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Project Life Support to Benefit Needy Babies, Children and Mothers



Kathy Lounsbury, Executive Director of Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center

The Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center, located at 155 North Main St in Liberty is launching "Project: Life Support" to encourage families, individuals, or churches to take action to support needy mothers, children, and babies that are assisted by the Support Center. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Future Business Leaders of America attended the State Leadership Conference



In April, sixteen members of Tri-Valley's Future Business Leaders of America attended the State Leadership Conference in Rochester, NY. This conference was a great success! The participating members were Kainan Justiniano, Grace Kelly, Colleen Jones Schuyler Kraus, Keira McHugh, Jessica Gozza, Taylor Quick, Gavin DuBois, Sarah Schneyer, Brooke Gillette, Patrick McHugh, Victoria Tingley, Mareena DiMilia, Nicole Eisele, Amanda VanSaders, and Katarina Deni. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Hinchey Vows to Keep Fighting for Medical Marijuana Amendment- House Rejects Congressman's Measure to Protect Medical Marijuana Patients in States That Allow Medicinal Use of the Drug

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today vowed to continue fighting to end any federal raids and prosecution of patients and suppliers who use and sell medical marijuana in compliance with state law. (Contd. Pg. 12)

All in a Day's Work, Priscilla Bassett Honored by Governor Cuomo as Senior Citizen of the Year - Then Meets with Senator Bonacic after Lobbying in Albany with SLAC Members



Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I - Mount Hope) met with Priscilla Bassett and the Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County, who were in Albany lobbying for the passage of single payer healthcare legislation.

Earlier in the day, Priscilla Bassett was recognized by Governor Andrew Cuomo as Sullivan County's "Senior Citizen of the Year" Congratulations Priscilla!

The Neversink Chronicles has been Named as a Finalist, Best Book of the Year

Rhyolite Press, LLC is pleased and excited to announce that our first publication, *The Neversink Chronicles*, by Colorado Springs author John Dwaine McKenna has been selected as a finalist in multiple categories by CIPA, The Colorado Independent Publishers Association, for it's 2012 EVVY Awards. (Contd. Pg 3)

Budding Youth Theatre Promotes the Value of Friendship (and the Arts!) in Production of Charlotte's Web



The young thespians of the OSHYA (Old Stone House Youth Arts) Program explored the theme of true friendship and delighted audiences with their production of E.B. White's beloved classic, *Charlotte's Web*, the weekend of April 28th and 29th. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Health Care The Issue On Stage in Liberty - By Garrett Waldmeyer



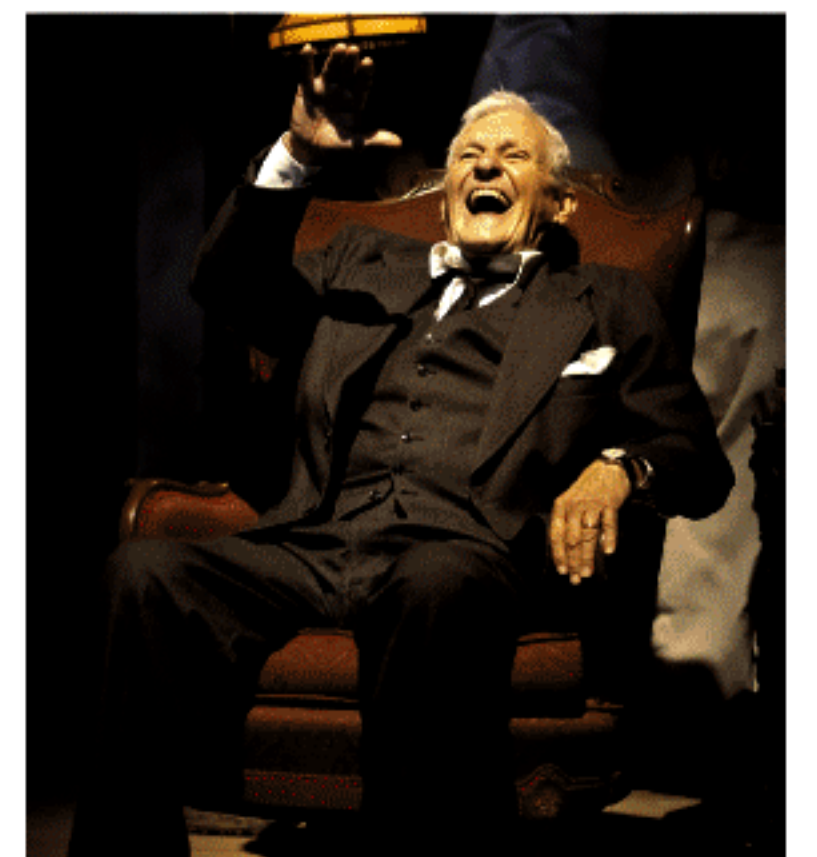
Paul Austin doing his after-show wrap up on Friday night at the Liberty Free Theatre.

