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The Jewel of the Catskills



This past weekend, the now popular Blue Hole was the 'watering spot' for hundreds of visitors who wanted to cool down in the true blue fashion of the chilling waters at the Blue Hole in Sundown. (Cont. Pg. 8)

Timberland Opens New Office in Boiceville



Bruce LaMonda, deputy Supervisor, and Linda Burkhardt, Town Councilwoman, who represented the Town of Olive welcoming Robert Hirsch (with scissors) and his staff at the official ribbon cutting ceremony at Timberland/ Coldwell Bankers in Boiceville. (Contd. Pg. 6)

DEP Police and Local First Responders Rescue Four Boaters Who Capsized in Two Separate Incidents Four Men in Good Condition after Falling into the Cannonsville and Rondout Reservoirs

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) police officers, along with local firefighters and EMS personnel, rescued four people whose boats capsized in two separate incidents over the Independence Day weekend. All four boaters were treated by EMS staff at the scenes and were found to be in good condition.

DEP police responded to the first incident on Friday at 7:18 p.m. when a 911 call reported that a boat had capsized on the Cannonsville Reservoir. The boat had flipped within sight of the boat access ramp along Highway 10 in Walton and DEP police spotted two men clinging to the boat when they arrived at the scene. DEP Police Sgt. Thomas Reis, a rescue swimmer, swam out to the two victims to help them stay afloat. He was assisted by Trout Creek firefighters who commandeered a rowboat until additional first responders arrived from the Deposit Fire Department. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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GFD and Ladies Auxiliary Honors Local Men for 351 Years of Service to the Community



On June 8th the Grahamsville Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary honored six men for 351 years of fire service: Horace Sheeley 66 years; Raymond Hornbeck 66 years; Eugene Fuller 59 years; Herman Probst 53 years; Bruce Denman 52 years; Jim Minarsky 55 years (Jim also served 26 years as a Deputy Fire Co-Ordinator for the Towns of Neversink and Fallsburg).

These men were past Chiefs, Assistant Chiefs or long-standing members. (Contd. Pg. 9)

New SC Sheriff Deputies Graduates



Sheriff Mike Schiff and Chief Harold Smith, Jr. congratulate three new deputies who recently graduated the Dutchess County Corrections Academy.

Pictured from left to right are: Chief Smith, Deputy Steven Matis, Deputy Marilee Smith, Deputy Kellie McMahon and Sheriff Schiff. All three recruits are assigned to the Sheriff's Jail Division.

Brian Creamer: Person of the Quarter at New Hope Community

June 15, 2013 is a memorable day for Brian Creamer, Leisure Services Counselor at New Hope Community (NHC) since 2007 and employee since 2005. On this day, at the Annual Staff Picnic, Brian was named the NHC Person of the Quarter, a distinguished recognition from the entire staff. Brian was away for the weekend in Buffalo, New York, with the NHC track and field team at the Special Olympics State Games. He was doing his job with the men and women that he helped organize, train, and guide in athletic competition. He learned about the award by text from his wife Jessica, who is also a New Hope employee and was present at the picnic.



Brian Creamer being voted New Hope Community Employee of the Quarter on June 15, 2013, receives the award from NHC Executive Director Art Moretti.

What a perfect setting for Brian Creamer to receive the praise of his peers at NHC. "This can't get any better," he said. (Contd. Pg. 4)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and destitute.
Psalm 82:3

OBITUARY

Faathyma Jamaludeen Dengler Engels, 73, of Coconut Creek, Florida, passed away surrounded by her loving family on April 19, 2013, after a brief, courageous battle with lung cancer.

Born on January 12, 1940, in Manhattan, New York City, she was the daughter of the late Sadie Stephens and Mohammed Jamaludeen. On August 2, 1986, she married Robert Engels, who survives at home. She was formerly married to Richard Dengler, Sr., who predeceased her on June 13, 1987.

Also, surviving is her sister, Zulyha Choinsky, of Rhinebeck, NY, three daughters, Dorothy Sherman (Wes Eaton) of Elizaville, NY, Susan Stern of Catskill, NY, Renee Lutz of Hyde Park, NY, two sons, Richard Dengler, Jr., (Janine) of Catskill, NY, Brian Dengler (Michelle) of Ravena, NY, two step-daughters, Cathy Engels of Okeechobee, FL, and Arlene Engels of Stowe, Vermont, ten grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews, along with her two four-legged children, Leo and Mimi.

Faathyma attended Germantown Central School District. She was employed at IBM in Fishkill, NY, until her retirement in 1993, at which time she travelled between two homes, Coconut Creek, Florida and Claryville, New York.

Some of her greatest enjoyments in life were time spent with her family, friends and her dogs. She loved playing bingo, crocheting, reading novels, listening to country music and spending time at the casinos.

A Celebration of Her Life will be held at the Red Hook VFW on Sunday, July 21st from 2:00-5:00.

If anyone wishes to make a donation in her memory, the family suggests Hospice of Broward County, Florida, or to the Relay for Life of Dutchess County.

Days of Yore...

...Today's History

July 15, 1953 - The annual meeting of the religious Society of Friends was held Sunday at 1 o'clock at the historic Quaker Meeting House above Grahamsville. This was an un-programmed meeting as is the custom. Printed cards left on the benches explained that worship in the House of Friends is entirely without human direction or supervision.

Charles M. Huntsberger, 76, died Tuesday at Brooks Mountain, Sundown. The son of John M. and Martha Payden Huntsberger, he was born August 14, 1876 at Dillsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. had been a resident of Sundown since his marriage to Ida Du Bois nineteen years ago. Surviving are his widow and one son, Jack of Grahamsville.

July 10, 1963 - Mr. and Mrs. Albro Brown Jr. are the parents of a son, Clayton Barrett, born July 4th at Hamilton Av. Hosp. He weighed in at 4 lbs. 8 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morrissey of RFD Callicoon are the parents of a daughter born July 7th at Callicoon Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Morrissey were both former members of the Tri Valley Central School faculty.

Archibald F. Armstrong, 79, died on July 6th at Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown after a long illness. He was born on October 5, 1883 at Eureka, the son of Philip and Amanda J. Smith Armstrong. He was married February 11, 1962 at Liberty Mae Whittaker who survives him.

Miss Ruth E. Kile, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee W. Kile of Woodbourne, became the bride of Kevin F. McKeon, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McKeon of Upper Ferndale Road, Liberty on June 30th. The Rev. Richard Leuckle performed the ceremony at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Woodbourne. After a wedding trip to the New England states the couple will reside in Divine Corners.

July 25, 1973 - Bessie Coddington, 85, of Sundown, died Thursday at her home. Born October 15, 1887 in Neversink, she was the daughter of Frederick and Lizzie Bloxhanson Countryman and wife of the late John Coddington who died in 1958. She lived in Sundown for 65 years. She is survived by a son, Earl of Sundown; three daughters: Flossie

VanWagner of Sundown, Elizabeth Rose of Grahamsville and Mrs. Hazel Hopps of Paupack, Pa.; 12 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

July 14, 1983 - Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Inghrim, McGuire Rd., Neversink, announce the engagement of their daughter, Virginia, to Richard J. Bischert Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Bischert Sr., Burnt Ridge Road, Bradley. Miss Inghrim is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and SUNY Delhi. She is now attending Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio. Her fiancé graduated from Tri-Valley Central School. He is now attending DeVry Institute of Technology in Columbus, Ohio. Wedding plans are incomplete.

A bit of humor from Tom Higgins: Your tax dollars at work - Officials at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia have converted a 20 foot cannon into a chicken gun that hurls dead chickens at airplanes at 700 mph hoping to find a way to reduce accidents caused by jets hitting birds. The chicken gun shoots 4 pound chickens into engines, windshields and landing gear to determine how much damage is caused. (Probably where Frank Perdue's rejects wind up!)

Another Huge Yard Sale at the Old Stone House of Hasbrouck

Fundraising is never easy, but it sure can be fun!

At the Old Stone House of Hasbrouck, visitors to this season's second huge yard sale - July 13 & 14, 9am-3pm -- are sure to wear wide smiles when they spot so many exotic offerings. And the folks running the sale are equally delighted. "At our yard sales," says Alana Sherman, head of the organization, "it's as if Disneyland and Home Depot both visited an enormous antique shop."

At an earlier yard sale several weeks ago, one delighted customer made off with a few brand new bundles of home insulation, paying a tiny fraction of retail price. Two luxurious wooden doors, one interior and one exterior, were also on sale for, well, next to nothing. There was row after row of costume jewelry, plus kids' toys, gently used power tools, exercise equipment, furniture, and seasonal decor for all the big holidays. This event will surely outdo any held previously. Since it's all under a giant pavilion, sales proceed rain-or-shine, with most items sold on a set-your-own-price basis.

All goods are donated, and proceeds support yearlong art, dance and theater events at the Old Stone House, a 501(c)3 organization. Next to the Neversink River in Sullivan County, it's a short drive from Monticello, Liberty, Grahamsville or Ellenville. For more information, visit www.TheOldStoneHouseOfHasbrouck.org.

SC Receives Grant to Fund the Development of a Comprehensive Coordinated Transportation Plan

Monticello, N.Y. - Acting County Manager Joshua A. Potosek is pleased to announce that Sullivan County's Division of Planning and Environmental Management has received a Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG) from the USDA for \$75,000.00 to fund the development of a Comprehensive Coordinated Transportation Plan for the County. The funds will pay for a consultant to develop the Plan under the direction of the Planning Division and with the assistance of members of a Transportation Steering Committee. It is anticipated that the development and subsequent implementation of a Comprehensive Coordinated Transportation Plan will benefit local citizens by providing more extensive services, lower costs and easier access to transportation. In addition, a coordinated plan can lead to lower operating costs for transportation providers.

The project builds upon an ongoing collaborative initiative led by the Sullivan County Long Term Care Council's Subcommittee on Transportation.

If your agency, organization or business would like to join this collaborative effort, please contact Martha Scoppa at SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS in the County's Office for the Aging at 845-807-0254.

A Round About Tri-Valley-Carol Furman

Sympathy is extended to the Grey family of Grahamsville. James "Jim" Grey passed away on June 26* following a long illness. He was 77 years old. Jim is survived by his wife, Patricia Van Wagner Grey and his children and grandchildren. Mary Englert of Grahamsville also passed away. Mary died on June 24* and was 64 years old. She was a relative of the Begendorfs, who used to live on Moore Hill Road. Condolences to the Englert family.

Madeline Mingo, infant daughter of Mike and Joan Mingo, was baptized at the Grahamsville Reformed Church at a special service on Saturday, July 6th. Madeline's brothers, Vincent and John, as well as many friends and family members were present for the service. The Mingo family lives in the Town of Neversink.

Best wishes to long-time Tri-Valley school board member, Gerald Skoda, as he recuperates following surgery. I'm sure he'll be out-and-about soon!

Get well wishes also go to Harold Brown of Grahamsville. He was in the hospital, but hopefully he has returned home by now.

Several events are scheduled for Saturday, July 13: First, there is a breakfast at the Sundown Church Hall from 7:30 - 9:30 am, then there is the Community Yard Sale and Craft and Vendor Fair, sponsored by Neversink Parks and Recreation, from 10:00 - 3:00 pm at the Fair Grounds. Lastly, you are invited to attend a Barbecued Chicken Dinner at the Grahamsville Reformed Church which takes place from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. One could be out for the entire day without leaving the area!

A group of about 18 ladies and gents from the Grahamsville area went to Rieke's Lens in Napanoch for lunch on Wednesday, July 10th to help Helen Miller of Grahamsville celebrate her birthday.

A group of Cub Scouts from Pack 87 and their moms and dads spent 2 nights camping out in tents the weekend of June 28th, 29th and 30* at Salt Point, which is near Poughkeepsie. The boys practiced their archery skills, were able to BB shoot at targets, whittled and participated in fun craft activities. Of course it rained a little, off and on, but it didn't seem to dampen the boys enthusiasm.

