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## FROST VALLEY 'Y' JOINS CELEBRATION OF 125 ANNIVERSARY OF CAMPING



Frost Valley joined with 'Y' facilities around the globe in the celebration of the 125th anniversary of YMCA camping on July 14. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SUNDOWN?

After Sunday worship service at the Sundown Methodist Church, church members and members of the community met to discuss plans for the 1st Annual Sundown Community Barbecue, sponsored by the Sundown Methodist Church that will be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

It is hoped that the barbecue will grow into a community effort that will help to purchase a needed generator for the Sundown Church Hall.

In the event of a repeat of last winter's emergency that left many Sundown and nearby neighbors without electricity for almost a week, the Sundown Church Hall with the aid of a generator, could serve as an emergency shelter. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## SC LONGBEARDS JAKE'S EVENT 50/50 ADULT SHOOT WINNER



Jim Champine stands along side of his son, Andrew. Jim was the winner of both the A and the B category of the SCLB 2010 50/50 shoot held Sunday, June 18th in DeBruce.

## CUOMO, THE DRIVE FOR A 'NEW NEW YORK'



Photo: Daniel Torres

At the New Paltz Democratic function on July 20, coordinated by a 20-year-old School Board member, Dan Torrez (D), and Ashley Dittus (D), Secretary of the Ulster County Democratic Committee, **Democratic and Republican supporters alike came out to encourage the election of Andrew Cuomo for the Governorship of NY.**

Frank Comando (Democratic Committee Town Chair) and Linda Comando brought to the attention of Mr. Cuomo a gridlock created problem of the pending possibility of health care worker layoffs across the state and the reduced health services to more than 50,000 women and children in the Maternal Infant Services Network (MISN).

Cuomo also pointed out that there must be a **cap on real estate taxes** putting a stop to NYS residents being taxed out of their homes. He also stated that the consolidation of government services would be of great use in reducing some of the burdens on the NYS budget. (Contd. Pg. 12)

## TWIN BILL GOES INTO SECOND WEEK AT LIBERTY FREE THEATRE



Photo: Ted Waddell

Sisters Sandra (Janna Comando) and Dolores (Kate Warren) do laundry and talk family during a scene of "Delores" at Liberty Free Theatre. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## TSEC OUTLINES FUTURE PLANS

On Monday the Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) highlighted work being done by Solartech Renewables, which recently kicked off manufacturing operations at Tech City, (Kingston) becoming the first U.S.-owned company in the eastern United States to produce solar panels.

Congressman Maurice Hinchey joined TSEC and Solartech for the event and outlined the next steps to build on TSEC's successes.

## THE BALL RACE

I was among a group of people the other day. They were talking about the Old Time Fair and Chicken Barbecue. Adding to the conversation I began talking about how I had just finished sorting all the balls to make sure they were all there for the Ball Race. I looked up and suddenly realized that they had no idea what I was talking about.

Have you ever seen the Great Ball Race? No? That's too bad, because you have probably missed the most colorful and exciting race held every year since 2004. The contest is held IN the Chestnut Brook and the racers are plastic tennis size balls of every color of the rainbow. Each one has a number and was purchased by a hopeful winner.



The balls are released upstream and merrily float down until they enter a sluiceway and compete to become first, second, third and forth. Some never make it, and have to be rescued. Others just drift along and take in the scenery. At the end, the roundup is exciting and not one ball has ever made it to the reservoir. Cash prizes go to the winners..

Other years all 600 balls have been released. The sight is always spectacular but the Museum realized this was not being fair to the people who purchased the balls. Too much competition, and so this year only the ball numbers that have been bought will be in the race. This improves the odds considerably, unless all 600 are sold!

Come join in the fun, buy some balls and you might just win!

## SC KIDS ON THEIR WAY TO NYS SHERIFF'S ASSOC. CAMP IROQUOIS



Sergeant Brian Harrell (Upper left), Deputy Debra Votee, (right), and Sergeant Luis Alvarez (lower right) with children who are on their way to summer camp.

Twenty-seven children from Sullivan County gathered at the Sheriff's Office in Monticello Sunday to say goodbye to their parents. No, they weren't in trouble. They were on their way to the New York State Sheriff's Association Camp Iroquois on Lake Keuka, near Penn Yan, NY. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER** : Let mine enemy be as the wicked, and he that riseth up against me as the unrighteous.  
Job 27:8

**OBITUARY**

**Sharon M. Squires** of Woodbourne, passed away on July 22, 2010, at Catskill Regional Medical Center. She was 58.

She was the daughter of the late Gene W. and Janet Moore Smith; born June 25, 1952 in Passak, NJ.

Sharon was a well-rounded person. She enjoyed computer games, NASCAR, gardening, birds, but most importantly, children. That is how she became a Tri-Valley Central School district bus driver.

Sharon was a loving and devoted mother and grandmother, and will be deeply missed.

Sharon is survived by her two daughters, Patti Kendrick and her husband, David of Tennessee, Rachel Countryman and her husband, George of Claryville; two sons, Robert "Michael" Squires of Woodbourne, and Scott E. Squires of Claryville, and their father Robert E. Squires of the state of Florida; one brother, Gene and his wife, Vikki Smith of Woodbourne; six grandchildren: Shannon, Natalie, Keegan, Nikole, Phailyn, and Caleb, and her companion, Glendon Powell of Woodbourne.

A funeral service was held at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788. Rev. Paul Z. Ruter officiated.

Donations in Sharon's name may be made to her grandchildren's future in care of Rachel Countryman, 2050 Denning Rd., Claryville, NY 12725.

Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information, please call 845-434-7363 or visit [www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com](http://www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com).

**60th ANNIVERSARY**

Ann and John Higgins celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on July 17th at the White Wolf Restaurant with 24 attendees, family and friends. Among these were their son John from Baltimore, daughter Annie and her husband John Springfield, Virginia, local son David with his wife, Mary Jane and daughter, Emily. Ann and John have four children, 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. They were married July 20th, 1950, in Buchanan Valley, Pennsylvania. After 51 years in Sundown, Ann and John now live in Grahamsville. Another celebration will take place in August, at the Syracuse home of their son, Michael for the Northern branch of the family.  
Congratulations Ann and John.

**50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Ralph and Virginia Rhynders of Grahamsville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 25, 2010. They were honored with a party on June 19th hosted by their three children, daughters Tracy and Terri, and son David at Terri's home in Poughkeepsie, NY. Many family members and friends attended and a good time was had by all.  
Congratulations Ralph and Ginny

**ENGAGEMENT**

Mark and Karen Terwilliger of Napanoch, NY, proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin, to Nathan McConnell, son of Stuart McConnell and Sarita McConnell of Arkansas.

Erin is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education.

Nathan is a graduate of Lake Hamilton School in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He is currently serving in the U.S. Navy.  
The couple plans to marry in May, 2011.

**COLLEGE NEWS**

The following local student graduated from SUNY College of Technology at Delhi this past spring. Jennifer Watson of Grahamsville graduated with the AA in Liberal Arts - Humanities.

**MILITARY NEWS**

Brigadier General Patrick A. Murphy, the Adjutant General for the State of New York, announces the promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capabilities for additional responsibilities and leadership. Joseph Johnson of Sundown, serving with Det. 1 Company C, 1-69th Infantry, is promoted to the rank of sergeant.

**GRAHAMSVILLE HARDWARE CLOSING AFTER SERVING THE COMMUNITY FOR OVER 100 YEARS**

Grahamsville Hardware has been in existence as a hardware store since 1869. As of August 1st, 2010 we regret to say we must close our door.

It has been our pleasure to serve our loyal customers for the past 19 1/2 years.

If interested in purchasing the building and land, call Frank Comando at Grahamsville Realty. If interested in purchasing remaining inventory, you may call our home-845-985-7387 after 5 pm.

The Lagueux's,  
Paul, Carol, Paul and Calvon

**DAYS OF YORE....**

**Today's History**

**July 26, 1950** - Doris Misner won the freezer from National Foods in Liberty. It was a Philco 6 cu. Ft. She brought it home on Saturday and stored it in Joseph Raffa's home here, not having electricity.

At the organizational meeting of the Tri-Valley School Board last Tuesday, Max Rubenzahl was re-elected president and Dr. Karl Messinger was elected vice-president. The other seven members of the nine-man board are Elmond Allison of Mutton Hill, Mrs. Albro Brown of Lackawack, Nile Everett of Sundown, Van Furman of Lows Corners, Meyer Groo of Big Hollow, Frank Smith of Lackawack Hill and Oland Erath of Unionville who replaces Ross Bonnell.

Supervisor Bruce Denman of Neversink declined the Republican Party nomination for Sheriff of Sullivan County before the July 21 deadline. Mr. Denman gave as his principal reason reluctance to leave his post as Neversink Town Supervisor in the middle of his term of office.

**July 27, 1960** - The marriage of Marion Houghtaling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nial Houghtaling of Neversink Rd., and Gary Allan Wood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Wood of West Liberty St., took place on Sunday, June 17, 1960 at a vesper service in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Liberty.

The newly formed Grahamsville Ambulance Squad expects to become operative in September or October as an auxiliary service of the Grahamsville Fire Department.

Mrs. Minerva Coddington died Sunday at Cooperstown Hospital, Cooperstown, N.Y. She was 100 years old. She was born in Sundown August 10, 1859. She had lived in Ames, N.Y. for 40 years and was the widow of Jacob Coddington.

Mr. Walton Hamilton and Mr. Israel Slater have completed the job of placing new sills under the Lows Corners Church.

Work is progressing satisfactorily on the Neversink Town Hall. Well's Well and Supply Co. of White Lake completed work on a deep well, drilling 230 feet and obtaining 8 gallons a minute.

The New York State Department of Education announced this week that Dale W. Ross of the Tri-Valley Central School was among the students of the State who qualified for a State scholarship for studies in engineering.

**July 28, 1970** - Miss Eileen Huffman became the bride of David C. Strafalone on July 18th at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Woodbourne. The Rev. John J. Maher officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Huffman of Neversink. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Strafalone of Pittsburgh, Penn.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller of Grahamsville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Linda, to John J. Donelli, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Donelli of Grahamsville. Wedding plans are incomplete.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Graham are the proud parents of a daughter, born at Hamilton Avenue Hospital on Saturday, July 25. The Little Miss has been named Sherri Lyn. She weighed 6 lbs. 7 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Alton Knight are the maternal grandparents and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Graham are the paternal grandparents.