With a heated national debate raging over health care in America, the Liberty Free Theatre took on the issue by staging "The Way Home," a sharply honest play about cancer, its victims, and their contrasting journeys through the country's medical maze. (Contd. Pg. 9)

Step into the Hudson Valley's Past in a Whole New Way

The Hudson Valley time machine is waiting for you to enter. Meet George Washington, relive the Titanic disaster at one of the Great Estates, and dine in New York's oldest tavern. History repeats itself countless times a day through our costumed interpreters, fascinating re-enactments, and festive events. It's Heritage Weekend throughout New York State on May 19th and 20th with very special activities planned in the Valley. (Contd. Pg. 10)

Shadowland Theatre Moves Into 28th Season -Featuring rare Noel Coward comedy, "A Song At Twilight", starring Orson Bean, Alley Mills and Paula Prentiss



Orson Bean returns to Shadowland this season.

Moving into its 28th season, Shadowland Theatre follows a busy winter of renovations with an exciting summer of plays, including the rarely produced Noel Coward play, *A SONG AT TWILIGHT*, with an all-star cast including Orson Bean, Alley Mills and Paula Prentiss. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
Psalm 104:24

OBITUARIES

Michael Merlin Ackerman- CALIFORNIA -

Michael Merlin Ackerman's life was finished on April 29, 2012.

Everything that has a beginning has an end. Michael was born on Jan. 4, 1973, in New York City. Lorraine Coscia-Ackerman and Peter Ackerman were his parents.

He is survived by his only child, a 4 year old son, Tenzin Renchen Ackerman; and his former wife, Jenny Ackerman.

Prayers, to trust that God will bless all who loved Michael with a new beginning.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the Hobart United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 205, Hobart, NY 13788.

Condolences may be left for the family online at www.macarthurfh.com. Local arrangements are by the MacArthur Funeral Home of Hobart.

DAYS OF YORE...

May 14, 1952 - At the meeting of the Sullivan County Teachers' Council at Callicoon on May 6th, Mrs. Madelene Adams, 7th Grade Advisor at Tri Valley, received the honor of being elected President for the coming school year.

Five school districts adjacent and bordering on the Tri Valley Union Free School District, voted last Tuesday evening to send their elementary and secondary students to the Tri Valley School in Grahamsville. These districts were: Stangel Hill, Thunder Hill, Hasbrouck, Bradley and Divine Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wolcott of Livingston Manor announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara, to Pvt. John O'Dell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gillette O'Dell of Stoney Point. The engagement was formerly announced last Friday and it was also a farewell as Pvt. O'Dell left for camp the same evening. No definite date has been set for the wedding.

May 16, 1962 - Miss Dawn Irene Yarnes of Liberty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Yarnes of Walton, N.Y., became the bride of Peter Robert Pezzella, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter G. Pezzella of Sundown Road, Grahamsville. They were married in a double ring ceremony on Sunday afternoon at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne by the Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Guinan. The couple has returned from their honeymoon at Virginia Beach and will soon be at home in their new mobile home on the Woodbourne Road.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coombe Jr. are the proud parents of a son, born May 11th at Liberty Loomis Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coombe Sr. are the paternal grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dexheimer of Neversink are the proud parents of a son born May 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rhynders of Poughkeepsie are the proud parents of a daughter, Terri Aline, born on May 11th at Vassar Hospital. The baby weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz.

May 24, 1972 - Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. David H. VanValkenburg who were married May 8th at the Grahamsville Methodist Church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. King Mar of Liberty. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Valkenburg of Sundown. After a wedding trip to Florida, the couple will make their home in Grahamsville.

Marty Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rubenzahl of Neversink, has been notified of his acceptance in the Student Science Training Program at Stevens Institute of Technology. He is one of 400 students so honored.

