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Community, Family and Friends Come Together to Celebrate the Ribbon Cutting an Opening Ceremony of the Daniel Pierce Library

(Grahamsville, NY) - Families and community members surrounded the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville on Sunday afternoon.

Phil Coombe, who spearheaded the project, thanked the many, many members of the community and others who contributed in numerous ways to make this day happen.

While he claimed his talk was lengthy, he did a great job telling 'the story' while remembering particular jobs and who carried out the tasks to completion. He recognized many of the people who made large contribution, and he also recognized those who provided support along the way.

Among the elected officials present were Senator John Bonacic, Assemblyperson Diane Gunther, Legislators Leni Binder and Elwin Wood and Town of Neversink Supervisor, Greg Goldstein.



Phil Coombe, Jr. watches as the final moment becomes reality and the ribbon is cut by Luaren Stoutenburg V and the doors to the new addition of the Daniel Pierce Library are officially opened.

What You Don't Mow Can't Hurt You



On Sunday June 5, this group joined local herbalist Betty Shaver for a Rondout Trail Walk to discover more about the plants surrounding us along Peekamoose during the Rondout Neversink Stream Program's first public program for this summer. Betty shared her vast knowledge about using plants for healing and, with the hikers, identified about a dozen useful species along the Rondout Creek. Native plants with strong root structures growing along the stream perform a vital function in the streamside environment.

Look for more information on the many benefits of native vegetation in our community at the upcoming Landowner Workshop planned for Saturday, June 18 in Claryville. The Rondout Neversink Stream Program is a project of Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District funded by NYC DEP. Call or email Stream Program Coordinator, Karen Rauter, for more information: 985-2581 or krauter@rondoutneversink.org.

Hinchey Urges Federal Reserve to Stop Big Banks from Sidestepping New Rules to Prevent Another Wall Street Meltdown

Washington, DC -- Following news that large Wall Street banks plan to sidestep new rules designed to prevent another Wall Street Meltdown, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) joined by nine other members of the U.S. House, is urging the Federal Reserve to prevent banks from avoiding the new regulation. A provision of the Dodd- Frank Wall Street Reform bill, called the Volcker Rule, was intended to prevent commercial banks from engaging in proprietary trading, whereby federally insured deposits are used for risky trades. It has been widely reported that banks plan to skirt the rule by redefining proprietary trading to exclude so called "principal investments." (Contd. Pg. 12)

Gillibrand Calls on Defense Dept to Recruit and Retain Cyber Warriors

Cyberspace Warriors Act Of 2011 Focuses On Recruiting, Training And Maintaining Cyber Security Personnel; Protecting National And Economic Security

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, today announced the Cyberspace Warriors Act of 2011. While the establishment of U.S. Cyber Command and cyber components in each of the four services has been crucial to the development of military cyber security, military leaders recognize that attracting, retaining and maintaining cyber warriors remains a challenge. Senator Gillibrand's legislation would require the Secretary of Defense to work with an independent research organization to issue a study of the Department's requirements for cyber-security personnel recruitment, training and retention. (Contd. Pg. 12)



Robert Hubsher, Executive Director of the Catskill Ramapo Library System was among the guest speakers at Sunday's celebration. (Contd. Pg. 8)

New Time and the Valleys Museum Opening June 22nd!

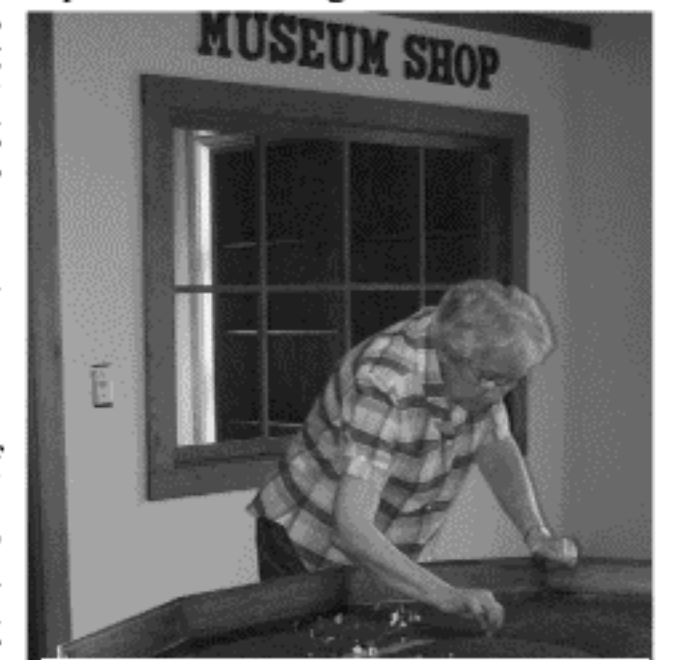
[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - A new Museum is coming to Sullivan County! Time and the Valleys Museum will open a brand new museum facility at 332 Main Street in Grahamsville, New York on Wednesday, June 22nd 2011. The official opening and ribbon cutting ceremony will be held at 4:30 p.m., to which everyone is invited. The Museum will be open to the public for free until 6 p.m. that evening.

This brand new facility includes three floors of exhibitions on local history and the Rondout and Neversink watershed area, a local history research center and museum shop carrying local history books, crafts by local artisans, toys and unique gifts.

- Impact of Water on the Life and the Growth of the Valleys
- The Rondout and Neversink watersheds: Before, During and After
- The Artwork of Manville B. Wakefield: Artist-Educator-Historian-Railroad Buff (through August 5th)

The Museum will be open Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. through October, and other times by appointment. Adults admission is \$2, Children under 16 \$1, and children under six are free. For more information call 845 985-2262 x 313 or go to our website: timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations. For additional information on the Museum please call us at 985-2262 x313 or go online at www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.



Barbara Purcell is busy working on one of the numerous projects.

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As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Psalm 16:8

**DAYS OF YORE...
Today's History**

June 6, 1951 - Lee Denman, son of Supervisor and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Grahamsville, has completed his second year at Springfield College where he is majoring in Physical Education. He is also an enlisted member of the Marine Corps Reserve in a regular training unit with the rank of corporal.

A surprise miscellaneous shower was given to Miss Sue Teller of Liberty, the fiancé of Franklin Brooks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brisack on Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Slater, Mr. and Mrs. Radford Moore and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Elting are among those attending the testimonial dinner for the Rev. Mr. Coombes at Minnewaska.

BEEF IS SHORT - EAT PORK		
Loin Pork	Rib end	\$0.49 lb.
	Center	0.55 "
	Loin chips	0.79 "
Hams	4 - 6 lbs.	0.47 "
Bacon	3 lbs.	1.59
KUM TO KRUMS		

June 7, 1961 - Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith of Divine Corners have announced the engagement of their daughter, Lillian, to Raymond Bauernfeind, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bauernfeind of Beechwoods. Lillian is a TVCS graduate. A fall wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller are the parents of a son born at Hamilton Avenue Hospital on Tuesday, June 6, 1961 weighing 8 lbs. 3 oz. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ackerley are the maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Fuller are the paternal grandparents.

Congratulations to Mr. Herbert George and Johnny Higgins who celebrated their birthdays on Monday. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Loren Dean who had an anniversary on Thursday, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard VanWagner who celebrated their anniversary on Saturday.

The first graduation ceremony to be held in the beautiful new Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne, will take place on Sunday, June 11th at eight o'clock Mass. The graduating seniors are completing a four-year study of Biblical Theology. The Right Rev. Monsignor William J. Guinan, Pastor of the Church, will present the diplomas and merit awards to the graduates.

June 9, 1971 - Tri-Valley Central School has announced that the Valedictorian of the senior class is Miss Maryann Murphy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy of Grahamsville. The Salutatorian of the Class of 1971 will be Miss Karen VanAken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold VanAken of Red Hill, Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Jacobson of Marletown have announced the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Gale, to Donald Christopher DuBois, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald DuBois of Kerhonkson. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DuBois of Grahamsville. No date has been set for the wedding.

A surprise baby shower was held at the home of Mrs. Art TerBush for Mrs. James K. Richardson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S.L. Anderson, on Thursday, June 3rd. The shower was given by her aunts, Betty Ann and Fran TerBush.

Best wishes for happiness to Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins, Jr. who were united in marriage Saturday, June 5th. Also to Mr. and Mrs. George Dean of Neversink who were married June 5th at the Woodbourne Church.

June 4, 1981 - Douglas Hamilton, formerly of Grahamsville and Jona Lynn Welter of New York Mills Minnesota, were married Saturday, May 23, 1981 at the Apostolic Lutheran Church in New York Mills. The groom is the son of Barbara Slater of Grahamsville and John H. Hamilton, Sr. of Inverness, Florida. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Welter of New York Mills. The couple now resides in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown who celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary on May 22nd.

Good luck to Tom and Wilma Amthor, proprietors of W.T. Greenhouse on VanValkenburg Road, Sundown. They offer a full selection of flowering plants, vegetables as well as hanging baskets.

We are happy to wish Mrs. Mabel Hill Happy Birthday and many more healthy ones. Mabel celebrated her 96th birthday Monday, June 1st with family and friends.

On Sunday, May 31st, Mrs. Marie Mickelson traveled to Utica to witness the graduation of her grandson, Garth Mickelson, from Mohawk Valley Community College. He is the son of Ray and Ruth Mickelson of Woodbourne.

