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Spaghetti Dinner to Benefit a Tri-Valley 4-year Old Cancer Victim and the Family

On Friday, March 22, 2013 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm a Spaghetti Dinner will be held at the Neversink Firehouse. The proceeds will benefit a Tri-Valley family with their 4 year old who is battling stage four cancer.

Please contact Rhonda at 985-2410 to purchase tickets for the dinner, or to make a donation.

See page 13 for dinner details.

Mark Your Calendars - Horseshoe Tournament July 14th

The second annual Matthew R Bertholf Horseshoe Tournament will be held on Sunday, July 14th, 2013 at the Neversink Firehouse. Watch the Townsman for more details.

Olive Free Library Invites the Public for Screening of *Wreck-It-Ralph*

The Olive Free Library will screen the last of 3 films, *Wreck-It-Ralph* (2012, Animated, Rated PG), shown during the month of March. On Monday, March 25, at 2:00 p.m kick off spring break with a free matinee screening of this popular animated film. "Equally entertaining for both kids and parents old enough to catch the references, *Wreck-It-Ralph* is a clever, colorful adventure built on familiar themes and joyful nostalgia." (rottentomatoes.com)

All movies are free and open to the public, projected on a large screen. For more information please contact the library at 845-657-2482.

Bonacic Accepts Emergency Services Award



State Senator John Bonacic accepted the Orange County Office of Emergency Medical Services and Orange County Emergency Medical Services Council's annual award for being Orange County's EMS Supporter of the Year. (Contd. Pg. 2)

TVCS Music Teacher Kevin Giroux along with other Music Educators Meet with the Senator



On Monday, March 4, 2013, State Senator John J. Bonacic (R,C,I- Mt. Hope) met with music educators from Sullivan, Orange and Delaware Counties supporting music education in our schools. Pictured above standing, left to right, is Kevin Giroux, Daniel McConnell, Mike Mingo, Senator Bonacic, Lori Orestano-James, Gary Siegel, and Kristin Henne. Seated, left to right, is Sonja Beard, and Diane Krick.

Sullivan Renaissance Goes Local

[FERNDALE] - Spring made a preview in Ferndale last weekend when the CVI Center was transformed into a farmer's market and filled with flowers and garden exhibitors. All of this and much more were part of the Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference, Local Market and Expo held on Saturday, March 9 in Ferndale.

The local market offered the opportunity to purchase local, natural and organic goods. Included were the following farms and artisans: Aunt Nenee's; Brandenburg Pastry Bakery; Catskill Provisions; Catskill Distillery Company/Dancing Cat Saloon; Crimson Candle; Eminence Road Farm Winery; Heirloom Botanicals; Hilly Acres Farm; Java Love Coffee Roasting Co.; Justus Ashalter Maple Syrup; Natural Contents; Northern Farmhouse Pasta; and Root N Roost Farm. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Not Shamrocks, but Definitely a Welcomed Sight in Sundown!



Several years ago we added some dainty little primroses to our garden. They were a garden gift from Martha and Fred Ahen's garden in Grahamsville. Last year, the little purple primroses bloomed throughout the mild winter. This year, buried under the snow and ice, we could only think about the little primroses and hope to see them in the spring. This past weekend's weather was spring-like enough and several of the little blossoms poked their heads through the icy snow mixture to let us know, they were blooming; maybe even through the winter. Thank you Fred and Martha for the first blossoms in our garden!

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SLAC to Meet March 22nd

SLAC, The Senior Action Committee of Sullivan County invites you to our first meeting of 2013 at the Legislative Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello on Friday, March 22nd at 10 am.

Our guest will be Gail Myers, Special Projects Director of NY Statewide Senior Action Council speaking on Cuts to Senior Services; Cope, Challenge and Change! and updates on hospital observation status and other concerns. A question and answer period follows.

Please come and bring a friend. Our meetings are free and open to all.

SLAC P O Box 1065, South Fallsburg, NY 12779-985-7901 or 807-0241.



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgment by executed speedily upon him, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment. Ezra 8:26

OBITUARY

Marie E. Graham of Bainbridge, GA and formerly of Neversink, NY, passed away on Monday, March 4, 2013 at the Select Specialty Hospital in Tallahassee, FL. She was 47.

The daughter of the late John and Loretta Edwards Noren, she was born on October 9, 1965 in Liberty, NY.

Marie is survived by her husband, Danford Graham of Bainbridge, GA; her sons: Billy Hitchcock of Scottsboro, AL and Daniel Graham of Nashville, TN; her daughter, Sarah Pennell and her husband, Richard of Swan Lake, NY; her brothers: Jesse Noren and his wife Bobbi of Neversink, NY, Joseph Noren and his wife, Susan of Neversink, NY and William Noren of Rochester, NY; sisters: Eva Gorton and her husband, Clay of Hancock, NY, Cindy Utter and her husband, Larry of Greeley, PA and Gail Gerow of White Lake, NY; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 9th at Ramsay's Funeral Home, Liberty, NY, the Rev. Kenneth Rodgers officiating. Burial was in Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

Memorial donations in Marie's name may be made to the Neversink First Aid Squad, PO Box 627, Neversink, NY 12765.

THANK YOU NOTE:

To our amazing community of friends and neighbors.

Thank you so much for all of the cards, concern calls and prayers for Paul Lounsbury's recovery from sickness.

Thank you for those who have helped with our needs while we were at Westchester Medical Center for one month.

He is on the mend and we are grateful. We thank God for all of you and appreciate all of the expressions of love we have received.

Paul and Kathy Lounsbury

Days of Yore...**...Today's History**

March 18, 1953 - Elmer Houghtaling, 73, for many years a farmer at Willowemoc, died at Middletown last Monday after a long illness. He had made his home at Liberty after leaving the farm. Mr. Houghtaling is survived by his wife, the former Fannie Davis, one son and two daughters, several sisters and brothers, among them Oscar of Claryville.

Dr. and Mrs. Karl H. Messenger of Memphis, Tennessee, formerly of this place, announce the engagement of Miss Iva Lawton to Corporal Walter Tatum of Mobile, Alabama. Miss Lawton graduated from the local schools and is now Airman/3C in the Women's Air Force and is stationed at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Ala. A/2C Tatum is stationed at the same base. The wedding is planned for April 3, 1953.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Dean of Neversink on the arrival of a baby son at the Liberty Loomis Hospital last week.

March 20, 1963 - Funeral services for Harry B. Cole of the Branch will be held on Thursday at 2 p.m. in the Claryville Dutch Reformed Church. He died Monday at Hamilton Avenue Hospital, Monticello. Born January 1, 1895 at Claryville, he was the son of DuBois and Augusta Crawford Cole. He married Pearl VanValkenburg on Nov. 28, 1912. Surviving besides his wife are four sons, Percy and Warren of Claryville, Robert of the state of Florida and Harold of Hasbrouck.

Miss Karen Mickelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mickelson, Sr. of South Hill Road, Grahamsville, became the bride of Mr. William Exner, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Exner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Exner of Ulster Heights on Sunday. The ceremony took place at the Grahamsville Methodist Church. The couple will make their home in Ulster Heights.

March 14, 1973 - History was made last Sunday in the Reformed Church in Grahamsville. For the first time, a woman, Miss Kathryn E. Moore, was ordained and installed as a member of the consistory, the governing body of that church. 1973 is the first year that women have been permitted to be elected to any consistory of the Reformed Church in America.

Revonah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star traveled to Masonville on Thursday, March 1st, to honor and surprise Mrs. Beverly Youmans, one of its members, as she made her first official

visit as a newly appointed State officer. Members of the Grahamsville area attended.

Grahamsville Scout Troop 187, sponsored by the Grahamsville Fire Company, will hold an Eagle Scout Court of Honor on Friday, April 6 at the Tri-Valley School auditorium for Eagle Scout Greg Pond. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pond of Grahamsville. He will be presented, officially, with his Eagle Scout medal, the highest rank in scouting.

March 17, 1983 - Patricia S. Heugle of Grahamsville, a long time area resident, died Monday, March 7 at Community General Hospital, Harris after a long illness. She was 54.

The daughter of the late George and Virginia Sauer, she was born May 22, 1929 in North Bergen, N.J. Mrs. Heugle was a member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne. Survivors include her husband, John J. Heugle, at home; a son John J. Heugle of N. Carolina; three daughters: Virginia Heugle, Teaneck, N.J., Patty Ellen Schragger of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Carolyn Heugle at home.

If you're worried about paying your fuel bill this winter, just feel for those poor folks in the White House. This year the 182 year old executive mansion, which is home to the first family, a museum and an office building, must get by on a measly budget of \$3.8 million and a separate \$600,000 budget for maintaining the 18 acre lawn. I really don't know how those poor people get by!

(If it cost that much in 1983, I'd hate to even think about what it costs today.)

Congratulations to TVCS Indoor Track Athletes at National Indoor Championship

Five Tri-Valley Indoor Track and Field Team members competed this past weekend at the New Balance Indoor Track National Championship at the Armory in New York City. With qualifiers from across the United States and Canada, all five participants achieved Lifetime Best Performances. Placing 8th in the Weight throw Senior Mareena DiMilia, 19th in the Mile Walk also setting a School Record Junior Brooke Gillette, 30th in the Weight throw Senior Sarah Coney, 31st in the 2 mile Freshmen Autumn Bender and 32nd in the Weight throw Senior Shannon Smith.

Congratulations Tri-Valley Alumnus

Congratulations to Tri-Valley Alumnus Garrett Grey on placing 3rd at the NCAA Division II Indoor Track National Championship in the Weight Throw in Birmingham Alabama. Garrett is a 5th year senior at Ashland University in Ohio and will be graduating in June. Congratulations and good luck in the final Outdoor Season of your collegiate career.

Bonacic Accepts Emergency Services Award (From Pg. 1)

The award was presented on March 3 at The Fountains restaurant at the Town of Wallkill Golf Club. Senator Bonacic has been an active EMS supporter for many years. Some of his work in the area of firematic and emergency services includes:

- Writing the law authorizing insurance coverage for volunteer EMS workers to receive testing for blood borne pathogens they may be exposed to;
- Successfully working to keep four rural hospitals open providing 24 hour a day emergency access;
- Being the first State Senator to secure defibrillators for each high school in any Senate District before they became popularly placed in many places of public assembly;
- Sponsoring legislation to authorize construction of an EMS Memorial at the State Capitol in Albany honoring EMS workers who die in the line of duty.

Senator Bonacic has previously received the State's top award from the State Firefighters Association for advocacy on behalf of volunteer firefighters.

"At some place, each day, across our State, an EMS worker is jumping into action to save the life or lives of complete strangers. Hopefully it will never be you or a loved one that needs saving, but we are all thankful for their service."

A Round About Tri-Valley

- Carol Furman

Ashland University Senior, Garrett Grey, a Tri-Valley graduate, recently earned the co-field athlete of the meet award at the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference championships in Allendale, Michigan. Garrett won the weight throw with a heave of 67 feet, one-half inch. Garrett is the son of Scott and Diana Grey.

I happened to see Nancy Barkley, retired Tri-Valley teacher, last weekend. She recently returned from a trip to St. Thomas where she spent some time sailing around the Caribbean on a catamaran. She also spent time enjoying the Florida sunshine before returning home. Ahhh, the good life!

Get-well- soon wishes go out to Dave Forshay of Willowemoc. He is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Mark your calendars - There will be a spaghetti supper at the Neversink Fire House on March 22nd from 4:00-7:00 pm to help a local family with some significant medical expenses they have had for their child. Keep watching *The Townsman* for more details.

Condolences go out to Tammy and Dale Carlsen and their family on the death of Tammy's father, Paul Gizinski. Paul, a resident of Hurleyville, died on February 27th at the age of 71.