Grahamsville Troop 187 will hold an Eagle Court of Honor for Thomas Marshalek, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marshalek Sr. of Grahamsville.

May 20, 1982 - Patrick T. Gildersleeve, 24, of Mutton Hill Road, Neversink, a carpenter and a lifelong resident of the area, died unexpectedly Tuesday, May 11th at home. The son of Howard G. and Anne Marie McGuire Gildersleeve, he was born Jan. 15, 1958 in Liberty.

Believe It or Not, Tom Higgins of Lows Corners has had more submitted items published than any other Ripley fan. Tom, a minutia and trivia buff, spends a lot of his time unearthing these items and sending them in to "Ripley's Believe It or Not", the cartoon panel of strange but true facts that appears in more than 300 newspapers around the world. In fact, Tom is their biggest contributor. He sent in his first contribution in 1938 when he was a teenager.

Girls and Boys Outdoor Track and Field News Both Clinch OCL Div 4 Championship-Penn Relays-Invitational Wins

The past few weeks the teams have shown the "fruits of their labor" by Clinching the OCL Division 4 Championship, Division wins at the Tri-Valley Invitational in a great field of schools including the Bronxville School, Lifetime Best performances at the prestigious Penn Relays, securing the Mark Steinhoff cup (meet vs Ellenville and Liberty) for both teams for the 1st time since 2007, the Girls winning the Monticello Invitational and the Girls placing 2nd over-all at the Tri-Valley Relays. Dominique Darby and Mareena DiMilia receiving Outstanding Field Athletes at various meets.

Both Teams now have 12 days to the Section 9 Championship, held at Dietz Stadium Wednesday May 23rd at 1:00. Outstanding Lifetime Best performances have been achieved by 52 of the 71 members of the Varsity Track Team.

Giant Two-Day Yard Sale in Hasbrouck

The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck has scheduled its second annual Giant Yard Sale fundraiser for Saturday and Sunday, May 26-27, from 10am to 3pm. The rain-or-shine event will be held under the huge pavilion, and include a huge array of goodies you just can't live without!

There'll be electronic products - some in their original boxes - along with dinnerware, tools and small appliances. Visitors might find a quality bicycle, a decent camping tent, or even a cup and saucer to match that incomplete set in the kitchen cabinet. There will likely be odd assortments of plumbing equipment, floor tiles and toys for the kids.

All proceeds got to the Old Stone House, a community and arts center conveniently located near Ellenville, Grahamsville, Monticello and Liberty. In addition to art exhibitions in its two main gallery rooms, the House hosts classes for adults and children alike, in various arts and crafts disciplines including painting, needlework and pottery.

2012 SHHH! CAS 40TH Anniversary Silent Auction Benefit

Catskill Art Society opened the SHHH! CAS 40th Anniversary Silent Auction Benefit, an exhibition of work by more than 35 local artists to benefit the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, with an Opening Reception from 4-6pm Saturday. The SHHH! CAS 40th Anniversary Silent Auction Benefit features art work and gift packages that visitors can bid on, purchase, and take home the day the auction closes: Saturday, June 9.

More than 35 artists have generously donated their work including: John Adams, Suzanne BeVier, Andrea Brown, Joel Carreiro, Jeff Christensen, Ursula Clark, Cecily Fortescue, Elizabeth Ennis, Charles Farless, Kathe Blackbird Frantz, Gordon Gilbert, Donna Greenthal, Linda Hare, Kathleen Hayek, Kate Hyden, Ramona Jan, Kit Jones, Madelon Jones, Anne-Marie Kremer, Carol Grocki Lewis, Richard Manzi, Judith Meyerowitz, Joan O'Connor, Rob Rayevsky, Kit Sailer, David Sandlin, Frank Shuback, Lewis Skolnik, Ginger Smith, Jane Sokolow, GG Stankiewicz, Naomi Teppich, Robert Tuttle, Susan Ward, Joni Wehrli, Jill Wiener, and Matthew Zappala. In addition, Dana Ball of Gasko & Meyer, Inc. contributed a craft beer package, and Randy Lewis and Melissa Holden donated packages featuring wines from Canada and Italy.

Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursday - Saturday and Monday from 11am-6pm, and Sunday 11am-3pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheel chair accessible.