Congrats to the following students, those I've heard about, who made the Dean's List at their respective colleges this spring: Gregory Knox from Neversink, at Rochester Institute of Technology majoring in the software engineering program, Caroline Bertholf from Loch Sheldrake, at Siena College majoring in economics and Gabrielle Calabrese from Grahamsville, an English major at Siena College. Last week I mentioned Brian Edwards from Neversink who made the Dean's List at Alfred. It's nice to see our local grads performing so well at the college level.

It's a girl, Fayeann Lee, born on June 18th, for the Todd Browns' of Neversink! Congratulations, and I'll bet Grandma, Faye, is pleased.

Reminder: The Matt Bertholf Horseshoe Tournament is scheduled for Sunday, July 14th at the Neversink Firehouse.

Loretta Ackerley and some of her family and friends journeyed to Lancaster, PA to see the Sight and Sound Theater's production of "Noah" on July 11th and 12th. If you've never been to Sight and Sound, you should go some time. They put on a wonderful show! And, you can't beat the food served in the Amish restaurants.

Words of Wisdom: I love deadlines! I especially like the whooshing sound they make as they go flying by!

Pulled-Pork Barbeque

The Grahamsville UMC Mission team will be sponsoring a Pulled-Pork BBQ on Friday, July 19th from 4:00-7:00 pm. The menu will include corn-on-the-cob, baked beans, coleslaw, cookies and Mark McCarthy's famous pulled-pork sandwiches.

The barbeque will be held at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. A donation of \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 10 is requested. Proceeds will be used for local mission work and for church operations.

Welcome Rev. Peggy Ann Saurhoff!

On July 21st the Grahamsville and Sundown Methodist churches will celebrate the appointment of Peggy Ann Saurhoff. The community is invited to join us in worship at Sundown at 8:30 or Grahamsville at 10:30. There will be a covered dish luncheon at the Grahamsville Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:30 service.

Please come and meet Peggy Ann and her family as they settle into our community and don't forget to bring a dish-to-pass.

**Tri Valley Lions Club News
May 2013-June 2013**

It was a beautiful Day Saturday May the 4th for our annual Journey for Sight walk and Tag Day at the Grahamsville Fair Grounds. This year it was dedicated to Lion Donald TerBush who was the first Lions Club President of our Tri-Valley Charter in 1977. All of his family walked during the Journey for Sight Walk making this a huge success for our club, one we appreciated. Their presence as well as anyone who would like to walk for our cause is greatly appreciated so please keep the 1st Saturday open in May of 2014 and walk with us or Donate to such a worthy cause.

June 4th was our installation of officers for 2013-2014 year at Nardi's Restaurant. The new Officers are President Pauline Vetter Staat, 1st Vice President Gene Froehlich, 2nd Vice President Carmen Salvemini, Treasurer Carol Furman, Secretary Liza Salvemini, Corresponding Secretary Fran Fuller, Lion Tamer Carol Clark, Tail Twister Phyllis Moore, and directors William Delaney, Harvey Furman, Esta Jacob, and David Moore. We gave a hearty Thank You to our dedicated Past Treasurer Jack Clark for all his years of service. Our Newest Member Lorraine Nilsen was installed in a twilight ceremony given by our Past District Governor Stuart Wizwer, it was a very moving celebration. Our Zone Chair Ilene Wizwer presented many awards to our Group and to our hard working members.

The June Rabies Clinic will be the only clinic this year due to fewer animals being vaccinated.

Our Community Service Awards were presented to Andrew Exner, Courtney Kelly and Keira McHugh at the Tri-Valley Awards Ceremony. We extend our Congratulations to all the Graduating Seniors of 2013 Tri-Valley Class.

Our Busy Season will begin in August At the soda booth with the Littlest World's Fair followed by the Youth and Sportsman's Day and Antique machinery Show in September and then ending with The Pumpkin Party in October.

Thank you for all who donate to our collection boxes at Cannie D's, Daniel Pierce Library and Neversink Town Hall, they are most welcome.

We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer.

CWC awards Not-for-Profit Flood Grants

MARGARETVILLE, July 5, 2013 -Five not-for-profit organizations will receive grants of up to \$10,000 from the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) to help repair structural damage caused by flooding in August 2011.

The CWC Board of Directors approved the awards at recent monthly meetings.

The Empire State Railway Museum in Phoenicia, Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, Middletown American Legion Post #216 in Margaretville, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1545 in Windham and Zadock Pratt Museum in Prattsville were approved for funding.

All sustained major damage during Tropical Storm Irene, and most are still struggling to make repairs.

The CWC distributed more than \$3 million in Flood Recovery Grants to 150 businesses in the months immediately following the disaster. In January of 2013 the Board set aside unexpended funds from that program, drawn from the Catskill Fund for the Future (CFF), to also assist non-profit organizations and museums.

The CWC is a non-profit, local development corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. For more information, go to www.cwconline.org, or call toll-free 877-928-7433.

"NOAH" Bus Trip - Deadline July 15th

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Narrowsburg, NY, is sponsoring a trip to see "Noah -The Musical" at the Sight & Sound Theatre in Strasburg, (Lancaster County) PA on Saturday, September 28th. The tickets are \$125 for adults, Teens (13-18) \$95, Children (12 and under) \$75. The price includes: bus transportation; a stop at the Bird in Hand Farmers Market to purchase lunch (or bring your own); 1pm show at the theater; and dinner after the show at the Shady Maple Restaurant.

The bus will leave St. Francis-Xavier (Narrowsburg) parking lot promptly at 7am and will return at 10pm. For more information or to reserve your seat, contact Loretta Kratz (845-887-9943). Checks should be made out to Loretta Kratz with "Noah" in the memo line. Mail your check and a note regarding the number and type of tickets to: Loretta Kratz, 185 Kratz Road, Callicoon, NY 12723. Tickets are limited. Deadline to purchase your ticket is July 15th.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall and Polly Hill.

Very Berry Wintergreen!

What else was up by the Blue Hole this weekend? Wintergreen! Beautiful ivy green leaves and little white flowers spread out like a carpet on the floor of the woodland along the path that goes down to the Blue Hole was everywhere!



Several genera contain species that are known as wintergreen: Chimaphila, Gaultheria, Polygala, Pyrola, and Trientalis. However, the plant most frequently called wintergreen is Gaultheria procumbens.

Wintergreen is a crawling, rhizomatous shrublet that creeps along the ground. The leaves of the wintergreen are scalloped or bristly toothed, glossy and dark green with a strong wintergreen scent when crushed. They are alternate, simple, evergreen, oval to elliptical, and are 1 to 2 inches long. Leaves appear whorled since they cluster at tips of plant. The leaves are dark shiny green above, and much paler below often with black dots. Urn-shaped white or pale pink flowers appear in summer and mature to aromatic scarlet fruit that often persists into the following spring if it is not eaten by birds, squirrels, chipmunks, deer mice, grouse, partridges, bobwhites, turkeys, or a red fox in emergency. The leaves as well as the berries are liked by deer and bear.

Wintergreen does well in sun or shade, but prefers partial shade and acidic soil.

This tiny aromatic evergreen that is technically a shrub can be used as a bonsai tree for beginners or used in terrariums since they need no training as such. It is a scant four to six inches tall and spreads only about four inches annually by stolons. New plants propagate from animal dispersed seeds. Over time wintergreen can become a pleasing ground cover.

Wintergreen berries, from Gaultheria procumbens were used medicinally by the Native Americans to alleviate rheumatic symptoms, headache, fever, and various aches and pains.

The Ojibwa Indians called it Winisbugons (usually translated "Dirty Leaf" but perhaps better translated "Leaf in the Bog"). The French in Quebec gave it the poetic name la Petit te du bois, "The Little Tea of the Woods." Throughout its extensive range it has gained a number of regional names: Box Berry, Canadian Mint, Checkerberry, Deerberry, Leatherleaf, Ground-tea or Groundberry, Hillberry, Mountainberry, Patridgeberry, Spiceberry, or Teaberry. Perhaps you will remember when wintergreen found its way into chewing gum that was appropriately called, "Teaberry Gum".

Today Wintergreen is still a common flavoring in American products ranging from chewing gum, mints and candies. It is also a common flavoring for dental hygiene products such as mouthwash and toothpaste, and is used in medicines such as Pepto Bismol®.

For the artist, wintergreen oil can be used in fine art printing applications when transferring a color photocopy image or color laser print to a high-rag content art paper, such as a hot-press watercolor paper.

One surprising use for Wintergreen oil is rust removal and degreasing of machinery. Wintergreen is particularly effective for breaking through sea water corrosion.

The genus Gaultheria was named in 1753 to commemorate Jean-François Gauthier, a physician and naturalist from Quebec. Wintergreen is native in much of eastern North America and throughout the Catskills, and is cultivated beyond that area wherever conditions permit. It is prized mostly as an ornamental plant. Relatively few people use it today as an edible, or medicinally.

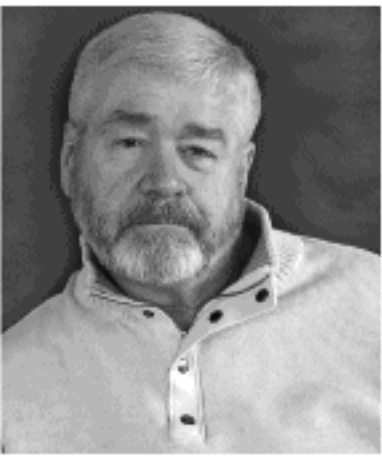
A word of CAUTION: about 1 fl oz) of oil of wintergreen is equivalent to 55.7 g of aspirin, or about 171 adult aspirin tablets (US). This conversion illustrates the potency and potential toxicity of oil of wintergreen even if ingested in small quantities.

Look around your back yard or the next time you are out for a hike in the Catskills and you may find decorative Wintergreen plants, and enjoy their stunning beauty, too. Whether in summer, with their pretty little white flowers, or late fall, winter or early spring when they don scarlet red berries, they are a pretty sight.

Household Hints

Fight mold and mildew

To remove and inhibit bathroom mold and mildew, pour a solution of 3 tablespoons white vinegar, 1 teaspoon borax, and 2 cups hot water into a clean, recycled spray bottle and give it a few good shakes. Then spray the mixture on painted surfaces, tiles, windows, or wherever you see mold or mildew spots. Use a soft scrub brush to work the solution into the stains or just let it soak in.

The Old Turks Load- *Mysterious Book Report No. 105* by John Dwaine McKenna

If you're old enough to remember the late sixties, you're certain to have memories of the so-called "Summer of Love", the hippie movement, the birth of the drug culture, movies like *Panic in Needle Park*, and *The French Connection*, and the heroin epidemic that raged in many of the world's cities . . . but most notably in New York City. Heroin is an opiate derived from the alkaloid resin secreted by poppy flowers. The vast majority of opium poppies come from the golden triangle in southeast Asia and Afghanistan. The bulk comes from Asia, but the best opium comes from eastern Turkey. It, and it alone, makes the highest grade pharmaceutical-quality opium and thus the most desirable heroin. Sometimes called "China White," the opium/heroin from eastern Turkey is the best there is, ever, at any price. It's the subject of this week's Mysterious Book Report No. 105. *The Old Turks Load* (Mysterious Press, \$24.00, 245 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2113-4) by Gregory Gibson is a quick time trip back to 1967. The Vietnam War was raging, flower power was about to come into full bloom and in New York City the battle for the streets was raging between the pushers and users of heroin and the cops trying to eradicate it. The civil rights movement and civil unrest were morphing into radical organizations like the Black Panther Party and the SDS, or Students for a Democratic Society, responsible for blowing a couple of buildings to smithereens. Into this maelstrom of unrest mafia henchmen Vince and Woody come to the docks at Newark, New Jersey to pick up new, customized Porsche sports car shipped in from Marseille, France for a wealthy U.S. businessman. The businessman is Angelo DiNoto, "a ruthless New Jersey crime boss," and the Porsche-while it was being customized-has been outfitted with ten kilos of "blindingly pure artisanal smack" which was grown by an elderly Turkish farmer. It is the Old Turk's Load . . . worth five million dollars. After a long afternoon filled with customs agents and customs forms, the two thugs drive away in the car and right into the Newark riots that erupted when a black cab driver was arrested by white Newark police. The two white guys are pulled from the Porsche and beaten, the car wrecked and overturned by the rioters and Vince and Woody are taken to the hospital. In the aftermath, the car, and the heroin wind up in the hands of Richard Mundi . . . a near-bankrupt land developer with extensive, and worthless, Newark property holdings . . . a man who's also willing to skirt the law in the pursuit of profits. Searching for the missing heroin, DiNoto sends Vince and Woody on a murder spree in an attempt to recover it. In the midst of the mayhem, we're introduced to a cast of characters who'll keep you shaking your head and laughing out loud when you meet people like the mailman, a zoned out surgically mutilated drug addicted cancer survivor, Gloria Mundi, Richards' daughter who thinks she's revolutionary, Julius Roth, Mundi's tough guy enforcer, and my personal favorite, a private investigator named Walkaway Kelly, a barfly from Hell's Kitchen and on of the most inept PI's to ever grace the pages of crime fiction, but one with more ability to survive than Wile E. Coyote . . . and all of them are trying to steal the Old Turk's Load. This one's a gas from the first page to the last. By turns, it's as funny as the Pink Panther movies or as hard-boiled as Mickey Spillane, with a double dose of Elmore Leonard thrown in for good measure. This one's perfect for a lazy summer day. I'm putting Greg Gibson on my list of notables to keep my eye on because *The Old Turk's Load* is an outstanding debut.