Word has it that Helen Mickelson of Grahamsville will be returning home from Achieve very soon. Helen had a fall and injured her hip, but seems to be doing much better.

Sullivan County Catskills Sportsmen's and Outdoor Recreation Expo will take place at the Villa Roma Resort on March 22nd from Noon - 7 pm and March 23rd from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Congratulations to the SUNY Sullivan Generals men's basketball team who finished undefeated in their division! The Team qualified for the national tournament which will be held at the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse in Loch Sheldrake and will begin on March 14th.

Happy St. Patrick's Day on March 17th!
Beware of the Ides of March on March 15th!

Words of Wisdom: Noise proves nothing; often a hen who has merely laid an egg cackles as if she has laid an asteroid. Mark Twain

Liberty Performing Arts presents Cole Porter's "Anything Goes"

Liberty Performing Arts presents Cole Porter's enduring classic "Anything Goes," on Friday March 15 and Saturday, March 16 at 7 p.m. in the David E. Panebaker Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens.

Written and set in the 1930's, "Anything Goes" takes place aboard the S.S. American, a luxury liner en route to England from New York City. The popular musical features some of Cole Porter's most memorable songs including "I Get a Kick Out of You," "You're the Top," "Friendship," "Anything Goes," and "De-Lovely."

On board, the hilarious and intricate plot includes a cast of extraordinary characters like gangster Moonface Martin (Drew Maier), wealthy debutante Hope Harcourt and her social climbing mother Evangeline Harcourt (Gwen Nieves, Jessica Watson), nightclub singer Reno Sweeny (Taylor Lamerand) and wealthy businessman Billy Crocker with his stowaway assistant, Elisha Witney (Willy Killian and Kevin Ure-Cruz).

It turns out that Hope is Billy's long-lost love. Unfortunately, she is now engaged to a wealthy Englishman, Lord Evelyn Oakleigh (Josh Lieberman). After a series of comedic happenings, Billy manages to win Hope back. Meanwhile, Billy's friend, Reno, manages to seduce and win Lord Evelyn. All this happens while Moonface Martin attempts to escape the law and Hope's mother strives to maintain her social status.

"Anything Goes" is directed and choreographed by middle school music teacher Emily Ford with musical direction by high school music teacher Tim Hamblin. In addition to the

main cast, a large ensemble of high school and middle school students and several Liberty High School and Middle School Faculty such as Jill Buday, Teresa Couitt, Bill Fleck, and Mike Diehl help make this fun-filled musical a must-see!

Elementary Art Show displayed at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville

The Elementary Art Show is holding an opening reception on Friday, March 8th at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville from 5 to 7 pm.

The reception will display the artistic talents of the students from around the county and BOCES (grades K-8).

The Elementary Art Show, sponsored by the Sullivan County BOCES Arts In Education Program and the Sullivan County Historical Society, is a great opportunity for our young artists to showcase his or her pieces of work and show off their talent.

The artwork will be on display at Museum from March 8th through April 2nd. If you are interested in viewing these exemplary pieces of work the museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

For more information about the Sullivan County BOCES' Arts In Education Program please contact Lisa Pacht, Director of Instructional Technology/Arts In Education at (845) 295-4033. For information about the services Sullivan BOCES offers visit our website at sbooces.org and like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Long Term Care Council to Meet

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information on long term care services in Sullivan County.

The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, March 20, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. The Council is currently looking at transportation for people with disabilities and people under the age of sixty. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257.

Professional Women of Sullivan County to Hold March Meeting at Albella's

Professional Women of Sullivan County will be holding their next meeting on Wednesday, March 20th. The meeting will be held at Albella's Restaurant, located at 50 Jefferson Street in Monticello, NY, on Wednesday, March 20th. Networking will begin at 6:00 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. The choice of entrees will be: Penne Alla Vodka, Chicken Marsala, Broiled Salmon, or Eggplant Parmesan. Included with the dinner will be salad, bread/butter, coffee/tea, and dessert. The total cost will be \$25 (tax & tip included). Joyce Garber, will be leading a panel discussion on Women in Science. Please RSVP with your dinner choice to Marilyn Stein at (845) 791-7723 or mjcat12@hotmail.com.

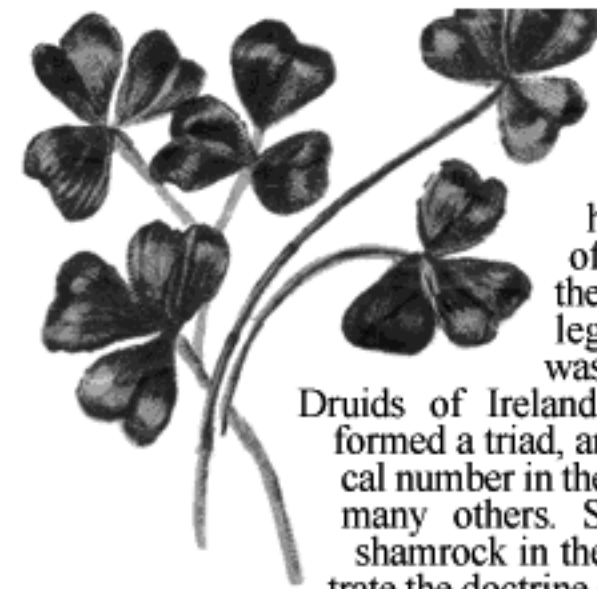
About the Professional Women of Sullivan County: Formally known as Catskill Mountain BPW, Professional Women of Sullivan County (PWSC) is a non-profit, member organization of New York State Women, Inc. and strives "To build powerful women professionally, personally, politically through advocacy, education and information." The group meets on the third Wednesday of each month at locations throughout Sullivan County. To obtain more information about the organization, please contact Helen Rados at 845-866-2565 or hrados@gmail.com.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

Lucky Little Green Shamrocks

With only a few days until St. Patrick's Day, there won't be enough time to grow your own, but there are quite a few little local shops where you can buy a little pot



of shamrocks, Oxalis tetraphylla, the American version of the lucky clover.

Shamrocks have been symbolic of many things over the years. According to legend, the shamrock was a sacred plant to the

Druids of Ireland because its leaves formed a triad, and three was a mystical number in the Celtic religion, as in many others. St. Patrick used the shamrock in the 5th century to illustrate the doctrine of the Holy Trinity as

he introduced Christianity to Ireland.

The shamrock became symbolic in other ways as time went on. In the 19th century it became a symbol of rebellion, and anyone wearing it risked death by hanging. It was this period that spawned the phrase "the wearin' o' the green". Today, the shamrock is the most recognized symbol of the Irish, especially on St. Patrick's Day, when all over the world, everyone is Irish for a day!

The shamrock refers to the young sprigs of clover or trefoil. The name shamrock is derived from Irish seamróg, which is the diminutive version of the Irish word for clover (seamair) meaning simply "little clover" or "young clover".

While we all know what the shamrock is supposed to look like, there is a bit of discrepancy to what is a real shamrock.

Back in 1597, John Gerard, an herbalist, defined the shamrock as *Trifolium pratense* or *Trifolium pratense* flore albo, meaning Red or White Clover. Then in 1726, the Irish botanist Caleb Threlkeld, wrote in his work entitled *Synopsis Stirpium Hibernicarum* or *A Treatise on Native Irish Plants* identifying the shamrock as *Trifolium pratense*, or White Field Clover.

In 1737 botanist Karl Linnaeus claimed the shamrock as *Trifolium pratense*, which is purple field clover. He claimed the Irish would eat 'shamrock' to make them speedy and of nimble strength, basing his comments on English Elizabethan authors such as Edmund Spenser who reported that the shamrock used to be eaten by the Irish, especially in times of hardship and famine. It has since been argued however, that the Elizabethans were confused by the similarity between the Irish (Gaelic) name for young clover seamróg, and the name for wood sorrel seamsóg.

By 1830, London botanist James Ebenezer Bicheno added to the confusion, proclaiming that the real shamrock was indeed *Oxalis acetosella* or Wood Sorrel. According to a survey taken 63 years later in 1893 carried out by Nathaniel Colgan, an amateur naturalist working as a clerk in Dublin the results were that there was no 'true' species of shamrock. Almost one hundred years later, in 1988 a comparable survey was carried out by E. Charles Nelson, Director of the Irish National Botanic Gardens. Both surveys involved asking people from all across Ireland to send in examples of shamrock, which were then potted up and allowed to flower, so that their botanical species could be identified. The results of both surveys were very similar, showing that the conception of the shamrock in Ireland had changed little in almost a hundred years; there is no one "true" species of shamrock. The *Trifolium dubium* (Lesser clover) is considered to be the shamrock by roughly half of Irish people, and *Trifolium repens* (White clover) by another third, with the remainder split between *Trifolium pratense*, *Medicago lupulina*, *Oxalis acetosella* and various other species of *Trifolium* and *oxalis*.

The little potted shamrock plants that you will see in the shops are most likely wood sorrel that is shipped from Ireland in great quantity for St. Patrick's Day.

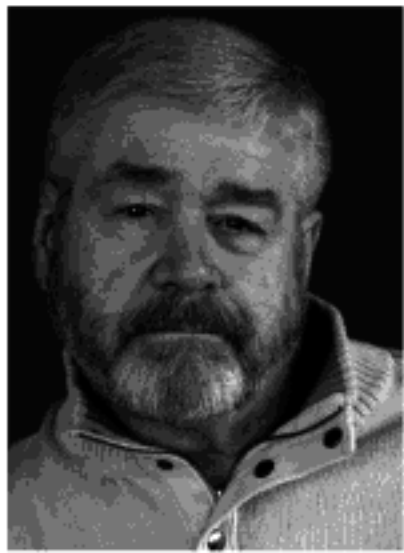
Considering shamrocks are a symbol of many things, and there are many types of plants called 'shamrock', if we, in the Catskills, see any type of clover or green grass in our backyards this weekend - I guess we can call ourselves lucky! Spring must be on its way.

Household Hints

Wash Away a Little Winter From With Vinegar

As if a winter's worth of ice, slush, and snow wasn't rough enough on your shoes and boots, the worst thing, by far, is all the rock salt that's used to melt it. In addition to leaving unsightly white stains, salt can actually cause your footwear to crack and even disintegrate if it's left on indefinitely. To remove it and prevent long-term damage, wipe fresh stains with a cloth dipped in undiluted white vinegar.

Mysterious Book Report No. 88 by John Dwaine McKenna



After the wild ride we took with last week's cultish thriller, (Gun Church, MBR 87) I wanted to find another equally compelling novel, but one that's the polar opposite in content, style and focus. Dame Fortune smiled and sent all of us a beautifully-written debut novel that's historical fiction at it's very best. It combines history, romance, political intrigue, danger, scandal, conspiracy and a bit of magic for good measure. It's the perfect antidote for the winter blahs and the relentless unending depression of current events.

The Stockholm Octavo, (Harper-Collins-ECCO, \$26.99, 421 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-199534-7) by Karen Englemann takes place in Stockholm, Sweden at the end of the eighteenth century . . . a pivotal time . . . a time when the newly-liberated American colonies were deciding the shape of their constitution, bill of rights and presidency; the French and Swedes were making life-altering decisions about the shape and form of their governments of and by royalty. If intelligent writing, on a number of levels, appeals to you, seek out and read this entertaining and complex novel. But wait . . . I'm getting ahead of myself . . .

