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Time and the Valleys Museum opens for the season with new exhibit -*The Family Farm: 1920 to 1950*

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Time and the Valleys Museum opens for the season on Saturday, May 5th from noon to 4 p.m.. Located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, this new facility includes three floors of exhibitions on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed areas:



LaVerne Black helps to prepare her photo exhibiton "Barns and Farm Buildings in the Town of Neversink"

- Impact of Water on the Life and the Growth of the Valleys
- The Rondout and Neversink Watersheds: Before, During and After
- The Family Farm: 1920 to 1950

The Family Farm: 1920 to 1950, is a new temporary exhibit which celebrates and documents the hard work and determination it took to operate a family farm in the first half of the 20th century. Visitor to the exhibition will see the tools and equipment used on the farm, learn about the types of activities, including planting and harvesting crops, caring for and milking cows, butter churning and food preservation; and experience a recreated "farmhouse kitchen" with coal stove, International Harvester Refrigerator and old fashioned wringer washing machine. Also on view is a photo exhibition of Barns and Farm Buildings in the Town of Neversink by photographer LaVerne Black.

To celebrate the opening, an Ice Cream Social will be held on Saturday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for all Museum visitors. Adults admission is \$2, Children under 16 \$1, and children under six are free.

The Museum also has a local history research center open Thursday and Sunday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and a museum shop carrying local history books, crafts by local artisans, toys

and unique gifts. The Museum is open Thursday through Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m..

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations. For additional information on the Museum please call us at 985-7700 or go online at www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

The Vikings Vow, "We will be back!"

The New Paltz Parade and Regatta, an annual event on the Wallkill River took place this past Sunday.



Thousands of spectators lined the river banks as homemade watercraft raced down the Wallkill, then under the bridge in New Paltz, to the finish line. Awards didn't only go to the winner of the race, but there were awards for several creative categories.

Among the watercraft was a Viking vessel manned by a three person Viking crew. The crew, and members of the team were joined by President of Viking Industries Inc., Rich Croce who sponsored the cardboard Viking ship that was designed and built by Viking Industries employees. Viking Industries was incorporated in 1973 and is recognized as a leading manufacturer and distributor of high quality corrugated packaging products and services. It is located at 89 S. Ohioville Road in New Paltz, New York 12561.

This was the first year for the Viking team and their vessel, but they assured us that they will be back and will start plans tomorrow for next year's regatta.

There were ten watercraft in all in this year's race and each vessel in a sense, was a real winner!

Woodsongs Coffeehouse Closes Season with a Special Show



Saturday night's event will include a special appearance by Jesse Kitzmiller on fiddle

The Woodsongs Coffeehouse at the Sullivan County Museum will close it's 2012 season with a very special show! Saturday night, May 5th at 6pm we are pleased to present renowned Flamenco guitarist Tony Rivera. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Daniel Pierce Library Needs Your Support on June 12

For the first time in eight years, the Daniel Pierce Library is asking its voters to approve an increase in the operating budget and tax levy. As you know, the beautiful new facility has been built with no increase in taxes. It has been paid for with grants, gifts and fundraising and without adding staff to handle the mountains of time-consuming paperwork these activities have generated. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club Purchase Finalized --New ownership eyes family friendly, destination gaming resort in Ulster County

In an important step toward revitalizing Ulster County 's famed Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club, investment group Nevele Investors LLC announced that it has finalized the purchase of the 500-acre site in Wawarsing, NY. The development of a family friendly, five-star gaming resort will create thousands of jobs and will be the eastern anchor of the revitalization of the Catskills historic resort region. (Cond. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!
Psalm 22:26

OBITUARY

Dona Ann Valletta passed away on Thursday, January 5, 2012. She was predeceased by her parents, Milton and Dorothy Botsford and her daughter, Jessica Ann.

She is survived by her husband David and son, Beau, her brother Lloyd Botsford and his wife, Lee and sister, Linda Hewlett, her five neices and nephews and her grand neices and nephews.

Memorial service will be held at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery on May 5, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

John Sands of Grahamsville died on Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at Orange Regional Medical Center. He was 76.

John was born in Brooklyn, NY as Robert J. Zalph on April 20, 1936 to Jerome and Eva Cohen Zalph.

John was a retired editor for the New York Times and currently the owner/operator of Pine Ridge Rentals in Ellenville and Hill Crest Apartments in Bethel. He was a member of Mid-Hudson Mensa.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Gloria Bryan Porter at home, and her children and grandchildren: Cheryl Porter of Middletown, Edward Porter and his wife, Linda of Grahamsville, (grandchildren) Lauren and Richard Rodriguez of Middletown and Curtis Porter and his wife, Mary Ann of Summitville, SC, and his devoted sister, Diana Zalph and her husband, Howard Freedman of New York City.

Cremation was held privately with a memorial service to be held at a later date to celebrate John's life.

Memorial contributions in his name may be sent to the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

George S. Winniett of Neversink died Friday, April 20, 2012 at home. He was 52. He was the son of the late George S. Winniett and Ruth Fahey Goetschius and was born in Manhattan on May 30, 1959.

He is survived by his wife, Annie Winniett; his step children: Logan, Brendan and Heather DeMint and Megan Ramirez and Destiny Denner; his brother, Robert Winniett and his wife, Jean; cousins Frankie DelNegro and Wendy Bussmann and many step aunts, uncles and cousins and a host of friends.

A celebration of George's life was held on April 27th at the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne, NY, with Pastor Bill Lamb officiating.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Alan & Christina Buckler are the new proud parents and Charlie & Ramona Howe and Bob & Angela Buckler are the proud Grandparents of our new little blessing Cadence Paige born 4/20/12 she weight 9 lbs 4.5 oz and is 22 1/2 inches long.

DAYS OF YORE...

April 30, 1952 - Pvt. Jay V. Zanetti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zanetti of Grahamsville, has recently completed Basic Training at the Replacement Training Center, the Army's Transportation Center, Fort Eustis, Virginia.

John H. Briggs, a resident of Liberty, passed away Friday morning at the Liberty Hospital after a short illness. He was 81. He was born in Claryville on August 25, 1870. He was the son of Abigail Dixon and William Alonzo Briggs of Claryville. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a grandson, a granddaughter and two stepchildren.

Oscar George died at Middletown on Thursday, April 24th after a short illness. He was born September 15, 1889 to Halwick D. George and Magdalena Voit George at Red Hill. He is survived by three brothers, William of Liberty, John of Swan Lake and Herbert of Sundown.

May 2, 1962 - Miss Carol Cypert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cypert of Grahamsville, took part in the capping exercises held for graduates of the Benedictine Hospital School of Nursing on Sunday afternoon. Miss Cypert graduated from Tri Valley Central School before entering nursing school.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bogert of Youngsville announce the engagement of their daughter Betty Lillian to Raymond Kenneth Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Everett of Neversink. The bride to be is a graduate of Jeffersonville Central School and is presently employed at the National Bank of Liberty. Mr. Everett is a Tri Valley Central School graduate and is employed at the Laurel Hotel and Country Club. No date has been set for the wedding.

Army Sergeant Major Morris W. Robinson, 44, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson, was recently assigned to the U.S. Army Test Board at Fort Greeley, Alaska. He entered the Army in 1937. His wife, Adelaide, is with him in Alaska.

May 10, 1972 - Karen Marie Furman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Furman, was christened on Sunday, May 7th at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Afterwards a family gathering was held at the Furman home. Little Amy's second birthday was also celebrated at that time.

Anniversary greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brisack of Moore Hill who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this week.

A very special Happy Birthday to Mrs. Nancy Seamon who will be 101 years old on May 13th!

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hill, 23 years on the 15th; Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DuBois, 51 years on the 17th.

On Friday, April 28th, the Cub Scouts of Pack #87, held the annual Rocket Derby at the Neversink Fire Hall. Ricky Krum won the trophy for the best looking rocket and also won the big trophy for being the final winner in the races.

May 6, 1982 - Ensign John F. Gallagher, III, U.S.N., of Grahamsville has been honored as a Distinguished Graduate of the Surface Warfare Officers School in Newport, R.I. He is a Tri-Valley Central School graduate and a 1981 graduate of the United States Naval Academy.

Wessel H. Cross of State Road, Grahamsville, a retired vocational instructor at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility and a lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, April 26, 1982 at the Ellenville Hospital. He was 79. The son of the late Frank and Kathryn Hornbeck Cross, he was born Nov. 13, 1902 in Eureka. He was the widower of Mattie Allison Cross. Survivors include a daughter, Jean Nettle of Camden, and three grandchildren.

Question: How much did it cost to construct the first school in District #1 in the Town of Neversink in 1840?

Answer: The contract for the new school to be built in District #1 in the Town of Neversink in 1840 called for the school to be 26 ft. long, 18 ft. wide and 8 ft. high to be completed on the 1st of December, 1840 for the amount of \$166.00 including a stove pipe. (Today you probably would pay more than that just for the stove pipe!)

RED HILL FIRE TOWER NEWS

The Red Hill Fire Tower and observer's cabin will open to the public on Weekends and Holidays from June 9 - October 10, 2012, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. In the event of fog, rain, or thunderstorms, the fire tower and cabin will be closed for the day. If you choose to visit the fire tower on a day when it is not manned, the view is still exceptional from the upper landings of the tower. Our guides look forward to seeing you up there. If you have any questions, comments or would like to volunteer, please call Doug Hamilton at 845-985-7427, (e-mail: doham97@yahoo.com)

TV Girls and Boys Outdoor Track and Field News

The last two weekends the Tri-Valley Girls Team has won the 27 School Tri-Valley Invitational and the 12 School Monticello Invitational. The girls had Dominique Darby and Mareena DiMilia voted the Outstanding Field Athletes at Tri-valley and Dominique received the same award at Monticello. At Tri-Valley the Girls Shuttle Hurdle Relay set a school record with the team of Mareena, Vicky Tingley and Ali Reynolds. At Monticello, Mareena set a School record in the Javelin. The Boys Team placed 3rd overall and won their Division at Tri-valley and placed 4th at Monticello. Both Teams are undefeated in the OCL Division meets.