On June 9, 2012 Catskill Art Society will host a closing reception and party for the SHHH! CAS 40th Anniversary Silent Auction Benefit, on Saturday, June 9, right after the 9th Annual Trout Parade from 2-4pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

NEVERSINK NEWS - Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news

The Neversink Chronicles has been Named as a Finalist, Best Book of the Year (From Pg. 1)

The EVVY's are given out each year by a panel of judges that includes renowned authors, journalists and publishers for the best books of the year in various categories. With 70 books in the running, the competition is spirited and intense.

This year's prizes will be awarded on May Seventeenth at the Lone Tree Arts Center Main Stage Theater, in Denver. Additional information about the EVVY's is available at CIPA.com

Project Life Support (From Pg. 1)

"Most of the clients who visit the center are mothers of young children and babies, and pregnant mothers, who are in need of material items to provide proper clothing and hygiene for their children," said Kathy Lounsbury, Executive Director of the pregnancy support center which opened in August 2004 in downtown Liberty. We have a tremendous need for various items to provide the help that our clients need, including Size 4 & 5 Diapers, Pull Ups, Boy's Clothing up to size 2T, Baby Wipes, Baby Bottles, Pacifiers, Diaper Bags, Strollers, High Chairs, Pac and Plays, Baby Carriers, Baby Bathing Supplies, Boy shoes up to Size 3, or money."

A rally for Project: Life Support will be held on Saturday, June 9th at the Liberty Free Methodist Church at 2535 Route 52 (Chestnut St) at 7 PM. Items can be placed in baby cribs in the lobby. The rally will include an evening of hymn singing, special music, and refreshments. Additional information can be obtained on the Face Book page for Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center.

For additional information or questions, please call the center at 845-292-2224 or Kathy Lounsbury at 845-985-2923.

Production of Charlotte's Web (From Pg. 1)

The production, directed by Ms. Andrea Eddings and co-sponsored by the Tri-Valley Theatre Arts Club, showcased the blossoming talents of fourteen Tri-Valley students, ages nine to twelve years

After three months of weekly rehearsals, the show opened to audiences anxiously waiting to see the children bring to life the childhood literary favorite. Parents and students agreed that being a part of the production of Charlotte's Web was a wonderful experience! It taught them discipline and memorization, and encouraged them to work as a team, to be aware of their surroundings, to create illusions, to be larger than life, and to speak and perform in front of audience. OSHYA extends a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Regina Hartman and the Tri-Valley Theatre Arts Club, the Tri-Valley Central School District, and all the parents and individuals who assisted with technical arrangements, costume production, set design, and the cast party.

OSHYA is an outreach of the Old Stone House, which has grown into one of the Tri-Valley area's pre-eminent sites for high-quality art exhibits, community gatherings, social events, and courses for kids of all ages. OSHYA (Old Stone House Youth Arts) is a growing community program dedicated to providing children with opportunities in the fine and performing arts. The program was conceived and developed by Andrea Eddings, who possesses, in addition to her passion for the arts, an early childhood and elementary education degree and Masters in Student Counseling. During the past two years, program offerings geared for students in grades K-6 have included Reader's Theater, Puppet Workshops, play and digital short productions, and the very popular, "Messy Smocks", a child-centered arts and craft club. Reasonable tuition costs make it possible for children to participate, although OSHYA is currently seeking sponsors and grants to help underwrite program and tuition expenses. OSHYA also welcomes suggestions for new classes and would appreciate ideas from talented artists interested in working with young people. Those interested in inspiring a love for the fine arts in the hearts of local students should contact Mrs. Andrea Eddings at OSHYA@peoplepc.com or 845-985-0419.

TVCS FBLA (From Pg. 1)

The attendees participated in workshops, competed in business related events, networked with over 600 members from across New York State, and chose the new state officers for the 2012-2013 FBLA year.

We are proud to recognize the following members for their outstanding individual and group performances: Outstanding SLC Intern-Kainan Justiano; 1st place for Community Service Project-Schuyler Kraus, Keira McHugh, and Grace Kelly; 1st place for Public Speaking I-Colleen Jones; 2nd place for Job Interview-Patrick McHugh; 2nd place for Parliamentary Procedure-Vicky Tingley, Mareena DiMilia, Patrick

McHugh, Sarah Schneyer, and Brooke Gillette; 2nd place for Future Business Leader (FBL)-Patrick McHugh; 3rd place for Desktop Publishing-Jessica Gozza and Taylor Quick; 3rd place for Public Speaking II-Keira McHugh; 3rd place for Word Processing I-Jessica Gozza; 5th place for Digital Video Production-Gavin DuBois, Sarah Schneyer, and Brooke Gillette;

As a chapter, we won the following Chapter Awards: 1st place for Chapter of the Year; 1st place for Media Hype; 5th place for Membership Power Boost; The Silver Stamp Award for the President's Passport of Prestige; The NFLC Challenge The first and second place winners will be attending the National Leadership Conference in San Antonio, Texas this summer! Congratulations to everyone!