As the novel begins, we're introduced to Emil Larson an aspiring, and ambitious, man-about-town. He's a low-level bureaucrat in a corrupt system, a drinker, carouser and card-playing bachelor who frequents the gambling house of Mrs. Sophia Sparrow. They are both royalists, supporters of King Gustav III, a progressive and enlightened monarch entering his twentieth year on the throne. But in addition to being a gaming room operator, Mrs. Sophia Sparrow is a practitioner of cartomancy. She's a seer, who reads fortunes in a set of tarot cards which she lays in a spread called the Octavo, which has a total of nine cards. She's politically savvy, active and a confidentante of King Gustav as well as his brother Duke Karl, who covets the throne and has aligned himself with the forces of the patriotic opposition, bent on overthrowing the King. Against this beehive of intrigue, Emil Larson engages his friend, Mrs. Sparrow to lay the cards for him, so he might know his own path to love and happiness. As he soon finds out however, although the cards can foretell the future, they don't determine the future, nor are they easy to decipher. Along the way, this fascinating work of intrigue and infighting will enlighten the reader about the language of fans, which the women of the royal court used to express their emotions, as well as flirt with and control members of the opposite sex. You'll experience the sights, sounds and smells of the Swedish seat of power in the 1790's and be introduced to the healing arts of the apothecary in addition.

The Stockholm Octavo, is a sophisticated and witty novel that can be read and enjoyed by all readers. Book club members will rejoice in this one, it has plenty of material for hours of discussion and dissection and has received starred reviews from Publishers Weekly and The Library Journal. High praise indeed . . . with which I heartily agree.

Have you checked out your community library yet? Are you planning on doing it? Sooner is better than later or never. Make time and go . . . become a patron . . . you'll be smarter, happier and well-read. Go soon, I'm running out of ways to say it.

Ten stories from The Neversink Chronicles are now available on the Kindle eReader at just 99 cents each. Help spread the word, wouldya . . . We're hard at work on the next Rhyolite Press publication entitled simply Colorado Noir by yours truly. It's due out in late spring. Thanks to all the visitors and friends on Facebook and Twitter. Don't forget to checkout our websites: johndwainemckenna.com and rhyolitepress.com and leave a message while you're there. We'd love to hear from you. See you next week . . . same column, same page, written by the same dude . . . but with a brand new book report.

--JDM

Sullivan Renaissance Goes Local (From Pg. 1)

The expo featured exhibits by many of Sullivan County's garden centers and nurseries, along with other vendors with products and services of interest to volunteers, including: Bashakill Area Association; Butterfly Botanicals; Catskill Mountain Herbs; Catskill Mountainkeeper; CCE Master Gardeners; Delaware Valley Farm & Garden; Kean Artworks/Graphic Detail; Liberty Home Garden & Pet; Manza Family Farm; Monticello Farm Home & Garden; SullivanArc; The Cutting Garden; Trailkeeper.org; Tri County Nursery Association; and Tri Valley Agriculture/Future Farmers of America.

The conference featured a keynote address by Dr. Peter Tarlow, with presentation of Sullivan First Achievement Awards, "What's New for 2013 in Sullivan Renaissance" and multiple workshops.

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

Tri-Valley Lions January/February Newsletter (Revised) - By Lion Fran Fuller

Our Member Meeting was held on January 8th at Nardi's Restaurant in Hurleyville, NY. Our Guest Speaker was Lion Bonnie Lewis, who gave an informative talk on the Health Literacy Project along with Caryn Matthews.

Several Thank you notes were read to the group from the area Churches that we donated to during the Holiday season. Tri-Valley Lions club donation to the Daniel Pierce Library was made from the proceeds from the soda booth at the fairgrounds during the Pumpkin Party.

Tri-Valley was the host Club for the County Sight and Hearing Meeting, held at Nardi's restaurant on January 21st, 2013

The Chocolate Bunnies have been ordered for our Easter Sale and should be in any day.

February

February 5th was our dinner meeting at Nardi's Restaurant with our Zone Chair Ilene Wizwer as our speaker. Lions Stewart and Ilene attended Lions Day at the U.N. The 2013 Peace Poster winner was announced and it was a young girl from California. The Wizwers stated the Poster was very impressive. The needs of Camp Badger for special needs children were discussed and also Guiding Eyes for the Blind and the Lions part in both organizations. Also discussed was Vacation Camp for the Blind (VCB) and looking out for children in area who could benefit a 2 weeks stay there.

A donation to the WSUL/ WVOs Heart-athon was made on February 23rd to the CRMC by Lion President Carmen Salvemini and Secretary Liza Salvemini on behalf of the Tri-Valley Lions.

Our next meeting will be March 5th, 6:30pm at Nardi's Restaurant in Hurleyville, NY.

Become a part of something more than yourself. Become a Lion and serve the community you live in. You are always welcome

State Assembly Approves 2-year Moratorium on Fracking

Last week the Democrat-dominated State Assembly approved a two-year moratorium on high-volume hydraulic fracturing from the Southern Tier to the Catskills until there is "conclusive scientific evidence" on possible health and environmental risks.

Democrats from the southern tier who voted for the bill were: Kevin Cahill, D-Kingston; Aileen Gunther, D-Forestburgh; James Skoufis, D-Woodbury and Frank Skartados, D-Milton. The two area Republicans, Annie Rabbitt, R-Greenwood Lake, and Claudia Tenney, R-New Hartford, voted against the bill.

The measure is largely symbolic at this point because the politically divided Senate hasn't shown signs of backing a moratorium. Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo's administration has been weighing regulations for the natural gas drilling technique, but has missed several self-imposed deadlines for reaching a conclusion.

Assembly Democrats said the state shouldn't rush a decision about fracking in the Marcellus and Utica shale. Conventional drilling, which uses shallower wells and far less water than high-volume fracking, has gone on for decades in New York and other states.

"We have one shot to get it right; we've seen that many other states haven't," said Assemb. Robert Sweeney (D-Lindenhurst), who sponsored the moratorium bill.

If passed by the Senate and signed off by Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo, the bill would close the state's doors to the oil and gas industry's desire to begin operating in New York's portion of the Marcellus Shale basin until May 2015. New York has had a moratorium on the books since 2008.

This is the third time the Assembly has passed such a bill, with similar moratorium bills passing in 2010 and 2011, but then dying a slow death in the Senate and never reaching the Governor's desk, meaning the de facto moratorium has remained in place.

Those voting for the bill feel that more time is needed to continue the study of the controversial natural gas extraction method of hydraulic fracturing known as fracking.

Activists see it as a temporary reprieve and a victory for now.

"We have to protect our water. That's what this is all about," said Cahill, a bill co-sponsor. "The gas is going to be there when the price is worth more. The water will be there and we want to make sure it stays clean."

"There's more work to be done," added a spokeswoman for Gunther.

In fracking, shale is blasted with water, sand and chemicals to free the gas trapped inside.

Assembly Democrats cited concerns about drinking water and climate change, and the handling of chemically laced wastewater that is generated during drilling. The Assembly bill requires the State University of New York to conduct a public health study.

Although a key coalition of state Senators - the Independent Democrat Conference - has backed the moratorium, the bill may not even reach the Senate floor for a vote.

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The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda *This week's colorful "The Olive Jar" has moved to page 9.*

Unplugged

With all the technology and comfort gadgets we possess, all depend upon electricity to some extent. This gap between the futuristic inventions and our ancient power grid may be our undoing.

In recent power outages, which seem more prevalent now than ever because of our unstable weather, our new-fangled gadgets don't work because they have limited power supply or depend upon some secondary power source. During Hurricane Irene, we had a generator but no cable, television or phone because all depended upon cable service. Our children had smart phones with communication possibilities, but they needed an old-fashioned plug to recharge the phone. This symbiotic need had family showering here while they waited for phones and tablets to recharge.

So much effort is put into the fastest communication device when our society has not put the effort into updating our power. In a prolonged outage of electricity, gas pumps cannot give us fuel for our cars or generators. Our batteries need a source of recharging. Our cell phones only work as long as the cell towers are powered up. Life as we know it could probably go on for a span of two weeks.

With a society that relies so heavily on fossil fuels, we are vulnerable to weather and, even more frightening, cyber attacks since almost all industries have been computerized to some extent.

As our population ages, so does our dependency upon the infrastructure of our communication system. I fear that our self-sufficiency is in jeopardy as we launch forward with toilets that flush themselves and voice mails that hang in cyber-space with no means to retrieve them. Our family photos, floating in some password-protected cloud, never make it to albums. Even our money, which used to be in our pockets, requires an ATM or electronic credit or debit card to be spent.

There is a disconnect between the past and our future. Our oldest citizens might be the ones best fit to live in a future "Dark Ages", a time when society may be forced to "unplug."



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES - Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center

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Alvin Lee first exploded into my consciousness on one of the most memorable weekends of my life! It was August 2nd and 3rd, a Friday and Saturday night. The year was 1968.

Friday night, I had a 2nd row ticket to see a band from San Francisco that was generating a huge buzz, specifically about their singer, a young woman named Janis Joplin. The band, of course, was Big Brother and The Holding Company!

The opening act was a band from England that I was unfamiliar with, but within 10 seconds of their opening riff, I was eager to become much more familiar with them! That band was Ten Years After, and their guitarist was the fastest guitar-slinger in the land, up to that point! Alvin Lee was mindblowingly fast, yet always remained tasty and in the groove! I had never seen anyone like him, and I don't think anyone else had either!

Ten Years After went on to become one of the genuine Heroes of Woodstock '69. The band became a huge international draw, but ironically got locked into playing "Going Home", their Woodstock highlight, at blinding speed without much regard for the "Roll" in Rock n Roll, for the rest of their career! As an intelligent, well rounded guitar picker who liked to jam and swing as much as rock, this was anathema to Alvin, who left the band in 1973!

Lee went on to record the collaboration with Mylon Le Fevre, "On the Road to Freedom", which featured George Harrison, Steve Winwood, Ronnie Wood, and Mick Fleetwood as guests, and produced the huge international hit, "I'd Love to Change the World"!

Although he remained active in the music business, that was his last big hit, and Alvin Lee passed away March 6, of complications from a routine surgery at the age of 68! He left us way too soon! RIP Alvin! Goin' Home one last time!

In news from the barely living (LOL), The Rolling Stones are about to announce an 18 city 50th Anniversary Tour of America for this Summer, with more dates expected to be announced in the UK.

And Further, the Grateful Dead spinoff that features Phil Lesh and Bob Weir, just announced 8 nights at The Capitol Theatre in Port Chester in April, all of which are already sold out! Info at www.the-capitoltheatre.com.

Now for this week's live picks.

Wednesday, March 13 - If it's March, THE ALL-MAN BROTHERS BAND must be playing at The Beacon Theater in Manhattan! And they are finishing up this year's run this week! Final dates are tonight, and this coming weekend, Friday through Sunday, March 15-17!

I'd recommend going this weekend, if you wanna see The Brothers, because tonight, there is a major show at The Brooklyn Bowl! Headlined by local resident, MARCO BENEVENTO, of Benevento-Russo, and DAVID HIDALGO of Los Lobos, the lineup also features LONDON SOULS, an amazing two piece guitar/drum combo, and a band I've never heard of, THE SHADY HORNS. I like their name, and if they're the fourth band in this crowd, I'll give 'em the benefit of the doubt! Benevento-Russo is a great band of amazing musicians (Bandmate Joe Russo just finished touring with Phil Lesh, and is now on the road with Further), and Los Lobos have been rockin' out of East LA for decades! This is an awesome quadruple bill, but if you go, get there early, and do not miss any of the bands, especially London Souls!

Thursday, March 14 - Former local resident JACK GRACE will be playin' some real Country music tonight at The Rodeo Bar in Manhattan. Jack's funny, intelligent, and he rocks! Can't beat that combo!

Friday, March 15 - Tonight, up in Woodstock, BROTHER JOSEPHUS AND THE LOVE REVOLUTION, bring their show to The Bearsville Theater. Now, I don't know much about these guys, but they won the Independent Music Awards "Best Live Performance" award in 2011, the picture on the theater's website looks totally amazing and high energy, and I have it from reliable personal sources that they are fantastic! So, go check 'em out. I know I probably will! More info at <http://www.bearsvilletheater.com/events-calendar/brother-josephus-and-the-love-revolution-friday-march-15-2013>.