And hey . . . don't forget to drop in at the local library this summer. They've got all kinds of summer reading programs for kids and adults alike.

Thanks as always to all who visit our website: johndwainemckenna.com and rhyolitepress.com

and a special thanks to all of those who've liked me on Facebook and Twitter. It's nice to know you care and are out there paying attention too. By way of pay-back, they'll get first looks at the Mysterious Book Reports as well as the BS & Donkey Dust Blog . . . which has been kinda lame lately . . . I promise to do better with the coming months, now that *The Colorado Noir Chronicles* are finally finished and available for sale at bookstores everywhere, at Amazon, as an eBook or you can get a signed copy from Rhyolite Press, P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. That's it for this week. Don't forget "Those who will not read have no distinct advantage over those who cannot read." (Mark Twain) Happy Reading! Come back next week for a new MBR that's all about betrayal and vengeance. See you then. --JDM

Brian Creamer (From Pg. 1) "I hear about the award from my wife. Then through Skype, I hold up my laptop computer so everyone back at NHC can watch 'live' as resident Noah Ingber crossed the finish line first in the 100 meter race. And at the end of the day I celebrated the Person of the Quarter Award with the staff and competitors at dinner in Buffalo." It was a perfect moment to thank them for making the award possible.

Art Moretti, Executive Director of NHC, physically presented the Person of the Quarter Plaque to Brian at a staff lunch on June 28. Art acknowledged him for his commitment to physical fitness and to engaging the individuals supported by New Hope in sport and recreation for the health and sense of accomplishment. In his nomination letter, Assistant Executive Director Jason Cornwell extolled Brian for his dedication and guidance of the Special Olympics that has "skyrocketed with Noah Ingber becoming the Michael Phelps of New Hope."

Brian is grateful for the honor bestowed on him. He has won many trophies in sports over the years, but he never received anything like this-other people recognizing something special about him and voting for him. His work at New Hope means so very much to him, and he knows what he wants to do next.

He is studying to become a personal trainer and will use his knowledge to offer personal fitness training for the folks that New Hope supports. "We will modify exercises and equipment to accommodate the individuals here," Brian proclaimed. "I will give everyone a good workout and make exercise fun." Brian Creamer will do that and more.

Sullivan County CASA Seeks Volunteers

Sullivan County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is offering a free training for volunteers to help protect the interests of children in the Family Court system. CASA volunteers keep the Court informed of the progress a family is making, provide a presence in the household, and ensure that families are getting the services they need and that they are using these services in a helpful way. Long-time Family Court Judge Mark Meddaugh knows that a good CASA volunteer can help create a successful outcome for the children.

The training begins on July 10. Ms. Deborah Miknis, S.C. CASA's new Program Director, will conduct the training. She brings over thirty years of experience as an attorney. She represented numerous children in Family Courts for fifteen years in Vermont and Georgia, and for over three years she recruited, trained and supervised CASA volunteers as they became proficient report writers and well-prepared at offering Court testimony.

Call Deborah at the CASA office (845) 807-0672 and find out how you can become a key part of the team that protects Sullivan County's greatest asset and the hope of the future-our children. The training takes 30 hours over eight sessions and is conveniently located in Monticello. By the end of July you can join the ranks of thousands of other CASA volunteers throughout the United States that continue to make a difference in the lives of countless children and families. Deborah Miknis awaits your call.

DEP Police and Local First Responders Rescue Four Boater (From Pg. 1)

Deposit First Assistant Chief Christopher Zacharias and Capt. Eric Dermitt, both certified in water rescue, launched an inflatable boat and helped remove the victims from the water. Both victims were treated by Trout Creek EMS and signed off on any further medical attention. The boaters said their vessel flipped after one of the men slipped and fell inside the boat.

The second incident occurred on Saturday at 7:45 a.m. when a 911 caller reported that a boat had capsized on the Rondout Reservoir. Both occupants of the boat had shifted weight to the same side, causing it to become unstable. The boat capsized about 400 yards off shore, near the handicap ramp on Route 55A. When DEP Police arrived at the scene, one of the boaters had managed to get back into the boat and was holding the other boater, who was still in the water. DEP Police Lt. Christian Gallagher and Det. Benjamin Monell swam out to the boat and gave a personal flotation device to the man in the water.

All were eventually removed from the water by a DEP Police boat. The boaters were evaluated by Napanoch EMS and found to be in good health.

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than 9 million residents, including 8.3 million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts.

DEP employs nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$68 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Timberland Properties

At one time, I tried my hand at real estate sales. Actually sold a house too. My career didn't last too long since potential buyers wanted to see houses after work or on weekends. I didn't; I wanted to work from 9-12 on weekdays. Not quite a match, but it did give me an appreciation of the market.

Olive's market leans toward second homes for people wanting to be close to the metropolitan area but have getaway with that country, small town appeal. Weekenders often times morph into full-time residents when they discover that Olive is the ideal place to raise children, adopt animals, or just live where neighbors know neighbors. Technology is allowing commuters to spend more time here and less time "at the office."

Olive has two real estate offices although properties are listed with large multiple-listing agencies in Woodstock, Kingston, Phoenicia and Stone Ridge. Heather Martin operates from an office in Boiceville and specializes in local properties. Now there is competition from Timberland/ Coldwell Bankers who renovated the building next to the Boiceville Inn and Bread Alone complex. Competition is not always a bad thing since lister and seller split commissions and can work together to finalize a sale.

I attended Timberland's open house gala last week and toured the facility. The building has undergone a major upgrade. The festivities included a live band, finger foods by Bread Alone, cocktails and an official ribbon cutting ceremony. You will notice Bruce LaMonda, deputy Supervisor, and Linda Burkhardt, Town Councilwoman, who represented the Town of Olive welcoming Robert Hirsch (with scissors) and his staff at the opening. I was surprised and pleased to reconnect with an old friend, Joan Roberts, who will serve as office manager of this site.

We welcome this new business to Olive to sell properties of "The Best Little Town By a Dam Site."



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center
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Greetings! Hope everyone had a wonderful extended weekend for Independence Day. I know I did! It was a weekend filled with great people, parties, and future memories! I did manage to squeeze in one super awesome show on Friday night at The Bearsville Theater. The The Band Band rocked the house and channeled the spirit of the original Band, beautifully!

Now, as I mentioned, these guys cover the music of The Band, (hence the name, which I shorten to simply, The Band Band, and may not be so confusing if you think of it as The (The Band) Band. Get it?). But it's not so much a tribute band, as a recreation of The Band's music! And TTBB are quite upfront about this. They say, "We don't do our arrangements. We do their arrangements!" And they do them well, recreating The Band's music note perfect and channeling the spirits of Rick, Levon, Richard, Garth, and Robbie to a remarkable degree! Not an easy task! The Band's music is deceptively complex! It may seem like basic Rock n Roll, but, believe me, it's more complex than that, and not easy to recreate, but they do it, and they do it well!

Drummer, Vinny Nicosia, has Levon's style down, again, not easy. Seems simple and basic, but what other drummers can nail it? Trust me, very few! Bassist, Gary Solomon has Rick's licks covered, even down to the scroll bass and manic stage presence that Rick always exhibited! Garth's and Richard's piano and organ licks are perfectly covered by multi-instrumentalists, Jack Kraft and Mike Corbin, and even Robbie's idiosyncratic and iconic guitar leads are matched note for note, in style and substance, by guitarist, Josh Radin!

Now, please don't misunderstand me. These guys are not slavish imitators! They play The Band's songs and arrangements, but they are their own players! They don't try to look or act like the original players, but somehow they do! It's probably not conscious, but they are so in the moment that the essence of all the original members comes shining through! You never think anything like, oh, this is good, but it pales beside the original. No, it's actually just as good, just as entertaining as the original! Sure, it would blow everybody's minds if Rick, Levon, and Richard returned from the dead to play with Robbie and Garth, and the historical importance of it would be almost too much to bear, but that ain't never gonna happen! The Band is gone forever, and these guys carry the torch! It's the closest you'll ever get to the music of The Band in a live setting, at this point!

The show was totally entertaining, never boring, and a splendid time was had by all in attendance! I would go see The The Band Band anytime I could, and I highly recommend that y'all do the same! More info at www.thethebandband.com.

Live music picks for this week are:

Thursday, July 10 - Lots of music tonight, but all in the city! Upstaters will have to wait till tomorrow to rock! Brooklynites can start tonight, with FURTHUR at Barclay's Center. This will be their first show since Bobby Weir fainted at The Capital Theatre last April, and I'm guessing that here, in the Dead's East Coast stronghold, they will be back like gangbusters! If you're not in the mood for a big arena show, try Reggae legends, SLY AND ROBBIE, original Wailers and the best rhythm section in the history of Reggae Music, at Irving Plaza! I'm sure they'll be surrounded by A list players, so if you're a Reggae fan, this is must see TV! Zydeco veteran BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO is at BB King's (request their smokin' version of Clapton's "Why Does Love Have to be so Sad"), and Woodstock's favorite son, CONNOR KENNEDY, makes the trip to Manhattan to rock The Rodeo Bar!

Friday, July 12 - Founding member of Traffic, guitarist and songwriter extraordinaire, and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member, DAVE MASON, returns to The Bearsville Theater. For more of Dave's history and my thoughts regarding his music, please reference last week's column at www.reservoirmusiccenter.com, or www.brooklyncowboys.com, on the blog pages. Suffice to say that if he shows up, this will be a great show! For the harder rockers amongst you, original Dictator, ANDY SHERNOFF, debuts at Market Market in Rosendale! Andy has been around the Punk scene since the beginning, and his work as player, songwriter, and producer is quite extensive. This show is highly recommended, and I will be there! More info on Andy at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Andy_Shernoff.

Saturday, July 13 - The BEARSVILLE SESSIONS series continues at The Bearsville Theater with ONE HIT WONDERS! The band is composed of top Woodstock players, and this series is always entertaining!

Sunday, July 14 - Spend the day in Cooperstown. FURTHUR's at Doubleday Field at 7 PM! Visit the Baseball Hall of Fame. Stroll the streets before the show. Eat dinner. Hope the weather co-operates.

Tuesday, July 16 - The musician's band, NRBQ, performs at BB King's in Manhattan tonight!

Thursday, July 18 - Downstate we've got ALICE COOPER at The Beacon Theater, and upstate, try my friend, FOSTER MCGINTY at The Bearsville Theater. Foster was fabulous last time he played here!

Have a great week!