Miss Deborah Fisher and Mr. Ira Rubenzahl were united in marriage on Sunday, July 19th. Mrs. Rubenzahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Fisher of Brookline, Mass., is a June graduate of Boston University. Mr. Rubenzahl is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rubenzahl of Neversink. He graduated from Princeton University and is presently working on his doctoral dissertation in physics at the Mass. Institute of Technology.  
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**HERE AND THERE -**

We can add three more names to our July birthday list, all of them moving this year into a new decade. We'll start with Kevin Murphy of Moore Hill Road, whose wife Kathy hosted a celebration last Saturday afternoon at the Neversink Pavilion. Kevin will now admit to being 50, but doesn't look a day older than 49. .... The same afternoon (July 24), at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, family and friends gathered to wish Happy 30th birthday to Eddie McCarthy. That one was doing well as a surprise party, until the Neversink-Grahamsville Firemen's ball team lost their morning game and were rescheduled to play a consolation match at 5:00 p.m. The guest of honor had to be told, and the party went on. .... And on Sunday, Cindy and Donnie Hasbrouck made a nice family dinner for her son, John Harth. John will turn 20 on Wednesday, July 28, but will be attending classes at United Technical Institute in Exton, PA on that day. .... Many happy returns to all three!

We can also welcome former residents, Harlan and Diane Nyhof, to our local Golden Wedding Club. After all, they spent most of those fifty years here in Tri-Valley, where Harlan served as pastor for the local Reformed Church charge and Diane taught fifth grade at TVS. They celebrated the milestone with a family reunion at the Trapp Family Lodge in Stowe, VT. Joining them were sons Scott and his wife Suras of Orlando, FL; Paul and his wife Rosemary, with grandson Adam, of Middletown; and David and his daughter Meghan, with his girlfriend Elizabeth Abbott, of Boston. Congratulations, friends!

Another local couple will be candidates for the same club, but they'll have to wait a while to be eligible - say 49 years or so. On June 2, 2010, Angelina Sistima Beluli and Louis Centolanza exchanged wedding vows in Highland Falls. Serving as witnesses and attendants were the brother and sister of the bride, Albi Beluli and Sonya Castelli, and the groom's father, Louis Centolanza Sr. The ceremony was performed by no less a personage than that of the mayor of Highland Falls, a long-time friend of the groom's family. The newly-weds are currently living in Grahamsville. Congratulations to Nina and Lou!

The heat and high pollen count continues, and I will use both as an excuse to cut this week's column short. Have a good week, everyone! ..... (pah)

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy**

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

**DAYS OF YORE... (From Pg. 2)**

**July 31, 1980 -** The anxiously awaited tennis courts and basketball courts, located at the Town of Neversink Town Park, are now open and available for use by the residents of the Town of Neversink.

Gregory Grey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Grey of Grahamsville, is attending the Summer Computer Workshop at Hartwick College in Oneonta, N.Y.

Carlton W. Miller, 73, of Beaver Dam Rd. died Friday at Hamilton Ave. Hospital, Monticello. Mr. Miller, a retired truck driver, was born Oct. 31, 1906 in Divine Corners to Gideon and Christina Northrup Miller. He was married to the former Violet Irwin who survives him. He was a member of the Beaver Dam Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mierop of Pond Rd. announce the engagement of their daughter, Roslyn, to James Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leslie Ward, Sr. of Apalachin, N.Y.

Dorothy McGuire and Paul Conklin were married June 14, 1980 in the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Glenn McCarty officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McGuire of Neversink. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Conklin of Grahamsville.

Debra Rapenske and Timothy TerBush were married June 28, 1980 in St. Peter's Church with the Rev. Ed Rizzo officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Rapenske of Liberty. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald TerBush of Grahamsville.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SUNDOWN? (From Pg. 1)**

Mark you calendar for September 11th from 4 pm to 7 pm, when you can either join the community and eat with the folks at the Sundown Church Hall, or at a nearby picnic table, or take your dinner with you. Tickets will be on sale next week - Adults \$10.00 and children under the age of 10, \$5.00. Follow the Townsman for more details.

Let's all help to make this community effort a large success and the beginning of many more years of community and church working together.

**TVCS STUDENTS ATTEND FFA CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON**

Over 2,300 FFA members from across the nation traveled to Washington, D.C., to attend the National FFA Organization's Washington Leadership Conference. Their focus will be to take their leadership skills to the highest level by learning to know their purpose, value people, take action and serve others. Local students and members of the Tri-Valley Central FFA Chapter attending this event were Christina Kackos, Nat Tompkins and Christopher Whipple. I)

Located in our nation's capitol, the Washington Leadership Conference is a five-day event that trains FFA members to make a positive impact in their school, local community, state and country. The conference focuses on the following areas: Knowing your Purpose; Valuing People; Taking Action; and Serving Others.

The National FFA Organization, along with Monsanto sponsored this year's 2010 Washington Leadership Conference.

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

**DON'T FORGET THE TIME AND THE VALLEYS MUSEUM OLDE TIME FAIR AND CHICKEN BBQ THIS SATURDAY**

The Olde Time Fair will be held rain or shine on Saturday, July 31st from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Neversink Town Hall on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, New York.

The Olde Time Fair is a day dedicated to honoring and remembering our rich local history with activities that include: horseshoes; corn-husking and a ladies' skillet throwing contests; old fashioned games for children throughout the day; old fashioned ice cream making demonstration and tasting; the 'now legendary' pie auction with emcee Barry Lewis; *Chestnut Creek Rapids Race*; great food and bake sale; quilt exhibit and demonstration; White Elephant Sale - something for everyone! There will also be local history exhibits

Join the merrymaking and enjoy some old-fashioned fun this weekend at the Time and the Valleys Museum Olde Time Fair

**SLAC CELEBRATES 6th ANNIVERSARY**

Last month the Sullivan County Senior Legislative Action Committee celebrated their 6th Annual Luncheon at the Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg.

A Grahamsville lady, Priscilla Bassett, one of the co-founders of SLAC and a community activist, as well as the present co-chairperson, spoke about the early stages of SLAC and some of the great accomplishments through the years, including the free prescription drug card for Sullivan County residents.

Hats off to Priscilla for a job well done and her continuing humanitarian efforts.

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE IS UNRAVELING THE MYSTERIES OF CREDIT REPORTS**

We live in a credit-driven society, therefore it becomes important for each of us to understand our personal credit report, how to manage it and its effect on the credit process. Please join us at Cornell Cooperative Sullivan County for a free educational presentation by the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Central New York. CCCS is a member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling and a NYS Banking Licensed Budget Planner.

The extension is honored to team up with CCCS to offer Sullivan County residents a new service to help them solve their credit woes.

Also, covered in this presentation is information on Identity Theft how to protect yourself and what to do if you have been a victim of ID theft.

Class is on July 22nd at 5:30 at CCE on 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd. in Liberty, NY. Please be sure to pre-register for this free class by calling Linda at 845-292-5250

**DON'T FEED THE PLANTS! 'LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS' TAKES THE RIVOLY STAGE...**

A singing plant, a daring hero, a sweet girl, a demented dentist - an outrageous musical comedy... The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop 2010 Season continues with Little Shop of Horrors. What started out as a black and white, non-musical "B" movie made in two days by Roger Corman (screenplay by Charles Griffith) and released in 1960 was revamped in the early 1980s by the team of lyricist, Howard Ashman and composer, (Next Col.)

Alan Menken (who later penned Disney's *The Little Mermaid* and *Beauty and the Beast*). They retooled the story, wrote a score of catchy tunes in the style of early 60s rock, doo-wop and Motown and much like *Oliver Twist* and *Oliver!* or *Pygmalion* and *My Fair Lady*, the musical version took off to attain a life of its own. And this version far surpassed the original in popularity. The musical was made into a film version in 1986 and later went on to a successful Broadway run. Off-Broadway, on Broadway and on the big screen, this affectionate spoof of 1950s sci-fi movies has become a real audience favorite! The show will be staged in the newly restored, air-conditioned Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg for six performances, Friday and Saturday, August 6, 7, 13, 14 at 8:00 pm, Sunday, August 8 at 7:00 pm (please note - there is no matinee on August 8th) and Sunday, August 15 at 2:00 pm. For information, phone (845) 436-5336 or log onto [www.scdw.net](http://www.scdw.net) Little Shop of Horrors is produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

**MOSSES, DIAPERS AND DINOSAURS**

By Peggy DeWire

As I sat on the soft green moss beside Trout Brook watching the strands of water moss waving in the current, my mind flashed back 150 million years when mosses filled ancient swamps. Then fast-forward millions of years to plant-eating dinosaurs feasting there. Can you just imagine those huge hulks moving slowly through the wetlands munching on drippy moss waterweeds?

Moss (Musci, subclass of Bryophyta) originally came from water bound one-cell green algae. Leaving the water after millions of years, it scrambled up on dry land and survived! A miracle plant with no roots, no stem, no leaves! How did this happen?

Keeping to moist stream banks and splash zones of waterfalls, moss put out root-like hairs called rhizoids that anchored the plant and absorbed moisture.

Next, moss developed cells that joined end to end, a primitive stem that also supported tiny leaf-like tissues only a single layer of cells thick. If this simple structure dried out, it easily soaked up twenty five times its own weight of rain or dew drops.

Moss accomplishes this by osmosis, a natural process whereby water is drawn through cell walls along the whole plant and refills storage cells. This is how moss regains its fresh green condition so quickly.

Besides storing water, moss leaf cells also make plant food by photosynthesis.

Moss reproduces in a primitive two-step cycle: a green generation of two separate plant tissues, the protonema, a tiny green pancake from which grows the moss plant that we recognize; and the fruiting generation, a stalk rising out of this new moss plant with a capsule full of spores on top. When the capsule splits open, ripe spores are windblown to fertilize nearby female plants (sporophytes).

Spores are so small that hundreds packed together look like a puff of dust, a miniature version of stepping on a puffball or mushroom.

Empty spore capsules remain on the moss and are the easiest way to identify these small plants. Mature capsules look like tiny tan footballs with a cap at one end. Some are pear shaped.

I use a hand lens to compare other moss features to field guide book pictures such as leaves (fernny or spiky) and how the moss grows (erect or creeping). Around Grahamsville, you can easily find Pin Cushion moss, Star moss in plushy green mats and sphagnum.

Because moss is so absorbent and contains a natural antiseptic, people have used it to dress wounds from 2000 B.C. to World War 1.