Also tonight, we have a high powered Americana bill at The Capitol Theatre, with DRIVE BY TRUCKERS and OLD 97'S.

Saturday, March 16 - As usual, there's a lot going on Saturday night! DRIVE BY TRUCKERS and OLD 97'S move their show to The Wellmont Theater in Montclair, NJ. Also, our own GENYA RAVAN is at Maxwell's in Hoboken. The biggest thing downstate tonight though, is DOCTOR JOHN AND THE LOWER 911 at Town Hall in Manhattan! Up in Woodstock, PROFESSOR LOUIE AND THE CROWMATIX bring it at The Bearsville Theater, but where I'll be, is at a totally non-musical event! I will be indulging my second love, comedy! DIMITRI MARTIN is a very funny comedian, who started, at least for me, as a reporter on The Daily Show, but was quickly spun off into his own show, which was quickly cancelled after one season! Never mind that he was hilarious and he made you think while you were cracking up! On basic cable, Dimitri was too smart for the room! That shouldn't be the case at The Egg in Albany tonight, where Dimitri will hold court and tell you some very interesting things that you didn't already know!

Monday, March 18 - The great ARLEN ROTH wields his axe at The Iridium in Manhattan!

Tuesday, March 19 - An artist who hasn't toured much in recent years returns to live performing tonight at UPAC in Kingston. GEORGE THOROGOOD had a string of rockin', blues based hits back in the 80's and 90's, and, in my opinion, his cache has done nothing but increase during his inactivity. Those songs still stand up, even today! This show should remind everyone that this guy is freakin' phenomenal!

Wednesday, March 20 - STICK MEN, featuring Tony Levin and Pat Mastelotto of King Crimson, at The Bearsville Theater in Woodstock.

Don't forget to check me out this Monday night, March 18, at 8:30 pm on John Madeo's Little Delaware Jamboree on WIOX, 91.3FM, and online at www.wioxradio.org.

See ya!

What's Happening in Pine Hill?

March 16, 10:30am-noon. Kid Stuff. Free program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Former Forest Ranger Patti Rudge will lead a hike in the Pine Hill environs. All adults are invited to join in and then partake of lots of green-themed St. Paddy day treats.

Saturday, March 16, 7:30pm. The Afterlife with Adrienne. Join us for an amazing spirit-filled evening as we welcome

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Please contact Adrienne or Ann at Pine Hill Community Center at 845-254-5469 to reserve your place.

Thursday, March 21, 4-6 pm. Pine Hill Community Center Storytellers Circle.

This new group invites all who have a tale to tell and are interested in the craft of storytelling. We'll meet on the third Thursday of each month to listen and share.

Saturday, March 23, 10:30-noon. Kid Stuff.

Free Program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Paper artist Janice Di Marino introduces kids to the art of making paper.

Saturday, March 30, 10:30 - noon. Kid Stuff.

Free Program for kids ages 6-12. Adults welcome. Artist Roshan Houshmand and the participants will make spiral bound notebooks.

Saturday, April 6, 7:00 pm. Rick Altman and David Oliver in Concert.

Altman and Oliver perform an eclectic blend of original compositions for marimbas and vibraphone. The music is inspired by many sources including improvised new music, jazz, folk, and ethnic world musics. David's compositions are heavily influenced by ska, reggae, Indian, Turkish, Latin, and classical music. Rick's compositions borrow more from the traditional jazz and new age modal jazz as well as samba and salsa. Violin prodigy Miriam Rose will open the show. \$5.00

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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. As summer approaches, the story of a carefree vacation in the Catskills should be added to your summer "must-read" list. The memoir is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*

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learn about these extraordinary women. Our state was the birthplace of the women's rights movement in 1848, and we have made significant progress since. But inequality still exists, and it is important that we continue to work to achieve full equality for women in all areas of our society. That's why in his State of the State Address, the Governor proposed measures to tackle gender-based discrimination, including income, family status, and housing discrimination, as well as protecting a women's freedom of choice. Governor Cuomo is committed to restoring New York State as the progressive capital of the nation, and a key to this goal is achieving equality for women. Let's make history again. Sincerely, The Office of the Governor

"Symmetries" Paintings and Drawings by Ellen Cibula at Alliance Gallery

"Symmetries," an exhibit of paintings and drawings by Ellen Cibula opens with a reception on Saturday, March 23 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be on view through April 13 2013. "Symmetries" is Ellen Cibula's most recent series of paintings. There is a symmetry between motion and stillness, more like a balancing act that leads to pure energy. Most of the paintings are in pairs, with the two parts forming a dance. Titles like "Fred & Ginger" are almost self-explanatory. If there is any major reference here, Mondriaan's "Boogie-Woogie" at MoMA comes to mind. It may have a general similarity of leanness going full blast, but the language has evolved and the history of her paintings are a testament to that. (Contd. Pg. 8)

From the Governor's Office
Dear Fellow New Yorker,
New York's women have always been trailblazers in the pursuit of equality and justice in our nation. During this important month -- Women's History Month -- we honor their legacy. In this spirit, the Governor announced the opening of a new women's equality exhibit at the State Capitol. The exhibit highlights the struggle for economic equality that women have faced since the 1820s. We encourage all New Yorkers to visit the exhibit and

"Women Inspiring Innovation Through Imagination"
In honor of Women's History Month, The Dancing Cat Saloon will be having a special jazz brunch focusing on women's impact in the world of music. Donna Singer and The Doug Richards Trio along with other female artist will be honoring women in the field of jazz at this brunch on March 17th, 11:30am - 2:30pm, in Bethel NY.

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World famous, the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park produces more top chefs for the region than any other institution. Learn from the masters in a wide variety of hands-on programs that have you cooking dishes from around the world or baking everything from cupcakes to artisanal breads. Sample your creations and take home a CIA cookbook to do it all again in your own kitchen! Top chefs are also teaching at Different Drummer's Kitchen in Albany. Whether you're a 4-star chef or someone who wants to be, this place will teach you to face the stove with a whole new attitude. Come to learn, come to laugh, and come to enjoy a delicious meal prepared by you. No experience necessary, the chefs work with novices as well as accomplished cooks.

Or visit the beautiful kitchens of Don Coqui at their vintage factory building in New Rochelle. Go behind the scenes of this exciting restaurant where chefs explain the food and wine you'll be working with, give you your own Don Coqui apron, and get you cooking! Once the meal is prepared, you'll sit down to dine and share the experience with your fellow cooks. From factory to farm house, The Iron Forge Inn is well known beyond the Warwick area. CIA Chef/owner Erik Johansen shows you how to use seasonal ingredients fresh from the farms near the restaurant. It's a relaxed environment that illustrates just how easy cooking from scratch can be!

Baking is an art perfected by the French. Croissants, cream puffs, breads, and fruit tarts are a snap to make under the careful tutelage of Brewster Pastry's French chef Thierry Danvin. The shop has provided signature breads and treats to the Brewster community for years. Everything you bake in class can be taken to friends and family, that is if you can resist them on the car ride home. If eating all that pastry makes you thirsty, MaMa's Café in Stone Ridge will teach you how to make seasonal sodas from natural ingredients.

On March 25th, bring the kids to see how herbs, spices and even roasted parsnip can be turned into soda as you master the art of creating simple syrups and fresh juices to flavor carbonated water. Class ends with an award for most creative soda, and everyone leaves as a jerk, soda jerk that is!

Boost your kitchen confidence at the Arts Center of the Capital

Region in Troy. Upcoming classes include "Chi Mangia Bene, Mangion Italiano," (He who eats well, eats Italian) on March 21st. You'll create from original Italian recipes while broadening your knowledge of the language and culture. Other spring classes include Water Bath Canning, Gluten Free-Savory & Sweet, and Condiments. Just down the road, Malden Bridge Chef shows you how to cook everything from soup to nuts, your way. Dazzle your guests with dishes created specifically to your taste (or theirs). It's a place to explore flavors and develop your own culinary style.

Cooking becomes performance art at Lanterna in Nyack. Sip wine as you watch the chef create a four course meal using traditional Tuscan recipes. Each course comes with a different wine combining the warm, wonderful flavors that Zagat rates as a "stand-out." All of this cooking probably has you thinking that you should upgrade your dining supplies, so make tracks to Astor House in Tannersville to stock up on useful things for serving your creations more beautifully. Witty aprons, clever cutlery, decorative trays, and candles to light your table are just a few of the items that can add tasty eye appeal to all your hard work.

The good news is that there's no final exam with cooking classes, just a delicious finish as you taste the results of your slicing, dicing, kneading, and sautéing.

Choose from countless sessions offered throughout the valley. Who would ever think that slaving over a hot stove could be so much fun?

Additional information can be obtained from the Hudson Valley Tourism web site at www.travelhudsonvalley.com. Hudson Valley Tourism, Inc. is the 10-county region designated by I LOVE NEW YORK to promote tourism for the area. Counties include Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Ulster and Westchester. Regional information can be obtained from any of the county tourism offices, or by calling 845-615-3860.

"Peaceable Kingdom"

On Sunday March 17 Upstate Films in Rhinebeck has generously offered us a free showing of "Peaceable Kingdom"—a must see documentary for both those of us who have become vegan because we deeply care about the welfare of animals and for those who are still learning. Please plan to attend and bring some friends, if you can. Last year we filled the house with the showing of "Vegucated" and we look to do the same again.

The film will screen at 1:30 – doors open at 1 PM, best to be there somewhat before 1PM for a good seat. Afterwards we will go to the Rhinebeck Town Hall where MHVS will offer a vegan reception (both appetizers and desserts) and the film makers, Jenny Stein and James LaVeck will speak.

If you can help with refreshments by bringing a vegan appetizer or dessert please let us know beforehand. For inquiries and reservations: 845.876.2626 or rsvp@mhvs.org

There is no charge to attend the reception, but a \$5 donation per person to help cover the refreshment and speaker expenses will be appreciated.

If you would like a copy of the flyer for this event – send an e-mail to: Robbie@mhvs.org

On Sunday afternoon, May 5th we will hold a short members annual meeting and are very pleased to have Linda Long – author of the brand new "Virgin Vegan; the meatless guide to pleasing your palate" speak to us. Linda is a long-time food writer and food photographer, she gave an engaging presentation at the James Beard House in NYC this past week. We are happy to have her come to us. Roberta Schiff will show us how to prepare some of the recipes from the book – all this will take place at The Rhinebeck Reformed Church.

"Symmetries" Paintings and Drawings by Ellen Cibula at Alliance Gallery (From Pg. 7)

Primary color, geometry and systems has been her language for a long time. This is beyond the traditional means of painting centered on form and space. New forms of organizing the picture plane appeared when pure abstraction fed into minimal art. Cibula's paintings started as a kind of maximal form of minimalism because of the rigors and complexity of her constructions. In time her systems yielded more rarefied minimal means. And here we are. Is less more?

What if beauty is formed out of purity and light?

The drawings are a counterpoint to the paintings. They are energy fields without the architectural structure of the paintings. Here too, they are done in series with its own explorations and progressions.

Ellen Cibula got her BFA in painting from the Art Institute of Chicago, after which she moved to New York City where her paintings were first shown at Leo Castelli. She had several one-person shows at Ivan Karp's O.K. Harris Gallery and Landmark Gallery. Her work was shown in museum shows, such as "The Structure of Color" at the Whitney, "Pattern" at PS 1 and "The Grid" at the Philadelphia Museum of Contemporary Art. Locally, she has shown at the DVAA and Nutshell Arts. Her work is in major museums, corporate and private collections.

She now lives and works in Milanville, PA and NYC.