Roscoe is the Official Winner of the Ultimate Fishing Town USA Contest

Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau congratulates the hamlet of Roscoe upon their official win in World Fishing Network's Ultimate Fishing Town contest. "I want to thank Sullivan County residents and visitors for their continued and strong support for the County's tourism and economy by voting in the online contest that boosted Roscoe, New York to be named as the Ultimate Fishing Town. Roscoe came from behind Tuesday morning, making up an 11,000 vote deficit, to ultimately lead by about 2,200 votes at the close of the contest at 6:00 PM on May 31, 2011. Roscoe, NY has been selected as the 2011 WFN: World Fishing Network's Ultimate Fishing Town USA Presented by Eagle Claw. The announcement was made by Mark Rubinstein, President and CEO of World Fishing Network, North America's only 24/7 fishing channel.

The contest was sponsored by the World Fishing Network (WFN), and the first place prize is \$25,000 for the community and a half-hour cable television show. It also means national exposure and increased tourism as anglers from around the world decide to "check out the ultimate place to fish."

There official announcement from the WFN was on Monday, June 6, 2011.

Roscoe has been an outstanding Sullivan Renaissance community since the program began in 2001. Already known as "Trout Town, USA" - Roscoe is considered the birthplace of the American Dry Fly Fishing, developed by Theodore Gordon and his followers. A two-hour drive from New York City, Roscoe is home to the junction of two trophy trout streams, the Willowemoc and the Beaverkill, in addition to many nearby lakes, ponds and reservoirs.

"The Greater Roscoe Community thrives on an active fishing season, and the tourism impacts increase exponentially, which increases sales tax revenues, and promotes business for Sullivan County's small business enterprises," said Legislator Elwin "Woody" Wood, Vice Chairman of the Legislature and Chairman of the Community and Economic Development Committee.

"The entire Sullivan County economy will benefit from Roscoe prevailing in the Ultimate Fishing Town contest, as visitors will look for additional venues to spend their tourism dollars, such as overnight accommodations, Bethel Woods, Forestburgh Playhouse, and the Monticello Casino and Raceway, along with numerous small businesses that offer value-added experiences for residents and visitors alike," concluded Fanslau.

Around the World in 80 Miles!

Be on the Shawangunk Wine Trail this Saturday & Sunday, June 18 & 19; 11 AM -6 PM Around the World in 80 Miles, Shawangunk Wine Trail, Ulster County, NY. 845-256-8456 or go to:

www.shawangunkwinetrail.com

The Shawangunk Wine Trail is an 80-mile route linking eleven family owned farm wineries in Orange and Ulster Counties. The group hosts seasonal events including this one where each winery on the Trail becomes a different country. Discover each country's food paired with regional wines. Tickets must be purchased in advance via the website.

Designated Driver discount available.

NEVERSink NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Congratulations to Gina Towne from Creative Cutters who was married to Scott Harnish on Saturday, June 4, 2011, at Cragmoor Stone Church in Cragmoor, NY. Best wishes, Scott and Gina!

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

If you have local news that you would like to put in the Townsman, please email your copy to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com or send it via regular mail to: Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building

Calling All World Travelers! Daniel Pierce Library Kicks Off 2011 Summer Reading Program in New Library Addition!

Calling all world travelers! "Book" your trip today! The Daniel Pierce Library is excited to announce the launching of this year's Summer Reading Program: One World, Many Stories! To encourage reading for all ages, several events have been scheduled for a variety of age groups, and we are pleased to announce that most programs will be held in the new library addition. Please note that pre-registration is required for all Summer Reading Programs.

"On our Way to...the Orient!" Ni Hao, super summer readers! Pack your suitcases! We're taking a fun-filled trip to the Orient through story, arts & crafts, and music! (For 3, 4, & 5 year olds and Children entering Preschool and Kindergarten) Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

"Reading Takes You Places!" Get your passports ready, kids! Join us on a journey across the sea to faraway lands! Experience European cultures through story, song, food, and more! (For Children entering Grades 1- 3) Monday, July 11, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

"One World, Many Stories!" Away we go! It's a live, interactive, storytelling event for Children entering Grades 4 through 6! Let your imagination carry you to lands far and wide with Stuart Nager, professional storyteller and performer, as he amuses us with tales from around the world. Monday, July 18, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

"Book a Trip to Africa!" Can't visit Africa? Let Africa come to you! We are excited to welcome Fakoli Dance and Drum, a West African folkloric group of performers whose shows are entertaining as well as educational and contain song, stories, and a variety of African instruments. (For Students entering Grades 7-12) Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Climb aboard, mateys! It's time for Pirate School! The grand finale of our Summer Reading Program will be the annual Entertainment Night for all ages, held on Wednesday, July 27, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Billy Bones is an amiable bumpkin of a buccaneer with a heart of gold, loaded with classic slapstick comedy and a wide repertoire that kids love. Pirate School! combines both a comic stage show and an on-their-feet action section. Join us for the Hot Dog Buffet! There will be free raffles of books open to all children who attend. We are asking for donations of cut fruit, cut vegetables or desserts.

Adults may also enjoy programming during the summer months and into fall. On three Thursday evenings (July 28th, August 25th, and September 22nd), published author and illustrator Helena Clare Pittman will lead a series of workshops, "Telling Our Stories," that will bring out the natural storyteller in all of us! Helena will offer guidance about how to recall and capture cherished memories in the written word.

Reading Incentives for all ages are being offered again during this year's Summer Reading Program. Incentive forms with prize opportunities listed are being circulated through Tri-Valley Central School and are also available at the library.

For more information about these programs or to register, please contact the Daniel Pierce Library at 985-7233 or visit us

Local Author Evening at the Library

The Daniel Pierce Library is presenting a local author evening with the Alchemy Club Poets reading from their new book, *The Alchemist 2011*, on Friday, June 17, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. Join them for a delightful evening of original poetry written by a very talented group of local poets and presented in the beautiful Upper Level Reading Room. Refreshments will be served and copies of their new book will be available for sale. For information, please call the library at 845-985-7128.

First Friday Book Discussion Group

The First Friday Book Discussion Group of the Daniel Pierce Library will be having a local author evening featuring the members of the Alchemy Club on Friday, June 17, 2011, at 7:30 p.m.. The Alchemy Club will be reading selections from their new book, *The Alchemist 2011*. Copies of *The Alchemist 2011* will be for sale. The event will take place in the Upper Level Reading Room of the Daniel Pierce Library. This program is free and open to the public. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served. Please call the library at 985-7233, if you have any questions.

Results of 2011 Grahamsville Gallop 3 & under Girls 80 meters

Jenna Carmody 36:00.0; Anna Furman 24:00.0; Emily Poley 48:00.0; Kaitlyn Monell 12:00.0; Juliana Adams 36:00.0; Madison Shanley 01:16.7; Haley Iatauro 01:21.8;

3 & Under Boys 80 Meters

Jake Edwards 36:00.0; Logan Weyant 00:00.0; Nathan Closs 48:00.0; Nicholas Bender 12:00.0; Stephen DeVault 36:00.0; Brady Knight 01:16.7; Robert Lowe Jr. 01:21.3; John Conjura 01:23.5; Liam Healy 01:30.2;

4 Year Old Girls 100 Meters

Ameilia Mickelson 00:23.8; Brynn Poley 00:27.2; Alayna Ambrosi 00:27.1; Sarah Palmer 00:31.5; Sofia Semo 00:31.6; Elizabeth Melican 00:44.6;

4 Year Old Boys 100 Meters

Tyler Conjura 00:29.8; Nick Palmer 00:39.8; Colin Monell 00:39.9;

5 Year Old Girls 200 Meters

Sydney Palmer 00:47.9; Mackenzie Closs 00:56.0; Riley Kelly 00:57.8;

5 Year Old Boys 200 Meters

Josh Carmody 00:47.9 Connor Weyant 00:48.2; Gavin Clarke 00:52.4; Alex Velochowski 01:03.3; Christopher Russo 01:06.8; Benjamin DeVault 01:14.3 Joseph Douglas 01:20.9;

6 Year Old Boys 400 Meters

Joe Melican 01:48.0; Brian Kelly 01:48.8; Dylan Poley 01:53.8; Brandon Kaplan 01:54.6; A d a m Furman 01:56.8; Dominic Plescia 01:57.9; Briar Knight 02:01.0; Collin Mentnech 02:17.4;

7 Year Old Boys 400 Meters

Aidan Semo 01:33.3; Griffin Hunt 01:40.6; Kash Palmer 01:48.6; Andrew Cox 02:02.5;

8 Year Old Girls 400 Meters

Jordan Carmody 01:34.3; Gillian Lowe 01:36.2; Diane Terbush 01:44.0; Rachel Brooks 01:47.4; Rebecca Coombe 01:47.4; Kristyn Brewer 02:44.3;

8 Year Old Boys 400 Meters

Colin Mickelson 01:28.2; Sean Rush 01:28.3; Daniel Rush 01:48.2;

9-10 Year Old Girls 400 Meters

Abigail Melican 01:22.1; Katerina Plescia 01:31.8; Taylor Cox 01:38.8;

9-10 Year Old Boys 400 Meters

Brett Bagley 01:20.6; Braake Hunt 01:21.4; Ryan Parsons 01:24.5; Devin Simon 01:39.2; Patrick Coombe 01:42.9;

11-12 Year Old Girls 800 Meters

Autumn Bender 02:47.1; Elizabeth Hannold 03:14.4; Brittany Pennell 03:15.2;

11-12 Year Old Boys 800 Meters

Evan Edwards 03:14.8

Mom's Race 400 Meters

Nancy Devault 01:59.8; Kelly Plescia 02:04.2; Joanne Werner 03:51.8;

Dad's Race 400 Meters

Marc Plescia 01:23.6; James Dyson NT; Abigale Melican 3.1 seconds

A "Wayback" Moment!