Europeans have burned peat moss to heat their homes for centuries.

Some American Indian tribes used moss to diaper their babies.

When I see green moss in the woods, I'm happy that it has survived and dinosaurs didn't.



## SC KIDS ON THEIR WAY TO NYS SHERIFF'S ASSOC. CAMP IROQUOIS

(From Pg. 1)

Each year the Sheriff's Office sends deserving children from Sullivan County to summer camp in the Finger Lakes. Sheriff Michael Schiff thanked the citizens of the county for making donations that have made the Sheriff's Camp possible.

This year, Deputies Richard Rodrigues, Kyle Muthig and Blake Starner are escorting the children to camp. The Sheriff acknowledged Sergeant Luis Alvarez, Confidential Secretary Marilyn Bastone, and Cook/Manager Dale Frasier for their efforts in putting this summer's program together. The Sheriff's Camp serves underprivileged children from around the state who could not otherwise afford to go to summer camp. For more information on the Sheriff's camp go to: <http://www.sheriffsinstitute.org/sheriffs-summer-camp>

## DOWN ON THE FARM DAY

The little hamlet of Callicoon Center celebrates a tradition passed on from generation to generation; the Weissmann Farm celebrates 150 years in operation as a dairy.

To continue the tradition of sharing their farm with the community, Jim and Evelyn Weissmann invite you to their third hosting of Down on the Farm Day on August 7, 2010 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Weissman's Farms, 1453 Gulf Road, Callicoon Center, NY. It will be a day for children and adults to experience agriculture with area farmers. There will be 4-H activities, demonstrations, a local farmers market, and the Callicoon Center Fire Department offering lunch. Join us all as we celebrate the 150th year of their farm and Jim's 50th Birthday!

For more information call CCE Sullivan County 845 292-6180

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Saturday, September 25th from 10:00 - 4:00 there will be a Harvest Festival located in the fenced in area by light in Roscoe NY.

There will be Vendors, Music, Food, demonstrations, artists, pumpkins, baked goods with a Chicken barbecue.

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## MID-HUDSON TIGERS TO ADD GIRLS TRAVEL TEAM - 16 AND UNDER GIRLS TRAVEL TEAM TO COMPETE IN 2011

The Mid-Hudson Tigers will be adding a 16 and under girls fastpitch travel softball team for the 2011 season. Randy Delanoy, President of the Mid Hudson Tigers commented, "We are thrilled to add a competitive girls team to our organization."

Kate Smith, longtime Ulster County Community College Coach and former Division I pitcher will be coaching the MH Lady Tigers. Smith has coached college and travel ball teams for 25 Years.

The Lady Tigers will have winter workouts and participate in a minimum of seven tournaments for the 2011 season.

Prospective players from the Mid-Hudson area are welcome to tryout. Tryouts will be held on Saturday, August 14th and Sunday, August 15th from 9am-12 noon at the Pat Burke field in Lake Katrine. All players trying out must provide a birth certificate.

For further information, contact Randy Delanoy at 845-336-8487 or Kate Smith at 845-532-4255 or visit our website: <http://www.eteamz.com/midhudsonladytigers>

## FOURTH ANNUAL BATAVIA KILL STREAM CELEBRATION

On Saturday, Aug. 7 (Rain date Aug. 8), 10-5 the Fourth Annual Batavia Kill Stream Celebration will be held with environmental exhibits, demos and activities; fun for kids; food, entertainment; Arm of the Sea Theater's "At the Turning of the Tide" at 1:30. The Country Suite Bed & Breakfast, is located on NYS Route 23, three miles west of Windham. This event is coordinated by the Greene County Watershed Assistance Program in partnership with many regional agencies and businesses. [www.gcsxcd.com/wap/calendar](http://www.gcsxcd.com/wap/calendar).

Come join us in celebrating and promoting the Catskills streams through this day-long FREE event full of educational programs, children's activities, music, theater, food, interactive exhibits, and much more! The event is organized by the Greene Stream Team, a consortium of agencies, residents, local school teachers, and non-profit organizations, and sponsored by local and regional businesses and tourism interests. The Batavia Kill is part of the NYC Watershed, a vast network of reservoirs, aqueducts, and streams that encompass a 1,972 square mile watershed that is New York City's drinking water supply. All activities are focused on building awareness

of the Batavia Kill, stream and environmental stewardship, and the relationship of local streams to the broader watershed area.

## "WHAT TO DO WHEN YOUR INCOME DROPS"

Are you unemployed and need help redirecting your life?

Cornell Cooperative Extension and Sullivan Works One Stop have combined their resources to bring you help when you are unemployed. They are offering a workshop series called "What to do When Your Income Drops". This free series will look at steps families and individuals can take to ease the burden of income loss. Unemployment isn't just a financial strain; it can physically and mentally affect you and your entire family. Minimize the stress of job loss with the tips discussed in this workshop. Learn how to take positive action, so you can move forward through this challenge.

Sean Welsh and Susan Dollard are the presenters and the classes will be held at The Cornell Cooperative Extension, 64 Ferndale Loomis Rd, Ferndale NY. The workshop dates are July 28th, August 4th and August 11th. All classes start at 9:30 am.

Classes are free, but limited to unemployment insurance recipients or exhautees; you must pre-register with Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-292-5250.

## RALLY NEW YORK, LTD. OPENS ENTRY FOR INTERNATIONAL RALLY NY 2010

Entry is now open for all-gravel International Rally New York scheduled for September 10 - 11, 2010. Rally program, online entry, printable entry forms, itinerary, supplementary regulations, reconnaissance schedule, lodging information, printable order form for course notes (can also be ordered online) and printable poster are available at [www.RallyNewYork.net/irny2010.html](http://www.RallyNewYork.net/irny2010.html). Regular entry ends on August 19. The entry will close on September 2.

International Rally New York is the penultimate round of the United States Rally Championship. Each day of the rally is a separate round of the New York Rally Championship - Thunder 102 Cup sponsored by Tearoff Guys and presented by Thunder 102 Rally Radio.

Top teams in the National Championship will be competing for \$12,000 in travel subsidies to attend the final round of the 2010 United States Rally Championship at Prescott, Arizona on October 1 - 2, 2010.

An additional prize fund guarantees that each team in top 30 percent of all finishers, including at least one production car and one two-wheel-drive car, will be awarded prize money.

Robert Cella, a retired engineer and a radio operator at Rally New York events for many years, will again sponsor three selected local teams. Teams should submit their requests for sponsorship to rally registrar upon submitting their entry. This is the sixth Rally New York event in a row when competitors become beneficiaries of Mr. Cella's awe-inspiring generosity.

The rally is even more compact than in the previous years with reconnaissance on Thursday afternoon and prize-giving on Saturday night. The rally headquarters is at Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center. All racing will take place on gated, privately-owned 12,500-acre Ten Mile River Scout Reservation on purpose-built and continually refurbished gravel roads. The ceremonial start is at Villa Roma in Callicoon, NY on Thursday evening. The rally ends with the ceremonial finish at Keowa Rally Village.

Hundreds of participants, spectators and fans will gather for two days at the exciting Keowa Rally Village located on the Ten Mile River Scout Reservation in Narrowsburg, NY with spectator parking, the main spectator area, lodging and camping, and a service park with a vendor area next to it. During the two days of racing, a number of special stages will pass by the Keowa Village spectator area both in the morning and in the afternoon. Several special stages start or finish at the Keowa Rally Village.

The rally takes place in southern Catskill Mountains of New York only 90 miles northwest of New York City. It is conducted according to the international FIA regulations with two-pass reconnaissance and pace notes.

The United States Rally Championship is taking bold steps to make national competition more affordable and accessible to a larger number of rally teams. This is the fourth season of the new Championship structure that minimizes or, for many teams, eliminates the need for repeated cross-country travel during the Championship season by pro-

viding competition on each side of the country. The final round of the Championship at the end of the year counts both in the Atlantic Division and the Pacific Division and together with the results from all previous rounds decides the top spots in the National Championship. More information on the 2010 United States Rally Championship can be found at [www.usrallychampionship.com](http://www.usrallychampionship.com). Information on other Rally New York events and on the New York Rally Championship is at [www.RallyNewYork.com](http://www.RallyNewYork.com).

## SULLIVAN COUNTY WEBSITE TO FEATURE MINUTES OF LEGISLATURE AND CONTRACT ORGANIZATIONS

County Manager David P. Fanslau has announced that he has directed the County MIS Department to create a webpage on the Sullivan County website ([www.co.sullivan.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us)) dedicated to containing the minutes of the meetings of the Sullivan County Legislature, Legislative Committees, and the external organizations that receive funds from the County Government. The webpage should be operational by August 1, 2010.

"In a continuing effort to provide for greater transparency of the Sullivan County Government, the availability of minutes of the Legislature and legislative process, as well as, the minutes of the organizations that receive funding from the County of Sullivan, will be placed on a to be constructed page on the County's website," said Fanslau.

The information that will be on this informational page will reflect documents that would otherwise be available under the New York State Freedom Of Information Law.

"As a service to the citizenry and general public, it is common sense to provide these documents as part of the County's website that is accessible via the internet, as opposed to requiring citizens to file a FOIL request for these documents," added Fanslau.

"There are a number of other documents and reports that are currently available on the County Manager's webpage, ranging from solid waste studies to the annual CAFR. As more documents are produced by County staff, they will also be placed on the County website for the convenience of the public," concluded Fanslau.

## NET METERING RULES APPROVED BY PSC - New Law Improves Business' & Non Profits' Ability to Participate in Clean Energy Programs

Assembly Energy Committee Chair Kevin Cahill announced that the Public Service Commission (PSC) approved changes to rules governing the state's major electric utility companies, which could save businesses, not for profits, local governments and schools money on utility bills, create jobs and boost the use of renewable energy. The new "net metering" law (A.7557-A), sponsored by Assemblymember Cahill, removes arbitrary limits to the size of solar and wind systems that can be installed by non-residential customers. This fix opens up further opportunities for New Yorkers to take advantage of solar and wind power to lower costs and sell their excess clean energy back to their utility.

"This legislation, which received broad bi-partisan support, will open up many opportunities for New Yorkers," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The expansion of the net metering law allows businesses and not for profits to take advantage of solar and wind power and sell back their excess energy."


Without this change, New York State and its businesses, non-profits, municipalities, schools and other commercial entities would be unable to realize the intent of the state's net metering laws. Now with the PSC's approval of the new rules, non-residential customers will be able to install renewable energy systems as large as two megawatts, opening up a largely untapped market for manufacturers and installers.