"Free and open to the public, the exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on



the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit call (845) 252-7576 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

The Current Tri-Valley Lions Club

by Esta Jacob, Special Director



30th Anniversary Awards

This will be the final article in the series of articles about The Tri-Valley Lions Club. In previous articles, we learned about Lions International, its mission and Code of Ethics and history, then about the formation of the Tri-Valley Lions and Tri-Valley Lioness Clubs, and how funds are raised and donations made.

This article will discuss the current membership of the Tri-Valley Lions Club, and share some of our favorite photos of past fundraising and installation events, and some dates to make note of. It will also provide some fun facts about our club and members.

The current membership is not at an all time high, but respectable at 65 members. Our officers are Carmen Salvemini, President; Gene A Froehlich, Past President; Liza Salvemini, Secretary; Jack Clark, Treasurer; Fran Fuller, Corresponding Secretary. Members include: Fred Ahrens, Martha Ahrens, Vincent Asklund, William Brenner, Gary Buley, Carol Clark, Phillip Coombe, Phil Coombe III, Carolyn Coombe, Michael Curley, George A Dean, Arden

Dean, Robert Decker, Hugh Delaney Sr., Bryan Delaney, William P. Delaney, Eileen Delaney, Theresa M. Delaney, Hugh Delaney, Jr., Lynn M Delaney-Buley, Brian Edwards, Alice Elberth, Leah Exner, Dave Forshay, Frances F Fuller, Eugene W Fuller, Harvey L Furman, Carol Furman, Eugene Ganz,



30th Anniversary Party

Lorraine Ganz, Walter Garigliano, Kathryn Gaudette, William Gaudette, Gregory J. Goldstein, John Harrop, Maryann Harrop, Esta Jacob, Katherine G. Kelly, J. Robert Kelz, George Knox, Monte Lahanko, Arlene J Lambert, Bonnie Lewis, Merton Lockhart, Joyce Lockhart, Agnes Manell, Tom Manell, Thomas McKenna, David Moore, Phyllis Moore, Joseph Pond, Michael Ryan, Paul Ryan, June Shmitz, Eunice Sheeley, Horace Sheeley, Richard Stewart, Barry TerBush, Mary Lou Vernooy, Pauline Vetter.



Walkers Getting ready for annual Tri-Valley Journey For Sight Walk

These are the individuals who make our charitable donations possible by being there to assist with our fundraising efforts and events. Many have been with The Tri-Valley Lions from day one, some started shortly thereafter, and a few are new members we are glad to say. We are always looking to increase our membership, and would very much like more folks from our community to join us. In an effort to enhance our membership, we are inviting those whom are serious service-oriented people to join us for our next dinner meeting at Nardi's Restaurant in Hurleyville on Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30pm. If you believe Lionism is for you based on what you now know

about our organization, and would like to attend a dinner meeting, please call our President, Carmen Salvemini at 845-436-5810 or Esta Jacob at 845-985-2927 in advance. A requirement for attendance and club membership is that your are at least eighteen years of age.

Now for some fun facts.

** At the first meeting of the Tri-Valley Lions Club (this from the Townsman dated November 24, 1977), 35 Tri-Valley Lions were initiated into the Club as

Charter members

** There were also attendees from older clubs such as the Liberty Lions and Bethel Lions Clubs.

** When first formed, membership for The Tri-Valley Lions Club was expected to come primarily from Grahamsville, Sundown, Neversink, Claryville, and Willowemoc.

** By 1/6/78, The Tri-Valley Lions membership grew to 50 members, and its first



Mert Lockhart and Mike Curley on Claryville Road for annual Tri-Valley Lions Tag Day

President, Donald TerBush announced that new members will be considered "CHARTER MEMBERS" until its first Dinner Dance at KINGS Restaurant in Livingston Manor which was held on January 14, 1978.

** The January 12, 1978 Townsman stated that Donald TerBush announced that membership reached 74, and these were all considered to be Charter



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** At the January 14, 1978 Dinner Dance at Kings Restaurant, New York State Secretary of Lions Clubs, James F. Wagner, stated "the motto and purpose of the Lions Club is "People Caring for People."



Volunteers prepare for annual Tri-Valley Journey For Sight Walk

** At this same meeting, Lions District Governor, Joseph Antonelli, noted that The Tri-Valley Lions Club was the 65th Lions Club in his 6 county district, which includes Sullivan County and the 608th Lions Club in New York State.

** Today, there are about 58 Lions Clubs in our District, District 20-0, and back just a few years ago, The Tri-Valley Lions Club was District 20-0's largest club!

** The Tri-Valley Lions held its 30th anniversary party at The Rockland House in Roscoe on October 21, 2007. Eighty-three attended this eventful dinner, and in addition to current Tri-Valley Lion members and guests, special guests included District Governor, Lion John Capen, District Sight Chair, Lion John Wells, Region Chair, Lion Jim Eggleton, and Zone 2 Chair, Lion Stuart Wizwer.

** At our 30th anniversary party, Tri-Valley Lion Treasurer, Jack Clark, presented the most prestigious Lion's award, The Melvin Jones Award to 8-time Lion President, Donald TerBush.

** We look forward to celebrating our 40th anniversary in November 2017!

Dates to note:

** May 4, 2013 - The Tri-Valley Lions Annual

Journey For Sight Walk, with registration starting at 8:30 am at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad Building. This is a lovely 2.5 mile walk around the Fairgrounds. Please join us. Pledge sheets are available at the event or in advance by calling Esta Jacob at 845-985-2927. This year's walk is in memory of Donald TerBush, the very first President of The Tri-Valley Lions Club who left us on 7/16/12.

** June 5, 2013 - Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic to be held from 6pm to 8pm at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. Vaccinations are free, but a \$5 donation is welcome. Pets must be at least 3 months of age, and be caged or leashed. If you bring a prior rabies certificate for your pet, your pet can get a 3 year vaccination.



Current Lions

A.G. Schneiderman Releases Top Ten Consumer Frauds Of 2012

- Marking the start of National Consumer Protection Week, Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today released the list of the top ten consumer fraud complaints received by the Attorney General's Office in 2012. In addition to highlighting the scams most reported by New Yorkers, the Attorney General offered tips on how to avoid them in the future.

"In these challenging economic times, it is more important than ever to protect consumers from the deceptive practices of unscrupulous corporations that try to lie, cheat and steal from hard working New Yorkers," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "My office will continue to send a message to businesses that consumers have rights and - if those rights are violated - we will come after you. It is important for consumers to not only know their rights, but how to fight back. In addition to taking action against those who cheat New Yorkers, this office is an excellent resource that can help stop scams before they start."

In 2012, internet-related complaints topped the list of the most common complaints (4,096), closely followed by credit-related complaints that involved debt collection, credit card billing and identity theft. Of the nearly 3,200 credit-related complaints, more than half of them (1,760 complaints) were filed against debt collectors who illegally threatened and harassed consumers.

In addition, the Attorney General's Office continues to receive a large number of mortgage-related complaints (over 1,500 complaints.) Attorney General Schneiderman said the complaints and calls to his office demonstrate the extent to which consumers who are struggling to stay on top of their mortgages are being targeted by fraudulent and unscrupulous loan modification consultants. In June of 2012, Attorney General Schneiderman announced the Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP), a \$60 million program to fund legal service providers and housing counseling organizations serving at-risk homeowners across New York. Homeowners who need assistance can call 1-855-HOME-456 to be connected with a counselor within 24 hours.

The following is the 2012 list of the top ten consumer complaints by category: 1. Internet- 4,096 complaints (privacy issues; spyware; consumer frauds); 2. Credit - 3,167 complaints (debt collection; credit card billing; debt settlement); 3. Automobile -2,950 complaints (buying; leasing; repair; service contracts; rentals); 4. Consumer-Related Services- 2,070 complaints (security systems; restaurant/catering services; tech repairs; dating services); 5. Landlord / Tenant- 1,808 complaints (deposit releases; tenant- harassment); 6. Mortgage - 1,511 complaints (mortgage modifications; mortgage and loan broker fraud; foreclosures); 7. Home Repair / Construction- 1,125 complaints (home improvement services not delivered or done poorly) 8. Retail Sales- 974 complaints (any sale of goods: food; clothing; rent to

own; wholesale clubs); 9. Mail Order - 868 complaints (purchases made online or from a catalog); 10. Telecommunications- 805 complaints (phone cards; cellular services; pay-per-call; slamming; cramming)

The Attorney General also provided a list of tips all consumers should use to protect themselves and their families:

1. Internet: Always make sure websites are secure before providing any financial information, such as a credit card or bank account number. Secure website addresses start with "https" and have a symbol, such as a lock. These secure sites use encryption to scramble your information as it is transmitted over the Internet to keep it secure. Learn more at <http://www.ag.ny.gov/internet/consumer-education>;
2. Credit: Debt collection is the most common type of credit fraud, and consumers must know their rights. Debt collectors may not harass or abuse consumers, nor provide misleading information - for instance claiming to represent a government agency. Anyone with credit problems should contact non-profit credit counseling agencies licensed by the New York State Department of Financial Services for assistance in managing the situation and avoiding collection scams. Learn more - <http://www.ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/credit-lending>;
3. Automobile: Many automobile complaints relate to leasing and New Yorkers should know that they are protected by the strongest auto-leasing law in the country. The law allows consumers to shop around for the best deal when leasing a car, set limits on early termination, and even gives the Attorney General's Office jurisdiction to resolve excess wear-and-tear disputes. Learn more - <http://www.ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/auto-leasing-rights>;
4. Consumer-Related Services: We rely on a range of services in our day-to-day living, from snow-removal to home repair to party planning. Make sure to use a written contract for all services that clearly defines restrictions and obligations of both the consumer and service-provider;
5. Landlord/Tenant: Landlords are required to keep records of all notices, inspections and repair matters related to the residence. This is especially important for issues like lead paint - which was prevalent in the 1960s and poses a significant threat to children. Ask your landlord for documentation to ensure that your building is up to code. <http://www.ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/housing-issues>
6. Mortgage: Mortgage rescue scams prey on homeowners in their greatest time of need. Look out for offers that will stop or delay foreclosure payments for an upfront fee or make payments on your behalf. Beware of companies that suggest a government affiliation or claim to be with the government, or those that work with attorneys but do not provide the services promised. Call our toll free Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP) hotline at 1-855-HOME-456 to find a free non-profit housing counselor or legal services organization that can help you. Learn more <http://www.nysmortgagesettlement.com/resources.html> ;
7. Home Repair/Construction:

The biggest and most important investment families will make is their homes, and improvements should add value, not hardship. Before entering into a contract, shop around for estimates, check in with the Better Business Bureau, banks, suppliers and neighbors for references, and know your rights: you have three days after signing a home improvement contract to cancel it. Home improvement contractors must be licensed in New York City, Suffolk, Nassau, Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland Counties. Learn more - <http://www.ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/home-improvements>; 8. Retail Sales: Retail gift cards have become increasingly popular. However, consumers should be careful to buy only from retailers they know and trust. If you buy a card from a company that files for bankruptcy or goes out of business, the card may be worth less than you what they paid. Consumers should also read the rules on the card to know what fees and conditions apply. New rules now provide that money on a gift card cannot expire for at least five years from the date the card was purchased, or from the last date any additional money was added to the card. Inactivity fees can also only be charged if the card has not been used for at least one year. Learn more <http://www.ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/gift-cards>; 9. Mail Order: Whether ordering online or from a catalog, make sure the company has an operating customer service line and lists a real street address. Companies operating on a 'fly-by-night' basis often have no working customer service number and list only a P.O. Box. Learn more - <http://www.ag.ny.gov/consumer-frauds/gift-cards>; 10. Telecommunications: Consumers should check their landline and wireless phone bills for unauthorized third party charges for non-call related services like email, website hosting, discount buying programs or voicemail services. "Cramming" as this practice is called can occur when companies trick consumers into allowing such charges through sweepstake entries, surveys, websites, and contests. Some businesses use misleading and deceptive ads promising "free" services or products to get your name and telephone number and then charge you for a service you don't need or want. If you see unauthorized charges on your bill, tell your telephone company that you dispute the charges and ask that they be removed.