This Saturday at Noon will be the Tri-Valley Relays.

Fallsburg Lions Club Learns about School Budget

At their monthly dinner meeting on April 19 the Town of Fallsburg Lions Club heard a presentation on the upcoming Fallsburg Central School District budget proposed for 2012-2013. School Superintendent and Lions Club Member Dr. Ivan Katz, was joined by District Administrators Daniel Grecco and Dr. Matthew Evans and School Board Members Robert Whitaker, Arlene Hussey, and Kathy Rappaport, also a Lions Club Member.

The following items came out of the presentation and the questions from the audience: 1) there is a 0% percent budget increase; 2) there is a 0 % tax levy increase; 3) establishment of a capital reserve fund to be capped at \$5,000,000 dollars, with all of that money coming from preexisting undesignated fund balance, and no additional cost to the tax payer; 4) funding of a repair reserve up to \$500,000, with all of that money coming from preexisting undesignated fund balance, at no additional cost to the taxpayer; and finally 5) the capital reserve will be used to pay for larger facilities issues as opposed to the repair reserve which will address much smaller infrastructure issues.

The vote on the budget and for three positions on the School Board is Tuesday, May 15, 2012 in the Fallsburg High School Library.

End-of-Life Ethics

Seats are still available to participate in the Living With Grief® program, End-of-Life Ethics, produced by the Hospice Foundation. It will be presented on Wednesday, May 9 from 1 to 4pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County by the Caregiver Resource Center. Moderated by Lynn Sherr, former ABC News' 20/20 correspondent will examine, using a case study approach, the ethical issues and dilemmas that emerge at the end-of-life, the principles of ethical decision-making and the effects of these decisions on staff and families.

To register for this free lecture, or for more information, contact Cindy at Cornell Cooperative Extension at (845) 292-5250.

NEVERSINK NEWS

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

Daniel Pierce Library Needs Your Support on June 12 (From Pg. 1)

Volunteer work on the construction project itself has greatly reduced the cost of the project. People donated their time, energy and resources - showing up to hammer, dig, clean, build, plant. They all offered whatever they could to create this beautiful structure. Also, an endowment fund is being created to help support the maintenance of this magnificent new facility.

The building was designed with the goal of minimizing operating expenses. Sight lines from the circulation desks reduce the need for additional staff. The geothermal heating and cooling system eliminates the need for fossil fuel consumption. In addition, the state-of-the-art insulation and off-hour thermostatic controls enable us to heat and cool the plant for 1/3 the estimated cost of conventional heating and cooling. Electrical consumption is reduced through motion detector switches, more efficient lighting fixtures, variable speedometers on the geothermal system and energy-saving equipment.

As the library expansion program nears completion, it becomes necessary to request an additional \$79,500 for annual operating expenses. The new facility is six times larger than the original facility. Although the new structure has been built without levying any taxes, the library will need your support to cover the day-to-day cost of running the library, offering its programs, and providing meeting space for the many community groups that are using the building since it became available in June of 2011. For these services, the average taxpayer in the town of Neversink will only have to pay approximately an additional \$7.55 for the whole year - the cost of a burger and fries!

Thank you for your support. Please don't forget to vote on Tuesday, June 12, at the Daniel Pierce Library, from noon to 9:00 p.m., and please attend our informational meeting on Tuesday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Town of Neversink to Host Free Residential Energy Savings Workshop to Help Homeowners Reduce Their Energy Bills

The Town of Neversink will host a Free Residential Energy Savings Workshop to help homeowners and renters learn about free energy assessments, incentives for energy efficiency improvements and low-cost financing opportunities to help them reduce their energy bills. The event will take place on Saturday, May 12th from 10:00 - 11:30 am at Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

An energy-efficient home costs less to heat and is more comfortable to live in, with fewer drafts, consistent temperatures throughout rooms, increased ventilation and humidity control. Event attendees will learn how to take advantage of the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Program, which helps homeowners reduce energy use and annual energy costs by an average of \$700 or more.

Home Performance with ENERGY STAR uses a "whole-house" comprehensive assessment approach to home energy usage. Homeowners work with contractors trained in building science and accredited by the Building Performance Institute (BPI). The contractor looks at the entire house, not just one room or a single problem area, and recommends improvements for saving energy.

In addition, information will be provided about additional free programs and incentives based on income eligibility.

The Free Residential Energy Savings Workshop will feature presentations by Mid-Hudson Energy Smart Communities and Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development on how to access these free programs. Representatives from both organizations will be available to help homeowners sign up for free comprehensive energy assessments.

All homeowners are encouraged to attend this Free Residential Energy Savings Workshop. Pre-register by calling 845-985-2262 ext. 301. Walk-ins are welcome.

NYSERDA, a public benefit corporation, offers objective information and analysis, innovative programs, technical expertise, and funding to help New Yorkers increase energy efficiency, save money, use renewable energy, and reduce their reliance on fossil fuels. NYSERDA professionals work to protect our

environment and create clean-energy jobs. NYSERDA has been developing partnerships to advance innovative energy solutions in New York since 1975. Mid-Hudson Energy Smart Communities/Courtney Strong Inc. is a NYSERDA Energy Smart Communities (ESC) Program coordinator. ESCs promote NYSERDA's programs in local neighborhoods through partnerships, educational programs and awareness-building.

Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development is a local network of individuals, businesses and organizations whose goal is to implement a new economic model for Sullivan County based on projects that are socially and environmentally responsible.

Hospital Recognized by United Way

On Thursday April 12, 2012, Ellenville Regional Hospital was honored by the United Way of Ulster County as one of the Outstanding Organizations who contributed to the success of the 2011 United Way Campaign.

Ellenville Regional Hospital's Employee Contributions to the United Way Campaign was championed by Barbara Garfinkel, Administrative Assistant to the President and CEO. With Barbara's initiative, the employees of the hospital contributed over \$7,100. That figure represents a 40% increase over the prior year, with an over 50% increase in the number of employees who participated.

Ellenville Regional Hospital is a 25 bed rural critical access hospital located in Southern Ulster County. The Hospital offers a wide range of services including inpatient services, rehabilitation, emergency care, physical therapy, orthopedics, gastroenterology, cardiology, cardio-stress testing, pulmonary, pain management, ambulatory surgery, laboratory, diabetes education, oncology, clinical pharmacy services, medical nutrition therapy, hospice care, women's health including bone density, mammography, ultrasound, and imaging including CT scan, digital X-Ray, nuclear medicine, and MRI studies.

Sullivan County Launches New "SustainableSullivanCounty" Website New resource to help Sullivan County residents save money, be more energy efficient

There is a new online resource in Sullivan County that will help residents and businesses lower their energy use, and even save money on their utility bills.

Sullivan County Legislative Chairman Scott Samuelson today announced the launch of <http://sustainableSullivanCounty.org/index.html>, a new website that provides residents, businesses and municipalities' connections to rebates and incentives, educational resources, tips to manage energy consumption, and helpful interactive tools.

SustainableSullivanCounty.org also highlights County-wide projects and provides coverage of news and events related to energy conservation in local towns and villages.

"Sullivan County is launching *SustainableSullivanCounty.org* in order to help Sullivan County businesses and residents make smart energy and cost saving investments in their homes and offices," said Chairman Samuelson. "The web site and related newsletter are free, at no cost taxpayers, and will assist our residents, municipalities and businesses to secure energy efficiency incentives, grants, contractors and educational resources. Those who have previously paid taxes and Systems Benefit Charges on their utility bills will benefit from the use of these incentives and ultimately realize a better return on their investment."

SustainableSullivanCounty.org was recently developed through a partnership with Blue Springs Energy LLC, an organization that helps communities participate in clean energy programs. Blue Springs Energy LLC assists companies, local governments and individuals to access clean and renewable energy grants, incentives and credits.

"Blue Springs Energy is thrilled to support Sullivan County's efforts to help its residents, businesses, and not-for-profit organizations save money on their energy bills and help the environment," said Larry Simpson, President of Blue Springs Energy, LLC. "The SustainableSullivanCounty website and newsletter provides useful information on Federal tax credits, NY State programs, utility incentives, private sector resources, and energy efficient projects across Sullivan County."

Woodsongs Coffeehouse (From Pg. 1)

Rivera was a gifted youth who began performing at age 13, and by the time he was 17 he had played for an audience of 15,000 at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. His musical career spans more than 40 years and he has shared the stage with such greats as Vassar Clements, Stanley Jordan and Buddy Miles.

Tony is a master Flamenco guitarist, but his musical repertoire also includes an extensive collection of sixties rock and folk classics by artists like Bob Dylan, Kris Kristofferson, Jimi Hendrix, Van Morrison and Johnny Cash.

The evening will also feature a performance by the host band, Little Sparrow, beginning at 6:30pm. Little Sparrow is an acoustic band from Sullivan County featuring Carol Smith on guitar and Vocals, Aldo Troiani on Mandolin, guitar and vocals, Lester Wilson on bass and a special appearance by Jesse Kitzmiller on fiddle. They have been hosting the Woodsongs Coffeehouse since 2010.

Special thanks to North Mountain Digital of Rock Hill, New York for sponsoring the May Coffeehouse. North Mountain Digital is a new Sullivan County business located next door to Steve's Music. You can visit their website at www.northmountaindigital.com.