"This new law is one of the most expansive in the country," said Assemblymember Cahill. "By promoting clean energy and providing businesses with cost effective solutions, we are bringing New York to the forefront of the new energy economy through the use of net metering."

Net metering is a simple, fair, low-cost and easily administered mechanism available to utility customers in nearly every state. On-site renewable power generation reduces stress on the electric grid and allows consumers to hedge against volatile energy costs; it also provides other valuable benefits.

"Net metering plays a key role in the advancement of our renewable energy industry, creating jobs for the installation and maintenance of these systems," said Assemblymember Cahill. "This measure is helping to restore New York as the Empire State, making it a leader in economic development, environmental conservation and energy security."

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The presenter is a staff physician in the Department of Emergency Medicine at Kingston Hospital. Dr. Stutt also serves as medical director for Margaretville Hospital's Emergency Department.

The program will also include educational health exhibits presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension Executive Director, Jeanne Darling and Program Educator Tabitha Gilmore-Barnes and by Delaware County Department of Public Health representative Jane Piasek, RN.

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Marion Connell was a dedicated teacher at Margaretville Central School for many years. She served on the Margaretville Hospital's Board of Directors for 15 years and started and ran the auxiliary's Antique and Flea Market for 25 years. The Marion Connell Wellness Education Lecture Series is sponsored by the Auxiliary of Margaretville Hospital and Mountainside Residential Care Center, members of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley. John Riedl serves as chairman of the Auxiliary Wellness Committee and Rita Herbst is program director of the Wellness Committee.

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## LIBERTY FREE THEATRE CONTINUES LIVES OF WOMEN - (From Pg. 1)



Photo: Ted Waddell

Sandra (Janna Comando) in an emotional discussion with sister, Dolores, on opening night.

The Liberty Free Theatre will continue its run of two plays about the lives of women July 29 - August 1. Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday at 3:00 P.M. Kathy McKenna is featured in *Breakfast* by Rilla Askew, Janna Comando and Kate Warren are featured in *Dolores* by Edward Allan Baker. The plays contain language not suited for children. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. The audience is invited to gather after the performance for food, drink, and music. The theatre is located at 109 South Main Street, Liberty. Call 292-3788 for reservations and information.

Askew's *Breakfast* tells the story of Oklahoma born and bred Lois Holloway, who's been making the same breakfast of "three kinds of meat, scratch biscuits and gravy, grits, eggs, fried potatoes, cornbread and buttermilk and sorghum every morning of the world" for husband Clay. And one morning it just got to be too much. In Baker's *Dolores*, the title character seeks refuge from an abusive husband at her married sister's Providence, R. I. home. The play is a funny, poignant reminder of how the bonds of family and sisterhood can be resurrected in the most devastating circumstances.

### REGINA CARTER, JAVON JACKSON - FEATURING JIMMY COBB -Kick Off Belleayre Jazz Series With Pair of Shows

The renowned Catskill Mountain Jazz Series at the Belleayre Music Festival opens with two diverse acts - the Javon Jackson Quartet, featuring drumming legend Jimmy Cobb, on Friday, July 30 and violin virtuoso Regina Carter on Saturday, July 31.

Both shows promise a superb mix of tunes that blur the lines between jazz, rock and world music. The concerts will be presented in the comfortable setting of the Belleayre Jazz Club, set up in the Overlook Lodge. The performances begin at 8 p.m. Grammy-nominated Regina Carter is the world's preeminent jazz violinist. She's a highly original soloist whose sophisticated technique and rich, lush tone took the jazz world by pleasant surprise when she arrived on the scene two decades ago.

And jazz fans weren't the only people who heard that mercurial quality in her playing: artists as diverse as Faith Evans, Elliot Sharp, and Mary J. Blige have employed her talents on their recordings, as has filmmaker Ken Burns on his soundtrack for 'The Civil War.'

Regina began making her indelible mark on the music world when she recorded a duet session with Kenny Barron in 2001 that has been universally acclaimed for its lyrical qualities and stunning range of dynamics and harmonic invention. She has since released the classical-influenced 'Paganini: After a Dream' in 2003 and the American songbook album 'I'll Be Seeing You: A Sentimental Journey in 2006.' 'Reverse Thread,' released in 2010, is her most diverse work, encompassing an entrancing blend of world music that's difficult to categorize, but magical to experience.

When Regina made the decision to record an album primarily of African folk tunes, she created a great challenge for herself: how do you take beautiful traditional music and infuse it with a contemporary feel while remaining true to its past - and then, not compromise its beauty? Her newest release, 'Reverse Thread,' brilliantly responds to the challenge.

To achieve the uplifting and stirring result, Regina added an accordion and kora (the West African harp traditionally played by village storytellers) to her longstanding rhythm section. Kora virtuoso Yacouba Sissoko was brought on board to help recreate the spirit of passing stories from generation to generation. The result (unlike anything previously heard) is a haunting and beautiful compliment to Regina's sumptuously seductive violin.

#### Jackson and Cobb team up

Tenor saxophonist Javon Jackson rose to international prominence as a member of Art Blakey and the Jazz Messengers and has since fashioned his own signature sound. He will be joined at Belleayre by longtime collaborator, 81-year-old drumming legend Jimmy Cobb.

Javon has contributed his smooth jazz style on tours and records with luminaries like Elvin Jones, Freddie Hubbard, Betty Carter, Cedar Walton, Ron Carter, Donald Byrd and Curtis Fuller. Javon has appeared on more than 125 recordings and has developed a formidable career as a leader, recording and touring throughout the world.

Javon's current group incorporates many styles including jazz, funk, R&B and rock - fueled by the captivating drumming exploits of Jimmy Cobb. Jimmy, a part-time Woodstock resident, boasts one of the most impressive biographies in jazz history.

Jimmy is the elder statesman of all the incredible Miles Davis bands. Jimmy's inspirational work with Miles, John Coltrane, Cannonball Adderly and Co. spanned 1957 until 1963, and included the masterpiece 'Kind of Blue,' the most popular jazz recording in history. He also played on 'Sketches of Spain,' 'Someday My Prince' and many other watermark Miles Davis recordings.

The Catskill Mountain Jazz Series is sponsored by the A. Lindsay & Olive B. O'Connor Foundation

### FROST VALLEY 'Y' JOINS CELEBRATION OF 125 ANNIVERSARY OF CAMPING (From Pg. 1)

Frost Valley has been located in the Catskill Mountains since 1958 and traces its roots to 1901 when the camp was established in New Jersey.

Frost Valley was among hundreds of Y facilities around the globe that held a special commem-

oration of the organization's formation.

The event included an afternoon of camp activities, tours of camp and a symbolic campfire that included traditions such as songs and skits.

Established as one of the nation's first summer camps, Frost Valley Y now provides four seasons of outdoor, experiential and educational opportunities. Frost Valley Y is a 6,000-acre residential camping, environmental education, and conference center located in the heart of the 'forever wild' Catskill Mountain Preserve.

Programs include: resident summer camp, teen adventure camp, farm summer camp, an after school program, day camp, environmental education, family weekends, conference and group retreats, teambuilding, Elderhostel and adult education, cross-country skiing, three-season horseback riding, environmental science research partnerships and programs with the Tokyo YMCA.

Frost Valley Y's annual visitors include:

- 15,000 students through the residential environmental education programs from schools in NY and NJ.

- 14,000 overnight families and groups guests including scout troops, individual families, YMCA, not-for-profit, and church groups.

- 1,600 children in summer resident camp programs from throughout the United States, with most residing in the tri-state region.

Program partnerships include:

- Frost Valley YMCA/Community Agencies Corporation (CAC) Newark Family Partnership.

- Tokyo/Frost Valley YMCA Partnership
- Mainstreaming at Camp Program, a partnership with the Young Adult Institute/National Institute for People with Developmental Disabilities

- Dialysis Center at Frost Valley, a partnership with the Ruth Carol Gottscho Kidney Foundation and Montefiore Children's Hospital

Camping officially began at the Y in 1885, when a volunteer named Sumner Dudley helped start the first continuously-used camp. His goal was to help build character in seven teenagers during a week-long camping trip in Orange Lake, NY. Over the years, as more Ys believed that the camping experience nurtured young people's values and leadership skills, camps would expand and change to serve males and females of many ages, abilities and incomes.

In 1910, Y leaders helped create the American Camping Association (ACA) with a Y camp director as its first president.

Today, the Y has become one of the nation's largest providers of camping programs, with camps from the shores of Maine to the peaks of the Colorado Rockies to the northwest beaches of Hawaii. More than 335 resident camps and nearly 2,000 day camps serve more than 800,000 kids and adults every summer.

Each year, an additional 1.5 million people participate in camp programs through Y family camps, weekend retreats, outdoor education, and school camping.

For complete program details, please call 845 985-2291, or e-mail: [info@frostvalley.org](mailto:info@frostvalley.org) or visit: [FrostValley.org](http://FrostValley.org). To keep up with daily happenings at [fvsummercamp.wordpress.com](http://fvsummercamp.wordpress.com) or join Frost Valley on twitter at [twitter.com/frostvalley](http://twitter.com/frostvalley).

Frost Valley Y is located at 2000 Frost Valley Road, eight miles from Claryville and 13 miles from Big Indian. Celebrating its 52nd year in the valley, Frost Valley Y Camp and Conference Center welcomes school children, family, group and business retreats every week from September through June. The camp is just 2.5 hours drive from metro NY/NJ and about 1 hour from Kingston.

## THE OLD STONE HOUSE FEATURES THE PHOTOGRAPHY OF AMANDA LA HANKO

According to Amanda, "At the age of 14, I got my hands on my first camera, my father's 35mm, and it opened up a whole new world to me. Since that day, I've had a passion for photography. Fine art, landscapes, portraits; I captured them all through my viewfinder."

"I have since departed from shooting film, concentrating completely on digital photography and post processing through Adobe Photoshop. Digital photography has allowed me to hone my craft with incredible speed. Now, you would be hard pressed to find me without my Nikon D80 at my side."

"Photography is infinitely complex. It is a jumble of conflict, compliments, and contradictions. Joy, pain, sadness, and excitement are all bundled into a photographer's world. Photography breaks boundaries. It is only limited by the imagination of the people who view it. I love the idea that I can take a photo, with a certain goal in mind, and a person can look at the image, and be affected in a completely unexpected way."