Attorney General Schneiderman reminded New Yorkers that in addition to being vigilant consumers, they should also report instances of fraud to his office.

"Our top ten list reflects the complaints filed by New Yorkers across the state, which helped our investigators and attorneys stop scam artists," Attorney General Schneiderman added. "It's critical that frauds are reported to the authorities so that we can hold wrongdoers accountable, limit their damage, and protect consumers."

Consumers are encouraged to file complaints by visiting the Office's website - <http://www.ag.ny.gov/complaint-forms> or calling 1-800-771-7755.

Horoscope for March

Aries (Mar. 20--Apr. 19) You have been feeling down, but Mars has entered your sign bringing you new energy for the next seven weeks. Take time to get ready to take charge. Focus on this new energy so it produces positive results for you when Mercury will turn direct on the 17th.

Taurus (Apr. 20--May 19) Make sure all your information is correct this week. Spend time enjoying friends and loved ones. Romance is in the picture. Someone from the past may return. Weigh the facts and proceed with caution.

Gemini (May 20 -- June 20) Career, marriage and family are the key issues this week. You have many options. While your mind is busy with questions and answers, take the time to write down your ideas now so you will have them to look back at. Mercury, your ruling planet is retrograde. Record and store that information now. You will need it later on.

Cancer (June 21--July 21) Romance and social life have favorable considerations, as well as family life with children. It is a good time to heal any breaks in any relationship. A good time to travel or make plans to travel. The position of the stars favor the law, education, the internet and publishing.

Leo (July 22 --Aug. 21) Mercury is retrograde in your 8th house causing you to misplace something. Don't fret, it will resurface quickly. Now is a good time to work on that family tree, or search historical facts.

Virgo (Aug 22--Sep. 22) Mercury is now retrograde in your 7th house bringing change through other people. Reconsider a promise or contract. If you are recently separated, you might want to look more closely at your relationship and try again. Don't give up on your career. Just remember you can't please everyone all of the time.

Libra (Sep. 23--Oct. 22) People from your past at work will be back. The stars are in your favor for family life and to make home repairs. You have many things going on, but you have a clear and steady mind. Make sure you thoroughly check important details when working this week, or you might find your self doing it all over.

Scorpio (Oct. 23--Nov. 21) No matter how hard you try, some things are just impossible. Mars, your planetary ruler has moved into your sign bringing new strength for the next seven weeks. Romance is favorable, just don't try to change the course. The 'power that is', finally is turning in your direction.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 --Dec. 20) This is a time of change for all of your family members, who may be visiting you. You are a bit overwhelmed, but take your time. Calm is in the future.

Capricorn (Dec 21 -- Jan 19) Your direction in life has slowly become less difficult. You are in a well-balanced state. Career opportunities are available. You may be called to lead or teach others, so now is the time to prepare and gather information.

Aquarius (Jan. 20--Feb. 17) Now is the time you can mix pleasure and business. Your social and romantic life is favored in your stars and it is the right time for you to bring up issues in a relationship. This is not a good time to make permanent promises, as your circumstances may change.

Pisces (Feb. 18--Mar. 19) This is a busy time for the Piscean. Six of the planets are in your sun sign. This tends to indicate you are surrounded by people and things in your life. New creative ideas are flowing, and demanding. Just make sure you take time to relax.

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Assemblymember Cahill Helps to Pass Assembly Hydrofracking Moratorium

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster, Dutchess) voted today to pass legislation which would prohibit the issuing of permits for new wells that utilize the hydraulic fracturing process to extract natural gas in places such as the Marcellus and Utica Shale formations until at least May 2015. The bill, A. 5424, is sponsored by Chair of the Assembly Committee on Environmental Conservation, Robert Sweeney, and co-sponsored by Assemblymember Cahill. In addition to requiring the Department of Environmental Conservation to suspend permit issuance, this legislation also calls for a health impact assessment to be conducted by a school of public health within the State University of New York.

"It became evident during our budget hearings that the review currently being done by the New York State Department of Health is inadequate for the protection of New Yorkers. This legislation will create New York centered studies, taking into account our unique geology and water resources and also capitalize on the experience in other states," said Assemblymember Cahill.

The Health Impact Assessment required by this bill will be carried out using a model recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and will identify and assess the magnitude, nature and extent of potential localized and statewide health impacts. It will also estimate the cost of these impacts to the state, local governments, health insurers, employers, and the state's public and private health care systems.

"Now is the time to be cautious," Assemblymember Cahill said. "This legislation will give professionals the time they need to assess the true public health and environmental impacts of a process which has the potential to harm families, businesses, agriculture, and food and water supplies. Not only will this legislation provide New Yorkers with the information they need to assess the safety of hydraulic fracturing, but it will also extend the time for the public to review the DEC's Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement once it is released.

"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, air quality, and the health of New York State and look forward to passing this important legislation.

"I support clean water and am committed to undertaking studies and enacting regulations that will keep our watersheds unpolluted. I want to insure that if hydraulic fracturing were ever to take place in New York State, that it would be done safely and that the Department of Environmental Conservation would be properly equipped to carry out their duties."

Assembly Budget Proposal Restores \$120 Million to Help Protect New Yorkers with Developmental Disabilities

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver and Mental Health Committee Chair Aileen Gunther today announced that the Assembly's budget proposal would restore \$120 million in critical funding to the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) for services provided by nonprofit organizations that serve individuals with developmental disabilities.

"As a society we must ensure that we protect the most vulnerable among us," said Silver. "These proposed cuts to programs that help individuals with disabilities would result in severe hardship and diminished services that would make it even more difficult for families and caregivers to obtain quality care for their loved ones. Through the restorations we are proposing today, we will ensure that New Yorkers with disabilities continue to receive the essential services they need."

The programs and services provided through nonprofits under the auspices of OPWDD help improve the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities. These programs help to develop home, personal, behavioral, recreational and social skills to ensure greater independence in their day to day lives. In order to ensure these services are not compromised, the Assembly proposes to restore \$120 million to mitigate the Governor's proposed six percent rate reduction to nonprofit providers.

"The nonprofit agencies providing services to the developmentally disabled and their families are an integral part of our communities and the state's economy," said Gunther. "These cuts would have a catastrophic effect, including the elimination of vital programs and thousands of lay-offs of direct-care workers. We have a responsibility to protect the most vulnerable among us, and I am proud that we are living up to that responsibility."

Cahill Votes to Increase Minimum Wage Measure Would Benefit Over One Million Working New Yorkers

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D- Ulster, Dutchess) stood up for the working class today when he enthusiastically voted to increase the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$9.00 per hour beginning January 2014 and to index these rates to inflation beginning one year later. Cahill is a co-sponsor of this legislation, A.38, which is now stalled in the Senate.

"The last time we acted to significantly raise the minimum wage was in 2007. Over the past six years, New York's minimum wage has only increased 10 cents per hour, which is not enough for full-time workers earning the lowest amount legally allowed to survive," said Assemblymember Cahill. "This increase, coupled with the powerful cost of living provision, will improve the lives of New Yorkers for generations to come and will allow all wage earners to live with dignity."

Currently, the neighboring states of Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts, as well as 15 other states across the country and the District of Columbia, all have higher minimum wages than New York. When the cost of living in our state is taken into account, this makes our minimum wage even lower by comparison.

"Families and the young working poor are going to benefit most from this increase. These are the same people that are struggling with rising college tuition, rents, utility bills and health costs," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Opponents have suggested that putting a few more pennies into the pockets of poor people will bring down our economy, which is ridiculous. Small businesses, those driving our recovery, are not the employers paying minimum wage; it is the big businesses taking advantage of the working poor in this tough job climate."

According to the National Employment Law Project, in studies that span almost two decades, employment levels before and after minimum wage increases have found that higher wage floors did not lead to job loss, even during periods of high unemployment. In fact, states with higher minimum wages also report faster job growth.

"Minimum wage is not the recipe to cure all of society's ills. This is about government setting a policy dictating that no one should sell their labor for less than a certain amount," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Passing this legislation will bring wages to a more respectable level and tie future increases to a cost index so we can finally take the politics out of an issue for the working poor, who are often the least represented in Albany and Washington. I strongly urge my colleagues in the Senate to follow the Assembly's lead and pass this needed legislation."

Gillibrand Urges VA Secretary to Reduce Over One-Year Long Backlog of Veterans Claims at NYC VA Office

- With New York veterans facing one of the longest wait times in the nation when it comes to processing cases by their local Veterans Affairs (VA) office in New York City, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, today urged VA Secretary Eric Shinseki to deploy teams of staff from other regional offices to help speed up the growing backlog of cases at the city's local VA office. With 12,500 cases still pending through the city office, veterans have to wait on average 412 days before their claims are processed.

"Our veterans who have made incredible sacrifices protecting our freedom have been waiting too long to secure the benefits they have earned," said Senator Gillibrand. "They deserve better. No veteran should have to wait more than a year to get an answer on their claim while the bills continue to pile up month after month. I urge Secretary Shinseki to deploy the desperately needed resources to help speed up this unacceptable backlog."

Senator Gillibrand wrote in a letter to VA Secretary Shinseki, "It is unacceptable that those who have fought for our country should have to wait more than a year to have their claims reviewed at this regional office. Therefore, I am respectfully requesting that additional teams of claims processors be deployed to the New York City regional office in order to help with this backlog... While I know the VA is working hard to transition to a new system, the backlog in the current system continues to grow, and these veterans cannot afford to wait another day to receive a response."

Last month, the VA announced that two 17-member teams of claims handlers from regional offices were dispatched to the VA office in Baltimore, MD. The teams are set to work in Baltimore through March to help improve the claims process.

The New York City VA office handles a majority of New York veterans' claims, including those residing throughout New York City, Long Island, Hudson Valley, and the Capital Region. A 2011 audit by the Office of the Inspector General found that 31% of veterans' disability claims through the

city office were processed incorrectly. Senator Gillibrand noted that since January 2013, her office received more than 50 casework requests regarding delayed claims. With veterans returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan and many suffering from critical injuries, Senator Gillibrand pressed the urgent need to immediately address the backlog.

In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, Senator Gillibrand and VA Secretary Shinseki met with evacuated veterans and patients at Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn. Senator Gillibrand is also an original co-sponsor of the Ruth Moore Act which will make it easier for survivors of military sexual assault to get the VA benefits they need.

POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando - on the local scene;

LAST THURSDAY'S YNN'S NEWS SHOW, "CAPITOL TONIGHT"

Asked in their snap poll, "if you think you will be directly affected by the Sequester?" 47% said yes, 53% said no. What do you think? Joe Pawloski answered, "NO!" No reason given. Gary Steven Snow, "No"! Via mobile- no reason given.

Hate to use Ron Reagan, but yes! Fed actions always trickle down in some way to the 'non-one-percenter'. This means loss of jobs and wages, services, and other cuts.