Doors open at 6pm. Admission is \$5.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York.

For directions please visit our website <http://www.sullivancountyhistory.org/> or call 845 434-8044 or 845 671-9548 and visit (<http://tonyriveraband.com>)

DORKY DANDELIONS

By Peggy DeWire
"Hi Peggy, I'm over here in the garden," Sally called. "Come in for coffee after I finish weeding the dandelions out of this last row."

I leaned against the white picket fence around her neat garden with its tidy rows of plants and looked at the dandelions scattered here and there and agreed, "Yep, they're dorky all right."

This alien weed from Europe (*Taraxacum officinale* in the Composite family) is so common on lawns and fields everywhere that it hardly needs description. Everybody knows the familiar yellow flower, jagged leaves and lovely white seed balloon. All nine species of dandelions got named from their jagged edged leaves that look like teeth in a lions jaw - a corruption of the French dent-de-lion.

In Grahamsville dandelions usually bloom twice in summer, May-June and September. They range over the whole land in cities and countryside, growing from saucer size leaf rosettes up to platter size with huge two-foot long strap leaves in Alaska. I saw these jumbos thriving in Anchorage city lots and lawns.

Some southern species are called wild lettuce (*Lactuca canadensis*), growing two feet tall with white flowers.

"Let's have dandelion coffee," Sally said, "I've gotten pretty good at roasting the roots in a slow oven till they're all dried, then grinding them in the blender."

Over a fragrant cup of coffee we talked leisurely until Sally pointed to a big crock sitting in the pantry. "I'm making dandelion wine again with that great recipe you gave me last summer. What a pretty gold color and good taste."

I smiled back. "Sally, I've got another dandelion surprise for you to try. When you're out picking young tender leaves for salad, also get the little hard green flower buds to pickle. Use any bread-and-butter pickle recipe and substitute the dandelion buds for cucumber slices."

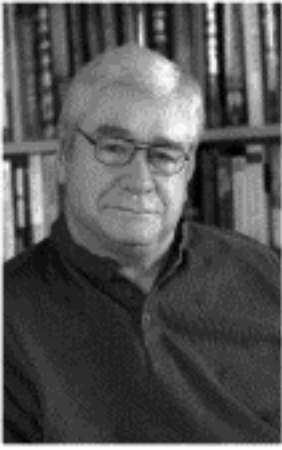
As I walked back home later, I thought about how these common weeds were a staple food source for songbirds, especially goldfinches and chickadees and for grazing animals like deer that munch the green leaves and blossoms.

I once had a pet baby groundhog orphan (its mom had been killed beside a highway) that I brought home to raise. We would walk around the yard together as he nibbled the lawn and kept an eye on me as I flipped him dandelion flower heads. He ate them quickly like a child stuffing down popcorn. To him dandelions were definitely not dorky.

Helpful Hints -The Versatile Coffee Filter

Tea Bags Getting all those little, wet leaves out of a tea ball is a pain. Instead, wrap loose tea in a coffee filter, twist tie it together and dunk. Remember to compost the filter and tea leaves when you're done.



MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 4 - by John Dwaine McKenna

Today is the spring equinox: the day we have equal parts of light and dark. It marks the day that sunlight starts to gradually increase, until the third week in June, when we mark the summer solstice, which is the longest day of the year, and then the days will have less sunlight until the autumnal equinox, and in December the winter solstice, or longest night of the year. It also marks the first day of spring. The seasons are ever-changing in an inevitable, but unchangeable cycle: spring, summer, fall, winter.

The seasons of course, are one example of any number of cycles: some inevitable, some not. The cycle we're looking into in this week's MBR is Irish Diaspora. In an unchanging and mind numbing confluence of numbers the youth of Ireland have been emigrating since 1847, the year the Irish potato famine began. It's estimated that, at present, 10,000 times more persons with Irish surnames live outside Ireland than in it.

And hey, don't worry I'm getting to the point . . .

This week's MBR is by another Irish writer named Adrian McKinty. His novel is, *Dead I May Well Be*, (Scribner, 2003, \$19.99, 384 pages, ISBN 978-0-7432-5355-0) which follows the trail of Michael Forsythe as he leaves Belfast, Northern Ireland to work for a shady Irish ex-pat named Darby White in New York City. Darby is a mid-level criminal in the organization of Seamus Duffy: the head of the Irish mob in New York City. Michael is a low-level soldier, a thug, in the criminal hierarchy. Their area of operations is the upper west side of Manhattan, in the heart of Harlem. Their business is drugs and mayhem, at which Michael excels. When he starts having a fling with Darby's girlfriend howev-

er, things go to hell in a hand basket. The action is non-stop and violent, with frequent references to pop culture, Irish slang, and classical literature. McKinty's writing is alive with crackling dialogue and witticisms, along with the occasional sarcasm and bon mot. He's a writer I'll be watching and enjoying in the future. I'm looking forward to more of his work. You will too if you like 'em really hard-boiled.

Hard-boiled, soft-boiled, procedural, thriller, cozy or noir, you'll find them all at your local library, along with a group of smiling, knowledgeable, and helpful librarians to assist and guide you if needed. You won't know if you don't go . . . so visit the library and you'll never be bored again. And I'd like to close this column by thanking all of you who have visited my website: johndwainemckenna.com

Those who have, have found all of the Mysterious Book Reports, reading lists and info about me and *The Neversink Chronicles*, they've left comments and suggestions, a couple of critical ones, but mostly good, asked questions, and a few have even exchanged greetings. How about you? Have you visited on the internet yet? Don't do computers? No matter. You can do all of the above the traditional way at P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Drop us a line, we'd love to hear from you.

I'm happy to say *The Neversink Chronicles* are now available at the Little House in Roscoe, Cannie D's in Neversink, the Time and Valleys Museum Store, as well as at Amazon.com and Rhyolite Press LLC. Call, write or send a telegram, we'll get a copy to you. It's also available as an eBook on Kindle and iPad, or you can ask for it at your favorite bookstore.

Hope you're all having a great spring and taking time to enjoy a good book. I'll see you next week with a brand-new, hot-off-the-computer Mysterious Book Report --JDM

Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club Purchase Finalized (From Pg. 1)

If casino gaming is approved for the resort, Nevele Investors LLC anticipates up to a \$500 million redevelopment, which would transform the current site into a resort and casino employing as many as 1,000 people. The investment group intends to preserve several of the Nevele's iconic elements, including the tower, entrance lobby and ice rink. The investment group also plans to re-open the Nevele's professional golf course and to restore it to its former championship-level status.

"It's a first step in realizing our vision for a redeveloped Nevele resort and revitalized Catskills region," said Michael Treanor, CEO of Nevele Investors LLC. "The purchase is a key step in a regional initiative to drive tourism and stimulate area businesses. The Nevele has always been central to the regional economy, and our plan would restore it to its former use and prominence."

The Nevele Grande has been closed since 2009 and the property had gone into receivership prior to the purchase by Nevele Investors LLC.

The town boards of both Wawarsing and Ellenville have unanimously passed resolutions endorsing inclusion of the Ellenville/Wawarsing region in state legislation permitting casino gaming. Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, Ulster County Legislature Chairwoman Terry L. Bernardo, Wawarsing Town Supervisor Scott Carlsen and Ellenville Mayor Jeff Kaplan have all indicated strong support.

"I congratulate the Nevele Investors LLC group on finalizing the purchase of the Nevele resort property," said County Executive Hein. "Ulster County looks forward to working with municipal leaders and the development team to ensure the revitalization of this incredible tourism destination. The opening of this historic property and the creation of jobs is critically important to our entire community."

"We're excited that this potential project is moving forward with the promise of needed investment and job creation," said, Chairman Bernardo. "The economic boost associated with the re-development of the historic Nevele Grande Hotel is critically needed in Ulster County and I, along with my colleagues on the County Legislature, look forward to working closely with all involved."

"It's very exciting news," said Supervisor Carlsen. "It would be a tremendously positive project in terms of really bringing people back to the Nevele, to Ulster County and the Catskills. My strong sense is that the community's initial reaction has been terrific and that especially as folks learn more about the plan, they're really going to be behind it."

"Nevele would offer a real jewel," continued Mayor Kaplan, "and start a rehabilitation and restoration of the area after a recession that hit us very hard."

"I think the rehabilitation and revitalization of the Nevele is exciting news for our area," said Julie Cohen Lonstein, an Ellenville attorney and resident. "It will usher in a new era for our community and the entire area by providing a modern version of the Catskills resorts."

"We have been engaging with the community and local business and civic leaders at the town and county level," said Larry Woolf a principal member of the investment team. "The members of the community have seen first hand the impact of the closure of local resorts, businesses and the loss of tourism and jobs. We look forward to meeting with county legislators, speaking with residents and joining with local businesses in working to eventually welcome employees and guests back to the Nevele," Mr. Woolf added.

Mr. Treanor and his team expect to focus heavily in the near-term on consolidating widespread local support both at the grassroots level and throughout Ulster County. About Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club

The Nevele property, located in the Town of Wawarsing, NY, just outside the Village of Ellenville, spans nearly 500 acres and was long considered the crown jewel of the booming Catskills resort industry. The Nevele, which opened its doors in 1903, was, for over a hundred years, one of the region's prime recreation and sporting destinations. The property includes over 450 hotel rooms in several buildings including an iconic nine-story tower. The property has numerous amenities, including a professional golf course which has hosted championship events, indoor and outdoor pools and tennis courts, a ski and toboggan slope, an art deco ski chalet with sunken fireplaces, a large outdoor ice rink with a stunning cantilevered roof, hiking trails, horseback riding stables, and an indoor fitness center. The site is convenient to the New York metropolitan area and is readily accessible from Route 17 (I-86) and U.S. Route 209. About Nevele Investors LLC

Nevele Investors LLC is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Claremont Partners Limited. Claremont Partners Limited is an investment company focused on early-stage gaming opportunities worldwide. Larry Woolf, Chairman Emeritus of Claremont Partners and Michael Treanor, Director and Chief Executive Officer of the company, each have extensive experience in domestic and international gaming and both are highly regarded within the industry.

