminder that the Historian's Office is open every Wednesday from 1-4 PM for research and by appointment on Fridays. Also, on Saturday, January 29th, the Historian's Office will be open from 10-2 for research (weather permitting).

Snow Removal Remember to keep your mailbox area shoveled out for the postal service and a path cleaned to your gas/fuel tanks for deliveries.

Tax Collector Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector has announced that along with the regular hours of business, she will extend the hours to collect taxes on Saturday, January 29, 2011 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Transfer Station Permits 2011 transfer station permits are now available. For the convenience of existing permit holders, you may mail in your 2010 permit with payment of \$5.00 to the Town Clerk's Office and the new permit will be mailed to you.

Website Please be sure to check our website (www.townofneversink.org) for upcoming events, especially with the Parks and Rec Dept.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 985-2262 ext. 301.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR SUMMER 2011- THE STREAM PROJECT: ART ALONG THE NEVERSINK RIVER

In partnership with the Roundout & Neversink Stream Management Program of the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District, the Wildcat Fellowship Program seeks projects of high artistic merit that relate to the Neversink River and its mountainous, forested surroundings.

The successful project will raise awareness of one or more of the following:

- Changing weather patterns that increase flows (winter and fall floods)
- Invasive plants that threaten forest health, water quality and fish habitat
- The value of the wilderness aesthetic (compared to the "tame" landscape)
- The beauty of log jams and gravel bars that move with high water
- Local history as it relates to the Neversink River

We offer a residency of two weeks with accommodation in a guest house, use of a small studio barn and a bicycle. We will provide appropriate publicity and a stipend of \$1,000 to cover art supplies and living expenses such as for food suited to the artist's own preparation in the guest-house kitchen. For projects involving any of the construction trades, such as carpentry, a technical consultant is available.

Two-page proposals will be accepted and reviewed between now and February 15th, 2011. The selected fellowship recipient will be notified in early April, 2011.

Project Parameters

We particularly seek mixed-media works that are site-specific to the Neversink River, which runs from the Catskill Mountains to the Delaware River and is captured in a reservoir to become drinking water for New York City. The site will be selected in consultation with local landowners and/or municipalities.

The proposal will be for a work that:

- uses natural materials, though perhaps not exclusively
- raises consciousness of the significance and beauty of the environment and the importance of water quality and purity
- may be interactive
- does not harm the environment and is biodegradable yet leaves a presence at the site and in the community
- produces documentation that is suitable for exhibition off-site
- contains a community-building component that invites local participation

The artist is expected to be in residence the full two weeks, is responsible for transportation to and from Claryville, and must be available for a public presentation of the work at the installation site which will include a brief artist's talk with Q-and-A. The artist must also be available

for the opening and closing of an exhibit of the documentation.

The artist is responsible for installation and take-down of this exhibit as well as for the creation of necessary signage and wall texts.

TO SUBMIT: Email the following by February 15, 2011 to Curator Patricia Eakins at fabulara@earthlink.net: (1) link to your website with images of your work, (2) two-page proposal, (3) project abstract of 100 words, (4) artist statement, (5) curriculum vitae. All documents must be MS Word documents or PDFs. No phone calls please.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

RE: NEVERSINK Department of Public Works

In spite of one of the snowiest January on record here in Claryville, our Highway Department did a remarkable job of keeping the roads plowed, sanded and salted. There was never a morning that we were not able to get out and about early. We heard the plows pass us on Claryville Road each morning at 4:30 AM. We relaxed, rolled over in bed and breathed a silent word of thanks to the men behind the plows.

Margaret and Mike Schiffer
Claryville, NY

COMMENTS ON THE NEW LIBRARY

Letter to the Editor:

On January 17, Bob and I toured our new library. Jo Ann was a warm, welcoming hostess, with the excitement of a child showing off their tree house. Her heart and soul are in every corner.

This building will certainly become the heart of our community. It has something for everyone.

My favorite room has to be the adult reading room with a beautiful fire place and several lovely oriental area rugs. No, I think it is the spiral staircase that brings children up to the telescope. Actually, it may be the room for teens with computers, books, games, etc., and of course, the movie room, which will feature family movie night, yes, popcorn too, children's movies and movies for all ages will be a winner.

There is so much more that only a tour by Jan Ann will help you capture just what we have right here in our town.

We guarantee you will come away with a feeling of pride and excitement.

Geri Coleman
Grahamsville, NY

ON THE SESQUICENTENNIAL

Ladies and Gentlemen, fellow Historians, honored Volunteers:

The Sesquicentennial is upon us and we as a group must commemorate this year long event in the best possible manner. With the tools and resources

available to us all from our local libraries and Historical Societies, this years events should measure up well with the public. We educate, translate and bring an awareness unsurpassed by any other organization as we share our State and Nations History.

Hoping to get together soon so we can all show the public a really good time. They deserve nothing but the best and that comes from people who are connected with the history that makes us unique. Historians and volunteers with a passion for preservation and education can and will turn this 'economy and cycle of suffering' around so we may reap the benefits of sharing what we know. Our rich Local History makes me honored to say I am "Proud to be an American".

If you can and wish to help and be a part of upcoming events please drop a line when time permits and connect with us here in the Hudson Valley.

Yours truly,
Laura Smith, President
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FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS CLUB

First Time Homebuyers Club classes will be offered starting February 9, 2011 at 5:30 sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty.

If you are thinking about buying a home for the first time this may be the class for you. First Time Homebuyers Club is a series of six workshops. Grant funds are available to those who qualify and successfully complete the workshop series. Important topics will be covered by professionals in these fields; budgeting, credit, mortgage products, real estate law and home inspection.

First time Home Buyers Club will enable you to navigate the process of buying your first home. Classroom space is limited and you need to pre-register to attend. Call 845-292-5250 or e-mail sw288@cornell.edu. There will be a non refundable registration fee of \$25.00 to cover supplies and materials.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE PRESENTS THEIR FIRST ANNUAL CALENDAR

We are very proud of our first annual calendar which is filled with beautiful local photos. Calendars will continue to be on sale for \$10.00 each or 3 for \$25.00 at CCE. They make a wonderful and unique gift. Please contact Susan Dollard at 845-292-5250 if you are interested in purchasing a calendar. Also please start thinking about photos for next year's contest. The theme will be "Gardens in Sullivan County". So start snapping away. We need winter, spring, summer and fall pictures of gardens large and small, flowers or veggies ... please send them in.

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The Olive Branch

FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN -Paula Rhodes

Good Morning My Friends,
What a lovely snowy day! I have to tell everyone I really don't mind the snow. I know how hard it is on everyone who doesn't have the luxury I do of commuting through a door! So I love the snow. I love that Declan (thank you) comes and plows our drive without me even telling him to! It is like having a snow ???! and no matter how many times it snows he just appears and moves it!

You know what I hate? Computers! Specifically mine!!! It has decided every once in a while just to "take a break". And if I am in the middle of something it will just go away. Proof Positive, I wonder what happened to the first article I wrote! So that being said I am going to ask Linda, why I can't actually write my column? I would be so much more entertaining if I were not so concerned my computer would TURN ITSELF OFF!! And it just doesn't work to write it and then put it into the computer. I tried that and I just get confused! I write little notes like tell the story about the lady and the potato! And then I don't have any idea what I am talking about or it isn't as funny to everyone else as it is to me. My customers have gotten use to me talking to myself all the time and some know me well enough to ask if I am talking to them or the bacon! Yes, I talk to the bacon doesn't everyone! It's the argument I lose that bothers me.

I talked to the cookies I made yesterday. It was the strangest recipe. I wanted to make macaroons! I love macaroons. And I love chocolate dipped macaroons even more! So, being a strange recipe I jumped right on it. Then Sue and I started our usual tasting frenzy we do when I mess something up. And we decided they were Coconut Snow Cookies! I am going to try and make them again today and see if they turn out the same. I have actually had some like this but they had chocolate chips in them. OH, chocolate chips! I am going to put in chocolate chips.

Well, it's about time I started being much more productive. I just saw the third snow plow go by so I'd better go turn a light on and make them some coffee. I stopped by the spot I happen to know the "snowplowers" stop for coffee and "wagged my finger at them." I told them they need to slow down and be more careful. They drive so fast I am always afraid they will get hurt. (Why do you have to push snow so fast?) AND then I told them about the one plow in Atlanta! Ye Ha!

So, it's very lonely at the store My Dellie has gone to be Granma until Groundhog Day! Oh I forgot to tell you the Groundhog Story ~ Next weeks ramblings.