Catskill Fly Fishing Center Announces 30th Annual Fly Fishing Summerfest with Hardy Cup

Summerfest: Anglers Market, Hardy Cup, Canvas Paint Out, Jubilee Day and more August 3 & 4, 2013

Plan now for a fly fishing related weekend you won't forget, the 30th annual Summerfest. This is the longest running event the Center has ever had and the show continues to go on. Every year this gets bigger and better.

The Anglers Market features over 100 tables of fly fishing and outdoors sports related equipment, collectibles, fly tying materials, old rods, reels, and everything else you cannot find anywhere else in a flea market setting on the lower field. Vendors may set up their tents and tables early in the morning and be ready to go by 8:30 AM. If you see it, buy it as it is mostly a one of a kind and if you turn your back, it will be gone. The Anglers Market runs Saturday from 8:30AM until 5:30 PM and Sunday from 9:00AM until 3:30PM.

Once again, the CFFCM join to host The Hardy Cup, a bamboo rod casting contest bringing in casters from our back yard to as far away as Japan. This exciting event consists of 3 competitive casts; two for distance and one for accuracy. You don't

have to be the best to enter. You'll have a chance to win a Hardy flyreel. Don't be intimidated, even the finest casters have lost many points on the cast...wind, collapsed lines, lost momentum and anything you can imagine on the stream. All it takes is a try and you have a chance to win. For more details, visit the Hardy North America site at www.hardynorthamerica.com. On Saturday after casting is done, Hardy provides a Pig Roast barbecue, at no charge for all present even those who did not compete. On Sunday after all casting has been completed, winners will be announced at 1 PM.

New this year will be an arts crafts show and an art show. For those needing a family day out, bring the whole family. Those not interested in fishing can roam the field at their leisure and visit with some local crafters, allowing the fly fisher to have the time to see all of the fishing items. The CFFCM is happy to announce the first outdoors art show in cooperation with Canvas, a monthly arts, culture and entertainment newspaper distributed in the greater Orange county area. Canvas has invited artists from all over the Hudson Valley Region to an open Paint Out and art show. Artists will be on site and have their art for sale. In addition, they will also do a Paint Out which asks each artist to create a theme to complete over the weekend. All paint-

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Sunday, August 4, will be The Annual Jubilee Day to celebrate events and special occasions that end in three (3). If you have a birthday, anniversary, or other special day ending in a three. Cake will be served immediately following the announcing of the Hardy Cup winners. (CFFCM employee, Agnes Van Put will be 97 in August and also join in the festivities. She is always up for a party)

At 3 PM, in the Wulff Gallery, we will assemble to celebrate the life of 'Doc' Allan Fried. Doc was a very important to everyone's life, community, and our organization. Join us for a farewell and celebration.

This weekend continues to grow from the 1,000+ visitors now over the two day event.

There is still vendor space available on the CFFCM Great Field. For more information contact the CFFCM at 845-439-4810.

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Light refreshments will be served.

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Postal Service hosts Passport Fair at the Rock Hill Post Office

Rock Hill, N.Y.-As a convenience to postal customers, the Rock Hill Post Office will host a Passport Fair and accept passport applications Sunday, July 14, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 2p.m. at the Rock Hill Post Office, 240 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill NY 12775. Exits 109 West and 109 East off Route 17.

As of January 1, 2008, travelers to and from the Caribbean, Bermuda, Panama, Mexico and Canada must have a passport or other secure, accepted document to enter or re-enter the United States by air and sea as well as for land border crossings.

The fee for first time applicants for adults (16 years of age) is \$110.00 (photo not included). Two payment transactions are required: \$110.00 to the Department of State and \$25.00 to the United States Postal Service. The fee for an adult passport renewal is \$110.00. The fee for a minor, 16 and under is \$80.00 to the Department of State and \$25.00 to the United States Postal Service. Passports will be mailed to the customer in four to six weeks after application. The Postal Service offers these helpful tips for applying for a passport:

- Fill out the passport application (DS11), before you come to the Post Office (Do Not SIGN the application

in advance). You can download the form from: http://travel.state.gov/passport/forms/forms_847.html

- Bring proof of US citizenship original birth certificate (no copy) and a photocopy of a valid driver's license or current photo identification.
- Postal officials can take the photographs. (\$15.00 Fee)
- Have all your documentation with you.
- For minors under 16 years of age, each child must appear in person and both parents or legal guardians must be present with evidence of identity. Call 845-796-4535 for information or to schedule an appointment. Additional information on passport applications, procedures and fees can be obtained on the World Wide Web at www.usps.com. click on the "Gov't Services" link at the bottom of the home page, and then click on "Passport Application Information. Additional postal information is always available from the Postal Service's toll-free call center at 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777).



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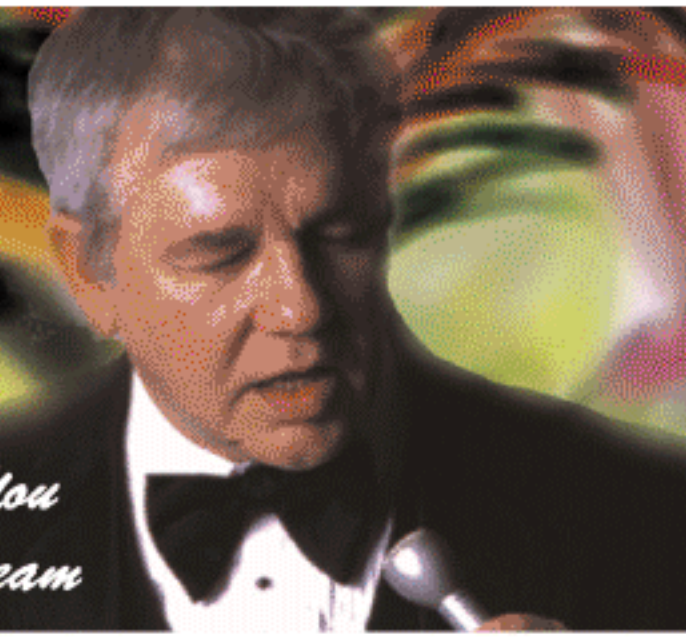
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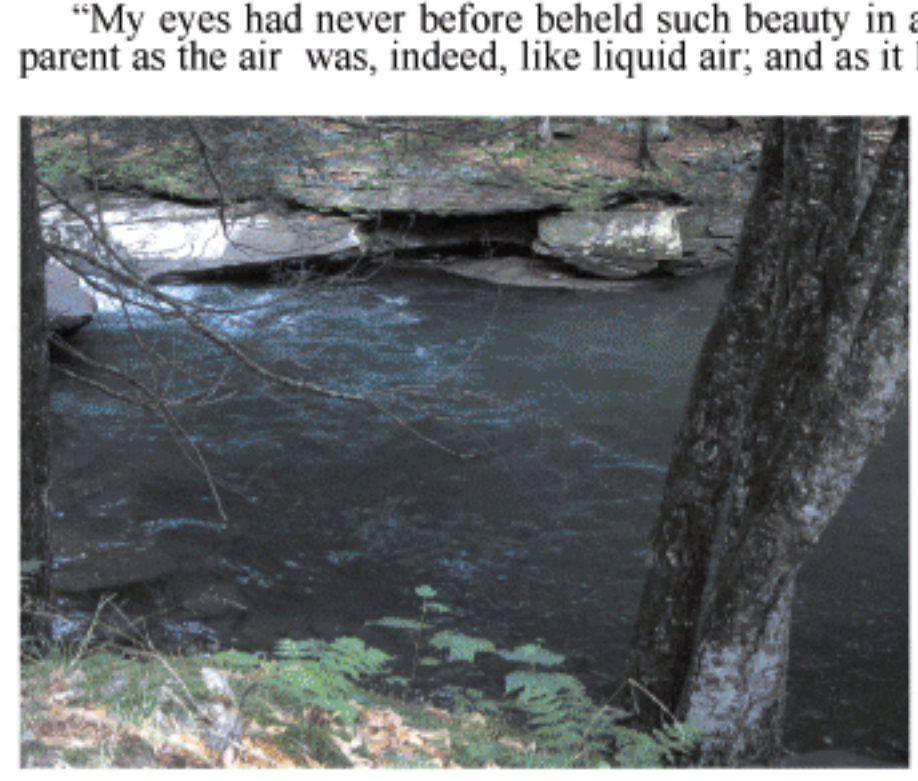


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The Jewel of the Catskills (From Pg. 1)
 Back in the 1800's after exploring the upper headwaters of the Rondout Creek in Peekamoose with a friend, naturalist John Burroughs wrote in his essay "A Bed of Boughs" of the purity of the stream's waters and its benefits for both man and fish:



"My eyes had never before beheld such beauty in a mountain stream. The water was almost as transparent as the air was, indeed, like liquid air; and as it lay in these wells and pits enveloped in shadow, or lit up by a chance ray of the vertical sun, it was a perpetual feast to the eye - so cool, so deep, so pure; every reach and pool like a vast spring. You lay down and drank or dipped the water up in your cup, and found it just the right degree of refreshing coldness. One is never prepared for the clearness of the water in these streams. It is always a surprise. See them every year for a dozen years, and yet, when you first come upon one, you will utter an exclamation. I saw nothing like it in the Adirondacks, nor in Canada. Absolutely without stain or hint of impurity, it seems to magnify like a lens, so that the bed of the stream and the fish in it appear deceptively near. It is rare to find even a trout stream that is not a little "off color," as they say of diamonds, but the waters in the section of which I am writing have the genuine ray; it is the If I were a trout, I should ascend every stream till I found the Rondout. It is the ideal brook."

Indeed it is a jewel that has gained in popularity the past few years. According to Travel and Leisure and a few other on-line outdoor journals and National Geographic Magazine, the Blue Hole on Peekamoose Road now ranks #3 as the Best Swimming Hole in America!

Check out a few websites: <http://www.travelandleisure.com/worldsbest/2013/>; <http://www.grindtv.com/outdoor/post/america-s-top-5-summer-swimming-holes/> or <http://www.adventure-journal.com/2012/06/the-list-5-great-american-swimming-holes/>

The Wayback Machine Celebrates the 4th of July



Bob Drown of Neversink reports with a picture, that the kiosk at the Town of Neversink Welcome sign in Bradley has been decorated for the Independence Day holiday. Bob and Cooper were out for a summer drive when he took this photo last week.

This past July 4th weekend, the now famous, Blue Hole attracted hundreds of people who enjoyed a refreshing dip along with holiday festivities while escaping the hot humid weather. People walked up the road from the nearby campgrounds, while others parked where ever they could, creating a maze of cars and people that remained orderly allowing easy ingress and egress for all to enjoy a wonderful day. (Contd. Pg 9)



Blue Hole (From Pg. 8)

Our family was once among those called, 'seasonal people'. I am sure our family was not the only seasonal family on Peekamoose Road who found out about the Blue Hole when Floyd and Gladys Van Wagner took us for a ride to show us around the area!

There are still a few of the seasonal people that now live along Peekamoose Road who can recall the '50's when the Blue Hole was just about 'tabu'. In those days, the Blue Hole was privately owned, so you would have to hide your bike somewhere lest it gave a clue that you were trespassing! The Blue Hole seemed to be a bit more obscured. Instead of looking for the groomed trail that now leads down to the Blue Hole, we would look for the large blacktop patch that seemed to be renewed each year indicating where you could start the trek down the steep embankment to the frigid swimming hole. While most of us who lived along the creek had our own mini-versions of the Blue Hole in our backyards, there was something very mystifying about 'sneaking off' to the Blue Hole! Rarely were you ever met by other people who were there before you got there, nor did others arrive while you were taking a chilling dip.

Like everything the Blue Hole has evolved but has certainly kept her place in the natural environment while experiencing new social demands with each generation.

Yes, we are the lucky ones who still live here and have our 'old' stories to tell and share with our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. And now, many more people will be creating memories and tales too about the beautiful Blue Hole.

With all the color of the bathing suits, beach towels, cabanas, ice chests, and BBQ grills at the Blue Hole this past weekend, the beauty of the blue jewel still shines with all her glory. I could hear nature sing. There was a chorus of rushing water, birds, tires rolling on the sticky pavement, people screaming as their bodies hit the frigid water, others laughing and chatting, and ethnic music from their latest 'Smart' devices, softly blending in. It was indeed colorful. It was Nature chanting "America the Beautiful" celebrating our freedom this past Independence Day weekend!