See Amanda's work at the Old Stone House in Hasbrouck. There will be an opening reception on August 1, at 12 pm. The Old Stone House Gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays during August from 12 pm to 4 pm and is located on Hasbrouck Road in Woodbourne.



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This is a fundraiser for ASK; suggested donation is \$12.00. Doors open at 7:30; shows start promptly at 8PM. For more information, call 338-0331 or go to [www.askforarts.org](http://www.askforarts.org).

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**ROSENDALE STREET FESTIVAL - Francis J. Comando**

I just stepped off of my porch on Main Street in Rosendale into the fantastic carnival and bazaar that is the Rosendale Street Festival. Grey skies and even some rain didn't stop the weekend from being a complete success. According to the website at [www.rosendalestreetfestival.ning.com](http://www.rosendalestreetfestival.ning.com), the Festival is a not-for-profit, grassroots citizen organization that has become legendary throughout the Hudson Valley for its fantastic music, food, and vendors. It is led by Charlie Kniceley, Festival Chair.

Every July the entire stretch of Main Street in the Bohemian town of Rosendale, New York is closed for two days and filled with a carnival that spans the entire downtown area. The Festival boosts the local economy and encourages community interaction while supporting musicians and other artists and exposing their work to the people of the region and beyond.

The mission of the festival is to stimulate the local economy and to use generated revenues to support the festival's production, provide scholarships for area youth who are attending music schools or music summer camps, and provide special needs instruments for qualified area students.



As a Main Street resident here in Rosendale I've learned to prepare for the Street Festival by stocking the fridge and moving my car to the reserved resident parking a few blocks from my apartment. This is nothing I mind doing. The feel of the town during the festival is one of absolute celebration; like when the lights went out when you were a kid; a state of emergency without a bad side. Everything is shut down. Everyone is a kid again. Time to party and indulge.

Over seventy different bands were scheduled for the weekend, playing on four different stages. There has been non-stop music of different genres from the Hudson Valley's vast pool of talent. With a dual sound track echoing from both ends of the street I started my voyage through the festival by grabbing a very tasty sausage and pepper sub from a vendor just outside my door. Nothing tastes quite like carnival food. The energy of the surrounding humanity infuses such fare with happiness and flavors it with the spirit of community.

As I scarfed down that soulful treat I wandered over to the stage that had been set up behind the Red Brick Tavern and Table Rock Tours & Bicycle Shop. A neo-classic rock band belted out an original Tom Waits meets Lynyrd Skynyrd ballad of love and alcohol while a throng of people chatted, danced, or just watched and listened; lost in the experience.

As the song finished and the band broke into their next number, called "Shotgun Vengeance", I headed back to Main Street and headed toward the old rail bridge that towers over Rosendale like a blues king from a bygone era. I passed people of all types with one thing in common; smiles and laughter. Even the posturing young men and women who walked the fair like it was a fashion runway let a hint of their youthful awe and wonder escape as they passed others of their kind and pretended not to look from behind their dark sunglasses.

I walked by lemonade stands and funnel cake vendors, hot dog and hamburger sellers, and craftsmen displaying their leather creations or jewelry and other trinkets. Classic toy vendors selling snap & pops and toy guns were wedged in between these carnival staples along with outposts of local businesses that sponsored the festival's production creating a bazaar of flashy salesmen offering spirited pitches for their finest products.

Security was present in the form of State and Local Police on foot and four-wheeler as well as a private security team that checked bags and roused the occasional fair goer who "unwittingly wandered into a house..." No worries. We locals respond peacefully to such things and welcome the break from the ordinary. One resident business owner said "Next year I would like to see more police presence and security later into the night. After the festival ends there are still a few frat type pranksters and other trouble causing types wandering the street."

I myself was surprised when late Saturday evening a few of those types tried to enter my apartment. Security is certainly something of a concern and I agree that next year should see an increase but it is nothing to dampen the spirit for those who just want to enjoy themselves peacefully.

I reached the end of Main Street and turned around, determined to see all the festival had to offer. My eye was immediately caught by YANKEE DOODLZ, owned and operated by Justina Trainor who creates and sells tee shirts with poignant and artistic commentary about the Gulf Oil Spill and the need for support of soldiers in and returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. The Yankee Doodulz website is still under construction but you will soon be able to visit them at [www.yankeedoodulz.com](http://www.yankeedoodulz.com). The proceeds from their sales benefit the Gulf Oil Spill cleanup and help support soldiers suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Visit the site and help support our environment and our soldiers.

From the world of passionate volunteer support for our nation and environment I traveled a few booths down and found myself at a magic wand shop that would have done J.K. Rowling proud. A friend of Harry Potter himself, 13 year old wizard-in-training, Nick Marinucci, sat with his parents Sean and Debbie, collectively known as The Marinucci's of Rosendale, and sold magic wands of an excellent quality which were hand-crafted by Mom, Debbie Marinucci.

The magical devices were truly eye catching and a painstaking attention to detail was given to each one; each with its own personality. Nick, when questioned about his choice of wand, recommended a short, stout wand, and selected a contorted, grey, and stubby one for his sales pitch. He explained that it would be best for using a disarming spell to defeat an enemy. Keep your eye out for the Marinucci Wand Company.

The atmosphere of the Rosendale Street Festival is one of voluntary support of the community that inspires the local people to peddle the products of their creativity. In these tough economic times cottage industries and quaint markets may be the key to local economic security. Civic minded support, artistic and musical creativity, and fantastically magical wonder; these are the components that weave together the culture that is "The People's Republic of Rosendale".

## CUOMO, THE DRIVE FOR A 'NEW NEW YORK' (From Pg. 1)



Mr. Cuomo stated that one of the major reasons for the problems facing the residents of New York State is that "NYS government is in a state of dysfunction." Mr. and Mrs. Comando, on the request of their Daughter Janna Comando Worden, who is a new graduate of the Sullivan County Community College RN nursing program, states that, I am an employee of *Maternal Infant Services Network*. A non-profit organization, whose primary goal is to decrease the maternal and infant mortality rate through free educational services and outreach to "at risk" communities. I am the ONLY Childbirth and Perinatal Health Educator for Sullivan County. I have been asked to cut back my hours and have been told that my position may be *terminated due to Governor Paterson's gridlock*. Statistics show that Sullivan County has one of the highest at risk communities in the state of NY. This is an urgent matter! Please see the attached letter (this weeks, letter to the editor). *Candidate for Governor of NYS Andrew Cuomo* was quick to ask for the paperwork on this problem and stated he would look into the problem.

*Mr. Cuomo is seeking to get New York State's financial house in order, stop the wasteful gridlock*, and points out how the above actions will help save taxpayer dollars. The event speakers were New Paltz Town Supervisor Toni Hokanson (D), County Executive Mike Hein (D), and Marlborough Town Supervisor Chris Cerone(R), who introduced Andrew's daughter Cara, who introduced her Dad, and appears that day to be heading Mr. Cuomo's youth election team.

## SENATOR TO JOIN PRESIDENT OBAMA FOR SIGNING OF WALL STREET REFORM BILL

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined President Barack Obama as he signed the Wall Street reform legislation on July 21, 2010 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW. In addition to reining in excessive risk and making our economy more stable and secure, the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act includes proposals Senator Gillibrand helped author to protect senior citizens from financial fraud, help New Yorkers who are looking for work avoid foreclosure, and create transparency for all standardized derivatives markets.

### Keeping NY Families in their Homes

Senator Gillibrand authored a provision to provide \$2 billion to help New Yorkers who are out of work and looking for a job avoid foreclosure and remain in their homes. \$1 billion is dedicated to a new program to provide short-term loans to families at risk of foreclosure because of job loss, helping them make their mortgage payments while they find new work. The remaining funds would go to the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, which provides hard-hit communities with the resources they need to redevelop abandoned and foreclosed homes, and keep home values stable. Click here for more information on Senator Gillibrand's provision to protect New York families from foreclosure.

### Ensuring Stable, Transparent Markets

Senator Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, was instrumental in pushing for oversight and accountability in the currently unregulated OTC derivatives market. By pushing for derivatives legislation that moves the market into clearing and onto exchanges, she ensured that the legislation will provide greater transparency, higher capital and margin requirements, and will move the derivatives market toward standardization. These new, tough rules will allow legitimate participants access to these important financial instruments,

while discouraging bad actors, reducing systemic risk and protecting our financial system.

### Protecting Consumers And Promoting Fair Products

Senator Gillibrand strongly supported and pushed for an independent Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). The legislation puts hardworking Americans before all else and stops bad actors from endangering Americans' financial security. Predatory practices and unsafe investments helped contribute to the recent financial collapse, and Senator Gillibrand believes that the CFPB will help build a stronger financial system that can help further our economic recovery and create good-paying jobs across all sectors.

### Protecting Seniors from Fraud

Senator Gillibrand worked with Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI), Chairman of the Special Committee on Aging, to prevent seniors from falling victim to misleading financial advisors who tout misleading and easy-to-achieve credentials to lure seniors into fraudulent investment opportunities. Senator Gillibrand's provision would establish a national grant program for states to adopt model rules to eliminate these misleading designations and help provide the needed resources to prosecute cases of abuse, train law enforcement to prevent these scams, and educate seniors to help them avoid being lured into bad, fraudulent deals. Senator Gillibrand's office has held workshops in every region of the state to train seniors in how to avoid these types of scams. Click here for Senator Gillibrand's agenda to protect seniors from fraud.

### Making Banks Work For All Americans

Senator Gillibrand supported strong rules to limit bank activities that increase risk without benefitting the broader economy. This legislation ensures that banks focus on putting capital to work in ways that benefit our overall economic recovery. Senator Gillibrand believes hardworking New Yorkers have shown historic commitment to preserving our financial industry, and this bill goes a long way toward making sure banks and other financial

## FINAL PASSAGE OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS EXTENSION

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) released the following statement last week after voting for the final version of a bill that extends unemployment benefits for millions of Americans who have earned them. A handful of senators had blocked the legislation for more than seven weeks, causing 2.5 million American families to lose unemployment insurance benefits. Ultimately, the Senate passed a stripped down version of a larger House package, which Hinchey today voted to pass as the last step in the congressional process.

"Today, 173,000 New Yorkers who had lost their unemployment benefits since the end of May can breathe a sigh of relief. After seven weeks of delay, the congress has finally acted to extend unemployment insurance for 2.5 million American families. For every dollar spent, these benefits generate \$1.61 in economic activity, boosting the American economy while providing a lifeline for unemployed men and women throughout the country. They allow New Yorkers who have lost their income to put food on the table and make ends meet as they look for new work.