Coconut Snow Cookies (3 egg whites beaten stiff and glossy with 1/4 tsp. cream of tartar ~ add 3/4 cup sugar, 1/4 tsp. vanilla after stiff glossy whites form fold in 1 1/2 cups coconut. Drop by spoon full on parchment paper and bake for 40 minutes at 450°.

They look like little clouds and are very good!
From *The Dixie Chicken* and *The Other Side Of The Mountain*

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

Welcome to the working week, as Elvis Costello so succinctly put it, oh so many years ago. Was it really 35 years ago when Elvis C. released his first records? Yes, I guess it was. I bought the first British 45's at Discophile on 8th Street in Manhattan in the summer of 1976, and they immediately blasted me out of my comfort zone. It took 27 years for Elvis Costello and The Attractions to be inducted into The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, 2 years longer than the minimum 25 years since their first record's release. This year, The Hall celebrated their 26th anniversary by inducting Neil Diamond, which seems pretty astounding to me, considering that Stevie Ray Vaughn, T Rex, Willie Nelson, The Moody Blues, and Joe Cocker are still waiting for their number to be called. Induction ceremonies for this year's class, which also includes Alice Cooper, Tom Waits, Leon Russell, Dr. John, Darlene Love, Jac Holzman, founder of Elektra Records, and Art Rupe, founder of Specialty Records, will take place in March at The Waldorf-Astoria in Manhattan. Interestingly enough, Leon Russell is being inducted as a sideman, not for his own body of work.

Last night was The Malibooz and The Doughboys show at The Bearsville Theater, and The Doughboys were quite a surprise. I knew that they were favorites of Little Steven's Underground Garage, so I should have been prepared for some blasting rock and roll, but the band outdid themselves, performing original songs and well known rock and roll classics from the 50's and 60's at an

extremely high energy level. Memorable songs included The Yardbirds' "Over, Under, Sideways, Down", The Rolling Stones' "Paint it, Black", and the best version of Bo Diddley's "Hey Bo Diddley" that I've ever heard, outside of the master himself. Hopefully we can get these boys up here again for their own headlining show.

It's pretty amazing that in the depths of winter, with snow falling practically every other day and temperatures near zero, we can still manage to have a full week of exciting and uplifting music to entertain us. This week's recommended shows:

Friday, January 28 - For those of you who will find themselves downstate, BLONDIE CHAPLIN will be making an all too rare appearance at Brooklyn's Rock Shop. If the name isn't familiar to you, it should be. Blondie and his brothers and cousin were in a band called The Flame, and were discovered in their native South Africa by another band of brothers and cousins, The Beach Boys. Brought to America as the only outside act to be signed to The Beach Boys' Brother Records, Blondie later became a member of The Beach Boys, singing lead on "Sail on Sailor" and other songs during that period. In the 80's, he moved to New York and toured with The Band and Rick Danko's solo projects. (Contd. Pg. 9)

OLIVE TOWN BOARD HOLDS SEVERAL MEETINGS TO CLOSE ONE YEAR - START NEW ONE - Cindy Johansen

Deputy Supervisor, Bruce LaMonda presided over the final meeting of 2010 on December 30, at 3:00 PM - for the purpose of 'closing the books'. Council Member Friedel and Supervisor Leifeld were not in attendance.

Final bills were approved for payment: Highway vouchers # 369-393 for a total of \$210,478.03 and General Fund Vouchers # 594-619 for a total of \$21,899.77. Also, several final budget modifications were done involving several departments, again in preparation of starting a new year, and a new budget.

Highway Department funds, after all expenses were paid through 12/31/10, had an unexpended balance of \$224,480.77. \$150,000 was applied to the 2011 budget, leaving \$74,480.77 which was transferred to Capital Reserve "A" Machinery.

The General Fund, after all expenses were paid through 12/31/10, had an unexpended balance of \$348,771.70. \$250,000 was applied to the 2011 budget and the remaining \$98,771.70 was transferred to Capital Reserve "L" Buildings. It was noted by LaMonda that this might be adjusted when Supervisor Leifeld returned.

Town Reserves now stand as follows: Highway Reserve A-Machinery -\$97,748.03; Highway Reserve F-Improvements - \$54,572.55; Highway Escrow - Retirement Account- \$40,443.14; Total Highway Reserve Fund : \$192,763.72

General Capital Reserve Funds: Reserve B - Landfill - \$47,118.92; Reserve C-Police \$30,815.51; Reserve D - Parks \$ 77,363.72; Reserve E - Assessor \$76,659.42; Reserve G - Handicapped \$50,827.21; Reserve I - Tax Stabilization \$126,057.72 - (Health Insurance); Reserve K- Computers \$21,807.77; Reserve L- Buildings \$53,795.95; Reserve R - Records Mgmt \$4,742.18; Reserve T-Tax Consult/Legal \$112,814.60; Reserve X - Retirement \$26,472.96; Recreation Trust \$21,596.71; Escrow Retirement Account \$63,547.71; Total General Reserve Funds: \$713,620.38;

In other business on the last meeting of the year, both Town Justices submitted their case reports for 2010, noting the number of cases each closed, and the fines, surcharges and Civil fees each were responsible for. The Board Members in attendance unanimously approved these reports.

On January 4, 2011, 7 PM, all members of the Olive Town Board met for the annual Organizational Meeting. This meeting was for the purposes of setting salaries, naming appointments to positions not otherwise advertised, setting meeting dates, official holidays, departmental hours of operation, and such pertinent criteria needed to set the stage for the remainder of 2011.

A few highlights from this meeting are as follows: Salaried Positions:

Supervisor: \$47,277; Council Members: (3) at \$8,087 and (1) \$7,928. (Council Member Friedel refused the pay increase automatically given to all employees and elected officials of the Town when Highway union contract members receive a raise.); (2) Town Justices: \$11,929; Town Clerk/Tax Collector/RMO(Records Management): \$54,619; Superintendent of Highways: \$54,785; Building Inspector: \$7,633; Zoning Enforcement Officer: \$9,927; Police Chief: \$23,868; Dog Control Officer/Kennel Keeper: \$3,165; Recreation Director: \$7,100; Assistant Recreation Director: \$3,816; Pool Director: \$3,279;

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\$19.83; Park Attendant (Seasonal & Part Time):

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\$21.58 - \$22.04 - \$22.39;

MEO: \$20.95 - \$21.37 - 21.81; Laborer: \$20.05 -

\$20.79 - \$21.22; (2) Working Foreman: \$23.11;

Committee Liaison appointments were made as fol-

lows: Council Member Henry Rank - Highway

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NYSAC TAKES MANDATE RELIEF AND MEDICAID REFORM MESSAGE TO STATE LEADERS

It's time for the State to redesign Medicaid and reform State mandates that drive up county property taxes, according to testimony provided by the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) to three State public meetings today.

"We have a property tax crisis in New York State, and that will only be solved if we change the way we pay for and deliver State services in New York," said NYSAC President William J. Ryan, a Westchester County legislator. "Nine mandates, lead by Medicaid, consume 90 percent of the entire county property tax levy Statewide. If we cut the cost of these programs, we can begin to cut property taxes."

NYSAC delivered its report on The County Call to Cut Property Taxes and its 2011 Legislative Program (both available at www.nysac.org) to the New York State Senate Local Government Committee and Governor Andrew Cuomo's Mandate Relief Redesign Team.

The nine (9) mandates that consume over 90 percent of the county property tax levy include: Medicaid, Public Assistance, Child Welfare, Preschool Special Education, Indigent Defense, Probation, Early Intervention, Youth Detention and Pensions.

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"It's critical to note the State legislative requirement for counties in New York to fund Medicaid and these other eight major mandates is the single largest contributing factor for a county property tax levy at all today," said Dave Lucas, NYSAC's Director of Budget and Intergovernmental Affairs.

NYSAC also participated in the first regional meeting of Governor Andrew Cuomo's Medicaid Redesign Team, which was held in Buffalo this afternoon.

"Counties have been paying into the Medicaid

program since the 1960s, when the program first began in New York State. That first year counties paid \$112 million. Today, our property taxpayers fund \$7 billion of the program. It consumes most of each county's real property tax levy," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario, a member of Governor Andrew Cuomo's Medicaid Redesign Team.

Mr. Acquario also participated in a State Senate Health Committee Roundtable on Medicaid this week, where he told the committee "Modernizing the Medicaid program to improve patient healthcare outcome and lower costs must be a priority for all levels of government."