Mr. Woolf, who has initially been designated to operate the casino at the Nevele, has been in the gaming industry for over 40 years. Mr. Woolf has served as President

of Caesar's in Lake Tahoe, NV and as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of MGM Grand Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, NV. He is the founder and principal of Navegante Group, Inc., a leading full service gaming company.

Mr. Treanor has over 20 years of real estate and investment experience. He has worked as a corporate and real estate attorney at New York-based Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, in the Real Estate Investment Banking Group at Lehman Brothers Inc. and as a partner in real estate merchant banking firm Fremont Realty Capital. Mr. Treanor left Fremont in 2005 to form and manage a series of investment companies focused on development and redevelopment of gaming and leisure properties in Miami, Las Vegas and Asia.

2012 Sullivan County Firefighters Memorial Service

Monticello - Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau has announced that the Sullivan County Bureau of Fire & Sullivan County Firefighters Association 2012 Firefighters Memorial Service will be held on Sunday May 6, 2012 starting 2:00 PM at the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello.

The Memorial Service will begin on the Sturgis Road side of the building with a lineup of "The Sea of Blue" followed by a ceremony inside the main floor of the building. Following the ceremony all will exit outside the building and conclude with a brief moment in front of the memorial stone and will end with a special fly over of aircraft (weather allowing).

In addition to the representatives of the various fire companies in the county, the families of those who departed in 2012 will be escorted by their home fire department and be given a special place of honor during the ceremonies.

Assemblywoman Gunther Statement on NYC Commuter Tax

Monticello, NY - In response to Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer's proposal to resurrect the New York City Commuter Tax, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther released the following statement:

"The proposal to bring back the New York City Commuter Tax is yet another attempt to subsidize New York City's mass transit system on the backs of Hudson Valley residents. To ask commuters paying upwards of \$4 a gallon of gas, in addition to exorbitant tolls for roads again reach into their pocket to support people commuting from Queens to Manhattan is unconscionable. It's the MTA Payroll Tax for individuals, and it simply cannot be allowed."

CCE Garden Day & Compost Bin Urgent Update!

The Sullivan County Master Gardeners announce their Annual Plant & Flower Sale. Healthy refreshments are for sale by the Eat Smart New York Program that will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2012 - 10 am to 2 pm

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMondaBig Brother
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I first read 1984 by George Orwell in the fifties, probably for a high school book report. Impossible I thought. Impossible as Dick Tracy's radio/watch on the front page of the Sunday Funny Pages.

In the sixties I can remember calling Bruce's parents in Plattsburgh on Sundays. Bruce's dad, always a kidder, would answer, "How are you? You're looking good," pretending that he had a phone that could see us as well as hear us.

I re-read 1984 again, this time after the year had passed, and many of the science fiction ideas had become science fact. Still, the idea that our government could spy on us was frighteningly unreal; however, computers were gaining that capability to record mountains of data about each citizen.

Now, with technology monitoring every tweet and movement, I feel like even George Orwell would be shaking in his paranoid boots. How does that woman in the car's GPS know to tell me to turn right in .5 miles and then make a legal U-turn. Smart phones and televisions make me want to update my pajamas and ratty bathrobe for fear that someone is looking back at me curled up on the sofa.

EZ pass knows where I am going. The computer can "auto-fill" my personal information. Even my dog's flea and tick medicine comes in an e-mail

addressed to my dog, Diva. Amazon knows what I have read and recommends what I should read next. Overstock.com reminds me about what I already bought and what might blend nicely with the area rug I purchased last winter. Satellites are snapping pictures of me as I walk, hair askew in my blue bathrobe, each morning as I get the newspaper.

Pictures and video are captured surreptitiously and sent globally from anyone's cell phone. Cell phones can now do more than my first Apple IIe computer. Am I glad the cell tower in Olive wasn't yet functional when I was still teaching English. I can imagine myself on You-tube doing something dumb enough to be considered "viral." It would have captured the day I showed up with one blue and one red shoe. Same style, different colors.

I think I can imagine what the next important technological breakthrough will be. I am picturing personal "blocking shields" that people will desire to hide from the constant barrage of information bombarding us in the form of calls, texts, faxes, emails, etc. Our personal "shield" will allow us to wear torn jeans and worn sweatshirts and eat bags of salt and vinegar potato chips out of the view of myriad viewing devices.

My only fear is that this new "shield" will require yet-another password that I will not be able to remember.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES - Fred Perry, Owner of Reservoir Music Center
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Last week's Levon Helm viewing/funeral for the fans was a sad and somber affair, but at least it was closure. The shock of realizing you would never see him again was somewhat offset by, well, seeing him again!

Levon's casket was layed out, closed, on the Ramble stage, next to his drums, as it should be, and when you filed past you could see a slide show of photos of Levon being displayed on a large screen. I'm sure if you stayed there long enough, there'd have been all sorts of pictures, including ones of Levon on stage. There'd have to be! But when I got to the designated spot, the part of the slideshow that was playing was all pictures of Levon with his grandson, Lavon. The joy in that man's eyes was so evident in those pictures! He always had that, but this was something special! He obviously loved that little boy and got so much joy from him! It was amazing and beautiful to see, and it made me so happy that in his final years, besides the historic comeback he engineered, with the help of manager, Barbara O'Brian, he also got to have this beautiful personal happiness! And how lucky Lavon was to have got to spend time with the world's coolest grandpa!

But now that he is gone, I predict that his fame, his popularity as a recording artist and actor, and his legend as an American and international cultural icon will grow larger than life! And I really hope that The Levon Helm Band will carry on. They are simply too good to pass with Levon! The band has become adept at singing most of the songs in the repertoire in the years Levon battled cancer and his voice fell victim to it. They could simply carry on! They have the perfect drummer to fill the giant chair Levon vacated in Randy Ciarlante, who also is a singing drummer, like Levon, who also has a great, soulful voice, like Levon, who has a similar drumming style to Levon's, who previously was a member of The Band, and who was already in The LHB playing double drums with Levon! The Levon Helm Band is one of the greatest musical units, and one of the greatest personal accomplishments, in

musical history! Play on! Please?

They could continue on as The Levon Helm Band. After all, they are The Levon Helm Band. But that could confuse people who might somehow think that Levon, himself, is actually appearing, so I have a suggestion for the name of the Levonless Levon Helm Band - Live on! Or some combination or permutation thereof. Maybe The Live on Band. Whaddya think? I think I like it. Ask me again next week and I'll tell you for sure. Anyway, the important thing is just for this great rockin' band, and the amazing music it plays, to live on under any name! I hope Larry and Amy agree.

I'm not really recommending much live music this week. I'm still real depressed about Levon. And all of the good music this week's in the city. Well, maybe not all. There were a lot of shows this week that normally would have been weekly picks, but I just still didn't feel like recommending anything, so I skipped all but the best. And the local bands that I do like (you know who you are) never send me their gigs (hint hint) so it's hard to pick 'em!

Thursday, May 3 - CHARLIE MUSSLEWHITE AND JOHN HAMMOND JR. at BB King's. Two Blues legends on a double bill.

Friday, May 4 - JUNIOR MURVIN, who did the original "Police and Thieves", which The Clash covered, is at BB King's. At least, I think it's Junior Murvin. It's billed as "Junior Marvin", but I'm assuming that's a typo.

The RED HOT CHILI PEPPERS have become one of our best, most innovative, and smartest bands around. Tonight they start a two day run at The Prudential Center in Newark, NJ, which, of course, concludes tomorrow, Saturday, May 5.

Tuesday, May 8 - This event at BB King's is being billed as "A TRIBUTE TO LEVON HELM WITH THE THE BAND BAND". Get it? The, The Band, Band. These guys do the catalog of The Band, and they do it very well, and tonight should be a very special night worth traveling for

Wednesday, May 9 - THE BEACH BOYS are doing a 50th anniversary tour this summer WITH Brian Wilson. To me, that's exciting. Tonight they're at The Beacon Theater.

May next week be better than the last two.

The Family Memoir, PROSILIO...

... 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**

Carol La Monda spent one memorable childhood summer in 1956 with her family at a quiet, peaceful farmhouse in New Paltz, New York. Four mothers and ten kids ruled the roost in a Spartan farmhouse as the fathers worked in the city. It was a time of love and joy-a glorified, low-brow summer camp for the city cousins. How could the children ever have guessed that the farmhouse held such a tragic secret?

In this Greek family, a tragedy unfolded at the farmhouse years before. Carol's great aunt Philanthé lost her brother, daughter, and granddaughters, at the hand of her murderous son-in-law. The murders were kept a secret from the children--a family secret that would only be unraveled many years later.

Prosilio: Toward the Sun is not a memoir of murder, revenge, or despair. Carol's great aunt not only survived the tragedy; she went on to live her life as an inspiration to her children and grandchildren. The children at the New Paltz farmhouse learned their own lessons that summer in 1956, thanks to the careful guidance of loving parents. It is always possible in life to walk away from the shadows, if only we learn to walk into the light of the sun.

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The Governor announced this week that during the first months of 2012, more than 65,000 motorists were ticketed for using an electronic device while driving. This week, Governor Cuomo launched a second Operation Hang Up campaign to further the efforts to reduce distracted driving.

Join Governor Cuomo's fight to keep New York's roads safe: don't text and drive. Click here to learn more about the Operation Hang Up enhanced enforcement campaign.