"While I am pleased that these benefits will now move forward, I am disappointed in the Senate's decision to strip out essential provisions of the bill I voted to pass in the House that would assist struggling state governments with increased Medicaid needs and allow laid-off workers to continue purchasing health insurance through federal COBRA benefits. These types of investments spur economic activity in the same way that unemployment benefits do and would have provided state governments with the support they need to make it through a tough budget year without additional layoffs. I am going to continue fighting to extend these additional benefits, and I am committed to ensuring that Congress take additional steps to create jobs and improve the overall economy."

## \$1 MILLION TO STUDY CUMULATIVE WATER IMPACTS OF NATURAL GAS DRILLING IN DELAWARE RIVER BASIN.

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), Congressman Rush Holt (D-NJ) and Congressman Joe Sestak (D-PA) announced that they have secured approval from a key House panel of \$1 million for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) to conduct a cumulative impact study on water withdrawals for hydraulic fracturing of Marcellus Shale natural gas wells in the Delaware River Basin. The House Appropriations Committee Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies this week approved the funding for the study, which would be conducted in partnership with the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC).

"The expected scope of hydraulic fracturing in the

Delaware River Basin and the prodigious water withdrawals for this process raise important questions and concerns about the cumulative impacts of natural gas exploration and drilling in the Basin. It is estimated that more than 30,000 natural gas wells could be developed in the Upper Delaware River Basin in the coming years, and it is critical that we understand the impacts of these proposed activities upon the water resources of the Basin," said Hinchey, who in April called on the DRBC to conduct a cumulative impact study. "With over 15 million people relying on the Delaware River for clean drinking water, we simply cannot allow drilling to move forward without first giving full scrutiny to the cumulative effects on water resources throughout the region."

"Hydraulic fracturing poses a possible health and environmental threat to the millions of people who make their home in the Delaware River watershed and the almost 10 percent of the nation's population who rely on these waters for drinking, recreational, and industrial use. We should not put these invaluable resources at risk. This funding would ensure that the Delaware River Basin Commission assess the cumulative impacts of oil and gas drilling before considering hydraulic fracturing proposals," said Holt.

"There is extraordinary economic potential associated with the development of Marcellus Shale resources," said Sestak. "However, as the oil spill in the Gulf and the recent explosion in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania reminds us, there is also great risk. One way to ensure proper development is understand the potential impacts. That is why I supported the funding of the cumulative effects of drilling and operation of gas wells on the water supply in the Delaware River Basin. With information from the study, we can make educated decisions on how best to minimize the impacts of drilling, while enhancing the benefits."

The study will evaluate the cumulative impacts on water supply and resources from additional water consumption for hydraulic fracturing, landscape alteration due to gas well pad development, and changes in water quality resulting from water discharges within the Basin.

Over 15 million people, including New York City and Philadelphia residents, depend on the water resources of the Delaware River Basin. While property owners and local businesses could benefit economically from drilling activities in the Basin, the study is necessary to ensure that these individuals as well as other stakeholders throughout the Basin are not adversely impacted by any Marcellus Shale natural gas development and that the region's water resources are fully protected. The cumulative impact analysis will help to inform and guide DRBC management policies and practices that both enable economic progress and also ensure protection of public health and the environment. The DRBC has regulatory jurisdiction over all water withdrawals and discharges for Marcellus Shale drilling in the Delaware River Basin.

Hinchey continues to be a leading voice in federal efforts to protect drinking water and the environment from the risks of hydraulic fracturing. In April, Hinchey wrote to DRBC Executive Director Carol R. Collier to urge the agency to conduct a cumulative water impact study prior to permitting individual gas drilling projects in the Basin. In March, the EPA announced that it had initiated a study on the environmental risks of hydraulic fracturing based on legislative language Hinchey authored. Last year, Hinchey, Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO), and several of his colleagues introduced the FRAC ACT -- Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act, which would close the loophole that exempted hydraulic fracturing from the Safe Drinking Water Act and require the oil and gas industry to disclose the chemicals they use in their hydraulic fracturing processes. Holt and Sestak have co-sponsored the legislation.

Hinchey and Holt currently serve as co-chairs of the Congressional Delaware River Task Force, a bipartisan group of members of the U.S. House of Representatives from all four basin states (Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania) that coordinate congressional efforts to promote the restoration and vitality of the Delaware River Basin and its communities.

## FLY A KITE FOR TROOPS DAY Sponsored by Moms Supporting Troops

Fly a Kite for Troops Day will be held on Sat. October 16, 2010 at Firemen's Field (Gulf Road) in Roscoe NY 12:00 - 4:00 PM. There will be Prizes, raffles, vendors, food A great outing for the entire family! Vendors wanted!! No charge for spaces just a donation of one of your wares for our raffles. Call Jackie - 845-439-5143 Music donated by Mystic Entertainment



**Chicken Barbecue**  
**Sundown Community**  
**1st ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ**  
 sponsored by the  
**Sundown Methodist Church**

Saturday, September 11, 2010  
 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
 Sundown Methodist Church Hall

Take-outs available

Adults: \$10.00  
 Children under 10: \$5.00

BBQ Chicken, Baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, dessert and beverage

*This event is for the benefit of purchasing a generator for the Sundown Church Hall. A generator would allow the Sundown Church Hall to function as an Emergency Shelter for the community.*

**NEVERSINK FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**51<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL**  
**CHICKEN BARBECUE**

Saturday, August 7, 2010  
 At the

**FIREMEN'S PAVILION**  
 Serving from  
 4:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

•• Take-outs Available ••

Adult Tickets:: \$9.50  
 Children 5-12: \$4.50  
 Children Under Age 5: Free

For more information  
 Call 985-7198  
 After 5:00 p.m.

**CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**SUNDAY, AUG. 15**

Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon

ADULTS \$7

CHILDREN UNDER 12, \$3.

UNDER 5 YEARS, FREE.

\$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO USMC SGT EDDIE RYAN

**Olde Time Fair**



Saturday, July 31st  
 10:30 to 4 p.m.

**Town of Neversink Town Hall**  
**273 Main St./Rt. 55, Grahamsville**

Local history exhibits, children's activities, white elephant and bake sale, unique corn shucking and skillet throwing contests, horseshoe pitching, rapids ball race, entertaining pie auction and more!

3 p.m. to 6 p.m.: The music of *Steve Jacobi and Fiddlin' Around*  
 A mix of Canadian, Celtic & Texas swing & old-time fiddle tunes.

**DELICIOUS Miller's Chicken Barbecue**

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.—Adults \$10 and Children \$7

Advanced tickets may be purchased from any Museum Trustee

or can be purchased at the Town Hall in Grahamsville

There will be tickets available at the event, but we suggest that you buy your tickets in advance -

Call: Georgi @ 845-985-5017 or Kathy @ 845-985-2285 or 7074



**Time and the Valleys MUSEUM**  
 Grahamsville, New York

P.O. Box 307  
 Grahamsville, New York 12740  
 845 985-2262 x 313  
[www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org)



**PENNY SOCIAL**

Sponsored by  
**NFD Ladies Auxiliary**

NeverSink Fire House  
 Route 55  
 NeverSink, NY

Saturday, July 31, 2010  
 Doors Open at 5:00 PM  
 Calling Starts at 7:00 PM **SHARP**

**ULSTER HEIGHTS ROD & GUN CLUB**  
**Annual Penny Social**

Napanoch Fire House  
 Saturday, Aug. 14th, 2010

Doors open at 6 pm • Calling starts at 8 pm  
**Refreshments**

Call: 845-985-7281 or 845-647-5190  
 for information



**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL**

The Little Church with the Big Heart  
 Sundays 8:15 a.m. - Communion  
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner  
 Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

For Information:  
 Mother Joan LaLiberté  
 845-887-4742

5277 State Rt. 42  
 South Fallsburg

**Claryville Reformed Church**



Claryville Road  
 Claryville, NY 12725  
 845-985-2041

Bible Class 9:00 am  
 Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
**Rev. Paul Nulton**  
 John Bult, Organist

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** (embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne.

Weekend Mass schedule:

Saturday afternoon: 5:00.

Sunday morning: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:

Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

**Vendors Wanted**  
 Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club, Inc.  
**SPORTSMEN'S FLEA MARKET**  
 Archery, Boating, Camping, Fishing, Hunting, Trapping Equipment, Knives etc.  
 New or Used  
**Sorry, No Guns Allowed**  
 Table space \$15.00 - Extra table \$5.00  
 Saturday, October, 9th  
 9:00 A.M - 3:00 P.M.  
 Fair Grounds - Grahamsville, NY  
 Refreshments Available  
 For More Information:  
 Harold Buley (845) 985-2813  
 Michael Depey (845) 985-2693

**CrossWay Assembly of God**

Service Times

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Worship

Service/

Children's Church

10:30 am

Monday Night Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Tuesday Night Youth Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Friday Youth Night 7 pm



**Ismael Berrios**  
 Lead Pastor

P. O. Box 480

507 Hasbrouck Drive

Woodbourne, NY 12788

845-434-8263

Email:

[crosswayag@aol.com](mailto:crosswayag@aol.com)

[www.crosswayag.com](http://www.crosswayag.com)

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

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

**RAMSAY'S FUNERAL HOMES, INC**  
 Serving Sullivan County Since 1896

66 John Street, Monticello, New York (845) 794-2700  
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 Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, New York (845) 583-5445

**Loucks Funeral Home**  
**Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito**

79 North Main Street  
 Ellenville, New York  
 (845) 647-4343

**Covered Dish Supper**  
**Aug. 7, 2010**  
**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
**at the Sundown Church Hall**

**Thrift Sale 9-2 & Luncheon 11-1**  
**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
 Tuesday  
**Aug. 10, 2010**

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
 Sunday School 9 A.M.  
 Worship Service 10 A.M.  
 Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper  
 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month  
 Looking for a Lifeguard?  
 Ours walks on water!  
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Maternal-Infant Services Network of  
Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties, Inc.  
July 19, 2010

Dear MISN Staff,

As you are aware, the delay in the New York State budget has caused a cash flow shortage for MISN. Last week I met with Program Managers and asked them to adhere to an austerity budget, eliminating or drastically reducing expenditures for supplies, travel and postage.

Regretfully, even more cost reductions are necessary. This letter is a formal notification that MISN will have to lay off staff members, hopefully temporarily, beginning July 26, 2010. For those not laid off there will be a reduction in hours worked and consequently in pay.