A couple of weeks ago or so, I was told about Mrs. Gillette's covered brige. I drove over to ask her if I could take a photo with the "Wayback Machine", she smiled and said yes, of course.

I just wanted to share this photo as I thought it was so nice of her to allow me on her property to take this photo.

Thanks Mrs. Gillette, - Bob Drown

Town of Neversink Pool Passes, Swimming Lessons and Tennis Registration

Pool Passes Now on Sale

Pool passes for the Town of Neversink Pool located at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville are now on sale at the Town of Neversink Town Hall. The cost of a pass is \$10.00 per person ages 3 and up. Children under 3 are no charge. Forms are available in the Lobby. The Town Hall is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Town of Neversink residency is required. The Pool is scheduled to open on June 29, 2011. For more information please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262 x300 or 307.

Swimming Lessons Signup

Swimming Lessons registration has begun at the Neversink Town Hall. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Counter. Any child who lives in the Tri-Valley School District and/or Town of Neversink is eligible to participate in the Swimming Lessons Program. There is no fee. For more information please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262 x300 or 307.

Swim Lesson and Tennis Registration

Swimming Lesson and Tennis Lesson Registration will take place at the Town of Neversink Town Hall on Sunday June 19th and Sunday June 26th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm on both days. Forms are also available at the Town Hall during normal business hours. If you have any questions you can call the Town Hall at 985-2262 ext. 300 or 307.

SHELF MUSHROOM - SEED MACHINE

By Peggy DeWire



Walking home, I took a shortcut through the woods and saw a big shelf mushroom growing out of a maple tree like an elephant's ear. Close up, I admired its pretty colored bands of tan/white/brown and the spill of white powder spores that dusted down the tree trunk



like lace curtains. This mushroom had no gills for spreading spore seeds; instead it released them from pinpoint tubes on the underside in a shotgun technique special to the Polyspore family.

What this explosive freefall method lacks in precision it makes up for in numbers dispersed. My twelve-inch fan mushroom could release a thousand spores an hour in the right wind and weather conditions. A real seed machine!

If microscopic spores germinated as well as other plant seeds, the whole world would be covered with mushrooms. However, very, very few spores multiply from scattering because they're so fragile and require perfect growing conditions of warmth and water to survive.

Mushrooms can't make their own plant food (chlorophyll) but live on inorganic minerals in dirt or wood.

When you see a mushroom, you're looking at only the fruit of the whole plant. The root system producing the fruit is barely visible to the naked eye as a mat of tightly packed white threads. Every thread is coated with seeds - spores with a tail. When ripe the spores separate from their thread and sling themselves away haphazardly. Hopefully a lucky few land on favorable food spots and become threads with spores that eventually produce mushrooms.

Polyspores growing on trees are okay to eat but are tough and corky. If you trim a narrow strip off the edge of a young fresh shelf mushroom it adds fine flavor to a stew or soup.

One common shelf mushroom is called Artist's fungus because the under surface is smooth, hard and white - a perfect place for an artist to draw a picture with a toothpick or needle. The lines turn a pretty brown permanently.

Lumbermen say shelf mushrooms cause much economic damage because they cause trees to decay. I disagree because Polyspores can't make their own food so they can't cause primary decay. Their spores grow only on trees where bacteria rot has already made favorable conditions for spores to survive.

However, once established on a decaying log or injured tree, Polyspores do cause secondary decay and become the cleaner-uppers of the forest. Dead wood crumbles into sawdust then humus.

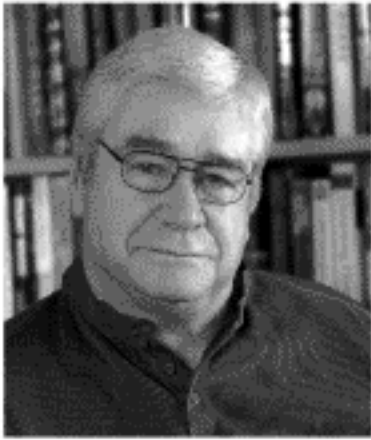
Imagine the seed machine's thousands of spores demolishing a log and reducing it to fine dust.

Helpful Hint from Mary

To get something out of a heat register or under the fridge add an empty paper towel roll or empty gift wrap roll to your vacuum. It can be bent or flattened to get in narrow openings.

THE MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT, NO. 4

by John Dwaine McKenna



I have to preface this week's Mysterious Book Report by saying that I've never read a novel by Dennis Lehane that I didn't like. *Mystic River*, *The Given Day* and *Shutter Island* all grabbed me and never let go. Lehane's newest, *Moonlight Mile* (Harper Collins, \$26.99, 325 pages, ISBN # 978-0-06-183692-3) is no exception. Highly entertaining and written in his easy-to-read style, it kept me up late into the night. *Moonlight Mile* takes place in Massachusetts. It's about a search, the second one in 12 years, for a woman named Amanda McCready, and reprises two of Lehane's best-loved and most popular characters, the private eye couple, Patrick Kenzie and Angela Gennara. It's "an explosive tale of integrity and vengeance," as the dust jacket remarks, with several moral dilemmas thrown in for good measure. Add some dope, drug gangs, addicts and thugs, gun battles, Russian mobsters and a precocious, cute four year-old . . . you'll see why I'd suggest starting this one on Friday night so you'll have the weekend available to finish it, because it's got more action than the *Moscow Circus*. And like the circus, the action never, ever, stops.

Like mystery, crime and thrillers? All I can say is read this book. You won't be disappointed. Dennis Lehane is one of America's best living writers.

So, what do you think of The Mysterious Book Report? Had enough or want more? Send your comments, suggestions or questions to tvtownsman@yahoo.com, put "Dear John" in the subject line. Snail mail's okay too. I'll do my best to answer every one. No. Honest. I will. Hope you're reading something good, because . . .

"Those who will not read have no advantage over those who cannot read." - - - Samuel Langhorne Clements

'Til next week, have a good read. - - - JDM

A Tag Sale: From Tools to Attic Treasures

St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission in South Fallsburg is holding its annual yard and basement sale on Saturday, June 18 from 9-3 pm, rain or shine. Eclectic treasures will be attractively priced, especially from the Collectibles Table. Items include books, CDs, videos, designer clothes, kitchen equipment, china, jewelry, and arts & crafts. The church is located at 5277 State Route 42.

The proceeds will be used to partially cover foundation work in this historic church, the Food Pantry, and Chamber Music at St. Andrew's. The Food Pantry dispenses free groceries to needy families who live in the Town of Fallsburg, the second and fourth Fridays of each month, from 5-7 pm.

ERH Sharps Collection

Ellenville Regional Hospital will be providing free sharps collection on Tuesday, June 21st from 8:00am-10:00am. The sharps must in appropriate puncture proof containers. In addition, the hospital will distribute free sharps containers to replace the used ones that they accept. For questions on the sharps collection, please call 845 647-6400 ext. 350.

Award for Wild Cat Fellowship Program "Neversink Transmissions"

The Wildcat Fellowship Program is pleased to announce that Ellie Irons and Dan Phiffer have been awarded the 2011 Wildcat Fellowship for "Neversink Transmissions." Their extraordinary artwork project will unite natural materials -- including branches and forest debris -- with interactive Wi-Fi and traditional radio transmissions.

This year's Fellowship winners will receive \$1,000. The award also provides the use of an artist's studio at the foot of Wildcat Mountain, a two-week residency in a guest cottage in Claryville, and a month-long exhibition at the Old Stone House in Hasbrouck, NY. (www.oldstonehouse.catskill-life.com).

The 2011 Wildcat Fellowship Program was carried out in partnership with the Rondout/Neversink Stream Program of the Sullivan County Soil and Conservation District. The winning entry - chosen from a group of four finalists-was based on the artists' response to a call for proposals for "Art along the Neversink: The Stream Project."

The selection of Ms. Irons and Mr. Phiffer was made by a jury of five individuals, representing deep roots in the Catskills and the artistic community: Suzanne Bevier, Fred Gutzeit, Dee Shapiro, Carol Smythe, and Scott Woolsey. Biographies of the five jurors are posted at wildcatfellowshipprogram.net/. The other Fellowship finalists were Risa Hirsch Ehrlich, Michael Asbill and Andrea Cukier.

On the jury's selection of "Neversink Transmissions," Carol Smythe-the Town Historian of Neversink-wrote that Irons' and Phiffer's proposed project "has potential for tremendous public impact." As Irons and Phiffer have described "Neversink Transmissions": "the project proposes complementary transmission and receiving structures from which the audience can access locally generated knowledge about the Neversink River and surrounding watershed. It [will] involve a public sculptural component built from locally sourced, biodegradable materials and an interactive, digital component broadcast on a local wireless network.... An additional low-power radio component [will] draw attention to the project for local motorists. The project seeks to highlight critical topics of watershed management, generate a new archive of local oral dialogues, and explore issues of connectivity in modern rural communities."