Afternoon Supper at Neversink Farm

Mountainkeeper is thrilled to host an incredible intimate afternoon supper at the Neversink Farm in Neversink, NY on Saturday, June 30th. Tour the farm while sampling cuisine and beverages sourced from around the Catskills. All beautifully prepared by renowned Chef Patrick Connolly. There will be food stations by the river, the cut flower field, the barn, the pasture and in the vegetable field. For the kids there will be friendly pigs, chickens and donkeys to pet. All proceeds go to support the work of Catskill Mountainkeeper.

The Neversink Farm is in the foothills of the Catskill Mountains on the floor of the Neversink River Valley. It is a small organic farm with 20 acres of mixed woods and pasture, with the Neversink River flowing through the middle. Farmers Conor and Kate Crickmore strive towards sustainable human scale agriculture. The farm grew out of their passion for food, a healthy environment and their interest in animal welfare. They produce vegetables, fruits, flowers, honey, eggs and pork. This wide variety helps to build the circle of sustainability on a small farm. Neversink Farm is located in Claryville, NY. Visit NeversinkFarm.com for more information on the farm

Assemblywoman Gunther Announces Construction Grant Awards of to Four Sullivan County Libraries

Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther (D, C-Forestburgh) announced that four public libraries in Sullivan County have been awarded a total amount of \$170,045.00 in public library construction funds.

The funds will enable these libraries to undertake several projects:

- The Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville will receive \$58,574 to improve safe access to the library building by paving 20,200 square feet of the parking lot; as well as installation of a safety railing on a granite wall, parking lot lighting, and an exterior electric transformer safety barricade.
- The Livingston Manor Free Library will receive \$3,275 for the second floor archive to be improved by replacement of the ceiling, insulation, floor for energy conservation and secure storage.
- The Roscoe Free Library will receive \$9,475 for replacement of the roof and insulation, replacement of an access ramp, and creation of a "homework help" area within the library to increase the effectiveness of library service.
- Western Sullivan Public Library in Jeffersonville will receive \$98,721 to install an elevator to make all levels of the building accessible and will build an ADA-compliant bathroom.

The grants are from \$14 million in capital funds for public library construction provided in the 2011 State Budget.

"The library construction funds are vital for these libraries as they work to improve their facilities, increase accessibility and effectiveness of their services," said Gunther. "Our libraries are an important asset in their communities, especially during difficult economic times."

New York's public libraries are in urgent need of renovation and upgrading. A recent survey showed a documented need for public library construction and renovation projects totaling more than \$2.53 billion. More than 40% of the over 1,000 public library buildings in communities across New York are over 60 years old. Another 30% are more than three decades old. Many of New York's local public libraries are unable to accommodate users with disabilities, are energy inefficient, cannot provide Internet and computer and other electronic technologies to users because of outdated electrical wiring, and do not have sufficient space to house the library's expanding collection, address the need for adequate meeting rooms, or provide for public access computers.

Project activities and expenditures eligible for grants from the \$14 million Public Library Construction Grant Program include financing construction of new library buildings, construction of additions to existing buildings, and the renovation and/or

rehabilitation of existing space, including roof replacement, purchase and installation of alternative energy resources and new HVAC systems, windows, doors, and lighting systems, electrical upgrades, and construction of new or replacement of old walkways and parking lots, among other things. New furniture, shelving and equipment, including computer equipment, can be purchased for new or newly reconfigured or renovated space. Renovations designed to provide accessibility for patrons with disabilities is a high priority.

LICHENS - PARTNER PLANTS

By Peggy DeWire



As you walk through the woods and fields around Grahamsville, watch for lichens growing on rocks, trees and bare dirt. They come in small colorful patches of yellow, orange, green, gray and black that really catch your eye!



My favorite lichen has gray-green stalks that end in bright scarlet knobs (Cladonia). Most folks call it British soldiers.