GFD and Ladies Auxiliary Honors Local Men (From Pg. 1)

Presentation of certificates of recognition of their service from The Firemens



Association of New York State by Harry Barrett, a past president of the Hudson Valley Volunteers Firemen Association; from the Hudson valley Volunteers Firemen Association by Tom Totten, a Deputy Fire Co-Ordinator from District 2 and a Director of Hudson Valley; and from the Town of Neversink, Councilman Chris Mathews. Recognition was sent from the New York State Assembly from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's office.

Jim Minarsky was honored by the GFD Ladies Auxiliary for all the years of help with their signal 10's and especially working in the fair booth. He was given an apron, /a knife with a band-aid, a pepper and a onion. He also received a beautiful lamp for his "office".

Because of the dedication and teaching of these men, the Fire company will continue to remain a very necessary part of our community.

SCD Youth Workshop presents "Alice"

The Sullivan County Dramatic Youth Workshop presents "Alice" like you've never seen her before! When Lewis Carroll wrote the book, "Alice in Wonderland" - he never would have conceived the psychedelic funk version we have for you! Truly a workshop event, every aspect of our show has been built by both adults AND our young cast members! From choreography to set design, the children



have imparted their own flavor and sparkle in this fun, colorful show. A surprise musical event, you will be tapping your toes and singing to songs you know by heart along with our talented actors. Written by Catheryn Schultz Miller and directed by Bunny Woloszczak, Heather Strauss, Leon Hilfstein and Sally Gladden, the show is visionary and a must see! Performances of "Alice in Wonderland" are: Wednesday matinee July 17 at 1 pm (all seats \$5), Friday and Saturday, July 19 & 20 at 7:00 pm (all seats \$7) and Sunday matinee July 21 at 2:00 pm (all seats \$7) at the Rivoli Theatre, 4253

Main Street, (Rte 42), South Fallsburg, NY 12779.

Featured are zany songs and lyrics from popular songs (including rap, ska and more). This production is partially underwritten by a generous grant from the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. For further information, please call Sally (845) 434-0209 or e-mail gladsally@gmail.com.

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Master Gardeners, Annalise Vogel (left) and Shari Stahl practice serving for their upcoming tea party.

The tea party will be held at the Michael Ritchie Big Barn Center in Hurleyville, NY, where flower arranging and other gardening-themed demonstrations will be available. Special guest speaker will be Jean-David Derreumaux, Director of Healing Gardens and Biodynamics at The Center for Discovery. For \$25, guests can enjoy tea with CCE, educational workshops, and savory treats provided by local agriculture-inspired caterer Natural Contents.

Tickets are available in advance from CCE by calling 845-292-6180 or visiting the office on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Questions can be directed to

Susan Dollard, CCE Master Gardener Coordinator, at smd243@cornell.edu

What's Next at Belleayre Music Festival?

Up next at Belleayre, on Saturday, July 13 will be the Manhattan Transfer. The music shifts to the ultimate in classic rock when the legendary Doobie Brothers hit the stage with their hit-filled show on Saturday, July 20.

The Belleayre Festival Opera presents Bizet's "Carmen" on Saturday, July 27. The Catskill Mountain Jazz Series will span five extraordinary performances. On Thursday, Aug. 1, the series opens with the *Sammy Figueroa Latin Dance Explosion* in the Jazz Club. The phenomenal *Pedrito Martinez Havana Quartet* will light up the Jazz Club on Friday, Aug. 2. *The Paquito D'Rivera* and the *Dizzy Gillespie Big Band* performs on August 3. Keyboard wizard Bill Charlap will play the Jazz Club with his trio on Friday, Aug. 9. Next up on Saturday, Aug. 10 is *Kenny Barron's All-Star Quintet*.

For information on Belleayre Music Festival, please visit: www.catskillhigh-peaks.com, www.ulstertourism.info or www.greatwesterncatskills.com. Belleayre Music Festival concerts are held on the grounds of Belleayre Mountain in Highmount located in the heart of New York's Catskill Mountain region, and is operated by the Olympic Regional Development Authority and is located just off Route 28. It is 37 miles west of Thruway Exit 19 at Kingston; 55 miles southeast of Oneonta on Route 28; 40 miles from the Route 17 exit at Roscoe; and 95 miles southwest of Albany and just two hours north of NYC.

Remembering those in the Town of Denning and Neversink who Fought in the Battle of Gettysburg

With the 150th anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg that took place last week, it is fitting to remember the residents of the Town of Denning and Neversink who fought in the Battle of Gettysburg.

Allen G. Dean, 1st Postmaster of Sundown received a severe leg wound in the Battle of Gettysburg on July 2nd 1863. His brother Henry W. Dean also was wounded on the same day- July 2nd-receiving a serious leg wound.

After the Civil War, Allen G. Dean settled in Sundown, NY. His brother Henry W. Dean settled in Neversink, NY and owned a 95 acre farm.

Both Allen G. Dean and Henry W. Dean were members of the New York 120th Regiment Volunteers.

Henry W. Dean served as president of the New York 120th Regiment Volunteers.

Attached is Civil War information about Allen G. Dean and a little information on Henry W. Dean.

Gloria Thompson

(My grandmother Pearl Sheeley Kless was a sister of Martha Lois (Mattie) Sheeley Dean Weber. Mattie's 1st husband was Melvin Isaac Dean, a son of Allen G. Dean. After Mattie and Melvin were married in 1905, they lived with Melvin's parents and helped run the Sundown store and also maintained rental cabins for fishermen and hunters, and family vacationers.)

The Kingston Daily Freeman, Monday Evening, August 23, 1920.

Veterans' Reunion. - The fifty-eighth annual reunion and basket picnic of the New York 120th Regiment Volunteers is being held at Kingston Point Park today, the surviving members assembling at noon at the pavilion, where there was a camp fire. Henry W. Dean of Neversink is president of the association and James H. Everett, Kingston, secretary.

The Kingston Daily Freeman, Thursday Evening, July 15, 1926

Henry W. Dean, a veteran of the Civil War, died Tuesday at the home of his son, William Dean of Woodland Avenue, Newburgh, in his eighty-first year.

During the Civil War he served with the old 120th Regiment and was wounded seriously in the fight near the peach orchard at Gettysburg. As a result he walked with a limp, a piece of shell having shattered a bone in his left leg. He was born in Schoharie county and for thirty-eight years conducted the Neversink Valley House at Neversink, Sullivan County. He is survived by two sons, William of Newburgh, and Frank of Neversink; a daughter, Mrs. Edna Muthig of Newburgh, and a brother, Allen of Sundown, Ulster county, who is also a veteran of the Civil War. Funeral services were held today at the Grahamsville Reformed Church with interment in Grahamsville Cemetery, where his wife, who died fourteen years ago is buried.

Republican Watchman, Monticello, N Y June 11, 1926

Grahamsville Post has Seventeen Members

Teller Post of the Grand Army of the Republic, of Grahamsville, is now the strongest G. A. R. Post in the county. Of its seventeen members, eight attended the annual Memorial services at Grahamsville on Monday.

The 17 members of the Post are: Henry W. Dean, Newburgh (Was retired from Neversink and living with his son William in Newburgh); William Irwin, Montela; W. F. Mufford, Eureka; A. G. Dean, Sundown; (Allen G. Dean) Currey, Woodbourne; Elisha VanKeuren, Neversink; Harvey Everett, Neversink; Burgoyne Knight, Grahamsville; George O. Booth, Grahamsville; Beviere Swarhout, Grahamsville; C. D. Hall, Grahamsville; Clark Sheeley, Sundown; Joseph Rampe, Liberty; James H. Hadden, Delaware; C. Sheeley, Delaware County; Jesse Brooks, Grahamsville; and Gabriel F. Currey, Liberty.

Stress Reduction & Relaxation Techniques for Caregivers

LIBERTY, NY- The causes of caregiver stress will be explored at a workshop on Monday, July 22, 2013 in which caregivers will be empowered with practical knowledge and skills to effectively manage their daily stressors. This event is being offered by the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County's Caregiver Resource Center from 3:30 to 5 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Michelle Lorenzo, MA, LMT, and Reiki Master, will lecture on relaxation techniques in a group setting that can easily be done at home.

Through a combination of group discussion and practical exercises, the caregivers will learn: what is stress, how to identify stressors, stress management tools, and various methods of relaxation that would enable a caregiver to move into a more positive experience of inner-connectedness and peace while caring for a loved one. Caregivers can use this workshop to take some time out for themselves, learn how to enhance their own sense of well-being in a supportive environment, and learn valuable skills that can be shared with their loved one.

Pre-registration is required by July 17 and can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180. This free opportunity is provided by funding from the New York State Office for the Aging Caregiver Resource Center program. Refreshments will be provided.

Robert Green Auto and Truck Inc. Expansion to Boost Economy and Create Jobs

Local Businessman, Robert Green, is proud to announce the grand opening of his newest Truck Division building. Continuing to support Sullivan County through the expansion of his business, Green has made a deliberate choice to support and promote growth locally. A Ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on July 11, 2013 at 11am.

Formerly operating as the Hana Restaurant, the new facility sits on 3.6 acres, is in close proximity to Route 17/1-86 and is positioned right next to his Chrysler dealership and just a few hundred yards from his commercial truck and Chevy dealerships. Green, his staff and a pool of local contractors and carpenters have transformed the restaurant into a spacious office building, including a showroom, a parts department and a conference room. Doubling the size of the original building, Green has also added on an 8,500 square foot 14-bay truck upfit shop. It's not just about the expansion of his dealership, it's about creating more jobs and business opportunities for the local economy.

On the heels of the grand opening, Robert Green Auto and Truck Inc. is also announcing their most recent franchise addition, HINO trucks. Robert Green is proud to offer a brand that is rated highest in customer satisfaction among conventional medium and heavy duty trucks. Serving not only Sullivan county but the entire tri-state area, this brand sets the standard and gives Robert Green the ability to offer a heavy duty truck.

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Scholar in Residence overview

Internationally renown Danny Maseng will be leading a three part experience at Congregation Agudas Achim of Livingston Manor. Danny the synagogues spiritual leader from 1994-1999, is returning as a gift to the congregation on their 100th Anniversary. Today Danny is the musical director of Temple Israel in Hollywood, California. He is a respected Jewish educator and musician who is in demand by many parts of the Jewish world. He even helps train rabbis and cantors for the Union for Reform Judaism. This will be his only northeast appearance this year.

The public is welcome to all events. Though the programs are Jewish in nature they are appropriate for people of any background interested in enhancing their spiritual awareness. For further information or ticket reservations for Saturday contact Bob or Lynne Freedman at 439-5708 or email agudasachim@hvc.rr.com. All events are being held at our historic synagogue.

Shabbat Services 8:00 p.m. Friday July 12 - Join Danny and the congregation in welcoming the Sabbath. Come experience spiritually haunting music and begin the weekend in a peaceful loving mood reinforces the meaning of Sabbath. Oneg will follow.

"An Intimate Evening with Danny Maseng" 7:30 p.m. Saturday July 13- Beginning with Havdalah, Danny using his outstanding musical, story telling and teaching abilities to raise our spiritual consciousness and draw us together as part of God's earthly family. There is a \$40 charge for this experience. Afterwards, there will be light refreshments and an opportunity to talk to Danny.

Torah Study "Hidden Meanings" 10:00 a.m. Sunday July 14- Participants will be challenged to re-examine sacred stories with a new awareness. Using a mystical approach we will explore hidden and forbidden meanings in the creation story, the struggle between Cain & Abel and the birth of Moses. Light refreshments will be served.



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DiNapoli Returns Record \$347 Million in Unclaimed Funds to Rightful Owners

A record amount of unclaimed funds, totaling \$347 million, were paid out to individuals and organizations in the state's last fiscal year, according to State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. This new record surpasses the previous year by \$33 million. Currently, there is \$12.5 billion in lost or forgotten money that is still waiting to be claimed.