Irons and Phiffer began their project on May 7th and 8th. They interviewed the town historians of Neversink and Denning and stream-program coordinator Karen Rauter. The artists will be in full residence in Claryville in late July and will participate in a work-in-progress tour on Saturday, July 23rd at 2 p.m. at the Denning Town Hall. The tour will allow members of the public to share their questions and comments with the artists. (After the walk, Karen Rauter will present plans for a new streamside buffer garden and all participants will enjoy an ice-cream social.) During the month of October, Irons and Phiffer will show documentation for "Neversink Transmissions" at the Old Stone House, 282 Hasbrouck Road, Hasbrouck, NY.

Ellie Irons received her M.F.A. from Hunter College in 2009. Her work has been exhibited throughout the Northeast, including shows at the Estuary Gallery (Beacon); Proteus Gowanus (Brooklyn); In Rivers (Brooklyn); and the Rosenwald-Wolf Gallery at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, as well as multiple exhibitions with collective Future Archaeology. On the West Coast, her work has been exhibited at the Los Angeles Municipal Art Gallery and the PNCA Gallery in Portland. In The Netherlands, where Irons spent a semester at the Frank Mohr Institute in Groningen, her work has been exhibited in Schiermonnikoog and at DeFKA in Assen. Irons's previous honors include the Signal Fire Outpost Residency (Portland, Oregon, 2010) and the Waddenwerk Summer Residency Program (Schiermonnikoog, The Netherlands, 2009). Irons is a teaching artist with the Brooklyn Arts Council and Creative Arts Workshops, as well as an Adjunct Lecturer in the Electronic Design and Multimedia Department of City College (CUNY).

Dan Phiffer is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Interactive Telecommunications Program (ITP) at New York University, an Adjunct Lecturer in the Electronic Design and Multimedia department at City College of New York, and is also a Media Technology Developer in the Digital Media Department at the Museum of Modern Art in New York. He graduated from ITP in 2007. He has lectured widely in Europe and throughout the United States and has been exhibited or featured at Ars Electronica FutureLab (Linz, AT), STUK kunstencentrum (Leuven, BE), MoMA (New York, NY), SFMOMA (San Francisco, CA), and V2 Institute for the Unstable Media (Rotterdam, NL). His awards include a 2008 Rhizome Commission, a 2007 Turbulence Commission, and an honorary mention from Prix Ars Electronica for a project he co-founded, ShiftSpace.

The Wildcat Fellowship Program of Claryville, NY, awards a residency in the Catskill Mountains to one or more gifted emerging artists each year. The program-now in its fourth year-gives artists a chance to experience art-making in a rural mountain setting of peace and beauty. It also provides young artists with a chance to connect to new audiences in the Catskills. The curator of the fellowship program is Patricia Eakins, and the executive director is Peter Martin, both Claryville residents.

The mission of the Rondout/Neversink Stream Program of the Sullivan County Soil and Conservation District is to inspire streamside landowners and the larger watershed community to live in harmony with Catskill creeks and rivers and the beautiful landscape they support. The Stream Program works with town officials, highway superintendents, landowners, educators and community stakeholders to assess stream conditions on the Rondout Creek, Chestnut Creek and Neversink River; implement Stream Management Plans and recommendations for healthy stream practices; assist landowners in increasing streamside vegetation; and educate about good stream-stewardship practices.

http://www.catskillstreams.org/majorstreams_nr.html

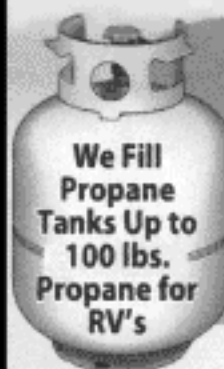
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OLIVE MUSE -by Charlie Blumstein
Cub Scout Picnic Puts Focus on Public Service



Olive Pack 63 with Smoky the Bear

Members of Olive Cub Scout Pack 63 slept like logs all through the night at the year-end picnic and camp out last Saturday night at Davis Park in West Shokan, in spite of the mid-night commotion caused by some wayward Peekamoose seeking campers who were finally put on the right path by the local police. "The scouts were thoroughly worn out by bedtime, after a very busy day of activities" said Packmaster Joe Delessio, "so I'm not surprised that they did not awaken to the commotion of the wayward campers."

"The scouts were busy with activities which included a visit by a Forest Ranger and Smoky the Bear who spoke about fire safety and prevention, a demonstration of safe forestry practices which topped off with ice-pops by Shannon Ryan of Ridgeline Tree Service, and a presentation by the Overlook Amateur Radio Club about communicating with ham radios during a power outage or when in back country away from the power

and phone grid. Several new boys appeared to be ready to join over the weekend."

Mid-day featured a visit by Dorraine Scofield and members of the Thunder Ridge Band who played a couple of sets of music while the scouts made over 50 pizzas and breads in a local portable wood-fired brick oven which was borrowed for the occasion. Delessio said that "Everyone worked together to prepare the food and clean up. The Scouts also took part in a team building exercise with staff-members from the Ashokan Center, who brought the famous huge earth-ball to work with."

Packmaster Delessio added: "We are focusing on core values such as community service, honesty, team work and responsibility that will help guide the scouts throughout their lives. They marched in the Memorial Day parade with a float of their own making and had a plant sale afterwards. They sent e-mails of concern to victims of the recent tsunami in Japan and they are learning a lot from putting on the spaghetti dinners at the fire house. They put flowers on the veterans graves in the spring, help out at the cemetery and they recently marched in the March of Dimes walkathon so it is no surprise that they all slept soundly." Several parents said that "we all had a great time!"

Annemarie Delessio, Assistant Packmaster added "We are teaching the scouts the value of giving back to the community. We are starting to work on the garden at the Tongore Pines Senior Residence and we have invited the Girl Scouts to come and help also. We plan to have a meet and greet with the seniors and the scouts soon and find out what they would like to see in the garden. The scouts have cleaned out the brush and overgrowth and 20 or so tomato and other plants are growing. We had many plants including fruit trees donated which still have to go in the ground. We will begin planting pumpkins next week for Halloween." For more information about joining the Cub Scouts or to help out in the garden, call Cub Scout Packmaster's Joe and Annemarie Delessio at 845-657-7411.

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Hi again. We're back with a huge week of live music events, and it's late, so I'm just gonna get right to it. The big show, for me, as I mentioned last week, is DAVE ALVIN and LOS STRAITJACKETS at Club Helsinki in Hudson. This show is a perfect storm of music - great venue and 2 of the hottest bands out there. It's Sunday night, June 19. This is the capo di tutti capi of rock n roll shows, the show of all shows! Pick of the Week! Just go!

Now to the rest of the pack. Last week the paper came out on Tuesday, so I'm starting with Wednesday night, June 15, which is the first night of JOSEPH ARTHUR's week long stand at The Living Room in Manhattan. Now I don't know much about Joseph Arthur, except that he's in a band with Dani Harrison (George's son) and Ben Harper. That's pretty good company! He finishes up here on June 21.

Friday night, June 17, we've got one of the great reggae vocal groups coming into the Bearsville Theater, THE MIGHTY DIAMONDS. These guys are one of the originals of reggae and should definitely be worth the price of admission. Also on Friday, June 17, if you're more in the mood for something rockin', check out LARA HOPE and THE CHAMPTONES, one of the best rockabilly bands out there, appearing at Market Market in Rosendale.

Saturday, June 18, is the first day of the CLEARWATER FESTIVAL. Always a great, fun, and educational event, the incredible musical line up this year includes over 60 acts each day, plus crafts booths, good food, information, and the entire event is powered by sustainable energy. That's right folks, 100% of the power needed to run this massive event is produced by wind, solar, or geo-thermal energy sources. So when they try to tell you that sustainable energy can't work, they're lyin' to you! The festival continues on Sunday, June 19. This is an all day, daytime event. If you make it down to the festival on Saturday, you might want to think about checking out LOS LONELY BOYS at the Tarrytown Music Hall that night. These guys are great, and you'll be nearby anyway, if you go to the Clearwater Festival. If you're downstate, they're at the Beacon Theater in Manhattan on Wednesday, June 22.

What do Bob Dylan, Paul McCartney, Keith Richards, Dave Edmunds, and Elvis Costello have in common? They're all fans of NRBO, 2 of which former members will be returning to the Bearsville Theater on Saturday night, June 18. THE SPAMPINATO BROTHERS return triumphantly to Woodstock, and you should be there!

Monday, June 20, KD LANG brings her powerful voice to the Beacon Theater in Manhattan. Tuesday and Wednesday, June 21 and 22, EDDIE VEDDER from PEARL JAM pulls in to the Beacon, and closing out the week on Thursday, June 23, is former Woodstock resident and local fave, TODD RUNDGREN at The Bearsville Theater.

That's some week, huh? Have a great week and don't forget to put the Reservoir Music 5th Anniversary Party on your calendars for July 15 with Pitchfork Militia, The Cheating Hearts, Green House Funk Band, The Whateverly Brothers, and TJ and The Manchilds.