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SHADOWLAND'S CHILDREN THEATER

(From Pg. 1) According to Walter, this timeless, enduring classic about the March sisters' journey from childhood to maturity during the American Civil War is far from old-fashioned. "Many people find 'Little Women' to be an ideal, two-hour getaway from the ups and downs of the world in which they live. It's also a wonderful way for the whole family to enjoy a live theatre experience, away from TVs, PCs, texting and video games."

At Shadowland, he adds, audiences of all ages can acquaint, or reacquaint, themselves with the March family sisters - Meg, the eldest; Jo, the high-spirited tomboy; Amy, the self-centered beauty; and gentle Beth - as well as their beloved Marmee and Father as their family learns to endure both good times and bad, with the girls sharing the joys and pains of growing up. The play ends with Jo's realization of her life's work, the publication of her first novel.

"Written by Alcott over 140 years ago," says Walter, "this classic tale's message is still relevant for today's audiences, young and old, parents and grandparents too."

Brendan Burke, artistic director of the non-profit, professional Actors' Equity program at Shadowland and a strong supporter of the theater's children program, which received a \$1,000 Fall for Art grant in

2010 from the Jewish Federation of Ulster County in Kingston, adds, "We're nearly 50% sold out and I strongly recommend that you call the box office as soon as possible to reserve seats for one of the two performances. For parents with children who've never been to Shadowland, this is an excellent way for your family to experience the power of live theater in such a close, intimate setting, almost as if you're watching and enjoying the play in your own living room."

Directed by Walter, the cast includes: Cassidy and Cheyenne Corbine; Marisol Acevedo; Leanna Lechnowski; Bronte Hough; Jack Walter; Lucas Augustine; Erin Brown; Hannah Eckert; and Tim Van Etten.

Tickets for the 2:00 pm and 7:00pm on February 19 are \$5.00. They can be reserved by calling the theater at 845-647-5511 or purchased in advance by visiting the box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville.

About Shadowland Theatre

Shadowland Theatre is the leading professional nonprofit Actors' Equity company in the Lower Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region. Located only 90 miles from New York City in Ellenville, NY, Shadowland was named "Best of the Valley" by Hudson Valley magazine in 2004, 2005 and 2007; "2006 Cultural Business of the Year" by Ulster



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Development Corporation and Ulster County Chamber of Commerce; "Best Theatre 2006" by the Times Herald Record; and "Best Drama of the Year" by The Daily Record in NJ for The Good German. In 2010, Times Herald-Record readers named "Red Herring" as best comedy and "The Wonderful Wonderettes" as best musical in their "Best of 2010" award program. Founded in 1984, Shadowland performs in a restored 1920's Art Deco vaudeville/movie house converted to a 148-seat theatre. For more information, visit <http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org>.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

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Grahamsville, NY 12740
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BOWLING

WHEN: Sunday, February 13.

DETAILS: Ellenville Lanes 3-5 pm. All families in the Tri Valley School District and Adults in the Town of Neversink are welcome! You must provide your own transportation to Ellenville. Please bring \$5-\$7 to purchase snacks. A team of 4 will be on each lane so get your team together today!

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$3 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than January 25.

TRUE GRIT -Callicoon Theatre

WHEN: Saturday, January 29

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall Parking Lot 8:45 am, view movie, return to Town Hall approximately 1:30 pm. MOVIE IS PG-13 MUST BE at least 13 years old to go.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$8 residents/\$16 non-residents must be paid ASAP this includes transportation, movie, small soda and small popcorn.

Create Your Own Scrapbook & PIZZA

WHEN: Friday, March 18

DETAILS: 5:30 pm Tri Valley High School Cafeteria. Take time to organize your memories. Go home with a small hand-made scrapbook. All supplies will be provided. Feel free to bring at least 12 photos with you.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than March 1.

Tie Dye Tee Shirts & PIZZA

WHEN: Friday, April 29.

DETAILS: 5:30 pm Tri Valley High School Cafeteria. Come have a quick dinner and tie dye a tee shirt to bring home. All supplies will be provided.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than April 5

Mount Airy Lodge Casino

WHEN: Wednesday, May 11.

DETAILS: Pick up Elks Lodge, Napanoch 8:30 am, Pick Up Neversink Town Hall 8 am Return to Elks Lodge, Napanoch 7:30 pm Return to Town Hall 8 pm.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$25 Per Person includes Motorcoach transportation and \$35 in Free Play or \$40 Per Person includes transportation, \$35 in Free Play and the Show "American Homicidal" Please bring an additional \$15 to eat lunch with, must be paid no later than March 29.

Healthy Home-Made "Cooking" Class

WHEN: Saturday, May 21.

DETAILS: Join Cathy Poppo at Sullivan County BOCES and learn how to make a new snack. 4-5 year olds 9am-10 am. 6-7 year olds 10 am-11 am. 8 year olds and up 12-2. You must provide your own transportation to the SC BOCES on Ferndale -Loomis Rd, Liberty.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$15 Per Person must be paid no later than March 29.

Museum of Natural History

WHEN: Saturday, June 4.

DETAILS: Leave Town Hall 8 am to explore all 45 halls of the museum, the Rose Center for Earth & Space and view the Hayden Planetarium Space Show. Return to Town Hall at approximately 7 pm.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than April 26.

Procedure to Attend Events

One of the following MUST BE DONE BEFORE the cut off date:

1. COME & fill out permission slips & bring payment to the Town Hall Upstairs Parks & Recreation office between 3 pm & 6 pm on Tuesdays.
2. MAIL permission slips & payment to Parks and Rec Dept PO BOX 307 Grahamsville, NY 12740

PLEASE make NOTE the following:

For your convenience permission slips can be downloaded from our website www.townofneversink.org or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. Trips maybe cancelled due to lack of sufficient participants or inclement weather. If you need to contact the director for any reason I can be reached at the Town Hall on Tuesdays between the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm; any other time please leave a voicemail at 985-2262 ext. 312 or email me at racelj12d@aol.com.

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THE COVER SHOW

"The Covers Show", Chronogram to Exhibit 18 Years of Cover Art and "The Red Show (Art From the Heart)", A Members' Exhibition at ASK in February.

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK), 97 Broadway in Kingston, welcomes Chronogram, as they bring "The Covers Show" to the Lounge Gallery during the month of February. The Main Gallery will feature "The Red Show (Art from the Heart)", a Members' Exhibition. The Shared opening reception will be held on Saturday, February 5th, 5-8pm. Refreshments provided by Ship to Shore, Keegan Ales, and The Merchant Wine Store. Admission is free. Both exhibitions will run through February 26th. For more information, visit www.askforarts.org or call (845) 338-0331.

The Covers Show: 1993-2011

Since its launch in the fall of 1993, Chronogram has featured the work of hundreds of Hudson Valley artists on its cover. Unlike most publications, Chronogram does not put anything on the cover but its logo, allowing artists an unadorned canvas for their paintings, photographs, sculptures, illustrations, and mixed-media work.

Some of the artists Chronogram has featured on its cover include Peter Max, Martin Puryear, Dion Ogust, Steven Spacarelli, Alex Grey, Emil Alzamora, Richard Butler, Denise Orzo, Kathy Ruttenberg, Eric Bean, Laura Levine, Stuart Bigley, Devorah Sperber, Steven Kenny, Keith Haring, Jeffrey Milstein, Edie Nadelhaft, Joe Condra, Zak Pullen, and Kevin Paulsen, among more than 150 others.

Over 60 covers of Chronogram will be on display at ASK in February, from Jane Sander's illustration on the inaugural October/November 1993 issue to the portrait of Pete Seeger on the February 2011 cover by Woodstock photographer Fionn Reilly.

"The cover of Chronogram is proof of the artistic vitality of the Hudson Valley," says Chronogram editor Brian K. Mahoney. "Showcasing the work of a diverse variety of artists each month, from established artists to emerging talents, is a privilege we take very seriously. I sometimes wish Chronogram was a weekly publication so we could feature 52 artists on the cover each year, instead of only 12."

Launched in 1993, Chronogram's mission is to nourish and support the creative and cultural life of the Hudson Valley. Chronogram was nominated for a 2010 Independent Press Award by Utne Reader.

RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES (From Pg. g)

It was during this period that Blondie and I became friends and laughed about the fact that my younger brother sold him his gold top Les Paul during a sojourn in LA in the 70's for \$250.00. That guitar is still Blondie's main axe! What a bargain, and what an investment! That guitar today is worth around \$30,000, and could be worth as much as \$90,000. Since we never positively dated it, we can't be absolutely sure of the value, but that's still some rate of return! But, I digress. While living in New York, Blondie also put together a solo project called Skollie, with fellow South African expatriates, Keith Lentin and Anton Fig, best known for his long running spot as David Letterman's drummer. Also in the 80's, Blondie appeared on the 20th Anniversary Byrds reunion album. Since the Bridges to Babylon Tour in the 1990's, Blondie has been backing vocalist and occasional guitar player with The Rolling Stones. Impressed yet? If you're in the city this Friday, drop by The Rock Shop. I don't think you'll be disappointed.

Also on Friday, January 28 - An all-star band debuts at The Towne Crier in Pawling. Calling themselves BLUE CHICKEN, half of this band comes from Levon Helm's band, and the other members are Randy Ciarlante, best drummer in the Hudson Valley, former member of The Band, and current drummer for The Organiks, and Sid McGinnes, guitar player from The David Letterman Show. This show is definitely gonna be worth the drive to Pawling.

Saturday, January 29 - Closer to home, JOHNNY WINTER brings his band into The Bearsville Theater. The man Muddy Waters called his son has been carrying the torch for the blues for years, and is certainly

one of the greatest practitioners of the form on electric guitar ever! And why isn't HE in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?

Saturday and Sunday, January 29 & 30 - Back to NYC for ROBERT PLANT at The Beacon Theater, no introduction needed for Led Zeppelin's former singer and frontman, who's re-entered the charts recently showing a softer side via his albums with Allison Krause and this year's Band of Joy, one of my favorites of the year. Seriously, if you can make it to the city this weekend, this is my Pick of the Week.

Sunday, January 30 - Americana sweetheart, IRIS DEMENT, brings her most unusual voice into Club Helsinki in Hudson. As I've mentioned before, Club Helsinki is the coolest club around, and Iris is one of the most unique vocalists you will ever hear. Highly recommended.

Enjoy your week and stay warm.

FROST VALLEY YMCA EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 11-13, 2011: A Girl Scout Winter Sports program will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Scouts work towards their Winter Sports Badge. Activities will include cross-country skiing, snow tubing, snowshoeing, hiking, ice fishing and ice cutting. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, 2011: A Girl Scout Eco Challenge Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Activities will include forest and wildlife ecology, seed planting, service projects, greenhouse skills, recycling, compost education and a nature scavenger hunt. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, March 25-27, 2011: Women's Wellness Weekend at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville is an opportunity for participants to focus solely on their own needs. Guests can spend time alone communing with nature and choose from over 15 activities each day, including yoga, dance, therapeutic movement, meditation, water color painting and pottery. Guided hikes in the beautiful, scenic trails of the Catskills are offered several times daily.

Friday-Sunday, April 1-3, 2011: A Girl Scout Senior Leadership Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Senior Scouts will attend workshops on goal-setting and leadership skills. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, April 8-10, 2011: A Girl Scout Earth Day Celebration will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Activities will include recycled arts and crafts projects, composting and recycling classes, nature hikes, a greenhouse planting project, wildlife ecology and learning simple techniques for going green. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. peaks.

Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org. Frost Valley YMCA camp and conference center is located in the Catskill Mountain high peaks.

GOLDEN GLOBE WINNER "THE KING'S SPEECH" AT CALICOON THEATRE

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present The King's Speech starring Colin Firth, Helena Bonham Carter, and Geoffrey Rush. Firth took home the Golden Globe for Best Performance by an Actor in a Motion Picture earlier this month. The film opens Friday, January 28.

Based on the true story of King George VI, The King's Speech follows the Royal Monarch's quest to find his voice. All his life, Albert (Colin Firth) has suffered from a debilitating speech impediment. With his country on the brink of war, he is suddenly crowned King George VI of England and his wife, Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter), the future Queen Mother, arranges for her husband to see the eccentric speech therapist Lionel Logue (Geoffrey Rush). Logue's unorthodox techniques and unexpected friendship make it possible for the stammering monarch to go on radio in 1939 and rally his subjects to support the declaration of war on Hitler's Germany.



Peter Travers of Rolling Stone says "The emotion this film produces is staggering." About the film's performances, he says "Firth's nuanced brilliance is a thing of bruised beauty. Oscar-nominated last year for A Single Man, he gives a towering performance that deserves a shower of awards. And Rush is his match, fiercely funny in the hilarious and heartfelt interactions between king and commoner."

The King's Speech is rated R and will screen nightly at 7:30 p.m. Friday, January 28-Wednesday, February 9 with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturday and

Sunday, January 29 and 30 at the Callicoon Theater, 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$9. Mondays and matinees \$6.

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.

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The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK), 97 Broadway, Kingston, will welcome The Shaut, Early and Treat Jazz Quartet on February 4th, 2011 at 7 pm for a night of jazz standards.

The Shaut, Early and Treat Jazz Quartet specializes in standard jazz repertoire as well as original tunes in the same vein. The S.E.T. Jazz Quartet is jointly led by well-known Hudson Valley players, composers and educators, Bob Shaut and Dan Shaut, trumpeter Mike Treat and drummer Chris Early.

Individually, these musicians have performed internationally as well as in some of the top jazz venues in New York City. Selected highlights include a tour of Brazil, a residency in Aruba, a member of the Walt Disney Saxophone Quintet, performances at "Jazz at Lincoln Center" and "The Blue Note".

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TOWN OF OLIVE (From Pg. 4)
On January 11, 2011, 7:30 PM, the Town Board met in their first regular meeting of 2011. Immediately following the opening pledge, Town Justice Tim Cox officiated at the swearing in of two new police officers for Olive. Officer Paul Roosa, Jr. and John Zanden-Dooren will assume their new duties for the town on a part time basis. Quite a crowd of family and friends were on hand to witness the occasion, though shortly after the proceedings, most of the audience left to, no doubt, have some sort of celebration!

Along the lines of new hires, the Olive Fire Department submitted for the Town's approval, five new members to the Department. In a generally down time for volunteers, it is certainly good to hear that so many have chosen to serve in their communities.

Since this is the first meeting of the new year - not many bills had been generated for payment, however, several bills were presented during the meeting including the first of four Wastewater Treatment payments in the amount of \$32,069.12. These payments are for the running of the treatment plant per the contract signed at the beginning of operations, on or about July 1, 2010. Wastewater Treatment District fees will be collected from those individuals and businesses who are attached to the system, as well as the school district. Fees are capped for the first three years for homeowners. Business' fees will modify along with the percentage of increases in operating costs for the plant. The school discharge has been capped, with NYC contributing a substantial portion of all fees outside those collected. Work will continue in the spring for final cleanup, grass seeding and final grading of sites too late to work on this fall.

It was announced that an increase of 50 cents per bag (30-40 gallon bag) would be put into effect on February 1, 2011 at the town's Transfer Station on Beaverkill Road. Purchase of a card, with a 10-bag allowance, will now be \$30. All cards still out there prior to the effective date will be honored at the old price.

In one last note for 2010, Olive Fire Department reported that all departments responded to a total of 269 calls for the year 2010. This included drills, mutual aid to other departments, as well as response to accidents and fires.

One final note: At the December 14, 2010 meeting, Supervisor Leifeld requested some thought be given to what councilors wanted to do with the State Grant of \$43,000 that had been received for the purposes of a park in Shokan. He indicated that discussion would be forthcoming, possibly at this meeting, but that did not happen. Perhaps discussion will be brought up at the next meeting. REMINDER: Town Audit meeting will be 7:30 PM on Monday, February 7 and the next Board meeting will be 7:30 PM, Tuesday, February 8 - all at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan. Hope to see you there.

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BONACIC: SENATE TO ACT ON JOB CREATION & TAXPAYERS PROTECTION ACT

State Senator John J. Bonacic, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, today announced the State Senate would act on two important Constitutional Amendments, as well as one other piece of legislation, designed to create jobs in New York and permanently stop out-of-control government spending.

- The Senate will act on:
- A Constitutional Amendment to require a 2/3 Super-Majority of the Legislature to pass any tax increase. In the last two years, this Legislature -- under all-Democrat control -- raised taxes by \$14 billion. In the Senate, it would have taken only one vote to stop these tax hikes that devastated families and businesses. This constitutional amendment would require a two-thirds "super majority" vote in each house, rather than a simple majority, to make it much more difficult to raise state taxes. Sixteen states currently require more than a majority vote to increase taxes.
 - A Constitutional Amendment to impose a State spending cap. The cap, which would be set at 2 percent, or 120 percent of the Consumer Price Index (currently 1.9 percent), whichever is lower.
 - Legislation which would provide businesses with a three-year tax credit of up to \$5,000 for each new job created. In addition, the plan would eliminate taxes for small businesses and manufacturers that pay the state's corporate franchise tax and roll back the income tax surcharge placed on them by Senate and Assembly Democrats in 2009.