"These are tough economic times and every dollar counts. Last year, we put more money back into the hands of rightful owners than ever before," said New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. "This money belongs to New Yorkers and we want to give it back. I encourage everyone to check our website for their names and spread the word to family and friends."

For the public's protection, banks, insurance companies, utilities, investment companies and many other businesses are required by state law to surrender inactive accounts to the Comptroller's office. These accounts are known as unclaimed funds.

The majority of unclaimed funds, 33 percent, comes from inactive bank accounts. After three years of inactivity banks are required to send a letter to the account holder and in some cases post a notice in the local newspaper as well. If the attempts are unsuccessful the account is turned over to DiNapoli's office for safe keeping. Unclaimed funds are held indefinitely until the rightful owner submits a claim.

About half of the 30 million accounts being held by the Comptroller's office are less than \$100. There is no cost to file a claim but individuals do need to provide proof of ownership.

New Yorkers can find out if they are owed some of the state's \$12.5 billion in unclaimed funds by visiting www.osc.state.ny.us or by calling toll free at 1-800-221-9311.

Zen Mountain Monastery Presents Buddha: Triumph & Tragedy in the Life of the Great Sage

The life of the Buddha assembled from the original texts as a one-man play. Being presented in the new Performance Hall at Zen Mountain Monastery, 7 p.m., Sunday, July 14, 2013. Tickets are \$22, in advance, available through the Monastery's website at: <http://zmm.mro.org/program/buddha> or by calling (845) 688-2228.

"Enchanting, poignant, revealing, compelling-I loved it!" Terry Byrne, Boston Globe

As the inaugural event at the new Performance Hall, Zen Mountain Monastery will present Evan Brenner's moving and illuminating one-man play, Buddha: Triumph & Tragedy in the Life of the Great Sage.

Scheduled for one performance only, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, 2013, Brenner's acclaimed play presents the life of the Buddha in his own words - the evolution of his thought, his triumphs, and the rarely portrayed tragedy at the end of the Buddha's life. The show is 70 minutes long and there is no intermission.

This event marks the official opening of the Performance Hall, an arts presentation space designed as a showcase for Zen arts and other performances, and events of interest to the Hudson Valley community. The stately Performance Hall is housed in the Sangha House, which was completed in 2012.

From the Office of Rep. Chris Gibson

Dear Friend,

I'm writing to you from the road in NY-19, where I spent the morning in Sullivan County. As you know, it's been a tough few days for our area, particularly in Montgomery County where flooding caused significant devastation in the Village of Fort Plain. I spent Saturday morning in the Village, getting a briefing on the situation and touring damage, and my staff has been in constant contact with local officials, the Governor's office, and federal disaster resources. This is unfortunately a scene we have seen all too often in our area, and a key reason why I have been engaged with our state and localities on flood mitigation efforts. While we can't prevent every flood, our Upstate communities need to have the ability to take steps to mitigate risk as much as possible. For Fort Plain, our priority now is ensuring they have the resources they need to recover and, like we've done before, it will be my office's top priority to support the folks impacted. I joined with a bipartisan group of other New York Members supporting the Governor's request for federal aid, and I am hopeful that will be approved shortly. I'll be in Montgomery County again on Wednesday and I urge anyone affected to contact my office for assistance.

There are a few important updates I want to give you from my work in Washington. First, last week, I joined with a bipartisan group of my colleagues in the House and Senate to introduce legislation that would prevent military intervention in Syria without the express authorization of Congress. As I have long-maintained, the decision to engage overseas must be made with the utmost caution and with a full understanding of the dynamics. Most importantly, the American people, through their Congressional Representatives, must be part of this decision process. I am extremely concerned that our country is entering into a dangerous engagement in Syria absent Congressional approval and a clear understanding of the conditions on the ground. As we saw in Libya, entering complex situations can be costly, both in terms of U.S. lives and taxpayer dollars. At this point, I do not believe we should be militarily involved in Syria nor should we be providing weapons to individuals or groups there. You can read more about my bill [here](http://gibson.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=340597): <http://gibson.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=340597>.

Later in the month of July, the House should be considering reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. As someone who went to public school and have three children in public schools now, I know it is essential that we strengthen our education system in this country. Unfortunately, in recent years, we have shifted the emphasis from local control to standard-setting from the federal government, driven by testing and unfunded mandates. We must reverse course, and I am working with my colleagues here - after getting input from teachers, administrators, parents, students and others in New York - to make certain the legislation we pass in the House is a step in the right direction. I will keep you posted on our efforts.

As many of you know, two weeks ago, the Farm Bill failed to pass the House. Without question, I was disappointed, particularly given the number of constituent-driven initiatives that were included in the bill that would help our family farmers in New York. However, there is potential that better news could be on the horizon, as I am hopeful the House will reconsider the legislation over the next four weeks. It is essential we pass this bill and can get to a House-Senate conference, where we can improve both bills and enact a final agreement. You can read more about the Farm Bill vote [here](http://www.registerstar.com/news/article_cac385aa-da37-11e2-8467-001a4bcf887a.html): http://www.registerstar.com/news/article_cac385aa-da37-11e2-8467-001a4bcf887a.html.

The House Veterans Affairs Committee also held a hearing on one of my bills this past Friday, H.R. 1494, the Blue Water Navy Ship Accountability Act. The legislation is part of my effort to ensure Vietnam veterans get the benefits they have earned and deserve, and would direct the VA to do research now that will help reduce the wait time for veterans applying for coverage. The bill has the support of major veterans organizations such as the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Military Officers Association of America, the Military Coalition, the Vietnam Veterans Association, the Association of the U.S. Navy, and the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association. I also am the author of H.R. 543, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013, which would grant presumptive Agent Orange exposure status to US servicemembers who served in the territorial seas of Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Presumptive coverage would enable eligible veterans to receive Veterans Affairs benefits if they suffer from any of the diseases the U.S. government has linked to Agent Orange. You can read my testimony [here](http://veterans.house.gov/witness-testimony/the-honorable-christopher-gibson-0): <http://veterans.house.gov/witness-testimony/the-honorable-christopher-gibson-0>.

Finally, in regards to an issue which is on the minds of many students and parents today, student loan rates rose to 6.8 percent (only for students taking out new loans - anyone with a current loan is not affected) after the Senate failed to pass any legislation to prevent the rate increase. In the House, legislation was passed that would have prevented the doubling this year and provided a long-term fix.

While I am certainly willing to consider other approaches, it is unfortunate we have yet to get any legislative response from the Senate. I am confident that ultimately we will fix this retroactively and I urge my colleagues in the Senate to either take up the House bill or pass a new approach for us to consider.

I'm looking forward to a number of events to celebrate the 4th of July across New York and I hope each of you have a happy and safe Independence Day.

POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando -

TO THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK, ANDREW M. CUOMO, THANK YOU, FOR HEARING YOUR CONSTITUENTS, I AM PLEASED TO SEE DEMOCRACY WORKING ONCE AGAIN,

Albany, NY (July 2, 2013)

GOVERNOR CUOMO APPOINTS MORELAND "COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE PUBLIC CORRUPTION,"

With Attorney General Schneiderman Designating Commission Members as Deputy Attorneys General

Bipartisan Commission to Include Top Law Enforcement, Comprising Former US Attorneys, District Attorneys from Across the State & Policy Experts in Elections

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced the formation of the "Commission to Investigate Public Corruption" under the Moreland Act and Executive Law Section 63(8) to probe systemic public corruption and the appearance of such corruption in state government, political campaigns and elections in New York State. Attorney General Eric Schneiderman announced he will appoint the members of the Commission as Deputy Attorneys General, giving the Commission broad-based authority to investigate all matters that "involve public peace, public safety, and public justice." Under the Executive Order, the Commission will also have the power to subpoena and examine witnesses under oath as well as subpoena any necessary records. The Governor's action follows several recent proven and alleged incidents of corruption and misconduct by public officials that have shown that current laws are inadequate and reforms are necessary to guard against abuses, ensure accountability in government, address the need for reform in our campaign finance laws, and restore the public's confidence and trust in state government and state elections.

"We must root out corruption in politics and government," Governor Cuomo said. "This session, I put forward the most comprehensive and aggressive legislative package Albany has seen in decades to address the corrosive influence of money in elections, strengthen prosecutors' ability to fight corruption, increase penalties against those who violate the public trust, and give voters more access to the ballot box. From the beginning, I said I would not accept a watered-down approach to cleaning up Albany and that the Legislature must either pass this legislative package or I would empanel an investigative commission tasked with accomplishing these same goals to achieve reform. Since the Legislature has failed to act, today I am formally empanelling a Commission to Investigate Public Corruption pursuant to the Moreland Act and Section 63(8) of the Executive Law that will convene the best minds in law enforcement and public policy from across New York to address weaknesses in the State's public corruption, election and campaign finance laws, generate transparency and accountability, and restore the public trust."

"New Yorkers want real reform, and expect and deserve the officials they put in office to be working to serve the public interest, not their own," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "This commission will be able to conduct a top to bottom investigation of New York State's government, and move us forward to repair our broken political process, strengthen our representative democracy and give New Yorkers the quality of leadership they deserve."

"By convening this Moreland Commission on Public Corruption, Governor Cuomo is taking an aggressive and necessary step to strengthen our laws so that we can more effectively combat corruption in New York State government," said Co-Chair William J. Fitzpatrick. "The Commission will be a powerful body to root out those who take advantage and defraud the public. I am pleased to be a part of the Governor's efforts to return the public's trust in government and enhance our democracy. He has put together a team of leading prosecutors and policy experts that I am proud to be a part of, and together we will work to clean up Albany once and for all."

"Governor Cuomo has made it clear that corruption in New York's government will not be tolerated," said Co-Chair Kathleen Rice. "Over the past two and a half years, he has taken bold steps to restore integrity in state government and this past legislative session, he proposed major reforms to fight public corruption and ensure fairer and honest elections. The Moreland Commission on Public Corruption will carry out those important goals by undertaking a thorough investigation and review of existing laws so that we can find ways to improve them and protect the rights of New Yorkers. I thank the Governor for his leadership on this important issue and look forward to working with some of the best law enforcement and public policy professionals in this state."

"The culture of corruption in Albany has undermined New Yorkers' faith in their government, and something must be done to create fundamental change," said Co-Chair Milton L. Williams, Jr. "I am honored to be working with the Governor, the Attorney General and my fellow

Commissioners to investigate and expose the problems and lead the charge for reform. The work of this historic commission will not be done until we have restored the public trust. Those who abuse that trust are on notice."

The Commission to Investigate Public Corruption will have broad investigative authority under the Moreland Act and Executive Law Section 63(8). Previous commissions established by former governors, including Governors Mario Cuomo, Thomas Dewey, and Nelson Rockefeller, conducted investigations to uncover the facts involving corruption and misconduct in many different areas, including, for example, certain private industries, local governments, state agencies, political campaigns for all State offices and political parties. These past commissions provide strong precedents for the Commission to Investigate Public Corruption's broad jurisdiction. Challenges to these Commissions' subpoenas were filed by local officials, private individuals, and political parties, and were rejected by the courts in every instance.

The Commission to Investigate Public Corruption will be tasked with thoroughly reviewing the adequacy of existing state laws, regulations and procedures involving unethical and unlawful misconduct by public officials, and the electoral process and campaign finance laws. The Commission will also examine whether existing laws have been fairly and vigorously enforced, and what changes must be made to such enforcement. During the Commission's investigation, it will also review recent instances of reported misconduct by officials to determine causes and adequacy of laws and enforcement tools to more effectively prevent and punish this kind of misconduct in the future. The Commission is directed to make recommendations to toughen and improve existing laws and procedures.