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Jobs... or the lack thereof... by Cindy Johansen

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The jobs this era created were varied and numerous. I know - my Dad grew up working on the Spillway Road in the boarding house that was there - which later became a summer camp of sorts. The boarding houses, hotels, trains, train stations were all sources of income for the local folks who lived here full time. The area prospered and grew. We didn't need to travel far to work. As roads became better, industry came to the area - and fast forward to IBM and other types of manufacturing that employed thousands in the area.

But then industry "died". IBM pulled out in 1994, leaving this area in virtual ruin. Every other home was for sale - local folks had to move out to keep earning accustomed wages. One wage earner was impossible - it took two. And traveling longer distances to find work became the standard. Add to that the cost of traveling - and it's obvious why our young families can no longer live here to support their families. It does not take a calculus major to figure out that if you live close to your job, you have more money in your pocket for "living". Jobs in our area are even scarcer now - and getting worse. As the economy slows down, less jobs are available and so people are leaving in droves to find work - very often in other states - not just in New York. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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Jobs... or the lack thereof (From Pg. 6)

Enter the Belleayre project. For over a decade, most of the people of this area have been fighting the creation of jobs in a development that would be tastefully done (one only has to look at The Emerson). Yes, we all want it done "right" and to follow the rules - but to pull in organizations from around the country to "fight" something in the hopes that they can drag it out long enough for them to give up and abandon their plans, is downright criminal. Most of us own our land here - and we have zoning and building regulations in place that will "protect us" from ourselves... Do we have a "right" to restrict anyone from doing what is "legally" allowed with his/her property? Do we want to become the kind of society that dictates what color we can paint our homes or what color roof we have? Ask yourself if you would want to pay taxes on property if someone could come in and tell you to remove your red roses because your neighbor did not like the color. We all want to look at our mountains and

see open space. And we can. But certain parcels of this land are privately owned - and the owners of that property should be able to do with it what they want (while following whatever rules are in place) without interference from anyone else. So often I hear neighbors complain when an empty lot between them is purchased and a new home is going up. The property was for sale - if you really wanted to keep it "open", you had every opportunity to purchase the property to prevent development.

The Town of Olive jumped on the band wagon and filed a letter to express their opposition to the Belleayre project. Their main reason was the traffic it would create. Unfortunately, the traffic is already here. The state already needs to rethink the Route 28 corridor. With so many fatal accidents in Olive alone, this subject has come up on numerous occasions. But now, (when this project goes through) so much of the development will now be in the adjoining county, most of the tax dollars will be going someplace else, rather than to Ulster

where it might have helped to reduce OUR taxes. Delaware County - and the Town of Middletown - will receive the lions share of tax revenue - while Ulster communities, and specifically those along the Route 28 corridor, will still have to deal with the traffic getting there. My advice would be to think of ways to entice some of those travelers to come in and spend money along the way...

This area needs jobs. If we have any hope to have a place where our kids, grand-kids and future generations will be able to enjoy the life we all live here for - then we need to start realizing one fact: TOURISM is the biggest industry we have. We should be doing everything we can to encourage it, make it happen, and help it along. And anything that keeps people flowing to and through our area should get a huge thumbs up.

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Daniel Pierce Library (From Pg. 1)



The restored weather vane at the top of the tower was originally on the flag pole when the Daniel Pierce Library was first built in 1902. The clock on the tower was a gift from Neversink Supervisor Greg Goldstein and his wife, Linda.



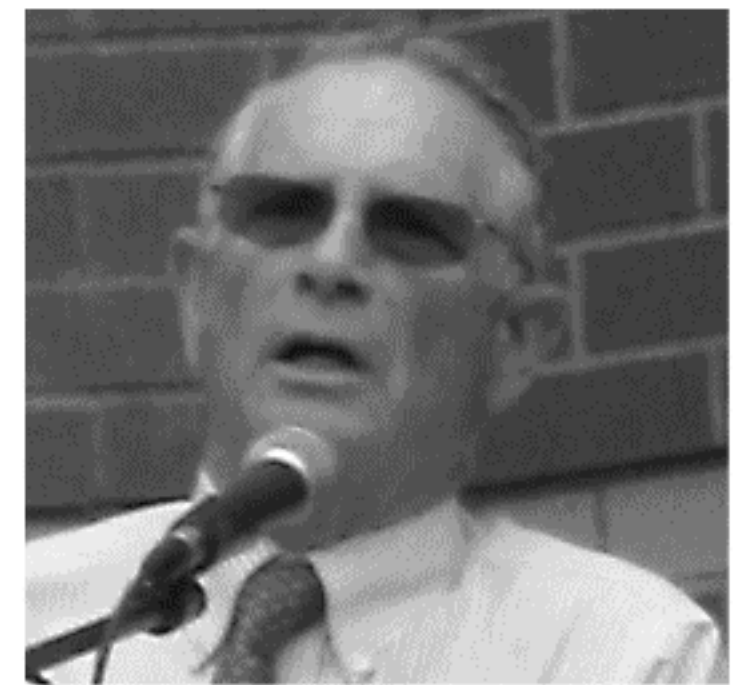

A guest listens and enjoys an array of beautiful classical music played by local accomplished pianist, John Bernstein, son of Leonard and Sandy Bernstein, and grandson of the late Isabel and Howard Bernstein.



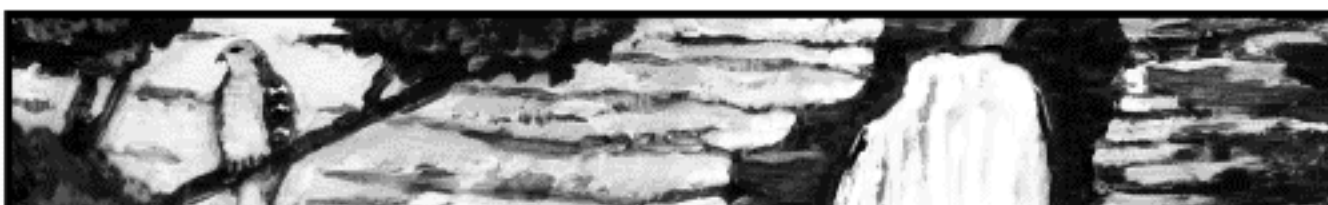
The view in any direction from the grand patio is magnificent. In the background is old restored wagon that was used to build the Shoran Reservoir that was donated by Pearl and Walt Cypert.



The Tri-Valley Brass performed out on the patio. In the group are Bethany DeVault, Michael DeVault, Emily Higgins, Christopher Kitzmiller, Jesse Porter, Brenda Sloan and Matthew Weyant.



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Miss Teen New York, Kayla Rivera of Sullivan County Visits Albany



Miss Teen New York, Kayla Rivera of Sullivan County visited the Capitol today to discuss her platform with Legislators. Pictured (from L-R) Senator John Bonacic, Governor Andrew Cuomo, Miss Teen New York; Kayla Rivera, her mother; Heidi Rivera and her father, Joe Rivera.

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- March 3 - April 8, 2012 - Ursula Clark & Naomi Teppich
- April 14 - May 6, 2012 - SC High School Art Show
- May 12- June 9, 2012 - CAS Silent Auction Benefit
- June 16 - July 15, 2012 - CAS Summer Members Show
- July 21 - August 26, 2012 - Eric Baylin & Kathleen Hayek
- September 1 - October 7, 2012 - Gregory Davis, Chip Forelli and Kit Sailer
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- November 24 - December 23, 2012 - Winter Members Show & Holiday Fair

On the opening day of each exhibition there will be an artist talk and reception that are free to the public. Go to www.catskillartsociety.org for more info.
The Arts Center will be closed December 24, 2012 - January 18, 2013

CAS Second Annual Summer Members Show

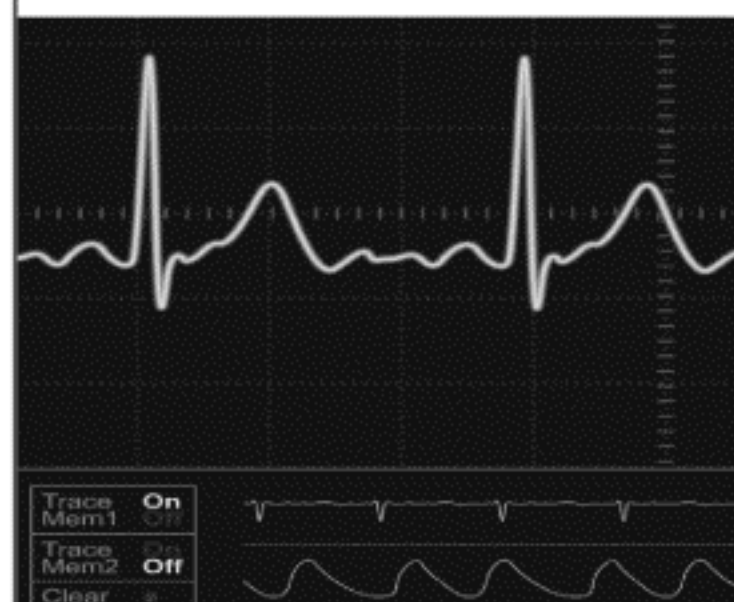
The CAS Arts Center proudly presents the second annual Summer Members Show, running from June 18 - July 17, 2011. This exhibition, appearing throughout the entire gallery, will exhibit over 75 works by members of the Catskill Art Society. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, June 18 from 6-8pm. Following the reception, the gallery will be open its usual hours, Thursday - Saturday, 11am-6pm, and Sunday, 11am-3pm. CAS Arts Center is located at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor and is wheelchair accessible.