Unfortunately we have no control over the State budget situation and hope these actions will be temporary.

Both reducing agency cash flow requirements and short-term program deliverables will be considered as part of the decision making process. I will be meeting with you individually over the next few days to discuss the impact on your employment with MISN.

Please know I am sending this letter to you in an email because of the urgency and time sensitivity of this matter. I apologize that I could not convey this initial message in person.

On behalf of the Board and the agency, I deeply regret having to convey this news to you and thank you for understanding MISN's dependence on our funders.

Sincerely,  
Caren Fairweather  
Executive Director  
Cc: MISN Board

*ED Notes: The purpose of MISN is to ensure that every woman of childbearing age and her family have access to a full range of preventative and primary health care, social, nutritional, and educational services needed for healthy pregnancies and babies. MISN will provide the organization and administration to bring service providers, consumers, and other agencies together to reach service goals while serving: Pregnant women and women of childbearing age; Parents of infants and young children; Schools concerned with pregnant and parenting teens; and Health and Human Service providers.*

Your may read more about MISN at their website:  
<http://www.misn-ny.org/index.shtml>

### **USDA SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENT ON DISTANCE LEARNING AND TELEMEDICINE PROGRAMS**

Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Dallas Tonsager announced today that USDA will facilitate a virtual discussion for individuals interested in the field of telemedicine. The Power of Telemedicine web discussion is an extension of the USDA's Open Government effort and Rural Development's latest effort to encourage a more widespread use and understanding of telemedicine.

"The Obama Administration believes that all Americans, including those in remote, rural areas, deserve quality health care and every child, including those in rural America deserves a world-class education," Tonsager said. "USDA Rural Development's Distance Learning and Telemedicine program provides quality health care and access to education in communities across rural America. Telemedicine has grown steadily over the past decade and your input is crucial as a stakeholder in the health information technologies field."

The Power of Telemedicine discussion will encourage the exchange of information, innovations and success stories involving the varied uses of telemedicine. This information is essential as Rural Development examines the Distance Learning and Telemedicine program (DLT) and works to improve program delivery to telemedicine practitioners, patients, institutions and others affected by this cutting-edge technology.

Starting today, Rural Development is encouraging individuals, organizations, and professionals in the telemedicine community to contribute feedback and ideas on a series of questions provided for discussion. Please visit the USDA's Open website and discover the conversation by searching "telemedicine" or browse for the latest discussion threads.

Since 1993, the Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) grant program has funded more than 900 projects in 48 states and several U.S. territories, totaling more than \$300 million. The program is designed to provide rural residents with innovative and affordable learning and health care opportunities.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission

area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of 6,100 employees located in the nation's capital and 500 state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$140 billion in loans and loan guarantees. To access the discussion site go to:  
<http://usda.gov/open/Blog.nsf/archive?openview&title=Participation&type=cat&cat=Participation&sort=1>

### **LETTER FROM SENATOR BONACIC TO SENATE LEADERSHIP: FORM PANEL TO CONSIDER ESPADA OUSTER**

July 6, 2010

Hon. John Sampson  
Senate Democratic Conference Leader  
NYS Senate  
Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator Sampson:

I read over the weekend that the Democratic Party is considering ousting Senate Majority Leader Pedro Espada from the Democratic Party.

Like you, I am someone who is concerned about justice. It is my view that the steady list of concerns enunciated about Senator Espada's dealings - from his residency, to his health clinic, to his campaign finance filings, all point to a pattern of abuse that deserves to be reviewed by the Senate.

Here, however, with respect to Senator Espada, there are multiple civil allegations. The fact that a proceeding has now been brought by the very highest law enforcement official in the State, Attorney General Cuomo, takes what were rumors and speculation, and brings them to a higher level. While only a prosecutor can tell for sure, it appears likely to me, that there will be criminal charges in the very near future.

As I said when I called for former Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno to step down, merely avoiding indictment is not the standard we must hold each other to as we serve in the Senate. Whether or not Senator Espada has committed a crime in the eyes of the law, there are enough concerns to move forward with our own internal investigation at this time.

An impartial review consisting of a bi-partisan panel of Senators, is appropriate to both allow him an opportunity to clear his name, or if warranted, recommend punitive action, such as expulsion.

Thank you for allowing me to share my feelings with you on this important matter.

Sincerely,  
JOHN J. BONACIC  
State Senator

### **CROUCH JOINS BI-PARTISAN COALITION CALLING FOR COLLECTION OF CIGARETTE TAXES**

Assemblyman Clifford W. Crouch (R. 107th District including Hardenburg, Denning and Rochester) recently partnered with a bi-partisan group of legislators to form the "Enforce the Law-Collect the Tax" coalition in an effort to collect sales tax from stores on Native American reservations that sell cigarettes to non-Native Americans. Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, June 8, Crouch stressed the importance of securing this vital revenue.

"To be clear: this is not advocating a tax. This is simply enforcing existing New York state law," said Crouch. "New York state statutes honor the sovereignty of Native American nations, but tax law requires that sales tax be charged on all sales being made to non-Native American residents."

The "Enforce the Law-Collect the Tax" coalition supports a bill that will mandate New York to enforce its own laws. Not only does the failure to enforce these mandates sever a sorely-needed stream of tax revenue, it creates a competitive disadvantage for the gas stations and convenience stores across the state by losing sales from cigarettes and gasoline. While New York's small businesses are suffering, so, too, are the state coffers, which the New York Association of Convenience Stores estimates are losing \$1,900 in cigarette sales taxes per minute.

In addition, it has been generally understood that stores that sell gasoline on Native American reservations are exempt from the 60 cents state tax that other stores across the state are required to collect from consumers. However, the stores on Native American reservations are not discounting the total amount (60 cents) of tax on gasoline and, as a result, Crouch noted, allows for stores on Native American reservations to make unusually large profits. If Native American stores were truly discounting the

tax, their gasoline should sell for 60 cents less than the surrounding, non-Native American stores.

### **BREAKTHROUGH IN CREATIVITY: THE SEDONA METHOD® WORKSHOP COMES TO ASK**

An "Introduction to The Sedona Method" will be offered at The Art Society of Kingston (ASK) the first Saturday morning of each month from 10 - 11:30 AM, beginning Saturday August 7th. "The Sedona Method Support Group" will be offered at ASK every third Saturday morning of each month from 10 - 11:30 AM, beginning August 21st.

Artistic expression and creativity are often considered to be an unpredictable gift from the gods. We tend to believe that art can only happen when the planets are aligned in some special way and we have eaten the right thing for breakfast.

What if you could ask yourself a few very simple questions, the right questions, and access infinite creativity? What if it were possible to gently and lovingly, while at the same time deeply and profoundly simply let go of all apparent blocks, obstacles, and resistance to your infinitely creative self?

Lester Levenson, the man who developed the Sedona Method was a visionary who recognized that the mind/body organism is infinitely creative. He discovered a way to gently, lovingly and successfully go beyond perceived limitations and old concepts within ourselves, with each other and the world around us. He developed a simple, easy to use process of self inquiry that supports the mind/body to effortlessly let go of fears, tensions, old concepts, old images, old sensations, old patterns of expression and behavior with ease.

Letting go using The Sedona Method allows us to see beyond ordinary appearances and to create and express ourselves in new and extraordinary ways. We begin to witness the creative process express itself even in the most seemingly mundane parts of our lives and we are inspired and changed by this.

All are welcome to join these twice-monthly groups anytime to explore how "The Sedona Method" can help us to access and enhance the creative process.

For more information, please visit [ASKforArts.org](http://ASKforArts.org).

### **SULLIVAN BOCES' EFFORTS LEAD TO IMPROVED REGENTS AND REGENTS COMPETENCY TEST (RCT) EXAMINATION RESULTS**

The end of the school year was filled with the excitement of summer, a sense of closure in wrapping up another year of instruction, report cards, and for high school students - Regents exams. This year's test scores made the end of the year especially exciting for the Ruben Pollack Education at Sullivan County BOCES.

In a time when educational institutions are striving for excellence and higher test scores the Ruben Pollack Education Center was able to show off. Based on a comparison of the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years, BOCES has seen an overall increase in test scores. The number of students passing the Regents exam and the Regents Competency Test (RCT) was up 25% from last year. Not only was the number of passing students higher, the test scores were also higher. The percentage of students passing the Regents with a score of 65 or greater increased by 40% an students demonstrating Regents Mastery, which is anyone who gets a score of 85 or greater, increased by 12%. When looking at credits to graduation, there was a 22% increase in the number of students getting credit towards a local or Regents diploma.

According to Larry Thomas, District Superintendent for Sullivan BOCES, "This is a great accomplishment for BOCES. The scores are a reflection of the students' hard work and the efforts of our dedicated staff. Our staff continually looks for innovative ways to improve and integrate different methods of instruction that will increase student performance and success. Those efforts paid off for this year."

Sullivan County BOCES prides itself in providing quality educational experiences that help students achieve their desired career and life goals. The primary goal of the BOCES is to increase student performance in component districts and communities throughout Sullivan County. "The recent statistics indicate that we're moving in the right direction," said Thomas.

For more information about the programs and services Sullivan County BOCES offers please call (845) 295-4000 or log onto our website at [www.scboces.org](http://www.scboces.org).

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

**FALL SIGHTSEEING CRUISE** - Tuesday, Oct 5- **\$14. to be paid no later than September 7**

**PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY** - October 16 **\$10 per person must be paid no later than July 27.**

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING** - Tuesday, November 16. Colonie Center. **If you plan to attend \$20 per person must be paid no later than October 12.**

**GAMES & SOCIALIZING** -FREE fun every Friday afternoon 1 pm - 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Town Hall.