Areas where the Commission will focus its investigation include but are not limited to:

- Criminal statutes for corruption and misconduct by public officials, such as bribery laws.
- Campaign financing including but not limited to contribution limits and other restrictions; disclosure of third-party contributions and expenditures; and the effectiveness of existing campaign finance laws.
- Compliance of outside organizations and persons with existing lobbying laws, including but not limited to organizations engaged in lobbying and other efforts to influence public policies and elections, and the effectiveness of such laws.
- Adequacy and enforcement of the State's election laws and electoral process including: the structure and composition of the State and County Boards of Elections, the Board of Elections' enforcement, and the effectiveness of and compliance with existing election laws.

The Commission will issue a preliminary report on its initial findings and recommendations by December 1, 2013.

The Commission to Investigate Public Corruption (Moreland Commission) Includes:

Co-Chairs:

Kathleen Rice became the Nassau County District Attorney in 2006. Prior to becoming the first woman in Long Island's history to be elected district attorney, Rice served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Philadelphia. Rice began her career as a prosecutor in the Brooklyn District Attorney's Office, where she prosecuted cases of domestic violence, sexual assault and armed robbery, and later, murder cases. D.A. Rice is a graduate of the Catholic University of America and Touro Law School.

William J. Fitzpatrick has served as Onondaga County's District Attorney for the past 28 years. Prior to serving as D.A., he was a defense attorney. In 2007 D.A. Fitzpatrick was appointed as the New York State representative to the National District Attorney's Association, and he was elected Secretary in 2011. In 2010, New York State Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman appointed D.A. Fitzpatrick to the New York State Permanent Sentencing Commission. He is a graduate of Syracuse University and Syracuse University Law School.

Milton L. Williams, Jr. joined the firm of Vladeck, Waldman, Elias & Engelhard as a partner in January 2009. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Williams was a Deputy General Counsel and the Chief Compliance Officer at Time Inc. Before working at Time, Mr. Williams was in private practice, and served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of New York. His last assigned unit in the United States Attorney's Office was the Securities and Commodities Fraud Task Force. Prior to becoming a federal prosecutor, Mr. Williams was an Assistant District Attorney in the New York County District Attorney's Office. Milt has tried over fifty cases (both civil and criminal) to verdict. He is a graduate of Amherst College and the University of Michigan Law School in Ann Arbor.

This space is also for you;

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church
Barbecued Chicken Dinner
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 Friday, July 19th 4:00 until 7:00

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 •Children 10 and under \$6

Liberty Central School District Offers Summer Food Service Program- Children under the age of 18 eat free of charge throughout July and August
 Summer is an exciting time for children to enjoy playtime with friends, time at summer camp, a family vacation, or afternoons at the pool. But for many children, summer can also mean hunger. Just as learning does not end when school lets out, neither does a child's need for good nutrition.
 Beginning on July 8, children age 18 and younger, who resides in the Liberty School District, are welcome to visit the Liberty Elementary School cafeteria each weekday for lunch. There is no charge for this meal and there are no income requirements or registration required to enjoy a meal. Meals will be served from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday until August 16.
 The program is being offered as a part of the Summer Food Service Program, a federal program sponsored by the USDA Food and Nutrition

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 July 11, 12 and 13
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Service. "We are really excited to be able to offer this program," said Liberty Superintendent Dr. William Silver. "Food insecurity is a very real problem in our community, and hopefully this program will help fill some of the nutrition gaps that some children may experience."
 If you need further information please call Dara Smith at (845) 292-5400 ext 2018 or email at dara.smith@scbores.org or visit the school website at www.libertyk12.org
About the National Summer Food Service Program:
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Congressman Chris Gibson will speak on "What's ahead for America's Seniors"
 Ulster County Seniors are invited to hear Congressman Chris Gibson speak on "What's ahead for America's Seniors" on Monday July 15, 2013 at 2:30 PM at Kingston City Hall, Council Chambers. Free transportation is available to seniors for this event by calling Kingston City Bus at (845) 331-3725. The program is brought to you by Ulster County Statewide Senior Action Council. For more information, please call Jewish Family Services at (845) 338-2980.

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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

Catskill Watershed Corporation is seeking to contract with an asbestos licensed private corporation for demolition of structure located at 141 Delaware Street, Walton, NY. The Request for Proposal can be obtained by contacting Timothy Cox, Corporate Counsel, Catskill Watershed Corporation, PO Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455, timothycox@cwconline.org; (845) 586-1400 Ext. 304. Respondents must submit one original and three copies of their proposal no later than 4:00 PM on July 26, 2013. EOE

Travel Limited on Route 42 in Old Falls Due to a Washout from Flooding

A section of Route 42 between the old Flagler Hotel (Crystal Run) and Stewarts in Old Falls has suffered major flood damage. Travel on Route 42 will be limited in that section for the next week as NYS-DOT crews work around the clock to restore the roadway. There will be periodic closures and limited one lane travel in that section until further notice. There will be no detours at that site.

If possible, avoid travel on that section of Route 42 until further notice.

The Town of Fallsburg is working closely with state and county officials to clean up and repair the damage done to both Route 42 and other town roads and infrastructure. The safety of the road crews and residents and the proper rebuilding of Route 42 is our paramount concern.

The public's patience in this rebuilding process is being asked for and will be very much appreciated.

We look forward to the cooperation of the public in our efforts to repair the flood damage caused by the recent inclement weather.

- Steven Vegliante,
Town of Fallsburg Supervisor

SC applauds Governor Cuomo and State Legislature for passage of Casino Bill

Sullivan County Legislative Chairman, Scott Samuelson applauds the Governor and State Legislature for their progressive action on Friday that passed the bill that calls for a statewide referendum to bring class three gaming to New York State, especially to Sullivan County.

"Sullivan County has been at the forefront of the casino race for over five decades. We have never wavered on our commitment or desire to host class three gaming; we have fought long and hard to achieve this goal and have proven our support over and over again. We are looking forward to supporting the effort to bring casinos to Sullivan County and will do all that we possibly can to support all qualified partners in that effort," said Samuelson.

The Governor's plan to revitalize the upstate regions with this economic catalyst is the right effort at the right time. The last several years have been devastating to the economy of the entire state but most specifically to upstate regions. Counties have been struggling to provide services, abide by state mandates and keep tax levy increases below 2%. It gets harder and harder each year. This kind of boost will make all the difference.

"We believe that together with some of the major tourism attractions that exist in Sullivan County today, this would be the ultimate economic catalyst to help restore the County to the level enjoyed in its heyday as "the" tourism destination in New York State. Casino gaming will never be the silver bullet that it once might have been or may even still be perceived by some, but as a part over an overall tourism program it will serve as an economic development catalyst for our rich and diverse community, the Mid-Hudson Region and ultimately the State of New York. Sullivan County's proximity to

the largest population base in the country, its superior transportation access to State Route 17 (future I-86), multiple sites very close to final site plan approvals, qualified developers and management teams already in place, and community support all work together to make Sullivan County the best possible choice to host casinos in New York State," Samuelson stated.

There is still much work to be done to see that this measure is supported and for the people of New York to understand that this endeavor will be financially beneficial to the entire state. We need everyone to vote positively on this referendum in November to bring economic relief to all of the citizens of The State of New York.

Congressman Gibson to Present Army Medals to WWII Veteran, Former POW

Congressman Chris Gibson (NY-19) presented James Murphy with medals he earned during his service in World War II. The Presentation took place on July 3rd at the Vassar-Warner Home for Senior Citizens in Poughkeepsie

Congressman Gibson presented the following medals to James Murphy, which he had never received following his service in World War II: Bronze Star medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, American Campaign Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign medal w/ 3 bronze stars, World War II Victory medal, Combat Infantryman Badge 1st Award, Honorable Service Lapel Button WWII

Background on James Murphy: James Murphy was born in Amenia, NY in 1921 and raised in Brewster. He enlisted in the Army in May 1943, serving for two and a half years and rising to the rank of Corporal. James was a POW for six months, from December 1944 to June 1945 and was held in 5 different camps in Germany. James met his wife Jo, an Army Nurse, at Camp Shelby, Miss. They had one daughter, Barbara Ann. After the war, James and Jo moved back to Jo's hometown of Westchester, PA, where he lived for 65 years. He worked as a butcher for A&P for 39 years. James returned to New York to be cared for by his 2 nephews, John Ercole of Wingdale, Bob Ercole of Hopewell Junction, and niece Patty Monti of Marlborough.

UC Exec Mike Hein Announces Office of Business Services Personnel Change

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announced that Office of Business Services Director March Gallagher, Esq. will be transitioning to her new role as the Chief Strategy Officer to Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress on July 20, 2013 and Assistant Deputy County Executive Suzanne Holt, Esq. will be named as the new Ulster County Office of Business Services Director.

"My Administration has been blessed to attract some of the brightest and most talented individuals to serve the citizens of Ulster County," said County Executive Hein. "March has been instrumental in our overhaul of the economic development infrastructure within Ulster County in an initiative to enhance coordination and better assist the business community. She will be a fantastic addition to Pattern's regional team and we look forward to continued collaborative efforts to bring more jobs to Ulster County."

"We are extremely pleased to have March join the team at Pattern. Her blend of skills, knowledge and reputation for getting the job done make her an asset to the entire region," said Pattern for Progress President & CEO Jonathan Drapkin. "Having come from Ulster County's creative, change-based administration, it's clear that March can assist Pattern in facing the region's issues and not only help Pattern, but also the people we serve -- the residents of the Hudson Valley."

During March's tenure in the Hein Administration, Ulster County restructured economic development services, bringing the administration of the Industrial Development Agency (IDA) and Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC) under one County government umbrella. This structural move, directed by the County Executive and called for in the County's economic development strategy plan, Ulster Tomorrow, allows for increased efficiencies and for the County to better service existing business owners and attract new businesses.

In addition to the consolidation and streamlining of economic development services, March Gallagher represented the County Executive on the Governor's Regional Economic Council, resulting in millions of dollars in economic development funding for Ulster County businesses, nonprofits and municipalities.

County Executive Hein's Administration successfully retained businesses such as Wolf-tec, Stavo Industries, Bread Alone and Gillette Creamery and helped attract new business, including Farm2Table and the Nevele. Ulster County Tourism's Ulster County Alive rebranding effort has emerged as a model and several infrastructure initiatives such as the Ready2Go program for shovel ready development and mapping county-wide broadband have been established.

"It has been a great honor to work with County Executive Hein and his innovative and good government-focused administration," said Ms. Gallagher. "Under his leadership we have helped retain top companies while streamlining access to economic development services for businesses, nonprofits and municipalities. Working for County Executive Hein has helped prepare me for my new regional

role with Pattern for Progress. I look forward to continuing to work with his Administration at the regional level, as these innovative economic development principals are shared statewide."

To ensure a seamless transition for the Ulster County business community and to continue the great progress and aggressive pursuit of new business, County Executive Hein is pleased to name current Assistant Deputy County Executive and attorney Suzanne Holt as the new Director of the Ulster County Office of Business Services. Prior to her work in the Hein Administration, Ms. Holt practiced law in the private sector, served as Director of Client Services at the Medicare Rights Center and as Counsel to numerous New York City Legislative committees. Her experience with the Hein Administration as a liaison to multiple Ulster County businesses, significant experiences fostering relationships with people in the public and private sectors, ability to successfully navigate bureaucracies on behalf of clients, as well as her expertise in grants administration make her uniquely qualified to help Ulster County's businesses succeed.

"Working with County Executive Hein, I have seen first hand his commitment to the success of Ulster County's business, large and small," said Ms. Holt. "I look forward to the challenge of ensuring the highest quality of service to Ulster County's businesses as well as the continuing County Executive Hein's aggressive business attraction efforts."

DiNapoli: ESDC Needs to Better Monitor Foreign Offices

The Empire State Development Corp. (ESDC) needs to set clear performance standards to determine if its remaining four foreign offices are fulfilling their missions and bolstering New York's economy through overseas business and investment, according to an audit released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

ESDC contracts with representatives who operate offices in foreign countries to provide services that help New York State businesses develop or expand export sales and attract foreign investments. Between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2012 ESDC paid \$2.7 million to seven foreign representatives for costs associated with operating ten international offices. Due to budget constraints, ESDC recently closed its international offices in Mexico, Turkey and China, along with three offices in Australia, Brazil and Chile operated through the Council of Great Lakes Governors. ESDC currently has foreign representatives in the United Kingdom, Canada, Israel and South Africa.