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Rondout Claims the Life of Poughquag Man

Deputies from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report responding to an In-Water rescue call which was received at approx 7:30 PM, June 8th, 2011, for the Rondout Creek in the vicinity of Rte. 213 in High Falls. Upon arrival, a witness described the victim to have jumped into the creek from an approximately 20 foot ledge, to which he then began struggling and subsequently went under water. Divers from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office, Ulster Hose Fire Department and the New York State Police then began underwater SCUBA operations in an area described by Sheriff's Office Master Diver Joseph Steyer as having a strong current, rocky and debris filled creek bottom and a depth of approx fourteen feet. Rescue divers were able to locate the victim at approx 8:38PM where he was pronounced dead.

The victim David S. Turner, age 26 of Poughquag, NY, was then transported to the Kingston hospital pending an autopsy. The investigation is continuing.

Sheriff's Office personnel were assisted at the scene by High Falls Fire Department, Ulster County Fire Coordinators Office, Ulster Hose Fire Department, New York State Police and Mobile Life Paramedics.

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Hinchey Urges Federal Reserve to Stop Big Banks from Sidestepping (From Pg. 1)

"We cannot allow around the law designed to prevent another Wall Street meltdown," said Hinchey. "Banks may want to get around the rule and pretend that depositors' money isn't being dumped into Wall Street's communal slot machine, but the plain fact is that the Fed determines and defines what proprietary trading is - not the big banks. Congress gave the Federal Reserve the authority to clamp down on risky trades and now they need to use it. The health of our economy depends on it."

In the wake of the Great Depression, Congress passed the Banking Act of 1933, which became known as the Glass-Steagall Act, to wall off interaction between the commercial and banking sectors. For the next 60 years the U.S. enjoyed long periods of growth with minimal exposure to risk. In 1999 however, Congress repealed the Glass-Steagall reforms by passing the Gramm Leach Bliley Act which removed the separation between the commercial and banking sectors, contributing to the economic crisis in 2008. Last year, Congress again instituted a measure to govern the separation between these two sectors in the form of the Volcker Rule - the provision which banks are now attempting to sidestep.

In their letter, the House members asked the Federal Reserve to define the Volcker Rule so it limits proprietary trading in all respects, including long term bets which may be categorized as "principal investments." The Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform law, which Hinchey supported, gives Federal Reserve flexibility in implementing the rule.

Gillibrand Calls on Defense Dept to Recruit & Retain Cyber Warriors (From Pg. 1)

"Cyber warfare is an emerging threat that could affect every aspect of our national and economic security," Senator Gillibrand said. "Terrorists could shut down electric grids in the middle of winter, zero-out bank accounts, or take down a stock exchange, causing an unimaginable amount of disruption and harm. Meanwhile, many of the best and brightest in information technology work in the private sector. We need to ensure that the U.S. military has the resources to recruit and retain these talented individuals to protect our national security."

In today's economic environment, many of the top computer network operations and information technology (CNO/IT) specialists are choosing to work in the private sector, attracted by financial incentives, entrepreneurship trainings and flexibility. It is therefore important that the Department of Defense develop new and innovative ways and receive the tools needed to recruit and retain cyber warriors. To date, the Air Force is leading the military in cyber warfare training having recently graduated its first class of "Cyberspace Operations Officers."

The Cyberspace Warriors Act of 2011 would direct the Secretary of Defense to contract an independent organization to study the Department's cyber security personnel requirements. The study would include a review of the number of personnel required for cyber operations; obstacles to recruitment and retention; potential avenues to address challenges in recruitment, training, and retention, including the reserves, individual ready reserves, civilian expeditionary workforce, corporate and university partnerships, ROTC and civilian auxiliaries.

Cahill Calls Hydrofracking Moratorium "An Appropriate Balance"

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) announced the swift movement of legislation that would prohibit the issuing of permits for new wells that utilize the hydraulic fracturing process to extract natural gas or oil until at least June 2012. The bill, A.7400, which is sponsored by Chair of the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation, Robert Sweeney, and co-sponsored by Assemblymember Cahill, passed the Assembly, and is now scheduled to be taken up before the Senate Committee on Environmental Conservation.

"This legislation strikes the appropriate balance between exploring new opportunities for energy investment while keeping our natural resources protected," said Assemblymember Cahill. "It is essential that we consider the health and safety of New York's residents while considering alternative forms of energy."

The advancement of this legislation comes on the heels of Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's decision to file a lawsuit against several federal agencies due to their inability to perform an official review of the projected regulations for hydraulic fracturing. The Delaware River Basin Commission approved regulations to permit drilling within the New York City watershed region about a month ago, leading to Schneiderman's ultimatum to federal agencies to perform an environmental impact assessment on hydraulic fracturing within a thirty-day period or be sued.

"I stand firmly behind Attorney General Schneiderman's litigation against the federal govern-

ment for failing to perform a comprehensive study on hydraulic fracturing," said Assemblymember Cahill. "If the national agencies that have been established to protect the environment are refusing to react in a timely manner, we must take this crucial matter into our own hands. It is vital that we take serious precautions before moving forward with this complex procedure. I will continue to adhere to the overwhelming reaction of our citizens to consider all possible environmental impacts that drilling may have on the land, water, and air quality of New York State and look forward to passing this vital legislation."

Media reports indicate that the New York Senate is unlikely to allow a hydraulic fracturing moratorium to be considered on the Senate floor. Assemblymember Cahill said, "Now it is up to the Senate to join us in expressing the will of impacted communities and passing this important measure."

Bonacic: Ethics Agreement is Fine on Paper: but Only Time Will Tell if it Lives Up to its Name

State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope), today stated he would vote for the ethics reform legislation announced by Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, and Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver. The legislation is named the "The Clean Up Albany Act of 2011."

The terms of the ethic agreement include:

Greater Financial Disclosure: Financial disclosure statements filed with the new Joint Commission on Public Ethics from elected officials will now be posted on the internet and the practice of redacting the monetary values and amounts reported by the filer will be ended. **Increased Access to Who is Appearing Before the State and Why:** The Act establishes a new database of any individual or firm that appears in a representative capacity before any state governmental entity.

Additional Disclosures for Registered Lobbyists: The bill expands lobbying disclosure requirements, including the disclosure by lobbyists of any "reportable business relationships" of more than \$1,000 with public officials. It also expands the definition of lobbying to include advocacy to affect the "introduction" of legislation or resolutions, a change that will help to ensure that all relevant lobbying activities are regulated by the new Joint Commission.

Forfeiture of Pensions for Public Officials Convicted of a Felony: Certain public officials who commit crimes related to their public offices may have their pensions reduced or forfeited in a new civil forfeiture proceeding brought by the Attorney General or the prosecutor who handled the conviction of the official.

A New Joint Commission on Public Ethics: The Joint Commission on Public Ethics will replace the existing Commission on Public Integrity with jurisdiction over all elected state officials and their employees, both executive and legislative, as well as lobbyists. The bipartisan Joint Commission will consist of 14 members:

- Six appointed by the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, at least three of whom shall be enrolled members of the major political party that is not that of the Governor

- Eight appointed by the legislative leaders (four each from the two major political parties)

Among other restrictions, no individual will be eligible to serve on the Joint Commission who has within the last three years been a registered lobbyist, a statewide office holder, a legislator, a state commissioner or a political party chairman.

The Joint Commission will have jurisdiction to investigate potential violations of law by legislators and legislative employees and, if violations are found, issue findings to the Legislative Ethics Commission, which will have jurisdiction to impose penalties.

Clarifying Independent Expenditures For Elections: The Act requires the state board of elections to issue new regulations clarifying disclosure of Independent Expenditures.

Increased Penalties for Violations: The Act substantially increases penalties for violations of the filing requirements and contribution limits in the Election Law, and provides for a special enforcement proceeding in the Supreme Court. The bill also increases penalties for violations of certain provisions of the state's code of Ethics that prohibits conflicts of interest.

"I am optimistic this agreement will be different than ones in the past. I applaud Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Skelos, and even Assembly Speaker Silver for negotiating and reaching this agreement. However, the proof will only be in the results - is Albany a more functional, ethical place, where the public can have faith in their representatives? Is the public better served? Those tests, not the press releases announcing this agreement, will determine the ultimate success of this legislation," Senator Bonacic said.

NYS Attorney General Sues Federal Agency Over Hydrofracking

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman says that the member entities of the Delaware River Basin Commission are disregarding federal mandates by refusing to conduct a study on the effects of hydrofracking.

A lawsuit filed Tuesday by New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman could stall the onset of hydrofracking in the Delaware River Basin, an area that supplies drinking water to more than nine million people in Westchester County and New York City. Schneiderman filed the lawsuit in a Brooklyn federal court against U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Brigadier General Peter A. DeLuca, who represents the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC).

The DRBC, also comprised of the governors of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, identifies itself as "a federal-interstate government agency responsible for managing the water resources within the 13,539 square-mile Delaware River Basin without regard to political boundaries." The suit also includes the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Environmental Protection Agency as defendants.

The lawsuit alleges that the federal government has failed "to commit to a full environmental review of proposed regulations that would allow natural gas drilling-including the potentially harmful 'fracking' technique-in the Delaware River Basin."