With the enactment of new texting laws, and increased enforcement efforts like Operation Hang Up, the Governor and state law enforcement are taking major steps to prevent the tragic consequences of distracted driving.

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UC Exec Hein Signs Solar Tax Exemption Applauds Legislative Sponsor Tracy Bartels

County Executive Mike Hein today signed a resolution exempting sales tax on the purchase and installation of residential solar systems in Ulster County. Legislator Tracy Bartels of New Paltz took the lead in reintroducing this legislation which originally passed in 2005 but never became effective.

"I applaud Legislator Bartels in taking the lead on this issue and putting into effect this important assistance to the residents of Ulster County and the Ulster County solar industry. We must continue to do everything in our power to promote the use of solar technology in Ulster County," stated County Executive Hein. "By signing this resolution, not only are we supporting our local solar industry but we are encouraging the further use of solar installations by lowering the cost of solar systems. I truly believe this legislation is a win/win for Ulster County and I urge lawmak-

ers in Albany to expand this exemption to include commercial systems as well."

Ulster County Legislator Tracy Bartels said, "Renewable energy is a great way to protect the environment of Ulster County and I am very proud to have been an original sponsor of this legislation as well as the current sponsor. It is my hope that this exemption will allow more families in Ulster County to use this environmentally friendly source of energy in their homes."

Ulster County ranks first in solar installation in New York State. Ulster County is home to The Solar Energy Consortium and has a number of solar product manufacturers including Solar Tech Renewables, Earthkind Solar, Sunwise and Prism. In addition, Ulster County also has numerous solar equipment manufacturers such as Fala Technologies and Ceres Technologies as well as a host of solar installation firms.

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The Professional Women of SC's Scholarship Program is currently offering 10 scholarships for women in Sullivan County

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About the Professional Women of Sullivan County: Formally known as Catskill Mountain BPW, Professional Women of Sullivan County (PWSC) is a 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.

Rondout Valley Organics CSA Spring Potluck on the Farm

Rondout Valley Organics (RVO), a local Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project, is hosting its Spring Potluck on the Farm for members and those interested in joining for the 2012 season. The event takes place on Saturday, May 5th, from 4pm to 7pm, at Rusty Plough Farm in Ulster Heights. Folks are invited to bring a favorite seasonal dish to share, meet the farmers, tour the farm and find out more about RVO. New members who sign up at the event get half-off the annual \$50.00 membership fee for 2012.

CSAs are a way for growers and consumers to share in both the bounty and the risks of farming. A farmer sells shares in the farm, also known as memberships, in exchange for a box of vegetables and/or other farm products that the member receives each week of the growing season. Farmers get payment early in the year, helping with cash flow, and a commitment from local consumers to support their work.

In return, consumers benefit from the freshest products, exposure to new vegetables and cooking ideas, building relationships with their farmers and investing in their local agricultural economy.

Rondout Valley Organics CSA is unique in that it offers choice and flexibility to its members via a web-based ordering system. The cost is \$300.00, which includes a non-refundable \$50.00 membership fee and \$250.00 for the member's account. The fee represents a commitment from the member and helps to cover the farmer's pre-season expenses such as printing flyers, seed purchases, fuel, etc, while the \$250.00 fund a personal shopping account, rather than the purchase of a "share" in the

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which rolls into the next year. Produce is harvested on Wednesdays and members pick up at their chosen locations starting on Thursday mornings.

RVO is also a collaborative project, created in 2006 to offer products from three area farms: Rusty Plough Farm, Farm & Granary and August Farm. This year, anchored by Rusty Plough Farm in partnership with other local organic farms, RVO will continue to offer an abundant variety of produce, including vegetables, herbs, flowers and berries, as well as pastured pork and eggs from pastured hens & ducks. Rusty Plough Farm is certified organic by NOFA-NY Certified Organic LLC and will work with local farms that share its commitment to natural and organic growing practices.

For more information, please contact: Oleh Maczaj at Rusty Plough Farm, 331 Dowe Road, Ellenville, NY 12428 845-647-6911. rustyplough@earthlink.net - - www.rustyploughfarm.com

For more details on how Rondout Valley Organics works, please visit www.farmtocity.org/affiliates/rondoutvalley

State Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Senator John Bonacic Presents New York State Liberty Medal - Medal Presented to Four Middletown City Court Officers



Pictured from L - R: Sergeant Robert Kowal, Court Officer Michele Lynch, Senator John Bonacic, Court Officer Michael Mathisen and Court Officer Scott Truex.

Senator John Bonacic (R,C,I - Mount Hope), today presented Sergeant Robert Kowal, Court officer Michael Mathisen, Court Officer Scott Truex and Court Officer Michele Lynch of the Middletown City Court with Liberty Medals honoring their courage on February 8, 2012 when a gunman entered the Middletown City Court.

"As someone who, in my former career as an attorney, spent many hours in the courtroom, I know the importance of safety and security measures," said Senator John Bonacic. "Robert Kowal, Michael Mathisen, Scott Truex and Michele Lynch are heroes, whose courageous actions undoubtedly saved the lives of everyone present in the courthouse that day. The Liberty Medal is the highest honor in the New York State Senate and these four individuals, are without a doubt, worthy of this commendation."

The New York State Senate Liberty Award was created in 2000 and is one of the highest civilian honors that a New York resident can receive. It is awarded by the New York State Senate to individuals who have merited special commendation for exceptional, heroic, or humanitarian acts and achievements on behalf of their fellow New Yorkers

These four individuals were recognized with a New York State Senate Resolution thisweek in Albany.

Calling All Paraders, Floats and Entertainers, Amateur or Professional -9th Annual Trout Parade Wants YOU!

Attention local businesses, community groups, schools, artists, musicians, performance groups and more, the 9th annual Trout Parade, Sullivan County's own version of Mardi Gras, is scheduled for Saturday, June 9 in Livingston Manor, rain or shine.

Individuals and groups that would like to dress in costume, decorate abicycle, design a float, dance down Main Street, make some music, or present a performance are welcome to participate in the Trout Parade. Your presentation can be as simple or elaborate as you want it to be

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The 2012 Trout Parade will step-off promptly at 1:00 p.m., led by the 2012 Grand Marshals Dr. Don Simkin and Ellen Singer and a line of antique and classic cars. Look for Dr. Don and Ellen to be followed by a wide variety of music, entertainment and floats representing local businesses, organizations and performance groups from this area and beyond.

We hope you'll join in the fun. There is no cost to participate and hundreds come to see the Trout Parade each year. It's also in support of a

good cause.

Catskill Art Society is producing this year's Trout Parade in partnership with the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce, and with support from businesses and individuals from around the community. Proceeds from the parade will benefit the Arts and Music programs at the Livingston Manor Central School, and Catskill Art Society.

For more information and details on how to participate in the 2012 Trout Parade or become a sponsor, please contact Catskill Art Society at 845-436-4227. You can also find the Trout Parade on Facebook!

Ballroom Dance Benefits Catskill Art Society

Livingston Manor, NY - An evening of ballroom dance to benefit Catskill Art



Photo by Charlie Irace

Society was held on Saturday, April 21 at the Just Breathe Yoga Studio in Parksville, NY, hosted by Justine and Jon Sutherland and Vivian and Jerry Ehrlich. Dance instruction and performance was provided by Jen and Michael Diener, nationally-known professional instructors. Over fifty attendees danced and enjoyed a spectacular mountain top setting, great desserts, and good company, all while raising money for Catskill Art Society. Desserts were contributed

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THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4 P.M. AND 8 P.M. AT THE DENNING TOWN HALL, TO HEAR AND EXAMINE ALL COMPLAINTS IN RELATION TO ASSESSMENT, ON THE WRITTEN APPLICATION OF ANY PERSON BELIEVING HIMSELF TO BE AGGRIEVED.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT ROLL

(Pursuant to Sections 506 & 526 of the Real Property Tax Law)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Assessor of the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan, has completed the Tentative Assessment Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with the Town Clerk at the Neversink Town Hall, where it may be seen and examined by any interested party until the fourth Tuesday in May.

Grievance Day will be held on May 22, 2012 at Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY. The hours are 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The Tentative Assessment Roll will be available at the Neversink Town Hall during regular business hours or you may call for an appointment.

The law requires complainants to file a written statement, under oath, specifying the respect in which the assessment complained of is illegal, or erroneous by reason of over valuation or inequality (Real Property Tax Law, Sec. 512 subdivision 1). The complaint must also state the amount of reduction sought. The complainant may file the complaint with the Assessor prior to Grievance Day.

A publication is available at the Assessors Office which explains how to file a complaint on your assessment along with the forms.

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING, OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, 12740, on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. daylight savings time. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District be authorized and directed to raise annually by taxes the sum of \$374,000, which sum consists of \$294,500 previously authorized plus an additional \$79,500 for library purposes for free library services for the benefit and free use on equal terms of all residents of the School District. Said appropriation shall be for the annual support of the DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY, Grahamsville, New York and the funds collected thereby shall be paid over to the Treasurer of the Daniel Pierce Library, upon written demand of its Trustees.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION

Shall the Tri-Valley Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, be authorized to levy taxes in the amount of \$374,000 for the annual support of the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville, New York, for library services for the benefit of residents of the School District during the 2012-2013 fiscal year?