That credit could grow by as much as an additional \$3,000 per job if new hires are taken from the ranks of the unemployed who are collecting unemployment insurance from the State. Such an incentive would help reduce unemployment and the costs borne by taxpayers.

"What Republicans, and Governor Cuomo promised New Yorkers was that making New York competitive again would be job number one. The best way we can create jobs is by stopping government growth, and reducing what government takes from New Yorkers. By passing these proposals, Republicans in the Senate are keeping our promise," Senator Bonacic said.

Last year, the *Poughkeepsie Journal*, in endorsing Senator Bonacic, noted he has advocated for a firm spending cap, and requiring a two-thirds supermajority before any tax increase could occur. "Keeping our promises to New Yorkers is important. We cannot say one

thing when we run for office, and do something else when the elections are over. Republicans promised to enact these proposals and today we will do so," Senator Bonacic said.

Bonacic also laid down the gauntlet before Assembly Democrats. "These people just voted to make Sheldon Silver the Speaker of the Assembly. Will they now hold his feet to the fire, or just give us more of the same - lip service about the need to hold the line on spending, but when the opportunity comes, they do nothing."

Ward Todd, President of the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce said, "Nothing would help our small business community more in hiring people again than the type of tax credit being offered by Senator Bonacic and his colleagues in the Senate. Freezing regulations and fees, as the Senate will also authorize, is very helpful when it comes to creating jobs."

The Senator called on area Assembly Democrats to demand passage of this legislation. "A Constitutional Amendment ultimately requires a vote of the people in order to become effective. Trusting the public is never wrong and the Assembly should move on these proposals immediately - creating jobs is issue number one, and the tax credit legislation, spending cap, and plan to stop the continuous raising of taxes is essential to creating jobs," Senator Bonacic concluded.

HINCHEY WORKING TO IMPROVE, NOT REPEAL HEALTH CARE REFORM

With the new majority in the House of Representatives putting the finishing touches on their plan to repeal the recently enacted health care law, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) is siding with area residents who have benefited directly from the new reform law. With millions of Americans enjoying new protections from insurance company abuses, lower prescription drug costs and tax credits to help small businesses provide insurance to their employees, Hinchey argues repeal would be a disaster. Instead he is pushing for bipartisan cooperation in making constructive improvements to the set of reforms that were set forth last March.

"If the lobbyists have their way, we'll go back to the days when insurance companies can drop you just because you've had a heart attack, and when a child with leukemia won't be able to find insurance for the rest of their life due to a pre-existing condition," said Hinchey. "If they have their way, 2.4 million young adults will be kicked off their parent's plans and small business owners, who are counting on a new 35 percent tax credit to help provide coverage to their employees, will be forced to drop coverage. I said right from the beginning that the health care law isn't perfect - few things ever are. That's why we need to work together to make new improvements that address the concerns that many people are expressing. Repeal would create a situation of chaotic uncertainty that would recklessly strip away new benefits and protections that are already helping millions of Americans - it's just not the right solution."

Under the repeal plan, this year 4 million small businesses would lose out on tax credits to provide health insurance for their employees and 28.6 million Americans would lose out on tax credits to help cover health care costs starting in 2014. Millions of seniors would pay a higher cost for prescription drugs, 88 million Americans would lose their free preventive care services and the number of uninsured individuals would increase over time by 29 million.

Hinchey also emphasized that the repeal plan would shock the economy by increasing unpredictability in the marketplace, noting that the largest single drop in the unemployment rate in 12 years occurred in December. Among the 935,000 new private sector jobs created since March, 171,000 jobs have been created in the health care sector. A study by Harvard Economics Professor David Cutler

and USC Health Policy Professor Neeraj Sood concludes that the health reform law will create as many as 4 million jobs over the next decade by lowering costs.

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office has indicated that repealing the health care reform law would increase the deficit by \$230 billion over the first ten years and by over \$1 trillion in the second ten years. According to the Medicare actuaries, repeal would weaken Medicare, making the program insolvent 12 years earlier than currently projected.

Hinchey has also targeted several areas where the Affordable Care law could be improved to further lower costs and improve the system as a whole. Notably, he focused on allowing for the negotiation of prescription drug costs through Medicare to save \$156 billion over ten years and expediting the time frame for implementing provisions that reduce prescription drug costs and reduce Medicare fraud. The congressman has also cited a need for an expedited timeframe with regard to provisions that create greater choice and competition and noted his continued support for a public option that the Congressional Budget Office says would further reduce costs.

SCHUMER URGES FEDS TO EXTEND DEADLINE SO HOSPITAL PROJECTS CAN MOVE FORWARD

U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand and Representatives Brian Higgins (D-NY) and Peter King (R-NY) released a letter urging Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Jacob J. Lew to extend an important construction completion deadline for capital and other projects at New York State hospitals and other health facilities, paid for with federal dollars. The construction deadline is currently September 30th of this year, meaning that under current regulations, the projects need to be completed by then, or funding will be cut off. The program through which these 350 projects in NY are being funded is called Federal-State Health Reform Program (F-SHRP). The program provides help to modernize hospitals and create jobs across the state by investing in infrastructure projects. The F-SHRP program's goals are to promote the efficient operation of the State's health care system; consolidate and right-size New York's health care system by reducing excess capacity in the acute care system; shift emphasis in long-term care from institutional-based to community-based settings; expand the adoption of advanced health information technology and improve ambulatory and primary care provision.

In 2006 New York was awarded \$2.5 billion for capital improvements at hospitals and health care facilities across New York State, with the stipulation that the projects needed to be completed by September 30th, 2011. Unfortunately, due to bureaucratic red tape at the state and federal level, it took an unexpectedly long time to get the projects underway. Now many projects across the state are in danger of being stopped in their tracks, meaning major job losses, unless the deadline is extended. Projects at St. Francis Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY; St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse; Bassett Healthcare Network in Little Falls, NY; Oswego Health in Oswego, NY; will be particularly hard hit (Contd Pg. 14)

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HINCHEY STATEMENT ON FCC APPROVAL OF COMCAST ACQUISITION OF NBC

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) released the following statement regarding the Federal Communications Commission's approval of the assignment and transfer of control of broadcast, satellite, and other radio licenses from General Electric Company (GE) to Comcast Corporation, creating a joint venture involving NBC Universal, Inc. In February 2010, Hinchey urged the FCC to block Comcast's acquisition of NBC Universal. Hinchey is the Chairman of the congressional Future of American Media Caucus.

"Big media just got a lot bigger. The FCC's decision to allow Comcast to acquire NBC Universal will burden the American people with more media consolidation, fewer independent sources of information and higher cable bills. I have no doubt that today's decision will lead to more mega media mergers in the near future. That is certainly not in the public interest.

"This new media conglomerate will control content production and content distribution at an unprecedented level and it will stifle the growing trend of accessing premium content online regardless of one's broadband provider."

WALK ABOUT WATER BEGINS IN NEVERSINK (From Pg. 1)

Perhaps you can join Chrys and Deb's by supporting their needs.

They are seeking a potter or studio space to create twelve iconic water bearing vessels to hold a ceremonial amount of water.

They have a wish list: Life support during the trek; an RV to sleep in and carry stuff; good walking shoes; nutritious vegetarian food; hot beverages; hugs and kisses; foot massages; good compa-

ny; and music and song.

The ask that you join them on foot for a mile, an hour, a day or all ninety miles and to join them in spirit and tell your friends to cheer them on as they come through your town.

Join them in the continuing the cycle and arrange to meet them at Salt Springs to receive a vessel of clean water to carry back to an area in need of this gentle and non-violent action.

You may also join them on March 4 (Pisces New Moon) at at EarthStewards Coalition II Art Show "Our Priceless Planet" to be held in Binghamton, City Plaza Gallery -March 4-25, 2011

Get involved. You can find more about Walk on Water on Facebook or Please contact Chris at chrysalis12481@yahoo.com or Deb mica66@aol.com

All over the country, potable water is being contaminated beyond repair in the quest for fossil fuels. Water is a gift of nature and essential for all life. April 17-22 of 2011, clean water will be carried 90 miles from the Neversink Reservoir in New York to one of the places where water is in danger - Salt Springs State Park, in Susquehanna County Pennsylvania

The carrying of this "walk about water" - will be on foot. We are grateful to live in a place of abundant water. Water is eternal, endlessly recycled through the ages.