"Before any decisions on drilling are made, it is our responsibility to follow the facts and understand the public health and safety effects posed by potential natural gas development," Schneiderman said. "The federal government has an obligation to undertake the necessary studies, and as I made clear last month, this office will compel it to do so." (Contd. Pg. 14)

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Legislative Session Quickly Drawing to a Close

The last scheduled day of the Legislative session is Monday, June 20. While we expect the final day of session could slip by a few days depending on what items may still be outstanding, it is clear that the Legislature is in end of session mode and working to meet their target adjournment date. Verbal agreements have been announced on ethics reform and the property tax cap and the Senate is expected to vote on the ethics reform bill on Monday. The Governor's final priority, of his big three priorities for the rest of session, the gay marriage bill appears to still be a few votes short in the Senate, but is closer to passage in that chamber than it has been before. (Dave Lucas)

Property Tax Cap Status: Deal or No Deal?

Despite Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos stating this week that he does not agree with the sunset date provision in the current Assembly Majority property tax cap proposal, he is "convinced that we're going to work out whatever problems we have. That is my position. We're going to work it through." Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, however, was less committal stating, "We may have to make some changes, some numbers may change, or the world may decide we don't need a tax cap. I don't know if that deal is falling apart. We focused on the other aspect of that bill, which is rent and that's where the momentum is right now."

In the meantime extensive lobbying continues on the issue of the Committee to Save New York has spent about \$4.8 million on lobbying for a limit on property taxes, and the state budget spending, NYSUT launched its \$1.3 million statewide ad campaign opposing the tax cap, while the Rochester-based Unshackle Upstate organization-along with other business organizations-sent out a mailer on the issue, urging lawmakers to support measure. (Jessica Morelli)

Voters in our area are voicing opposition of the tax Cap, preferring a switch from putting the burden of school taxes on real estate to putting school tax on income as they consider this a fairer way of allowing all citizens to pay for their children's education, not just property owners.

County Home Rule Bills Moving through Legislature

With the end of the Legislative fast approaching, local home rule bills have been slowly winding their way through the process. The Senate has passed nearly 50 home rule bills and the Assembly has passed about a dozen so far. Remaining bills are moving through the Committee process. Local home rule bills seeking an increase in a local tax are not fairing as well and none of these have passed in either house. (Dave Lucas)

Voters in our area are also voicing opposition of the 'good old boy home rule' that has plagued democracy.

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The event is scheduled for October 1, 2011 at the Fountains at Wallkill Golf Club, Middletown, NY.

Please contact Debbie Briggs at (845) 210-3043 for further information regarding the Gala and Silent Auction.

Roast Beef Dinner at Samsonville UMC
Samsonville United Methodist Church, Cty. Rte. 3, Samsonville NY is holding a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday June 18, 2011 from 4:00pm to 6:30pm. The cost is \$11 per person, family rate available. Dinner is served family style with roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetables, beverage and homemade desserts. Any questions can be directed to Ruth Halstead at 657-8494.

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Saturday, June 18, 2011
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July 2, 2011
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Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
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5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month
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New Paltz Woman Charged with Abandoning Cat in Hamper



Joanne Greene, 56, of New Paltz was arraigned on Wednesday in Village Court after being charged with Abandonment of Animals, a misdemeanor under state Agriculture and Markets law. According to Ulster County SPCA investigators, Greene locked her cat in a clothes hamper without food or water after being evicted from her Duzine Rd. apartment last February. The cat was discovered days later by Greene's former landlord, who immediately contacted the UCSPCA. Following a medical evaluation by veterinarians at the Kingston shelter, the cat named Remy was adopted to a new home. A second appearance date is to be scheduled in New Paltz Village Court.

Pine Hill Man Arrested by URGENT

Members of the *ULSTER REGIONAL GANG ENFORCEMENT NARCOTICS TEAM* (URGENT) report the arrest of an additional defendant in a county-wide drug sales investigation. Adam A. Demskie, 28, of Pine Hill and also 26 Brewster Street, Kingston, was arrested by URGENT members in the Town of Shandaken Wednesday afternoon. Demskie sold cocaine to undercover police officers on several occasions in and around the City of Kingston during the investigation. Demskie was arrested, transported to the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center and charged with: 2 counts of Criminal Sale of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree and 2 counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance 3rd degree (all class B felonies). Demskie is held without bail pending arraignment in Ulster County Court.

NYS Attorney General Sues Federal Agency Over Hydrofracking

The Attorney General is accusing the federal agencies of not complying with the National Environmental Policy Act, which requires federal agencies to conduct a full review of actions that may cause significant environmental impacts. Hydraulic fracturing, or hydrofracking, is a method of natural gas extraction that uses a combination of water, chemicals and sand to force natural gas up from beneath shale formations. More than a third of the Delaware River Basin, which includes Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Schoharie, Green, Ulster, Orange and Sullivan Counties in New York, sits atop the Marcellus Shale region, one of the largest shale formations in the world. In a response to Schneiderman's threat to sue last month, obtained by Gannett's Albany bureau, DeLuca wrote that the DRBC is not mandated to conduct studies under NEPA because it isn't a federal agency. "We therefore believe that the federal commissioner is neither required to produce, nor has the statutory authority to perform, a study under NEPA as part of this process," DeLuca wrote. The issue of hydrofracking is controversial for many local residents because New York City and Westchester County's drinking water is sourced from the Delaware system in the Delaware River Basin. The Catskill and Croton systems also provide drinking water to millions of people in the region. James Smith, a spokesman for the Independent Oil and Gas Association of New York, said that the organization's position was confirmed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "Based on that exact distinction that the DRBC is not a federal agency and is not subject to the Environmental Protection Agency, we think that it's unfortunate that the legal facts are not prevailing in the

Tri-Valley Lions and the Misner Agency Participants in the 2011 Relay for Life



Both The Tri-Valley Lions and The Misner Agency participated in the June 4, 2011 Relay For Life to benefit The American Cancer Society.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life, an event that gives everyone in communities all over the world a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease, was held at Sullivan County Community College where teams of people camped out at and took turns walking or running. Each team was asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, -relays were overnight events up to 24 hours in length.

Attorney General's office," said Smith. "It doesn't make sense in our view to attempt to block an industry where it's been proven that there's proper regulations in place to protect the environment."

But a lawsuit issued by Maryland Attorney General Douglas Gansler on May 2 charges that a well blowout at a Pennsylvania site operated by the gas company Chesapeake Energy contaminated the state's water supplies.

The suit alleges that the April 19 blowout at a well in Leroy Township, PA, caused "thousands of gallons of fracking fluids to be released from a well owned and operated by Chesapeake Energy into Towanda Creek, a tributary of the Susquehanna River, which supplies 45 percent of the fresh water in the Chesapeake Bay."

Smith maintains that well blowouts are rare. "They've been well managed when they've happened. No one's suggesting that the oil and gas industry is a perfect one. A perfect industry doesn't exist," he said. "What we all hope for with the regulations in place now and that the Department of Environmental Protection is coming up with is that negative events are minimized when they do occur and they're taken care of as quickly as possible."

Supporters of gas drilling also note that the industry generates jobs in economically depressed areas. According to a study by the Marcellus Shale Coalition, Pennsylvania state data indicates that hydrofracking projects created 48,000 jobs from late-2009 to early-2011, 71 percent of which were filled by state residents.

But environmental advocates and many government representatives are urging caution in allowing hydrofracking in New York, particularly in the West-of-Hudson New York City watershed.

Local representatives to the state legislature have expressed opposition to hydrofracking. Assemblyman Robert Castelli (R - Goldens Bridge) said in April: "We must not allow political and economic pressure to cloud

the judgment of policy makers when deciding the environmental fate of New York State by whimsically granting gas companies the rights to drill in the Marcellus Shale region."

Castelli has sponsored legislation that would make it a crime to contaminate a water supply. He co-sponsored legislation with Assemblyman James Brennan (D-Brooklyn) that would create exclusion areas that ban hydrofracking within the New York City and Westchester watershed or anywhere within five miles of its boundaries. In June 2010, the Westchester County Board of Legislators passed an unanimous resolution calling for the bank of proposed natural gas drilling projects in the Catskill-Delaware watershed region. They also called for a moratorium on hydrofracking throughout the state, pending further comprehensive and independent review of the technology. The Harrison Town Board signed a similar resolution of its own last spring.

"It should not take a lawsuit by the New York Attorney General to convince the DRBC to consider the risks before issuing rules that would permit potentially tens of thousands of new gas wells to be developed in the watershed," said Kate Sinding, Senior Attorney for the National Resources Defense Council.

Sinding said the suit could "have a real effect on holding things up in permitting drilling in the Delaware River Basin. What we hope [is that] it convinces these federal actors-even if they want to take the position that they're not a federal agency-to do a comprehensive environmental review."

The Environmental Protection Agency and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation are both currently assessing the effects of hydrofracking. New York Governor Andrew Cuomo last week issued an Executive Order that gives the DEC until July 1 to complete its survey.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

During August, 2010, representatives of the United States Environmental Protection Agency came to our area to outline potential plans to clean up a toxic waste site which is located in the Town of Wawarsing and particularly in the Village of Ellenville at the former Ellenville Scrap Iron and Metal location. This cleanup falls under the provisions of the 1980 Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (Superfund Law) which provides funds for the cleanup of ... toxic waste sites.