Recovery efforts following a tornado in Atlanta are being drained of federal help because of sequestration related cuts. [WAGA-TV]

The Georgia Department of Labor is figuring out how to reduce unemployment benefits by nearly 11 percent starting on March 31. [WSB-TV]

The Spokane County Meals On Wheels is looking at a \$45,000 budget cut. "I'm scared," a program official quoted with the group saying, "How do we keep serving all the people that need it?" [KREM-TV]

Cleanup efforts following the Hanford nuclear leak in Washington State are complicated by \$171 million in sequester-related budget cuts. "The largest part of those cuts would be in underground tank management," reported KCPQ in Seattle. "New leaks were just discovered in six of those tanks." [KCPQ-TV, KPTV-TV]

In a story told by White House Press Secretary Jill Duval during the Carter administration: The Reagan administration was a major player in destroying the economy. What you didn't know was that "Stolen Iran Contra Money" paid for missiles that were given to Iran, by way of Oliver North to Israel. Israel traded the war materials to Iran for some of their people, with orders to hold the 80 U. S. hostages until after the Carter-Reagan, election. This is currently being researched and re-valued at Brown University

Remember President Reagan's inter-lending bill that gave congress the right to remove money from Social Security? Billions of dollars were taken and given to the military for the pork barrel myth star wars, and to build the B1 and B2 bombers. The money was never returned.

House Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio) and other Republicans are upset that White House tours are being shut down because of sequestration.

Boehner spoke about the shame of having no White House tours. The answer from the administration if sequestration is in effect, "No tours!"

No golf for Obama? Are you kidding me? House Speaker John Boehner states, "Mr. President, you got your tax increase," Boehner said, referring to the tax rate increases that took effect on Jan. 1. "It's time to cut spending here in Washington." The \$85 billion budget-cutting mechanism could affect everything from commercial flights to classrooms to meat inspections. Domestic and defense spending alike would be trimmed, leading to furloughs for hundreds of thousands of government workers and contractors.

The economy is in shambles. The people have no jobs. People are starving and we are being raped at the pumps. People are freezing, cheated by false supply claims, with raising prices on home heating. People have been taken advantage of by some merchants and our elected officials are playing with metaphors.

Is this why we elected our officials? Is this what we deserve?

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

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**Assembly Insurance
Chair Cahill Holds
Roundtable Discussions
on Coverage in
the Event of Disaster**
Assembly Insurance
Committee Chair Kevin Cahill
(D - Ulster, Dutchess) held two
roundtable discussions today
in Far Rockaway, Queens and
Lindenhurst, Long Island as a
follow up to the Committee's
six and a half hour hearing to
examine the claims settlement
practices of insurers related to
Superstorm Sandy that took
place on February 26. The two
events brought together repre-
sentatives from the Depart-
ment of Financial Services,
insurance agents and brokers,
public and independent adjust-
ers, community representatives
and major insurance compa-
nies to provide insight to the
delays in claims and process-
ing payments, inadequacy of
settlement offers and the com-
plexities of insurance policies.
"Our previous hearing was
essential for us to understand
the challenges that policy hold-
ers faced, and today's roundta-
bles provided us with a valu-
able, in depth look at some of
the major issues that residential
and commercial consumers
struggled with during the dis-
aster," said Assemblymember

Cahill. "This information will help us to craft mean-
ingful, comprehensive policy to allow for a smoother
path to recovery in the event of future storms."
"The slow response time of insurance companies
after the catastrophic event of Hurricane Sandy is not
only negligent, but utterly unacceptable," said
Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder (D - Rockaway). "I
commend Speaker Silver and the Assembly Standing
Committee on Insurance for listening to the residents
of Southern Queens and Rockaway by holding this
round table in the heart of our community. I look
forward to working with the Department of Financial
Services and my colleagues to hold companies
accountable and provide residents the essential
resources they need to recover from this disaster and
any future event."
"The home and business owners of Suffolk
County who faithfully paid their premiums deserve a
claims process that is equitable, fair, and timely.
Today's roundtable helped to facilitate a discussion
between insurers, policyholders and lawmakers which
will result in meaningful changes to the way insurance
companies operate statewide," said Assemblyman
Bob Sweeney (D - Lindenhurst).
Chairman Cahill will be hosting roundtables in
Brooklyn and Staten Island in the coming weeks.
"Finding solutions to help New Yorkers be prepared
for disasters and helping them recover quicker and
more completely is our goal. These meetings provide
knowledge and experiences statistics cannot provide,"
Cahill concluded.

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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF
MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD
MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE FOR
SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK**

SUMMARY: Barton & Loguidice, P.C., with input from the Town of Neversink ("Town"), gathered information and prepared the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for Sullivan County, New York, dated October 2012 ("Plan"). The Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and Title 44 Code of Federal Regulations ("CFR"), Part 201. Title 44 CFR, Chapter 1, Part 201.6(c)(5) requires each local government participating in the preparation of a multi-jurisdictional Local Mitigation Plan or Plan Update to accept and adopt such plan.

NOTICE: This is a Notice of Availability that the Plan is available for public review. Should no additional information be presented or any comments made regarding the Plan and the actions in the Plan, the Town, as a participating jurisdiction, shall adopt the Plan and resolve to execute the actions in the Plan.

ADDRESSES: The Plan will be available for viewing at:

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For further information please contact Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk, Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York 12740, Tel: (845) 985-2262, ext. 307.

Dated: March 5, 2013

Mark McCarthy
Mark McCarthy, Supervisor

Catskill Watershed Corporation is seeking to contract with a private corporation for removal of asbestos containing materials at the property located at 141 Delaware Street, Walton, NY. The Request for Proposal can be obtained by contacting Timothy Cox, Corporate Counsel, Catskill Watershed Corporation, PO Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455, timothycox@cwconline.org; (845) 586-1400 Ext. 20. There will be an on-site bidders conference March 28, 2013 at 1:00 PM. Respondents must submit one original and four copies of their proposal no later than 4:00 PM on April 5, 2013. EOE 3/17; 3/24

NOTICE: As of April 1st, the cost of advertising will be based on \$2.25 per column inch and the subscription rate for the Townsman will be \$30.00 per year. The weekly newstand price of fifty-cents will remain the same.

It has been over three years since we have had a rate increase in advertising and over five years since we have had a raise in our subscription rate. Unfortunately costs for the Townsman have gone up each year due to postal increases, production costs and distribution expenses.

As a result of those who support the Townsman with advertising and subscriptions, we are able to continue to promote activities for our local churches, fire districts, the Daniel Pierce Library, Time and the Valleys Museum and school functions as we have done in the past. We have and will continue to serve our community and our independent small businesses in every way possible.

The Townsman Staff wants to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.

UC Legislator Craig V. Lopez to be Honored with a 2013 Shaker Award

(Kingston, NY) - The Ulster County Legislature is proud to recognize Legislator Craig Lopez R-(Walker Valley) as he is presented with a Shaker

Award, an award bestowed annually by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce to forty people under the age of forty "who have shown strong commitment to the Hudson Valley."

Legislator Lopez was recognized for his volunteer work as a peer mentor at the Helen Hayes Hospital, as an advocate for State legislation to fund the Spinal Cord Injury Research Trust, as a volunteer at various hunger relief efforts, as a guest speaker at Crispell Middle School in Pine Bush, as the sponsor of a change in Ulster County Legislative procedures to ensure Legislators the opportunity to remain with their local communities when recognizing the events of 9/11, and as a tireless protector of local taxpayers and residents in recent debates such as fighting against siting a landfill in the Town of Wawarsing, advocating for a casino at the Nevele, supporting the County's takeover of Safety Net expenses and defending our right to keep and bear arms.

Ulster County Republican Chairman Roger Rascoe stated, "I am so pleased that Craig has been selected as one of the Hudson Valley's top 40 under 40 honorees. From the moment I first met Craig, I was amazed at how he has not only overcome so many challenges in his life despite his spinal cord injury but the way he gives so much back to his family, friends and community. We are blessed here in the Hudson Valley to have a person of his energy and character representing us in the Ulster County Legislature."

The Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce established the Shaker Awards to honor the next generation of leaders in our region. "After completing this year's selection process, I couldn't be more optimistic about the future of the Hudson River Valley," said Charles North, President and CEO of the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce in the announcement of the honorees.

The Shaker Awards will be presented on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at the Bardavon Opera House following a cocktail reception at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. For more information about the Shaker Awards and the event, visit www.dccoc.org.

Broken Roads Need Repair to Fix Broken Economy

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (R,C,I-New Hartford) joined New York State Assembly and Senate colleagues, as well as highway superintendents and the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) to call upon the governor to increase funding to infrastructure improvement projects.

"Our infrastructure has been steadily eroding away. Upstate bridges, roads and public works weather extreme conditions every year through freezing winters and turbulent springs. This is creating unsafe conditions for our families to go back and forth from work, pick up our children from school and functions, or even trips to the grocery store. We need to be proactive in rebuilding this infrastructure to maintain reliable and safe roadways in upstate New York," said Tenney.

According to New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli, 32 percent of New York's local bridges are listed as deficient and 40 percent of local roads are listed as fair or poor, and getting worse. Local roads and bridges account for 87 percent of the roads, 52 percent of the bridges and 48 percent of the vehicle mileage logged in New York State. While the governor is focused on bringing casinos to upstate New York as his upstate economic panacea, he has neglected to consider that without proper road maintenance and infrastructure, no one will be able to travel to his casinos. We are worried about families not being able to get to and from work now. Roads, bridges and infrastructure are only going to continue to get worse.

We need an additional \$100 million to help restore our roadways and bridges. The Assembly Majority and governor call such funds 'a drop in the bucket' when they ask for similar amounts for inner-city programs. \$100 million will help upstaters safely travel the roads they rely upon everyday," said Tenney.

Follow this link to see Tenney speaking at the press conference: <http://tinyurl.com/bzcyzml>.

Senate Passes Senator Bonacic's Legislation to Criminalize Conduct Against Corrections Officers

The New York State Senate passed legislation, (S.2040) sponsored by Senator John Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope) to criminalize certain conduct against corrections officers and other employees of prison facilities.

The legislation would make it a felony if an inmate intentionally spits on corrections officers or otherwise places saliva, urine, feces, or the contents of a toilet bowl on these correctional employees.

"This conduct is disgusting, it subjects the correc-

tions officer to testing for various diseases, and makes our prisons less secure. There should be serious consequences for such activity," Bonacic said.

The legislation was requested several years ago by the President of a local Police Benevolent Association after an incident where a corrections officer had the contents of a toilet bowl emptied onto him. Under current law, only if urine, seminal fluid, blood, or fecal matter is thrown, tossed, or expelled onto a corrections officer or correctional employee, can an inmate be charged with a felony. In that case, since none of those substances were present, the criminal charge was not upheld. Senator Bonacic's legislation would broaden the substances that could lead to a felony charge.

"Nobody should have to go through testing to see if they were exposed to some disease based on an assault of any type. Our corrections officers have a difficult job and we need to close any loophole that allows an inmate who does this type of thing to them to escape prosecution," Senator Bonacic said.

The bill has passed the Senate for several years. It is sponsored in the Assembly by Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, where it has never received a vote. "The Assembly should vote on this bill. There is no good reason for them not to take up any legislation like this that criminalizes horrendous conduct against those who work in our prisons," Senator Bonacic concluded.

CWC Board to meet March 15

MARGARETVILLE, March 7, 2013 -The Board of Directors of the Catskill Watershed Corporation will meet as a Committee of the Whole Friday, March 15 at 1 p.m. at CWC offices, 905 Main Street, Margaretville.

The purpose of the meeting is to review and comment on a draft Local Flood Hazard Mitigation Analysis and Action Planning Scope of Services, developed by County Soil & Water Conservation Districts and the NYC DEP.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the five-county New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

For more information, go to www.cwconline.org, or call toll-free 877-928-7433; or 845-586-1400.

Shandaken Town Board Adopts Route 28 Scenic Byway Plan

With a 3-2 in favor of the plan, the Shandaken Town Board has adopted the Route 28 Scenic Byway plan. Voting against the issue were Vincent Bernstein and Alfie Higley.

Shandaken's Supervisor Rob Stanley and board members Doris Bartlett and Jack Jordan voted in favor of the byway designation.