This walk is an action of love in response to our deep concern for the quality of life we offer future generations.

ELLENVILLE/WAWARSING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LAUNCHES "SHAWANBUCKS"

"Please join us for the launch of SHAWANBUCKS - a buy-local rewards card project sponsored by the EllenvilleWawarsing Chamber of Commerce. For an investment of only \$10.00, you'll be part of a network of participating businesses for this initial Valentine's Day project.

Every participating business will receive a bunch of flyers describing the program to your customers. (We'll also distribute these flyers all around town). They cut out the Rewards Card on the flyer and bring it along as they shop participating businesses. You the business owner signs the back of the card after they make a purchase of \$10.00 or more ... the customer gathers five signatures, having spent \$10.00 at five different businesses, then drops his/her card into a Rewards Card box that we will also provide each of you. A drawing will be held February 18th and the lucky winners get SHAWANBUCKS - special currency that they can spend anytime in any of the participating businesses. You'll also each get a sign to post in your window showing that you accept SHAWANBUCKS. Finally, when customers return to spend their SHAWANBUCKS in your store, just forward the BUCKS to the Chamber office and we will reimburse you in "real" \$\$.

It's that simple! ... If you'd like to be a part of this exciting project to encourage folks to shop locally, please let us know and we'll sign you up. It's a small investment on your part, but one which will come back to you and your business community in plenty.

If you have any questions, please contact Nadia Maczaj at Rusty Plough Farm - 647-6911 or rustyploough@earthlink.net.

You can also sign up by letting Janet (info@ewcoc.com or 647-4620) at the Chamber office know and sending in your \$10.00, payable to the EWCO. Chamber office and we will reimburse you in "real" \$\$.

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LUNKER OF THE COUNTY ICE FISHING DERBY

sponsored by the

Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept

Sat., Feb 5, 2011

7 am - 3 pm

(Pre-register prior to 7 am)

Legal fish from ANY fishable Sullivan County, NY waters eligible with 2 pre-registered witnesses to weigh fish in. Categories are Pickerel, Perch, Panfish & overall Lunker. Bait Available. Adults \$ 8.00 - ages 16 & up. Youth division (under 16) \$ 3.00 Ages 12-15 may pre-register for adult division for \$ 8.00 - Contact 845 434 2710 or Mike at 845 434 2724 for more info


Vendors wanted for INDOOR FLEA MARKET (Sat, Feb. 5, 2011 at the Loch Sheldrake Fire House on Rt 52, Loch Sheldrake) - DONATION for the use of a table is \$ 20.00 Contact 845 434 2710 or Mike at 845 434 2724 for more info

FOOD COLLECTION

Please continue to bring your non-perishable food items to the **Good Stuff Cafe and Country Store** in West Shokan. They are particularly looking for donations of single servings of fruit cups, fruit juice, puddings, etc. For more information call Paula at 845-657-2115.

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 Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm
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www.crosswayaog.com



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The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sundays, 3 pm: Communion
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
 Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

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 Mother Joan LaLiberté
 845-887-4742

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Bible Class 9:00 am
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Daily Mass schedule:
 Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
 Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

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Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor



Sundown United Methodist Church
 Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

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



Covered Dish Supper
Feb. 5, 2011
 (Jan. Covered Dish Supper Cancelled)
Sundown United Methodist Church
 at the
Sundown Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church
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Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper
 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE;**

The Town of Denning is seeking BIDS for a 1995 Ford F-800 Single Axle Dump truck, Diesel, Standard Transmission, with snow plow, 2wd, 2speed rear, AS IS CONDITION.

Can be viewed at Town Highway Garage 6am-2pm M-F Contact: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders, 985-2543 for questions.

Bids will be accepted until the opening of the regularly scheduled business meeting of the Denning Town Board on Tuesday, February 8th 2011 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 set to begin at 7:00 P.M.

THE DENNING TOWN BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS WITHOUT REASON.

Joy Ann Monforte

Town Clerk

January 12, 2011

1/20; 1/27

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**Reminder:**

The Town of Denning Town Clerks Office will be open for the collection of taxes on Saturday, January 29, 2011 from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Joy Ann Monforte

Town of Denning Tax Collector

December 15, 2010

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning Planning Board will be holding a Public Hearing for the purpose of issuing a Logging Permit on SBL 42-1-27.3 / 27.112 / 27.111 / 27.2 / 27.12 located on Frost Valley Road, owner of record Laura Brock Smith.

Property is under the 480A Forest Tax Law and the timber harvest is a requirement of that Law. Number of acres to be harvested approximately 140, number of trees to be harvested around 1045, and number of board feet to be harvested approximately 182,054.

The Public Hearing will be held just prior to the start of the regularly scheduled Planning Board Meeting, at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725, on Thursday, February 10, 2011, and starting at 7 PM. All interested person(s) will be heard at said time.

By Order of the

Town of Denning Planning Board

Carl Landon, Chairman

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**THE TRI-VALLEY
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A Regular Board Meeting Budget Discussion
Will Be held

On Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Board Policy Sub-Committee Meeting

Will be Held at 6:00 P.M.

In the Secondary School,

Lower Library Level,

Grahamsville, New York

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK RESIDENTS The
NYS Ag & Markets Law requires that all
dogs 4 mos. & older must be licensed.**

During January and February 2011, the Town of Neversink will be conducting a Census of all dogs & puppies harbored within the Town. Each resident will receive a letter/form in their 2011 property tax bill in January. If the property taxes are paid by a bank/mortgage company, those residents will receive their letter/form with their receipt of payment in February. If you are a landlord please pass the letter/form on to all your tenants who reside on your property. All residents of the Town of Neversink are required to fill out the affidavit as to whether any dogs are harbored at the residence. If your dog is not licensed, you will be required to do so. Fees are \$2.50 if spayed/neutered plus a one-time \$5 penalty. If your dog is not spayed/neutered, the fee is \$10.50 plus a one-time \$5.00 penalty. Violations shall be subject to a fine, not to be less than \$25.00 per dog. You will need proof of rabies vaccination & spay/neutering.

For information call Town Clerk Lisa Garigliano at 985-2262 x307.

**SENATOR GILLIBRAND TO SIT ON
REPUBLICAN SIDE WITH SENATOR
JOHN THUNE OF SOUTH DAKOTA AT
STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS**

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced that she intends to sit with her Republican colleague Senator John Thune of South Dakota during President Obama's State of the Union address on Tuesday.

Senator Gillibrand was among the first of her Senate colleagues to support Senator Mark Udall's idea to have bipartisan seating for the State of the Union. Senators Gillibrand and Thune plan to sit together on the Republican side of the House of Representatives.

"This is just a symbol, but it sends an important message that although we may disagree on various issues, we all stand ready to work together and do what we believe is right for the country. The American people want this Congress to work together - not as Democrats and Republicans, but as Americans," Senator Gillibrand said. "I look forward to sitting with my colleague Senator Thune, and I look forward to working together with all my colleagues on a legislative agenda to create good-paying jobs and get our economy growing and working for all Americans."

**GILLIBRAND URGES PRESIDENT
OBAMA TO PRESS CHINESE PRESI-
DENT ON CYBER SECURITY AND
RARE EARTH ELEMENTS DURING
STATE VISIT**

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, is urging President Barack Obama to press his Chinese counterpart on China's role in cybersecurity matters and China's stronghold of rare earth elements (REE) next week. The President of the People's Republic of China, Hu Jintao, is scheduled for a state visit with President Obama this week.

Strong evidence suggests China was responsible for a number of cyber attacks against the U.S. Department of Defense and other federal agencies, defense-related think tanks and contractors, and other private U.S. companies, including Google.

China also accounts for more than 95 percent of the world's REE production, materials that are critical to our high-tech, clean energy and defense industries that help fuel our economy, but China uses that stronghold to restrict export shipments to the U.S., costing the U.S. jobs and hurting our economic development in emerging industries.

In her letter to President Obama, Senator Gillibrand wrote, "Cybersecurity and REEs greatly affect both the national and economic security of the United States, and I continue to be concerned about China's policies regarding these two strategic interests."

SCHUMER (From Pg. 12)

The state of New York has requested an extension, but the Feds have so far not responded.

"This program invests now in projects that create jobs in the short-term and maximizes taxpayer savings in the medium and long-term," said Schumer. "This aims to give New York the most up to date and cost-effective hospitals so that patients can receive the highest level of care at the lowest possible cost. Putting a halt to these job-creating projects because of an arbitrary deadline, particularly when the hospitals themselves are not at fault, makes no sense."