"New York can profit from expanding business opportunities in foreign countries, but when budgets are tight, every dollar spent on these efforts has to pack an economic punch," DiNapoli said. "Improvements and greater consistency in monitoring how taxpayers' dollars are spent is needed. You can't measure improvement if you don't track how you're doing. Having significantly downsized its international presence, ESDC should now be able to focus its resources on more effectively overseeing and monitoring efforts to generate economic benefits with these offices."

DiNapoli's auditors found that performance reporting and monitoring efforts by ESDC were informal and ad-hoc. Although ESDC provided auditors with some information about specific international trade and investment successes, the information only spanned the most recent year. Furthermore, the information included data on performance results not mentioned in the contract requirements and appeared to have been created solely in response to auditor's requests.

Auditors found that some offices did not meet expected results, while others had few results recorded at all. For example, the Toronto office had projected export sales of \$1.2 million, but only reported \$175,000 in actual export sales. The Turkey office reported no export sales whatsoever.

ESDC officials told auditors that internal management reports created to document monitoring efforts were discontinued in late 2007 at the request of a deputy commissioner. Additionally, a document supplied to auditors outlining the International Division's 2011 accomplishments appeared to have been created specifically for auditors and included major successes for only a one-year period.

Following up on a 2011 review by DiNapoli's office, auditors found that ESDC has made significant improvements in managing payments to foreign representatives and correcting the deficiencies found a few years ago. The improvements include requiring adequate documentation, such as bank statements and vendor invoices, to support the expenses claimed by the foreign representatives.

DiNapoli recommended ESDC:

* Monitor the performance of foreign representatives to ensure that international offices are meeting contract requirements and are operating in ways that benefit New York companies and the state's economy.

* Ensure that foreign representatives are only reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses incurred in the operation of international offices.

ESDC officials generally agreed with the audit's findings and have begun implementing a new system designed to assist in data collection and reporting on international trade and investment attraction activities. Their response is included in the audit.

For a copy of the report, including ESDC's full response, visit: <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/audits/allaudits/093013/12s7.pdf>

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Trolley Tour -Luncheon-Entertainment-Shopping Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. \$40 pp residents; \$59 pp non-residents.

Create a one-of-a-kind Vase & Flower Arrangement Tuesday, August 6 & 13. 6:30 pm Town Hall. Class \$20 residents/\$35 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, July 30 this includes both classes and all supplies. Refreshments will be served.

Mad Science Show - Aug 22 Grahamsville Fairgrounds 5 pm- \$3 residents; \$10 non residents. Must be paid by Aug 6

Grease-Forestburg Playhouse - Aug 4 Lunch @ 1:30 pm Show & Lunch; residents \$36/ \$49 non residents. Must be paid by June 25

Shopping Cabelas Sept 14 Leave Town Hall 8 am \$21 residents/\$31 non-residents. Must be paid by July 9.

Frost Valley Tour of the Castle & Dinner Wednesday, September 11. Leave Town Hall 6pm and return approximately 9 pm. Includes dinner and tour of the Castle. \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents. Must be paid by Tuesday, August 6,

Jesters Comedy Club Saturday, September 14. Leave Town Hall 7 pm by Motor coach; must be 21 years old to attend. Please bring proof of ID. There is a 2 item minimum purchase per person. So please bring money to make food pub and drink purchases. \$15 residents/\$27 non-residents must be paid no by Tuesday, July 30.

Family Game Night & Pizza Friday September 20. Bring a favorite game to share or play one of ours! Daniel Pierce Library Community Room 5:30 pm. Pizza & Soda will be provided. \$5 family of 4 residents; /\$12 family of 4 non -residents Must be paid by Tuesday, September 10.

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

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



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 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
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The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

Opening at Delaware Valley Arts Alliance

"Amusing the Muse," drawings by Richard Gubernick an exhibit of drawings by Richard Gubernick opens with a reception on Friday, July 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be on view through August 3, 2013.

At an exhibition of August Renoir's paintings, a critic stated in a pejorative manner that he thought that the work was amusing. Renoir replied "if I didn't find it amusing, I wouldn't do it."

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- 7/10/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 7/10/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting - Regular meeting
- 7/11/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 7/12/13 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 7/13/13 **Breakfast** - Sundown Church Hall - 7:30 am - 9:30 am
- 7/13/13 **Grahamsville Reformed Church Chicken BBQ Dinner**
- 7/15/13 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 7/16/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 7/17/13 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 7/19/13 **History of Divine Corners** program - Daniel Pierce Library Community Room - 7 pm
- 7/20/13 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale Only** (9am-1pm)
- 7/21/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 7/23/13 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)
- 7/24/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- 7/27/13 **Neversink Ladies Auxiliary Community Yard Sale** 10-3 pm Neversink Fire Dept Pavillion. 985-7802.
- 7/27/13 **Time and the Valleys Museum Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ** (2-5 pm) - Grahamsville Fairgrounds 11 am - 5 pm
- 7/27/13 Yankee Stadium Trip-Leaves Grahamsville Fairgrounds 8:45 am Call Gary TerBush 985-7628 for info
- 8/3/13 Ulster Heights Rod and Gun Club Chicken BBQ (details t/b/a in future *Townsmen*)
- 8/3/13 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 8/6/13 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00pm Sundown Church Hall
- 8/7/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- **7:00 pm**
Save the Dates!

July 14- The second annual Matthew R Berthoff Horseshoe Tournament Neversink Firehouse

July 27, 2013- Time and the Valleys Museum Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ (2-5 pm) - Grahamsville Fairgrounds 11 am - 5 pm

Annual Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival sponsored by the EWCOG -Saturday August 10th- Vendor applications are available now. Coordinator is Dianne E Turner ("aka "Mother Blueberry")
2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair - Sundown Methodist Church Hall - Date to be announced.

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

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

- Mon- 7:00 p.m.** United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
- Thurs- 7:00 p.m.** Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
- Sat- 8:00 p.m.** United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Born, raised, and educated in the shadow of Yankee Stadium, artist Richard Gubernick attended youth classes at The Museum of Modern Art, obtained a BS degree from Buffalo State, and earned an MFA from The University of Massachusetts in Amherst. He subsequently taught painting for over 25 years at Buffalo State.

In recent years he has concentrated on drawing with ink on acrylic backgrounds.

"I begin a drawing by placing automatic random images of varied sized shapes dispersed within an oval," explains Richard Gubernick. "The aim of this process is to see what simple groupings and accumulations of marks, accomplished mainly by thin pen lines, can enable a viewer to feel as if they are a witness to a totally fictional event.

As a practicing artist, Gubernick has exhibited extensively with gallery affiliations in New York, Boston, Washington D.C., Pittsburgh, Ann Arbor, Buffalo, and Toronto. His work is in many corporate, private, university, and museum collections. He also received several public art commissions. Working with painted aluminum reliefs, he has permanent installations at the Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix Az., Boston MBTA (subway), Buffalo (NFTA) Subway System, and Central Florida University in Orlando, Fl.

He lives with his wife Barbara Buckman (also a painter) in Youngsville.

"Spatial Pathways" Paintings and Mixed Media Works, a two person exhibition of paintings and mixed media works by Edward Evans & Joyce Pommer, opens with a reception on Friday, July 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Delaware Arts Center's LOFT Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. The

exhibit will be on view through August 3, 2013.

Pommer's mixed media pieces and Evans' paintings compliment one another as shapes and colors are re-echoed back and forth. A common thread of colors, shapes and movement binds the paintings as areas are heightened while interacting with each other.

"Formal elements and the way we see interest me," says painter Edward Evans. "I have always been attracted to a certain amount of illusion in painting; illusion arouses wonder about what is real."

Evans paints with an airbrush to create a flowing, illusionist quality that cannot be achieved by other painting techniques. "Airbrushing has become so natural to me that it is no longer necessary to think about technique," he explains. "This enables me to work in a meditative state, trusting my instincts and feelings and letting thoughts and memories become imbedded into my paintings. Childhood experiences, travel and recollections, filtered by time and my imagination, create the mood of my paintings." He was born and educated in Minnesota. He taught painting, drawing and contemporary art history for many years and is a Professor Emeritus of Art, Southwest Minnesota State University. He and his wife, Connie moved to Stroudsburg, PA in 2002 and started Gallery 705.

"Fascinating conversations develop when exhibiting our paintings together," says artist Joyce Pommer. Like Evans, her paintings evolve out of her subconscious in a free flowing process. "I do not start with a pre-conceived idea or plan. The space comes alive through the colors, shapes and layers that work their way into, around and through the space," she says. Pommer brings her pieces to life with a collage of handmade, monoprint & marbled papers, fabrics and other diverse materials onto a surface of canvas or wood panels.

"Spontaneity and movement are important as the materials travel within the space," she explains. Joyce Pommer was born in Quincy, MA and studied at The Academy of Art College in San Francisco, The Art Institute of Boston and the Art Students League in New York City. Having owned

and operated a gallery in NYC for the past 8 years, she recently returned to focusing primarily on painting.

"Art in Bloom" After receiving an overwhelmingly positive response last year, "Art in Bloom" will return to the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance for a second year in a row. This group exhibition, curated by Jane Luchsinger, opens with a reception on Friday, July 12 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Krause Recital Hall at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

The fragrance of freshly cut flowers lures you in to this exhibit which couples the talents of fine artists and floral designers. "Art in Bloom" features live floral arrangements composed by local garden clubs, Master Gardeners and florists. Each arrangement is a visual interpretation of a painting or sculpture, which will also be on display. The arrangements do not mimic the art, but designers use the palette and theme of the art as the basis of their floral composition.

These creative, interpretive arrangements will be on view next to the works of inspirational art by local artists: Jane Blake, Theresa DeSalvio, Elise Freda, Joe Kluck, Nick Roes, Ellen Silberlicht, Margo Spoerri, Carla Strozzeri, Denis Yanashot and Mary Grace Yanashot. Floral designers include: Garden clubs from Hawley, PA, and Liberty, NY. Master Gardeners include: Kelley Edkins, Kathy and Olivia Grady, Anne Hart, Mia Koerner, Alison Peck, Ed Wuestman and florists from Miss Abigail, Rock Hill, Hillside Greenhouses and Flower Shop, Liberty, NY, and Sugar Blossom Flowers, Livingston Manor.

Free and open to the public, "Art in Bloom" will be on view Friday, July 12 from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., Saturday, July 13, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Sunday, July 14 from, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. The exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY and is made in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

For more information about the exhibit call Delaware Valley Arts Alliance at (845) 252-7576.



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Quiz: 1. Who played Ben Wade? 2. Who played Dan Evans?

What's Going On In The Gnome Neighborhoodtm This Week? -

GRAHAMSVILLE

On **July 13** the Grahamsville Reformed Church will hold a **Chicken BBQ Dinner** from 4-7 pm (See Pg. 13)

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be holding a **Pulled Pork BBQ** on Friday, **July 19th** from 4:00 - 7:00. A little bird told me that Barbara Barkley is selling tickets! If she runs out, I am sure she can tell you where you can purchase them. (See Pg. 13)

... and mark your calendars now!! July 27th - the **Time and the Valleys Museum's** will hold their annual **Old Time Fair and Chicken Barbeque**. Tickets are now on sale! The barbeque will be held on from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. This year's BBQ will include: delicious Miller's Chicken, baked beans, macaroni salad, corn on the cob and dessert. Dinners are available to eat in or take out for \$10 adults and \$7 children under 8 years old.

Tickets for the BBQ are now on sale! They can be purchased at Neversink Town Hall open during regular business hours, from any Museum Trustee, or by calling the Museum at 845-985-7700.

They are also available at the Time and the Valleys Museum, open Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

Visit the museum and see all the wonderful exhibits and historical information that is accessible to public and purchase your BBQ tickets there. You will be glad you did!

The Time and the Valleys Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, and is open to the public Thursday through Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m.. The Museum has three floors of exhibitions, a local history research center and a Museum Shop.

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