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. A date for personal voter registration has been set for Wednesday, June 6th, 2012 in the Main Entrance Area of the High School, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, June 7th, 2012 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to June 12, 2012. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, June 5th, 2012) OR the day before the election (Monday, June 11th, 2012, if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education Dated: April 27, 2012
Tri-Valley Central School District, Grahamsville, New York
Martha Lee Ter Bush, District Clerk

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DEP Announces New Agreement with National Weather Service to Provide Up to \$1M to Develop State-of-the-Art Streamflow Forecasts - Upgraded Forecast System Will Provide Water Supply Operators with More Information

Environmental Protection Commissioner Carter Strickland today announced a new agreement with the National Weather Service in which DEP will provide the Weather Service with up to \$1 million to help speed up the development state-of-the-art forecasts of water flows through streams in the watershed. Streamflow forecasts enable DEP water supply operators to better predict the amount of water that will enter reservoirs and as a result more accurately predict reservoir levels and water quality in the future. The enhanced streamflow forecasts will eventually be a part of DEP's Operations Support Tool (OST), a cutting-edge, \$5.2 million integrated monitoring and modeling system that collects real-time data on stream inflow, water quality, and reservoir storage levels, integrates forecasts of future inflows, and applies system operating rules to predict future conditions in the water supply system. OST helps DEP make more informed decisions about how to operate the system to ensure reliable, high quality supplies by retaining water in advance of dry conditions and to release water in advance of wet conditions. The agreement will allow the National Weather Service to speed the development and implementation of the Hydrologic Ensemble Forecast Service (HEFS), which will provide probabilistic forecasts to help water supply operators understand the range and likelihood of river levels and as a result help them assess risk.

"This is a win-win situation for both DEP and our partners, the National Weather Service," said Commissioner Strickland. "NWS gets additional funds to pilot its new forecasting system in a discrete region, which will facilitate their eventual nationwide rollout. And DEP gets the cutting-edge forecasts needed for the Operations Support Tool much sooner than if we had to wait for the nationwide rollout."

"Effective partnerships with state and local government play a big role in our vision for a Weather-Ready Nation, and our agreement with NYCDEP is a great example," said Jack Hayes Ph.D, director, National Weather Service. "With NYCDEP's help accelerating our schedule, we can improve our warnings for events that threaten lives and livelihoods and give sophisticated users, like DEP, the forecasts they need to optimize their water resources decisions based on their operating rules and risk tolerance."

The National Weather Service began experimental development of the ensemble forecasting capability several years ago and the nationwide implementation is scheduled for completion later in 2014. DEP's Operations Support Tool will be complete by 2013 and requires HEFS forecasts to provide the most use to system managers. NWS will use DEP funds to hire additional staff who will help speed the development of the system at the two offices that cover the New York City water supply region: the Middle-Atlantic River Forecast Center (MARFC) in State College, PA (covers Cannonsville, Pepacton, and Neversink Reservoirs) and the Northeast River Forecast Center in Taunton, Mass. (covers Schoharie, Ashokan, Rondout, and all East-of-Hudson reservoirs).

The Hydrologic Ensemble Forecast Service will help water supply operators assess risk. For example, if a storm is forecast, HEFS will produce several different forecasts (an "ensemble") of peak river levels that provide an objective estimate of the uncertainty in the river forecast. Operators can use this information along with knowledge of current water supply conditions to assess risk and make more informed operational decisions. Current NWS operations provide only a single peak forecast with no estimate of forecast uncertainty.

The Operations Support Tool enables DEP's water supply operators to more accurately predict water storage levels in the city's reservoirs so that DEP can better manage the movement of water throughout the reservoir system, and ultimately, to the nine million New Yorkers who rely on the city's drinking water every day. It substantially increases DEP's operational responsiveness and the ability to protect water quality and improve the aquatic habit below the reservoirs.

DEP manages the city's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than nine million residents, including eight million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. (Contd. Pg. 12)

DEP Announces New Agreement with National Weather Service (From Pg. 10)

DEP employs nearly 6,000 employees, including more than 750 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$49 million payroll and \$132 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with a planned \$13.2 billion in investments over the next 10 years that creates up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit www.nyc.gov/dep, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/nycwater, or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/nycwater.

Julian Schreiber Earns Spot in DCCC's Competitive Red-to-Blue Program

Julian Schreiber, Democratic candidate for the New York 19th, announced today that he earned a spot on the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee's (DCCC) highly competitive Red-to-Blue program. Julian's campaign has surpassed demanding fundraising, organizing, and infrastructure goals and skillfully demonstrated to voters that he is a problem-solver who will protect the middle class when elected to Congress.

"I am honored that so many people in the Hudson Valley/Catskills Region have joined our grassroots campaign to create jobs, stand up for middle class families, protect Medicare and Social Security and fight for the American dream," said Julian Schreiber. "The early strength we have demonstrated by being named to the Red to Blue program means we have the support, confidence, and momentum it takes to win in November."

"As a former prosecutor who helped convict al Qaeda terrorists, Julian Schreiber knows what it means to protect the people of New York. Julian is building a strong grassroots campaign that focuses on creating good jobs and standing up to the extreme Republican agenda of ending Medicare while protecting tax cuts for billionaires and Big Oil." Said DCCC Chairman Steve Israel.

The DCCC's Red to Blue program highlights top Democratic campaigns across the country, and offers them financial, communications, grassroots, and strategic support. The program will introduce Democratic supporters to new, competitive candidates in order to help expand the fundraising base for these campaigns.

Preventing Foreclosure: State Foreclosure Specialist Assistance coming to Monticello

State Senator John J. Bonacic and Department of Financial Services Superintendent Benjamin Lawsky will host the State's mobile foreclosure prevention "command" center, which is designed to help homeowners either in foreclosure, or at risk of foreclosure, become aware of their options.

The 36 foot van, which allows for private meetings with foreclosure prevention specialists, will be located in Middletown and Monticello this week:

FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012: TOWN OF THOMPSON TOWN HALL: 4052 Route 42, Monticello, NY 12701 (near Staples in Monticello). The mobile center will be on site from 11:00 AM to 7 PM.

Housing foreclosure specialists will be on site with the Mobile Command Center Van to counsel local homeowners on state and federal programs that may be able to keep them in their homes, provide information about loan modification programs and work with homeowners' mortgage lenders. Specialists can assess where homeowners are in the pre-foreclosure or foreclosure process and advise them by: providing information about specific loan modifications available under federal law; directing aggrieved or abused homeowners to programs and agencies which are actively engaged in pursuing claims related to mortgage servicer abuses.

Senator Bonacic said that any homeowner who seeks to utilize the service, which is free, should bring any paperwork associated with their mortgage that is available to them. Examples of such documents include any foreclosure lawsuit which was started against the homeowner, or a notice of foreclosure, or other documents from their bank detailing late payments. In addition, if possible, the homeowner should know their mortgage interest rate, whether it is fixed or adjustable, and how many years the mortgage was for when it was taken out.

The Financial Services Department has also initiated a foreclosure hotline, 1-800-269-0990 or 518-457-1654, open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"When a mortgage foreclosure starts, it can sometimes be resolved without forcing the homeowner to

leave. Particularly in this economy, a bank does not want to become a landlord and generally wants to do all it reasonably can to reduce the possibility of foreclosure. The service being offered here can arm homeowners at risk of foreclosure and already in foreclosure with information they can utilize to hopefully keep their home. It is free, confidential, and worthwhile for those in need," said Senator Bonacic.

Investigation Reveals Dirtman's Actions Pollute Part Of The NYC Watershed

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman, joined by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens, announced today that a grand jury has indicted Anthony Adinolfi (aka "Dirtman") for the operation of two large unpermitted construction and demolition debris landfills within the New York City Watershed, which provides approximately 1.2 billion gallons of drinking water to nearly one-half the population of New York State every day. From approximately January 2010 through October 2011, these illegal landfills, located at 737 Croton Falls Road and 618 Barrett Hill Road, both in Putnam County, had been accepting construction and demolition debris containing waste such as tile, plastic, coal, and coal ash, in violation of numerous environmental statutes. Some of these materials eroded and were discharged into nearby New York State waters, including the Croton Falls Reservoir, which is part of the water supply that provides drinking water to New York residents.

"Polluting our state's watershed by dumping dangerous waste into illegal landfills is deplorable, and this individual will be held accountable for committing these serious crimes," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Our office will continue to prosecute environmental criminals who put the health and safety of New Yorkers at risk to make a profit. There is no excuse for this kind of misconduct."

State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Joe Martens said, "DEC will vigorously pursue those individuals who disregard state environmental laws for personal gain. Illegal dumping affects not only the area where the material is dumped but also harms nearby waterways. The New York City watershed supplies drinking water to millions of New Yorkers. DEC will not tolerate illegal disposal of hazardous materials in this or in any of the state's watersheds."

Environmental Conservation Law Article 27 and the underlying regulations provide that no person may construct or operate a solid waste management facility without first obtaining a permit from DEC. Solid waste management facilities are also subject to strict operational and closure requirements to avoid the adverse impacts to public health and the environment associated with solid waste. According to the felony complaint filed November 29, 2011 in Carmel Town Court, Adinolfi, the defendant, agreed with private owners of the two watershed properties that he would arrange for fill to be dumped on their property in order to fill in and grade steeply-sloped areas. Through 2010 and 2011, the complaint charges that the defendant arranged for hundreds of truck-loads of fill to be dumped on these two properties - sometimes as much as 10-15 truck loads per day.

Waste composition analysis of multiple samples taken from the debris dumped at these two properties showed that the samples contained coal ash and slag. Coal ash and slag typically contain hazardous substances and carcinogens.

Although New York State environmental laws and regulations prohibit charging fees for dumping this type of debris, Adinolfi charged truck drivers \$75 per truck load for dumping privileges. Bank records show that between 2010 and 2011, Adinolfi, through his company Dirtman Enterprises Inc., earned over \$300,000 from operating these unpermitted landfills.