"This agreement has resulted in greater oversight and accountability," said Senator Gillibrand. "It has saved taxpayer money and improved care for millions of New Yorkers. The waiver should absolutely be extended. These are exactly the kind of solutions we need right now. It is common sense."

"This is a fight to build on the progress underway that is creating quality jobs in the construction and health sectors and delivering enhanced treatment and care to patients across New York," said Congressman Higgins. "Keeping these federal funds here is critical to the state's economy and our position as a leader in health care delivery and breakthrough medicine."

"It is imperative that New York be granted a waiver," said Congressman King. "This program not only enhances patient care but reduces Medicaid waste, fraud and abuse. Additionally, the failure to secure an extension would shut down shovel-ready projects and cost New Yorkers good jobs."

Through the F-SHRP program, New York State has been empowered to implement significant reform to the health care system including long-overdue and necessary modernization of the state's health care infrastructure. Further, F-SHRP has increased access to patient care, while improving the quality of care

through the establishment of medical homes. As a condition of the waiver, the state has consistently met annual goals to reduce Medicaid fraud and abuse.

Beginning in 2006 and continuing through 2010, New York State made grant awards of approximately \$2.5 billion in state and federal funds to finance more than 470 projects. These awards are providing necessary financial support to help facilities undertake major projects, including developing supportive housing options as alternatives to nursing homes, revamping behavioral health services to better integrate medical and mental health care, and assisting facilities in developing health information technology interfaces to help coordinate care for patients with multiple chronic conditions. Many hospitals also are in the process of using these funds to help finance major projects to improve efficiency and expand access, including developing new primary care clinics and shifting inpatient beds to outpatient space.

While the funds have been committed to all of these worthy and complex projects, final completion of 350 of them may not occur before the September 30th expiration of the F-SHRP program.

The extension would not require additional federal funds, but simply provide the state with authority to use the federal funds already committed under the waiver. In fact, it is expected that full implementation of all F-SHRP programs will result in Medicaid savings to both the state and federal government. An extension of F-SHRP would allow hundreds of reform and restructuring projects to be completed, including job-creating capital projects throughout the state.

As the continuation of F-SHRP becomes increasingly uncertain, many facilities in early stages of their projects are reconsidering moving ahead, further endangering the job-creating capital projects and long-term reform that will help build a more efficient and cost-effective health care system.

**HINCHEY INTRODUCES BILL TO CAP
INTEREST RATES ON CREDIT CARDS
AND ALL OTHER LOANS AT 15 PER-
CENT**

In an effort to provide direct financial relief to tens of millions of American families, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that he has introduced legislation that would cap interest rates on credit cards and all other loans at 15 percent. The Interest Rate Reduction Act would rein in the skyrocketing rates that banks and financial institutions are charging customers with little or no warning and without any justification.

"Many hardworking Americans are using credit cards to make ends meet in this recovering economy, but credit card companies are finding new ways to squeeze the middle class despite significant reforms in the last Congress," said Hinchey. "Credit card companies are charging interest rates as high as 50 percent, trapping millions of Americans in a spiral of debt, forcing bankruptcies, and ruining peoples financial futures. We need to put an end to this legalized loan sharking. A fair and healthy lending system is critical to the success of hardworking Americans and the recovery of the economy. This bill helps limit credit card and general lending abuse by placing a reasonable cap on the rates that can be charged to Americans."

Hinchey's legislation would impose a 15 percent interest rate cap on all consumer lending from financial institutions, like banks and credit card companies. The Federal Reserve could allow higher interest rates, but only under special circumstances when it determines that the 15 percent cap would threaten the safety and soundness of lenders, and if money market interest rates have risen over the prior six months.

These are the same rules that currently apply to credit unions, which have been forbidden from charging usurious interest rates on credit cards and other loans to their members for nearly 30 years. The interest rate cap that has protected consumers at credit unions from being charged usurious interest rates has not harmed the safety and soundness of these institutions; and has not negatively impacted the access to credit of credit union members. Furthermore, credit unions have been able to stay afloat throughout the credit crisis and have not received one dime of taxpayer assistance.

In the 111th Congress, Hinchey helped pass the Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights to protect New Yorkers from unfair rate increases, excessive fees, due date gimmicks and misleading terminology. He also authored a bill to cap credit card interest rates at 18 percent. Despite significant reforms, credit card debt in the U.S. still totals nearly \$800 billion. The average American household which has credit card debt carries a balance of nearly \$15,000.

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

BOWLING Sunday, February 13, \$3 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than January 25.

MOVIE Calicoon Theatre DATE & MOVIE TO BE ANNOUNCED; \$3 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than January 25.

Create Your Own Scrapbook & PIZZA Friday, March 18; \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than March 1.

Tie Dye Tee Shirts & PIZZA Friday, April 29. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than April 5.

Museum of Natural History Saturday, June 4. \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than April 26.

ALBI CONCERT & HOT DOG LUAU Sunday, July 17.

The Buddy Holly Story Forestburgh Playhouse July 27. \$30 residents/\$46 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.

ZOOM FLUME Saturday, August 6. \$10 residents/\$34 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.

Rhinebeck Fair Thursday, August 25. \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28 this includes admission & transportation.

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

Army Football Game West Point DATE & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than TBA this includes admission & transportation.

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

Call Parks & Recreation at (845) 985-2262 Ext 312 for more information

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Town of Denning Tax Collection. Denning Town Hall in Claryville NY - 10 AM to 3 PM.
 Town of Neversink Planning Board
First Friday Group -Daniel Pierce Library -1:00 pm Book for discussion *Anna's Book*, by Barbara Vin
 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** -5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
 Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept. **Lunker of the County Ice Fishing Contest** 7am-3 pm (details pg 13)
Flea Market Loch Sheldrake Fire House on Rt 52, Loch Sheldrake 8am to 4pm (Vendor (details pg 13)
 Town of Olive Audit Meeting 7:30 Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd., Shokan
 Town of Olive Monthly Meeting 7:30 Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd., Shokan
 Dept. of Motor Vehicle at Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am-2:00 pm
 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
Thrift Sale -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
Winterlude 2011 - 4:00 to 6:00 PM at The Arts Upstairs, 60 Main Street, Phoenicia.
TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - President's Day
 Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Dept. 7 pm Neversink Town Hall

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

Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>

Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>

Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>

To find out what is happening at **Tri-Valley CSD:** <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

REMINDER TO TRI-VALLEY FIRE DISTRICTS & CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS:
 Please send your 2011 calendar of events for us to post. Thank you!

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

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 AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty)

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NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE:& SHANDAKEN

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AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

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

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

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

CAS ARTS CENTER OFFERS NATIVE AMERICAN BEADWORK CLASSES

Three Consecutive Saturdays 1:00 - 4:00pm
 Saturdays, January 29 & February 5 & 12; Artist Instructor: Ramona Jan

Fee: Mem \$90, Non-Mem \$100 Single Class \$40

Learn traditional needlework of the Native American through creating necklaces, earrings and, if time allows, appliqué. Various handwork and bead weaving techniques will be explored. This class is for teens and adults. A range of beading kits (starting at \$10) will be available for purchase at the first class.

Please call early to reserve a place! Classes are held at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY with a 5 student minimum. For more info, please call 845-436-4227 or go to www.catskillartsociety.org. If paying by mail, please send check payable to CAS, PO Box 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. We now accept MasterCard & Visa.

CATSKILL ARTISTS GALLERY PRESENTS "SHORTS AND SWEETS FOR VALENTINES"

LIBERTY, NY: The Catskill Artists Gallery presents Carol Montana of Big Sky Productions in an afternoon of short stories and homemade desserts called "Shorts and Sweets for Valentines" on Sunday, February 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

The event will be held at The Catskill Artists Gallery, 38 S. Main Street in Liberty.

Selections will feature the stories of Robert Fulghum, the author of *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, which dominated the New York Times Bestseller List for all of 1989 and much of 1990. Fulghum also wrote *It Was On Fire When I Lay Down On It, Maybe (Maybe Not)*, and several other best-selling books. For 22 years Fulghum served as a Unitarian parish minister in the Pacific Northwest. During that time he also taught drawing, painting and philosophy at the Lakeside School in Seattle.

During intermission, while you're enjoying a delectable selection of handmade sweets, why not browse The Catskill Artists Gallery's wide selection of art, (always handmade with love), and select something for your Valentine.