The resolution states, in part:

- o Shandaken supports the designation of the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway, including programs for stewardship and enhancement of the byway and guidance to manage activities along its corridor.
- o Shandaken will not issue building permits or other permission to construct off-premise outdoor advertising signs along the byway route
- o Off-premise tourism-oriented directional signs on state roads will be in compliance with the state Department of Transportation's Tourist Oriented Destination Sign program.
- o Off-premise directional signage on county and local roads along the byway route will be consistent with the state program.
- o Shandaken will work with the six other municipalities in the Central Catskills Collaborative and area stakeholders to support future byway program development and collaborate with them to explore opportunities for cooperation and methods to advance the byway.

The towns of Andes and Middletown and the villages of Margaretville and Fleischmanns in Delaware County, and the towns of Shandaken, Olive and Hurley in Ulster County all fall within the 50 mile proposed stretch of the highway.

Those who support the the Catskill Mountains Scenic Byway plan believe it would open up opportunities for grants to support the project, that would enhance communities along the corridor.

The Town of Hurley has concerns regarding the loss of home rule relative to land use along Route 28. The Town of Olive is yet undecided.

The four Delaware County communities have endorsed the byway plan.

The initiative for a Scenic Byway designation began in 2008, just before the economic collapse, when the Central Catskills Collaborative was formed. The idea was the byway status would open the door for funding opportunities for the region that otherwise would not be available. The collaborative was formed on the assumption a state grant would pay the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development to handle administrative responsibilities, but no appropriation was made after state finances sank.

The Catskill Watershed Corp. stepped up to contribute \$50,000 in startup money.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

Villa Roma FUN DAY -Saturday, May 11. \$10 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, March 26 includes lunch & make your own sundaes.

Father's Day Brunch Cruise -Saturday, June 15 fd \$20 residents/\$39 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, April 23.

FLEA MARKET- Saturday, July 13. DETAILS:With both new and used items something for everyone. Reserve your table now. \$15 per space must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 25.

Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Yankees Baseball Game - Thursday, July 25, \$12 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, May 28.

Community Yard Sale, Crafts & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 13, 2013 They are presently seeking vendors that include Home Party, Craft and Yard Sale Vendors. The cost is \$15. Contact Jamie Brooks at 985-2262 xt 312 to reserve your spot by May 13, 2013.

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

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



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

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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

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

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

Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne

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

UC Sheriff Reports Accident on Peekamoose Road

Deputies of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of Kenneth John Rex 60 of WRilkes Barre Pennsylvania following a one car property damage motor vehicle accident on Peekamoose Road at 5:10 PM March 8th, 2013 in the Town of Denning.

Deputies responded to a 911 call reporting a one car motor vehicle accident and found a 1999 Jeep Grand Cherokee operated by Rex on it's roof blocking both lanes of traffic. Rex who was uninjured in the crash, failed the standardized field sobriety tests and was arrested.

Rex was charged with the

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- 3/14/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 3/14/13 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting -7 pm-Denning Town Hall.
- 3/16/13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church - **Thrift Sale Only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 3/16/13 Claryville Vol. Fire Department Annual **St. Patricks Day Corned Beef Dinner** Serving 4 - 8pm EDT
- 3/19/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 3/20/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m
- 3/22/13 **Spaghetti Dinner** Neversink Fire Hall 4-7 pm (See pg 13 for details)
- 3/26/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm
- 3/29/13 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 3/30/13 **Grahamsville Fire Dept. Ladies Auxilliary Easter Egg Hunt- Fairgrounds 11 am - 1 pm**
- 4/2/13 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00pm Sundown Church Hall
- 4/3/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm
- 4/3/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting - Regular meeting
- 4/6/13 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 4/9/13 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - at 7 PM - Denning Town Hall
- 4/10/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 4/21/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon

Save the Dates!

Saturday, May 4th, 2013 for the Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day -- in memory of Donald Ter Bush, Charter Member and President of the Tri-Valley Lions, who passed away July 16, 2012- Sign-in 8:30-9:00 Wal at 9 am at Grahamsville 1st Aid Building

June 5 - Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic 6-8 pm on the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville
July 14- The second annual Matthew R Bertholf Horseshoe Tournament Neversink Firehouse

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

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

- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
- CANNIE D'S
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- 3 GOLDENS
- VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
- WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
- LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty) • J.B. MAK (Liberty)
- NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN
- Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's • Jimmy's Belleayre Ski Shop
- Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort
- Big Indian Market & Deli • Colonial Inn Pine Hill • Pine Hill Community Center
- JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
- DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE
- MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
- ELLENVILLE CITGO
- ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- PETER'S MARKET

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Misdemeanors of Driving While Intoxicated, and Driving While Intoxicated With a Blood Alcohol Content Greater Than .08 of One Percent, and with the Violation of Failure to Maintain a Designated Lane. He was released on appearance tickets to the Town of Denning Justice Court for March 27th, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Deputies were assisted at the scene by members of the New York State Police Ellenville barracks and the Town of Olive Police Department.

Going Green for St. Patrick's Week at Eureka

Eureka Market & Café will be serving a host of tasty, authentic Irish fare this week in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Owner Jennifer Grimes lived in Dublin for eight years and knows a thing or two about what really is consumed by the Irish today. "When I first started going to Ireland, I'd visit friends who were in school, and would drop my bags and head straight for the Stag's Head, a pub near Trinity College, where we'd have a plate of Bangers (Irish sausages) and Mash with Gravy, and of course a big pint of Guinness. So we'll be reprising that (the food, anyway) this weekend at the Café." And on a travel-writing trip to Northern Ireland, Grimes stayed at a B&B where the lady of the house served a homemade Banoffee Pie, all gooey with creamy toffee on a graham cracker crust, topped with a layer of bananas and whipped cream. "We've made our sinful Banoffee Pie on and off since we opened, and customers will be thrilled it will be available through this week." And of course anyone who has been to Ireland knows that a proper Irish Breakfast is an institution, so starting Friday through the weekend Eureka is going for the whole enchilada: Irish bacon, sausages and black pudding. Eggs, baked beans, grilled tomato, and homemade Irish brown bread. Now that's a meal!

April 30th Bus Trip to Mt. Airy Lodge to benefit Senior Citizen Prom

The Alice Kreiter Senior Citizen Prom committee is pleased to announce a bus trip to Mt. Airy Lodge Casino & Resort. The trip will take place on Tuesday, April 30th. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and include transportation, a \$25.00 play voucher and a \$10.00 food voucher. For those who would like to do some shopping in addition to visiting the casino, transportation will be available to the nearby Crossings Premium Outlets Shopping Mall. Also be prepared for some fun opportunities to win prizes on the bus ride itself. The bus will leave the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello at 8am sharp.

All proceeds from this trip will go to support the Alice Kreiter Senior Citizen Prom, slated to take place at the Monticello Firehouse from 4-8pm on May 11th. This free event includes dinner and entertainment, and is open to all senior citizens in the Monticello School district.

SEATING IS LIMITED AND PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. If you would like to sign up for the bus trip, make a donation or find out more about the Alice Kreiter Senior Citizen Prom please call Kathy Kreiter at (845) 665-1333.

The Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxilliary

is hosting their annual...

Easter Egg Hunt!!

The Easter Bunny will be at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds for the Easter egg hunt and photo opportunity

March 30, 2013 at 11 a.m.

Rain or Shine



Spring Bazaar & Craft Show

A Spring Bazaar & Craft Show sponsored by Temple Sholom's Religious School will be held on Sunday, April 14th from 11:00am to 3:00pm at Temple Sholom, 5 East Dillon Rd, Monticello, NY. There will be jewelry, candles, plants, books and more. Vendor space is still available. For more information, please contact Jessi-Ann at 845-807-6013

Start a Career Where the Job Opportunities are Abundant - become a Certified Nurse's Aide

MONTICELLO - The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering an evening Certified Nurse's Aide (CNA) course on Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 21st through July 1st, from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm.

The cost of the course is \$1,680, which includes registration, textbooks, workbooks, uniform, nametag, blood work, physical exam and 30-hours of clinical experience. Students are responsible for the fees of two clinical tests. Classes are held at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello.

This program provides students with the necessary training to meet the requirements of the New York State Nurse's Assistant Certification. Upon successful completion of the 130-hours (including 30 hours hands-on clinical experience) and the passing of New York State Department of Health Certification Exam, students will be qualified to work in hospitals, nursing homes and residential health care facilities.

Individuals interested in the course, must have a HS Diploma/GED or actively working on GED and have a 7th grade reading level. Registrants will be required to go through an interview and take a reading-skill assessment prior to the start of class. The reading assessment is free and performed at St. John Street Education Center.

To register and find out more information about the course, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:30 pm or visit us at scbooces.org. For program updates Like Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.



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- Spacious 4-5 BR/2BA turnkey colonial on 5+ level acres w/lg sep garage, porch in quiet Grahamsville n'hood. \$275k
- 3BR/2 BA architect-owned/renovated farmhouse with modern addition on 1.7 acres. \$349,000.
- 4BR/2.5 BA eyebrow colonial w/fpl, screened porch, sep dining rm on 15+ acs nr State Land. \$354,000.
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- **REDUCED** Bright 3 bed/1 ba on 4.5 acres adj State land. \$50k
- **REDUCED** 2BR/1BA authentic log cabin on 20+ acs with fpl, skylights, woods that end at the Neversink River. \$275k
- Cute 2BR seasonal cabin on 3 acs w/fpl, screened prch \$105k

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia" The Mark Of Zorro (Adventure, 1940)

A Spanish nobleman becomes the famed masked outlaw "Zorro" by night to battle a local tyrant. Directed by Rouben Mamoulian. Starring Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell, Basil Rathbone, Gale Sondergaard, Eugene Pallette, J. Edward Bromberg, Montagu Love. Lavish swashbuckler with Power as son of California aristocrat in 1800s, alternately a bumbling poppen-jay and a dashing masked avenger of good. Famous for its climactic swordplay with Rathbone working the sword many hours a week gives a swashbuckling gem to us. The uplifting score is by Alfred Newman. Remade for TV in 1974. See it, on TCM! **Saturday March 16, 2013 at 4:30 PM, C- 94 min, Rated TV-G, Quiz: 1.** Who was the best swordsman or woman in film, from 1930 to 1960?
2. Who played Fray Felipee? He also played Frey "Tuc" in the "Flynn" Robin Hood.



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NOW TRENDING TOP EVENTS FOR MARCH

GRAHAMSVILLE

Saturday, March 16 - **Thrift Sale Only** at Grahamsville United Methodist Church 9am-1pm

The **Easter Bunny** is coming to town on March 30th. See page 15.

NEW PALTZ

March 14, 15, 16 & 17 New Play Festival: A performance of staged readings of selected new plays, from professional and up-and-coming playwrights, with a focus on women. Thurs, Fri, Sat, 8 pm; Sun, 2 pm. \$10/pp, \$5/Students (at Box Office only). Parker Theatre, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Dr., New Paltz. 257-3865; newpaltz.edu/theatre

KINGSTON

Clearwater Winter Open Boat Days, Kingston, March 16 & 17; 23 & 24: 2013, Ulster county events, Kingston March 11 - 24: Hudson Valley Restaurant Week, throughout Ulster County March 16: Claryville March 23 & 24: Maple Sugar Weekend, Saugerties March 24: Kingston Model Train & Railroad Hobby Show, Kingston

Happy St Oro's and St. Patrick's Day Stay safe,
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Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville: 2 bdrm, Walking distance to Town Park. \$550 per month + utilities and security. No pets. 845-985-7242 p3/28

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2 BR Duplex, Rt 55, Grahamsville. Nice Apt in small community. Great Layout. \$750 +utilities. Sec & References. 985-2941 bdt4/4 rene

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2. Basil Rathbone, Ans.