Look for coming details about **Breakfast with Santa** on Saturday, December 4

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7/31/10 Time and the Valleys Museum **Olde Time Fair & Chicken BBQ** (see pg. 13)  
 7/31/10 **PENNY SOCIAL** -Neversink Fire Dept. Ladies Aux. Doors open 5 pm - Calling starts 7:00 pm  
 8/2/10 Time and the Valleys Museum Work Committee meeting 12:30 Neversink Town Hall  
 8/3/10 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall  
 8/4/10 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting  
 8/5/10 **First Thursday Readers** - Danial Pierce Library - 1:00 pm. **All invited.**  
 8/7/10 Sundown Methodist Church **COVERED DISH SUPPER**- :5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall  
 8/7/10 Neversink Fire Dept. Chicken BBQ 4-7 pm call 985-7198 after 5 pm  
 8/10/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** (9-2) and **Luncheon** (11-1)  
 8/11/10 Town of Neversink Board Meeting  
 8/12/10 **Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink** Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.  
**Grahamsville Little Worlds's Fair**  
 8/13-15/10 Claryville Fire Dept **All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7 am until noon  
 8/15/10 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals  
 8/17/10 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association  
 8/18/10 Neversink Fire District Meeting 7:30 pm Public Meeting 8:00 pm  
 8/18/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** (9-2) and **Luncheon** (11-1)  
 8/25/10 Time and the Valleys Trustees meeting - 7:00 pm  
 8/26/10 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 7:00 pm  
 8/24/10 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm - Upstairs Mtg. Room Neversink Town Hall  
 8/31/10 Neversink Association Picnic, Meeting and Program, noon, all invited to join, call 985-7156  
 9/5/10 1st Annual Community Chicken BBQ sponsored by Sundown Methodist Church 4-7 pm Church Hall  
 9/11/10 **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Time and the Valleys Museum Olde Time Fair-July 31**  
**Grahamsville Little World's Fair** - Aug 13, 14 & 15, 2010  
**Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Show** - Sept 18 & 19  
**25th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party** Saturday, October 2, 2010 Rain or Shine!  
 Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club Inc **Sportsmen's Flea Market** Oct. 9 Fairgrounds 9 am-3 pm

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

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

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP    | ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.)     | LIGHTHOUSE DELI         |
| GRAHAMSVILLE DELI           | E & H PAINTBALL (Loch Sheldrake)   | NAPANOCH FLORIST        |
| GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE     | VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)  | JAME'S NAPANOCH GROCERY |
| CANNIE D'S                  | WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION           | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY      |
| BLUE HILL LODGE             | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)      | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE      |
| 3 GOLDENS CONVENIENCE STORE | P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne) | PETER'S MARKET          |
|                             | AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty)         |                         |

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

Every Saturday night 8:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Presbyterian Church, 81 South Main Street, Liberty  
 Every Monday night 7:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Liberty Ambulance Building, 178 Mill Street, Liberty  
 Every Thursday night 7:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne

**THE NEVERSINK ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, PICNIC AND PROGRAM - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

The annual picnic and general meeting for The Neversink Association will be Sunday, September 5, at noon. There are two presentations on the agenda: 1) Aaron Bennett, Regional Director for Catskill Mountainkeeper will speak about the potential threats of drilling for natural gas, and 2) the Neversink Stream Management Plan, developed by the Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District scheduled for adoption by the Town of Denning in 2011, presented by Karen Rauter, coordinator of the field office handling the project.

At the annual meeting members bring their picnic lunches and socialize prior to the business meeting and featured educational program. The purpose of the organization is to protect the Upper Neversink River watershed and the conservation of the flora and fauna.

All are welcome to become members and attend. Yearly dues for individuals are \$5, and families \$10. Please send membership dues to The Neversink Association, P.O. Box 134, Claryville, NY 12725 by August 25. For questions about the event or membership, please contact Pat Wellington, President, at 845/985-7156

**FAMILY CAMP IS A BELOVED FROST VALLEY TRADITION**

Family Camp, one of the most enduring traditions at Frost Valley YMCA, is set for Sunday-Friday, Aug. 22-27.

This special session, which many families have been attending for decades, provides six days filled with everything a family needs to get away from the busy workday routine, unplug from the noise and reconnect with each other.

Among the activity choices for visitor will be: swimming, boating, biking, canoeing, hiking, fishing, high adventure ropes and zipline, climbing, horseback riding, a Japanese art and culture-sharing program, a watercolor painting class, many crafts classes - including tie dye, candle-making, rocket building birdhouse building and games.

Family Camp at Frost Valley offers a full activity schedule, but the overriding theme of the session is to provide an opportunity for families to escape to the solitude of the Catskill Mountains and grow from the experience.

Frost Valley is set on thousands of acres adjacent to the historic New York State Catskill Forest Preserve, providing visitors with access to some of the most pristine hiking trails and fishing locations in the northeast.

The all-inclusive package includes all meals, lodging and family-friendly programming from Sunday morning through midday Friday. For complete program details, please call 845 985-2291, or e-mail: [info@frostvalley.org](mailto:info@frostvalley.org) or visit: [FrostValley.org](http://FrostValley.org).

**RAISING MONEY TO COMBAT CHILDHOOD CANCERS**

You may remember Lou Monteleone for organizing the St. Baldrick's event and also for the "Line of Hope", or for the Santa Express, a giant sleigh that he put on a flatbed and brought around town, spreading Christmas cheer.

Once again, Lou is rounding up enthusiasts to join him on Sunday, September 12 for the Human Line of Hope & Conga across America in Eldred, NY, a fundraising event that is recognized all across the United States of America. Lou is hoping to get as many people as possible involved to help in this massive undertaking. If you would like to be part of or organize this event in your state please contact Lou by email at: [lineofhope@hvc.rr.com](mailto:lineofhope@hvc.rr.com)

The New York event will start with head shavings at 11:00 a.m followed by plenty of music and entertainment throughout the day. Then at 4:00 p.m. the "Human Line of Hope" which will include people from all walks of life gathered along the roadsides holding hands and wearing letters that spell words of solidarity and of course, the Conga Line, which will coincide with other states across the country at the same time. A special tribute song for our veterans and troops overseas will be performed as all the people in line wave their hands holding American flags.

Mr. Derk Vanwolde will be honored at this event. Derk was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Lou would love to see you get involved in this one of a kind very special event and asks for your help or participation.

St. Baldrick's is an a charitable organization committed to finding a cure for childhood cancers. For more information go to:

<http://www.stbaldricks.org/media-and-photos/>

**CATSKILL MOUNTAIN RAILROAD SPONSORS SPCA DAY**

The Catskill Mountain Railroad will sponsor a fundraiser to benefit the Ulster County SPCA on Saturday, July 31. The railroad will donate half of all fare proceeds to the animal protection agency. Scenic train rides leave on the hour between 1 and 4 PM from the CMRR's Westbrook Lane station at Kingston Plaza. Enjoy a scenic train ride through historic Kingston and support the Ulster County SPCA's effort to rescue homeless animals and enforce anti-cruelty laws. This is a family-friendly event. For more information, call 688-7400 or visit the Catskill Mountain Railroad's website at [www.catskillmtrailroad.com](http://www.catskillmtrailroad.com).

**BASIC CAREGIVING SKILLS - 'PERSONAL CARE' - SKILLS DEVELOPMENT FOR THE INFORMAL CARE-GIVER**

Basic Caregiving Skills on personal care (bathing, foot care, shaving, etc.) will be offered on Thursday, August 5 from 4-6pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County. The class is free (there is a suggested donation of \$5) sponsored by the NYS Caregiver Resource Center grant. Included in the objectives are good body mechanics, watching for problems in skin integrity and making an occupied bed. Class is free and light refreshments will be offered.

There is a minimum class size of 5 & a maximum of 15 ~ please RSVP at 292-5250 by August 3 to hold your seat! Class will be cancelled when less than minimum size is met.

Instructor: B. Lewis, RN/Caregiver Resource Center Coordinator.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County is located at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty.

**FREE MOVIES AT SC MUSEUM IN HURLEYVILLE**

There will be free movie nights at the Sullivan County Museum, Main Street, Hurleyville, NY, presented by the Sullivan County Historical Society, at 7:00 PM, on Monday, August 9 "The Borscht Belt", at 7:00 PM, on Monday, August 23 "Sweet Lorraine".

Further information: Call 845-434-8044.



**Daniel Pierce Library**  
 HOURS:  
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**Denning Democrats**

**Dear Friends against Fracking,**

This just in from friends of the FRAC ACT-- Please pass this along and get your constituents to call Pelosi and Hoyer... create an advisory or just pass on as FB and Tweet messages... or create your own email blast about it. This bill hits the floor next week and must include the fracking provisions. Now is the time. Dem leadership is about to strip the fracking provisions out of the Clear Act. Make them keep them in! For Speaker Pelosi call 202-225-0100 or go to <http://www.speaker.gov/contact/>. For Majority Leader Hoyer, call 202-225-3130 or go to [http://www.majorityleader.gov/email\\_and\\_rss/email\\_the\\_leader/](http://www.majorityleader.gov/email_and_rss/email_the_leader/)

Suggested Message to send: **Do NOT strip the fracking** disclosure provision out of the oil spill response bill! It would mandate disclosure of fracking chemicals for natural gas drilling wells on federal lands, a big first step forward to protect communities, and our watersheds.

**David Sager has registered as a Democrat and is against 'Fracking' and is for disclosure of fracking chemicals that have contaminated wells;** his opponent is for fracking, and its present form of legislation.

Together, we can elect David Sager to the New York State Senate in November and put the 42nd Senate District back into the hands of the people who live here.

This is Democracy in action by your Democratic Party if you care about your future get involved. Positions available, Email: [denningdems@yahoo.com](mailto:denningdems@yahoo.com) or call 845 985 0501

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**This Week It's Music, Music, Music,**

**Let the Good Times Roll**, a 1973 film classic of the Fifties Rock Stars Reuniting in a 20 years later concert. Cast: Chuck Berry, Little Richard, Fats Domino, Chubby Checker Dir: Sidney Levin BW-99 mins, TV-PG, On TCM

Friday, July 30, 2010 at 8:00 pm.

**Elvis on Tour** a 1972 film classic of Extensive concert footage highlights this documentary about the King's touring in the early '70s. Cast: Elvis Presley Directed by Robert Abel, C-93 mins, TV-G, On TCM Friday, July 30, 2010 at 10:00 pm.

**Let's Spend the Night Together** a 1982 film with Mick Jagger and the Rolling Stones as they perform 24 songs during two 1980 concerts. Cast: Mick Jagger, Keith Richard, Charlie Watts, and Bill Wyman Dir: Hal Ashby C-90 mins, TV-PG On TCM Saturday, July 31, 2010 at 12:00am Quiz,

- A. The group was called Bill Haley and the \_\_\_\_\_?
- B. What famous recording star was a great influence on the Rolling Stones?

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**TIME AND THE VALLEYS MUSEUM, OLDE TIME FAIR AND CHICKEN BARBECUE, DON'T MISS IT-** July 31, 2010. For tickets contact Barbra Purcell at the Neversink Town Hall.

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