At this meeting, Project Manager Mr. Daztian Duda, representing the USEPA, advised that the EPA is proposing a plan that will remove the most hazardous soil to an off-site disposal area and the remaining contaminated waste would be excavated and relocated under a "cap" at the northern end of the property. "This cap" Mr. Duda said, "will ensure that the remaining toxic soil will remain where it is placed." These statements were made during the public comment portion of the meeting.

During one of the meetings, a question was posed as to what amount of funding would be necessary for this project and the response was the amount of \$8M. In my opinion, this \$8M project is just a "band-aid" approach for what should be done. It is not acceptable to move material from one area to another on-site. The plastic liner (cap) that will contain the contaminants will, after a period of time, deteriorate and the site will have to be relined. This would be a waste of federal dollars - if \$8M is not enough to do the job correctly at the present time, then we need additional monies to remove both the hazardous waste and the contaminated waste from the site at this time, NOW. I firmly believe that the EPA cannot guarantee that this "capping" procedure will be effective. If this fails, residents near the site will be affected, as will future generations.

Recently I visited the site from the River Street area, accompanied by two Professional Engineers. The three of us spoke to a person who was already on the site and who, I believe, may be a Professional Engineer for EPA. This gentleman explained that there are only two "hot spots" where the material would be moved off site. I find it hard to believe that there can only be two hot spots.

We need a positive solution to this Superfund site. Contaminated material, under the present plan, will stay on the present site and the result may be that 28 acres of land will never again be used for the benefit of people or beautification of the local area. A positive solution will also ensure the cleanliness and protection of the beautiful Beer Kill Stream. Without a positive solution, the result will be NO TRESPASSING BY ORDER OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard M. Distel, Supervisor Town of Wawarsing
Dated: June 06, 2011

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

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

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

Transportation to NYC Saturday, December 3. \$20 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8. Call Parks & Recreation at (845) 985-2262 Ext 312 for more information



Daniel Pierce Library

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

Closed Sundays and Mondays

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

845-985-7233

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every **Townsmen** printed since the beginning in loose-leaf binders classified by year for anyone to research. For further information, contact the historian's office in Grahamsville at 985-2262 x313.

e-mail: historian@townofneversink.org, or visit www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

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

Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

American Red Cross Gives Military Families Easier Access to Emergency Communication Services

As part of an ongoing effort to better serve the military community, the American Red Cross announced that it will move to a single telephone number for its emergency communication services. Beginning June 13, 2011, at 8:00 a.m. EDT, all military members and their families can use one number- 877-272-7337 (U.S. Toll Free) to send an urgent message to a service member.

The change means that all military members and their families can use this single number to initiate an emergency communication, regardless of where they live. In the past, community-based military or families living outside an installation needed to remember the phone number for their local Red Cross chapters for emergency communications, while those living on a military installation used the 877-272-7337 number.

- 6/15/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 6/16/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 6/18/11 Thrift Sale -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
- 6/18/11 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Baked Ham Dinner** - 4-7 pm Call 985-7480 for information
- 6/19/11 Claryville Fire Dept. **Father's Day Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 6/21/11 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)
- 6/21/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 6/22/11 **Official Opening and Ribbon Cutting of Time and the Valleys Museum - 4:30 pm**
- 6/22/11 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 6/28/11 Claryville Fire Dist Commissioners Meeting - 7:00 PM
- 6/28/11 Neversink Parks & Recreation Meeting - 7 pm
- 7/2/11 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Bake Sale** - 9 am until all sold Call 985-7480
- 7/4/11 Town of Neversink Holiday - **July 4th - Independence Day**
- 7/5/11 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall 7:00 pm
- 7/6/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board
- 7/12/11 Town of Denning Business Meeting
- 7/13/11 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 7/14/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm - Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

June 22 - Official Opening and Ribbon Cutting of Time and the Valleys Museum - 4:30 pm

July 30th - **Time and the Valleys Olde Time Fair and Antique Auction**
 9/17 & 9/18 -Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual **Antique Tractor Show** -Grahamsville Fairgrounds

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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OLIVE & SHANDAKEN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6/21/11 Town of Olive Planning Board**
- 7/11/11 Town of Olive Audit Meeting - 7:30 pm - Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd.
- 7/12/11 Town of Olive Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd.

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

"An emergency situation can be a very stressful time for a military family, and having just one common telephone number to remember can make a difficult situation a little easier," said Sherri Brown, Senior Vice President for Service to the Armed Forces. "U.S. military personnel and their families can remain confident that the Red Cross will be there to keep them connected when there is a crisis at home."

A call to 877-272-7337 allows Red Cross emergency communications services to put military personnel in touch with their families following the death or serious illness of an immediate family member, the birth of a service member's child or grandchild or when a family faces other emergencies. Additional Red Cross services such as case management and emergency financial assistance also are available. For those stationed overseas, the three options for calling will remain the same: calling 877-272-7337 direct, accessing the number through a military operator, or calling the local Red Cross station.

"The Red Cross has always been there for us," said Mr. Robert L. Gordon III, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military community and family policy. "It's critically important to our men and women serving away from home that their families know whom to call in the event of an emergency. The Red Cross is now making it even easier to make that call."

The Red Cross Service to the Armed Forces program provides assistance to more than 2 million service members and many of the nation's 24 million veterans. The Red Cross provides emergency communications linking service members with their families during time of crisis; comfort and care in military and veterans medical facilities; access to financial assistance in partnership with the military aid societies; information and referral and assistance to veterans.

SLAC to Honor Josephine Campanaro

SLAC, The Senior Legislative Action Committee is honoring the memory of Josephine Campanaro, founding member and treasurer, at our 7th Annual Luncheon at the Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg. **Reservations must be made by June 20th.** The CEO of Catskill Regional Medical Center will be the guest speaker. Please call Priscilla Bassett at 985-7901 or Myrna Krauss at 707- 4966 for details.

Brush up on Your Math Skills

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at BOCES is now offering Math Basics. This is a course for individuals looking to review their basic math skills. The course will include number sense, operations, measurement, geometry, data and algebra.

Classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello from June 6 through June 27 or from July 18 through August 8. The fee for the class is \$64.00.

For more information or to sign up for the class contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 791-4070 between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm or log onto scbooces.org and follow us on face book and twitter for program updates.

Tri-Valley Alumni Reunion Classes 1960-1972

Date: October 1st, 2011; Time: 7:00 p.m.; Place: Days Inn Liberty (old Holiday Inn - Reservations needed by August 30th, 2011 Block of rooms reserved for \$67.00 per night Days Inn-Tri-Valley Reunion. Please contact: 845-985-7422 or facebook-Tri-Valley Reunion or : mamamia58@hotmail.com

The Library will be holding their annual Pumpkin Party on October 1s at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds all are welcome to attend-there will be a alumni booth at top of fairgrounds on right hand side for classmates to get reacquainted and sign in=refreshments and activities are available with proceeds going to Daniel Pierce Library At this time we will hopefully start an alumni association so that we can have more group reunions since we were such a small school years ago if there is enough interest. There is a FFA Alumni Association=FBLA Alumni Association but no Tri-Valley Alumni Association; won't you help to get one started for future classes????

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Bringing Up Baby (1938)

A madcap heiress upsets the staid existence of a straitlaced scientist. Director by Howard Hawks and starring Cary Grant, Katharine Hepburn, Charlie Ruggles, May Robson, Barry Fitzgerald, Walter Catlett, Fritz Feld, Ward Bond. In her sole venture into slapstick, Hepburn plays a madcap heiress-- "Baby" is her pet leopard-- who sets her sights on absentminded zoologist Grant and inadvertently proceeds to make a shambles of his life. Not a hit when first released, this is now considered the definitive screwball comedy and one of the fastest, funniest films ever made; grand performances by all. On TCM Saturday June 18, 2011, 8:00 PM, C-122 min. Rated TV-PG

- Quiz:
 A. Who played the character of David Huxley?
 B. Who was the actor that played Susan Vance?

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

GRAHAMSVILLE - Coming on the 22nd of June the Grand Opening of the **Time and The Valley's Museum** in Grahamsville at the Daniel Pierce Library don't miss it is your history.

- **Neversink/Rondout Landowner Workshop** - Saturday, June 18 from 9 am - noon at the Claryville Church Hall. Have breakfasat, then learn about the program update, followed by a presentation by Cornell's Mark Whitmore on the Emerald Ash Borer and garden design author Carolyn Summers wil talk on indigenous plants in the garden.

ELLENVILLE - coming up at the July 4th parade, win dollars, get your pre-July 4th tickets. 500 chances to win big money. Get your tickets now at local stores in Ellenville and Napanoch. Shop locally. Support your local business's; they support you.

CALLICOON - Book Fair on June 18th under the big white tend at 9279 Rt 97 in Callicoon from 10 am to 4 pm. The event is sponsored by the St James Episcopal Church.

HUDSON VALLEY - The Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival of Putnam & Dutchess, celebrates a great group of players Tuesday, June 21 - The Comedy of Errors, CONTACT: Marcia Clark (845) 528-6647 - marcia@shamelesspromotions.com

NEW PALTZ - June 22nd -SRBP Lecture Series: Gasland: 6:30-9PM. Documentary. Learn what the gas rush could mean for communities, landowners, and landscapes in this region. Free. Lecture Center, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Dr., New Paltz. 257-3880.

Have a great week.
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