Choose from wall art, wearable art and usable art, including sculptures by Robert Friedman; glass and jewelry by Cate Gundlach; pottery and jewelry by Kathy Jeffers; fiber art, jewelry and note cards by Buff McAllister; paintings, jewelry, books and note cards by Helena Clare Pittman; and photography, wood sculpture and postcards by Hank Schneider.

In addition you'll find artwork by over 30 gallery consignors includes photography, pottery, collage pictures, paintings and prints, note cards, calendars, glass, pastels, encaustic, wood and sculpture in prices that range start at just \$4.

When you give your sweetheart a handmade piece of art from the Catskill Artists Gallery, you also support the local economy with a gift that can't be found at the local warehouse club or mall.

Admission to "Shorts and Sweets" is just \$10.00 for an afternoon of delightful love stories and delicious desserts. (And we'll get you home in time for the Super Bowl, too.)

For additional information, call Big Sky Productions at 845-985-7783, visit The Catskill Artists Gallery's Facebook page or their website at www.catskillartistsgallery.com.

GET YOUR FINANCIAL HOUSE IN ORDER

Get off to a good start in 2011! Sean Welsh, Financial and Consumer Educator, will be offering a workshop on how to take control of your finances in these tough times at Cornell Cooperative Extension, Wednesday February 2, 2011 at 6pm

Learn how to organize an efficient system for paying bills and keeping track of important papers. Setting up a home office, temporary and permanent files, budgeting will also be covered. All participants will receive organizational supplies and handouts. This class is open to the public with a \$10.00 registration fee. Pre-registration is required call 845-292-5250

HVAC COURSES COMES TO SC THROUGH THE ADULT & CONTINUING ED PROGRAM AT BOCES

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at BOCES is now offering HVAC courses for individuals interested in working with heating and ventilation and air conditioning systems.

Job prospects for heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers are expected to be excellent especially in the fastest growing areas of the country. In addition, employment of heating, air-conditioning, and refrigeration mechanics and installers is projected to increase faster than average for all occupations through the year 2014. As the population grows, so does the demand for residential, commercial, and industrial climate-control systems. The increased complexity of HVACR systems will also create opportunities for service technicians. People and businesses depend on their climate-con-

trol systems and must keep them in good working order, regardless of economic conditions.

The courses at the Adult and Continuing Education Program are designed to meet your individual knowledge or experience. The program will take you from basic introduction all the way through advanced training. Introduction to HVAC will be offered in the evening starting on January 25th or on Saturdays starting on January 29th. Topics cover include but are not limited to plumbing basics, electrical theory, soldering, refrigerants, and refrigeration cycles of residential and light commercial systems.

If you already have some basic knowledge sign up for the Intermediate HVAC course. This course will be offered in the evening starting on March 15th or on Saturdays starting on March 19th.

The Advanced HVAC course will be offered in the evening starting on May 24th or on Saturdays starting on May 28th.

Within six months you can go from basic to advanced training and be able to start that new career or advance in your current career. Don't wait; a new opportunity is a call away. For more information or to sign up contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 791-4070 or log onto scbooces.org and follow us on Facebook and Rwitter for program updates.

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Daniel Pierce Library

Winter hours effective Thursday, December 2, 2010. The library will open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 8 P.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is a change from its former hours of 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday hours will remain the same. If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

Closed Sundays and Mondays

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

845-985-7233

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every **Townsman** printed since the beginning in loose-leaf binders classified by year for anyone to research. For further information, contact the historian's office in Grahamsville at 985-2262 x313, e-mail: historian@townofneversink.org, or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org

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POLITICAL SLANT

by Frank Comando

On the **issue of contaminating our water**, we do not support "Marcellus Shale" drilling, or the stealing of our rightfully owned resources from under our homes and real estate that is protected by our deeds.

Comcast NBC Merger-The decision was handed down on January 19, and you should be 'mad as hell.' The FCC just blessed the merger of Comcast, the nation's largest cable and home Internet provider, with NBC Universal.

The Justice Department approved the merger. Many of the judges in approval were the same Judges that **declared corporations are people** and should be given the **same freedom** of speech, and the right to **donate to political campaigns as people- we disagree.**

This merger is the unprecedented consolidation of media and internet power in the hands of one company.

This is just another example of a the super rich holding one company control over private business. As you know some monopolies are illegal, and a merger such as this is creating a conglomerate monopoly which does business the same way as a monopoly, but according to our present laws, are legal.

There is no way to sugarcoat it. Wherever you live, the **Comcast-NBC merger is a disaster.** Letting one company control the pipes and the content that flows over those pipes is a formula for abuse. Comcast-NBC could soon hike up rates; take away your favorite channels or even stop you from watching your favorite shows online. Comcast has already targeted Netflix and other companies that compete with its video and internet offerings.

The merger lays waste to then-candidate, **Barack Obama's 2008 promise**, when he said, **"I strongly favor diversity of ownership of outlets and protection against the excessive concentration of power in the hands of any one corporation, interest or small group. I strongly believe that all citizens should be able to receive information from the broadest range of sources."**

Adding this to the deal of extending the tax cut for earners over \$1,000,000.00 that could have considerably reduced the deficit, President Obama's report card is failing.

We want to join with **Free Press International** in the fight that is our guaranteed right under the constitution, without 'Fascist' corporate interference, to compete in business, insure full employment, and bring products to the American people at competitive prices. **Nevertheless, unlike the president and his FCC Chair, we are not caving in to corporate pressure.**

The Free Press is working with our allies and activists to fight for more open, democratic, and diverse media. Write your elected officials to let Washington know that there are consequences to blessing this bad deal.

This deal, combined with the FCC's recent loophole-ridden, **fake "Net Neutrality" rule**, sets the stage for Comcast to turn the Internet into something that looks like cable TV. This administration has a long list of weak compromises to corporate lobbyists during its first two years. However, today's merger is particularly alarming.

You might be saying, **"I'm not a Comcast customer, so I'm not worried."** However, Comcast will jack up the prices that other cable and online distributors pay for NBC content, and you will pay higher prices.

If you have something to say, say it here, and it must be less than 300 words.

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- 3BR/1.5BA farmhouse on 11 acres with exceptional views, attractive pool, pond, large barn. \$369,000
- 4 BR/2BA eyebrow colonial on 15+ gracious acres w/screened porch, fab views and utter quiet. \$349,000k
- 15+ peaceful acres at end of dead end road, partially cleared to enjoy views. Adj. to YMCA-owned land. \$120,000

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"

This Saturday at 9:30 pm, Ernie Borgnine will star in **"The Dirty Dozen,"** a 1967 film of a renegade officer training a group of misfits for a crucial mission behind enemy lines. Cast: Lee Marvin, Ernest Borgnine, Charles Bronson, and Jim Brown Dir: Robert Aldrich C-150 mins, TV-PG. Following at 12:15am, **Oscar winner Ernest**

Borgnine sits down with Robert Osborne to discuss his life and career C-58 mins, TV-1. Then at 1:15 am, **"Marty"** (1955), a lonely butcher finds love despite the opposition of his friends and family. Cast: Ernest Borgnine, Betsy Blair, Esther Minciotti, Augusta Ciolli Dir: Delbert Mann BW-94 mins, TV-PG All on TCM Saturday, and Sunday, January 29, 30, 2011, at 9:30, 12:15 am, and 1:15 am.

Quiz,

- A. Who played Archer Maggott?
- B. Who played Victor Franko?

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

TRI- VALLEY - Do not forget Tri-Valley Little League Registration Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 10:00 am, at the Town Hall in Grahamsville, NY. Play Ball...

Liberty - new location for picking up the **Townsman**, is **Sun Gate Mini Mart, and Mobil Gas Station**, on Rte. 52 by Great American.

Ellenville - Need a new fridge, or dishwasher repaired, or in need of buying a new appliance, try **Napanoch Appliances**, 115 Canal Street Ellenville, Ask for Ross K.; he has the bargains you need.

Napanoch - Peters' Market - Aside from fine groceries they also have **herbal teas, and those hard to find health supplements.**

Neversink - Olive- Boiceville - Pa. Water is essential for all human life. We Must Be Responsible For our Actions. **Walk About Water On April 17 to 23 2011**, Walking From The **NEVERSINK RESERVOIR, NY 90 miles to SALT SPRINGS STATE PARK PA.** This Walk is not only an action of Love and a necessity in voicing our rights to clean fresh water. See article on front page of this issue. **Please get involved...for further information call 845.532.6369**

Shandaken - coming next week notes from **Robert A. Stanley**, Supervisor, and Town Board Chair.

Have a great week!
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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

A. Telly Savalas
B. John Cassavetes