The grand jury charged Adinolfi with several felony counts for violations of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL"), including ECL § 71-2703(2) (for operating an unpermitted solid waste management facility, a class "E" Felony) and ECL § 71-1933(4)(a)(ii) (for causing stormwater discharges without a permit, a class "E" Felony). If convicted, Adinolfi could face up to 1 1/3 to 4 years in prison and hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines.

Adinolfi is also the defendant in a civil lawsuit filed in Supreme Court, Putnam County, by the State in October 2010 concerning his illegal operation of a landfill at 737 Croton Falls Road. The State has already obtained a preliminary injunction against Adinolfi and others prohibiting them from unlawfully polluting the City of New York's Croton Falls Reservoir, adjacent to the site. The lawsuit also seeks to require Adinolfi and others to remove the construction and demolition debris and other wastes disposed there, remediate the site, and pay civil penalties.

The criminal case is being prosecuted by Assistant Attorney General Jason P. Garelick of the Environmental Crimes Unit, under the supervision of Executive Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Justice Nancy Hoppock, Bureau Chief Gail Heatherly, and Deputy Bureau Chief Stephanie Swenton.

The investigation was conducted by Environmental Conservation Officer Keith Manners and Investigator

Kevin Gilmartin of DEC, Division of Law Enforcement, Bureau of Environmental Crimes Investigation, under the supervision of Lt. John Fitzpatrick and Captain Rick Martin.

The Attorney General recognizes the diligent work of the DEC and OAG staff with whose cooperation the case developed, particularly Steven Parisio, DEC, Regional Solid Waste Geologist, and John Serrapica, OAG, Supervising Investigator and Forensic Accountant. The charges are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

DiNapoli: School District Tax Levy Growth Averages 3 Percent Statewide Under New Limits

School district tax levies in the 2012-13 school year are limited to average increases of 3 percent under a new property tax cap law, in addition to any further increases approved by voter overrides of the cap, according to a preliminary analysis of data released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli's office.

"The majority of school districts are meeting the new spending limits," said DiNapoli. "The average growth allowed under the law amounts to about 3 percent but there are some school districts with double digit reductions or increases because of how the formula is calculated."

Under the new property tax cap enacted in 2011, school districts' tax levies may grow at a specific percentage based on a formula in the law. School districts may present a budget that is within the tax levy limit, which must be approved by a simple majority of voters. Or they may opt to present a budget that exceeds the limit, which must be approved by a 60 percent supermajority of voters. Districts that fail to pass a budget under either scenario could ultimately be required to adopt a contingency budget that allows no growth from the 2011-2012 school year tax levy.

The formula in the law allows school districts to account for certain exclusions, such as capital expenditures, payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs) and pension costs, when calculating their tax levy. These adjustments can cause wide variations among tax levies from school district to school district. This year's calculated limits ranged from a 43 percent reduction in levy growth in one district to a 32 percent levy growth increase in another.

The analysis also revealed that higher rates of allowable growth occurred in school districts categorized as "high needs" due to their student profiles and relative wealth.

The law requires school districts to report how they calculated their tax levy limits to the Comptroller's office by March 1 each year. All of New York's districts have done so this year and their data is available on the Comptroller's Open Book New York website at www.openbooknewyork.com. The actual tax levies have not yet been reported by the school districts and will not be known until after the public votes on school budgets, which happens statewide on May 15.

District-by-district data is also available here: <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/pubs/research/napshot/taxcapbyschool.xls>

POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando -

ULSTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC WOMEN THE MECHANICS OF WINNING CAMPAIGN SCHOOL WORKSHOP

Saturday, May 12, 2012, 11 AM - 2:45 PM (please note time change) at the Rosendale Community Center- 1055 Route 32, Rosendale NY 12472 Nuts, and bolts training for women & men committed to getting Democratic candidates elected! Great for potential candidates, campaign teams, and town committee members.

Guest Speakers: Nancy Cozean - Former Mayor of Poughkeepsie Susan Zimet - New Paltz Town Supervisor and former Ulster County Legislator

TOPICS: Petitions Workshop-Getting On The Ballot, Getting Your Message Right, Targeting Your Voters Veteran Race Experience The Face Of Your Campaign-Coordinating Print & Web Materials \$10 per person / light lunch, coffee & tea served RSVP NOW to save your space:

event@ucdw.org Or call Gail Kniceley at (845-658-8055) For more information contact Marcy Goulart, UCDW Leadership Chair: marcygoulart@yahoo.com Download flyer here:

http://www.ucdw.org/ucdw_pdfs/ucdw_campaign_workshop2012b.pdf or www.UCDW.org

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

GARAGE SALE

MAY 26 9-4 PM - RAIN OR SHINE
 SULLIVAN COUNTY MUSEUM - 265 MAIN ST ♯ HURLEYVILLE, NY
 Cost: \$15 PER TABLE ♯ For information or reservations call: 845-434-8044 TUESDAY - SUNDAY

Pot Roast Dinner
Christ Lutheran Church
 105 Center Street • Ellenville, NY
 Saturday, May 12, 2012 • From 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm
 Adults \$12 • Children 6-12 \$6 • 5 and under free!!
 Assorted desserts and beverage will be served
 Takeout available!! 647-9054

Rummage and Yard Sale!!!
 May 17, 18 - from 9-2 • May 19 - from 9-3
 May 24, 25 - from 9-2 • May 26 from 9-3
 Sat. May 26th - Bag Day!!!

VENDOR FAIR

Saturday, May 19, 2012
 Grahamsville Fairgrounds
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Vendors Include:
 Pampered Chef
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Vendor fair in conjunction with the
 Women's Two Pitch Softball Tournament to raise money
 and awareness for lupus research.
 Organized by
 Karen's Crew - "Walk With Us to Cure Lupus"
 For More Information Contact
 Nancy at 292-2683

Tri-Valley Lions Club
Journey for Sight Walk
 Saturday, May 5th, 2012
 Sign in - 8:30 am
 Walk 9 am

Spring Rummage Sale
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 Liberty, NY (Next to Post Office)
 Fri., May 4th • 9 am - 2 pm
 Sat. May 5th • 9 am - 12 noon
 Sponsored by the Ladies Aid Society

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ADULTS \$7
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UNDER 5 YRS. FREE
 \$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO
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 PANTRY

Grahamsville Reformed
 Church
 Chicken & Biscuits Dinner

May 19, 2012
 Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm

Menu: Chicken & Biscuits, Stuffing,
 Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Salad, Bread,
 Peach Shortcake, & Drinks

Adults: \$12.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00
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Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall
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TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM

Reopening May 5, 2012

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every
 Townsman printed since the beginning classified by
 year for anyone to research.

timeandthevalleymuseum.org

**The Hurleyville and Woodridge
 United Methodist Churches**

invite you to weekly worship:

9 am in Hurlyville,

10:30 am in Woodridge.

For more information, call Pastor
 Susan Woodworth 985-2283

CrossWay Assembly of God

Service Times

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Worship

Service/
 Children's Church

10:30 am

Monday Night Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Tuesday Night Youth Home

Bible Study 7 pm

Friday Youth Night 7 pm



Ismael Berrios
 Lead Pastor

P. O. Box 480

507 Hasbrouck Drive

Woodbourne, NY 12788

845-434-8263

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www.crosswayaog.com

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The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion

Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner

Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

For Information:
 Mother Joan LaLiberté

5277 State Rt. 42

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845-887-4742

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Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041



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

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

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

Covered
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 Supper

May 5, 2012
 (No April Supper)
5:30 pm
 Sundown United
 Methodist Church
 at the
 Sundown Church Hall

**Grahamsville
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 Methodist
 Church**

May 15, 2012
 Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm
 Luncheon 11am-1 pm

Thrift Sale Only
May 19, 2012
 9 am-1 pm

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Saturday afternoon: 5:00.

Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:

Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday,
 Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning
 Prayer)- 8:50 am

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

845-985-7480

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING,
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AT GRAHAMSVILLE
TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual budget hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Tri-Valley Central High School Upstairs Gym/Auditorium in said District at Grahamsville, New York on:

Tuesday, May 8, 2012
at 7:00 P.M. (EDST)

for the purpose of presenting the budget for the 2012-2013 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days preceding the annual meeting (Beginning Tuesday, May 1, 2012).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2012-2013 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education, and VOTING on any other proposition to be acted upon, will take place on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 between the hours of 11:30 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the term of three members of the Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2012. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before of 9:00 A.M. on Monday, April 16, 2012. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. The three highest vote getters will fill the three full term positions. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

The 3-year terms of the following Members of the Board of Education expire on June 30, 2012, and are to be filled at this election:

Michael Brooks
Brian Edwards
Donna Schick

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition shall also appear on the ballot for the voters consideration at the annual meeting:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of addition to, construction and reconstruction of the roof of the Tri-Valley Main Building (High School) and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$350,000: and to appropriate, encumber, and expend existing and unexpended capital funds from the Elementary School Roof Project therefor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this special voter meeting, authorizing addition to, construction, reconstruction of the Main Building High School Roof all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$350,000 to be appropriated, encumbered, and expended from unexpended capital funds therefor all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

The School District, acting as lead agency to the extent necessary for this purpose under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA"), has completed its environmental review and, on March 6, 2012, has duly determined and found the purpose to be a type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Tuesday, May 8th, 2012 and Wednesday, May 9th, 2012 in the Main Entrance Area, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 10th, 2012 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 15, 2012. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 8th, 2012) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 14th, 2012), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education
Martha Lee Ter Bush, District Clerk
Dated: March 27, 2012

4/5; 4/19; 4/26; 5/3/12

LEGAL NOTICES/PUBLIC NOTICES:

**IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANUP!!!
THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK WILL BE CON-
DUCTING THEIR ANNUAL SPRING
CLEANUP PROGRAM ON:
May 12, 16 & 19, 2012**

THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:

1. Only those holding a GOLD 2012 Transfer Station Permit will be admitted,
2. Three Pick-up loads per household. (Permit Cards will be punched for each load.)

3. TVs & other Electronic equipment can be disposed of without fee. No batteries or ballasts. Fees will apply to fluorescent bulbs. Please keep all these items separate. Only checks can be accepted at the Transfer Station-NO CASH.

4. Tires, Refrigerators, Freezers, Dehumidifiers and Air Conditioners will not be accepted during this time. Please do not bring them during cleanup.

REMINDER: Scrap metal and large recyclable items can be taken any time throughout the year. Because of the high volume of traffic

during Spring Cleanup time, the Town Board requests that these items be brought at a time other than during Spring Cleanup.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who reside (have their household and generate their waste material) in the Town of Neversink.

OWNERSHIP OF VACANT LAND DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR USE OF THE FACILITY.

**"The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program
is made possible by the Sullivan County
Legislature."**

5/3; 5/10/12

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

Albi Concert - Sunday, July 15. 5 pm-8pm
Outdoor Stage Town Hall Parking Lot. Rain or Shine. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each.

Mountain Creek Water Park, NJ -Saturday, August 4 Leave Town Hall 8:30 am-return to Town Hall approximately 6:30 pm. \$12 residents/\$36 non-residents must be paid by June 26 this includes motorcoach transportation and admission.

Free mad Science Fire & Ice Show Wednesday, August 8. Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5 pm. Rain or Shine. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each. Register to attend by July 31.

Liberty Science Museum, NJ Liberty Science Museum, NY Saturday, November 3. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am Return to Town Hall at 6:30 pm. \$22 residents/\$31 non-residents must be paid by July 2

Shopping Colonie Center, Albany, NY Friday, November 16. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am return to the Town Hall at approximately 7 pm. \$21 residents and non-residents must be paid by October 16.

Transportation to NYC Saturday, December 1 Drop off near Times Square. Leave Town Hall at 8 am, return at approximately 8 pm. \$21 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

Permission slips can be downloaded from our website www.townofneversink.org or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. For more information call 985-2262 ext. 312 or email racerj12@aol.com.

Don't forget FREE FUN every FRIDAY afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.



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.

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

Liberty inducts 68 students to National Honor Societies

Liberty, NY. Altogether 68 Liberty students were inducted into the National Honor Society during a joint ceremony honoring both middle and high school students. 47 seventh and eighth graders were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society and 21 Liberty High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society.

Membership to both National and Junior National Honor Societies is con-

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- 5/5/12 Time and the Valleys Museum Reopens
- 5/5/12 Tri-Valley Lions Club Journey for Sight Walk - Sign in 8:30 am - Walk 9 am
- 5/5/12 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 5/8/12 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 5/8/12 TVCS Budget Hearing
- 5/9/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 5/10/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 5/13/12 Claryville Fire Dept. Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon
- 5/15/12 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)
- 5/16/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 5/17/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 5/19/12 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale only - 9 am - 1 pm
- 5/19/12 Women's Softball 2-Pitch Tournament 9 am Fair Grounds- Vendor Fair 10:00 am - 2 pm
- 5/19/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Chicken and Biscuits Supper 4-7 pm - 985-7480
- 5/23/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- 5/28/12 Town of Neversink Holiday - Memorial Day
- 5/29/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall
- 5/29/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 6/5/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Sundown Hall - 7 pm
- 6/6/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm

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

Save the Dates!

June 9, 2012 - 11 am - Fund Raising Country Auction sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum (Fairgrounds)

July 28, 2012 Time and the Valleys Museum Annual Old Time Fair and BBQ

August 5 - Halls Mills Covered Bridge Centennial Celebration

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

SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
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BLUE HILL LODGE

ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.)
VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION
MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>
Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>
Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

Time and The Valleys Museum -
<http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>
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Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition:
<http://thetownsman.com>

sidered based on a number of criteria including leadership qualities, personal character and by maintaining a minimum GPA - 88 percent for Junior Honor Society candidates and 90 percent for National Honor Society.

Throughout the year, the Liberty Honor Societies initiate and participate in community service-related projects. Most projects focus on fundraising for local organizations who serve those in need within the school district area. "It is a privilege to be an advisor to these students," says National Honor Society Advisor Louis Spataro. "They all give 100 percent, and I look forward to working with them on their service projects in the coming year."

2012 National Honor Society inductees:

Brittany Almodoval, Alyssa Bossert-Piatek, Eileen Burke, Brandon Burns, Nery Campos, Thomas Dapp, Amanda DeJesus, Gladys Diaz, Kevin Graham, Kaitlyn Kellam, Joseph Kleinberger, Jackson Krebs, Jayco Krebs, Katarina Manzi, Thomas McCausland, Jonathan Nilsen, Vanessa Olivo, Julian Spina, Melissa Symanski, Emma Wegener, Tea Williams.

2012 National Junior Honor Society inductees:

Seventh grade inductees: Evelyn Barragan, Jordan Barry, Devin Budd, Samantha Burger, Ivette Chacon Beltran, Elizabeth Conklin, Alison DeFrank, Margaret Deis, Naomi Fitzgerald, Jessalyn Goetz, Jessica Hewlett, Daniel Johnstone, Darren Johnstone, Carlos Juarez-Avila, Gabrielle Keyes, Jarek Krebs, Robert Lounsbury, Carla Medina, Sarah Nadeau, Trent Piatek, Jonathan Russo, Thomas Sarney, Maria Symanski.

Eighth grade inductees: Arly Alvarez, Jenna Blank, Patrick Burke, Megan Burns, Zachary Cody, McKinnley Conklin, Joshua Costa, Esther Fitzgerald, Steffany Fuentes, Grant Harman, Alexis Harnish, Ashley Holloway, Amanda Jackson, Zoey Jackson, Irais Leon, Kirianna Milling, Andrew Philips, Caleb Philips, Danielle Rabadi, Alexandra Sammann, Lana Torrens, Robert Torrens, Crystal Torres and Gillian Williams.

made 4 good runs on my old four weight bamboo fly rod. It felt good to break in this old rod as I had refurbished it with a set of new ferrules. I had picked it up last year and repaired it over the winter and was itching to give it a try. It cast very well and I was enjoying the action this Brown Trout was applying to this classic rod. I finally slipped it into the net. It was a fine 15 inch fish, a few minutes later Rich gave a shout and was into a nice fish himself. He had switched to the elk hair caddis I had given him a little earlier in the day and it was all he needed to catch his dinner.

We hit the same section of the famous Beaverkill River a few days later with no where near the fly action on the water. The caddis flies were a bit darker in color so I figured I would try a Parachute Adams dry fly as it was kind of close to the color of the underside of these flies. It is also designed to slowly glide down to the water with its horizontal hackle tied so it catches the air more like a parachute. Well it was the right choice as I was into a fish right quickly. This fish screamed line off my reel like it was a 3 pounder. I am telling you it made about six runs and when I finally got it close and saw it's size, I was shocked. I thought maybe it was foul hooked the way it had so much power. I slipped the Brownie into the net, ALL !# INCHES OF HIM. I could not get over the power this fish had. It must have had it's Wheaties that morning, and no, It was not foul hooked either. It thoroughly destroyed that new Parachute Adams though. All is fair in fly fishing for trout though.

Well the rain is on the way for the next week or so and is raining as I sit and write this article for you. I guess I will have to dig out the old rain poncho if I want to get any fishing in. **SO GET OUT THERE AND ENJOY GODS GREAT WORLD AND BRING YOUR FISHING ROD ALONG. AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR CAMARA TOO AND MAKE SOME MEMORIES. AS ALWAYS, TIGHT LINES AND GOD BLESS--BOB VISIT MY SITE AT customflies.org AND IF YOU HAVE ANY TACKLE REPAIRS OR NEED SOMETHING SPECIAL, GIVE ME A CALL AT 845-292-5017**

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Beaverkill Fly Fishing

We hit the Beaverkill about 2:00p.m. The caddis fly hatch was absolutely fantastic. Thousand upon thousands of flies were in the air and every where. I had never seen so many flies on the water. I started out using size 14 elk hair caddis patterns on 4x tippet which is close to 5 pound test. rich use the old standard search fly a #12 Royal Coachman. These fish were extremely choosy and were very hard to hook. They would turn away at the last second. Our flies were not an exact match and they wanted what they wanted. I had 5 missed strikes in a row and then I hooked up. The fish was pretty powerful for its size and

CarFit CANCELLED Liberty, NY

The senior driver safety CarFit program, scheduled for May 5 (at the Loch Sheldrake Fire House from 9-12p) has been CANCELLED.

TRIAD hopes to reschedule it in the future ~



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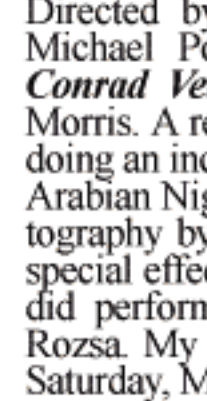
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Quiz:
A. Name the actor who played Abu?
B. Name the actor who played Djinn?

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

GRAHAMSVILLE - EDGAR AWARD WINNER STEVE HAMILTON will be the guest speaker at the Daniel Pierce Library's Local Author Evening, on Friday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. Steve won the 2011 Edgar for his mystery novel *The Lock Artist*.

The Edgar Award is widely acknowledged to be the most prestigious award in the genre.

The library's First Friday Book Discussion Group will sponsor the evening. Refreshments will be served. Thank you for your support. Please do not forget to vote on Tuesday, June 12, at the Daniel Pierce Library from noon to 9:00 p.m., and please attend our informational meeting on Tuesday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m.

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