In Florida I recently added another favorite called Red Blanket after spotting a beautiful patch on a tree limb like a scrap of red bandana.

Lichens are partner plants, a fungus and an alga cell that live together for mutual benefit (Symbiosis). The fungus supplies the alga with water and minerals while its matted root system embeds the algae safely. In return the green algae cells produce food for the fungus by photosynthesis.

Red Blanket lichen is composed of a red bacteria-fungus plus algae.

Lichens reproduce like plants when the fungus develops spores, which surround a few algae that reproduce by simple cell division. The fused packet blows away in the wind. Or when tiny bits of lichen break off and roll to a new starting place. Unless both fungus spores and their algae cells stay together, a new lichen isn't formed.

Lichens are three general types - 1. Crusty ones that grow in flat patches on rocks and tree trunks. 2. Leaf-like ones that grow into tiny ruffled leathery pieces loosely attached to tree bark or rocks and 3. Fruiting ones that grow on stems either upright like Cladonia or hanging down like Old Man's Beard.

Besides being soil makers by slowly crumbling away rocks and logs, lichens are food for insects, slugs, snails and animals. Reindeer moss is really a lichen.

North American Indians taught early white pioneers how to boil a black frilly lichen called rock tripe for emergency food in starving times. In mid-eastern desert countries another lichen is called Bread from Heaven, after it's ground up and dried into flour. Some people think this is the manna that the Israelites ate during their exodus from Egypt.

Making a lichen collection is fun and easy. Air dry each specimen on a tray or press it between blotters for a few days. Then put each one into a small plastic packet, seal it tightly and staple it on a 3"x4" file card where you record the name, where found and the date. Because lichens come in so many colors, a collection makes a very pretty poster board display.

For me the best thing about lichens is that they're good indicators of clean air, thriving in colorful patches of orange, yellow, green, gray, black and red only when the environment is healthy.

Debra Winger to Host Barnfest 2012!

Catskill Mountainkeeper is excited to announce that three time Academy Award nominated actress, fracking activist and public health advocate Debra Winger will host Barnfest 2012 at The Hills Country Resort in Callicoon Center on Saturday July 14, 2012 from 3pm to 7pm. As always entry into and drinks including beer at Barnfest are FREE.

Incredible local food will be available for purchase and there will be an art auction, penny social and other fun activities for the entire family including incredible live performances including tentatively the world famous father daughter duo Bethany and Peter Yarrow (Peter, Paul and Mary).

What About Pantyhose?

In 1954, a gym teacher asked the company Nærum Strømper to create tights instead of stockings and suspenders, and a Danish woman by the name of Inger Nyborg Savoth came up with the idea, however at that time, her boss is said to have taken credit for the invention! Before her death on September 11, 2007, the truth willed out and Inger is now known worldwide as the person who invented tights, which evolved into panty hose.

Gals, don't throw out those pantyhose. They have many other uses. For example, when you start your potted plants, put a piece of a pair of panty hose in the bottom of the pot, and this will let water drain out without the soil. I wonder who thought of that??

MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 49

by John Dwaine McKenna



I don't know about you, but from my point of view, it seems like these days are dominated politics. We're being force-fed a steady diet of it, like geese being prepared for goose-liver pate' in a gourmet restaurant, at least until the fall slaughter, er, ah, I meant to say election, when it will all be over after a lot of squawking, feathers and hatchet jobs. With that in mind, I thought it would be fun to do something different in this weeks MBR, and review a non-mystery. And yep, you guessed it . . . it's about politics. You didn't think I gave you that lead-in for nothing, did you?

The novel is titled *Roscoe*, (Viking, 2002, \$24.95, 291 pages, ISBN 0-670-03029-5) by William Kennedy, who lives and writes in Albany, New York.

Roscoe is the seventh novel in what is called the Albany Cycle by Kennedy, who was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for *Ironweed*, the third work in the group. It was made into an award-winning movie starring Jack Nicholson and Meryl Streep, and responsible for making homelessness into a front-burner issue with the American public.

Roscoe Conway is a kingmaker, the so called, "man-behind-the-throne," who makes and implements policy, as well as strategizing for the king. Roscoe is the brain-trust for the political machine that controls the Democrat party in Albany during the 1920's and 30's . . . thus controlling the office of the Governor, and all the political appointments for New York State.

As the book begins, it's VJ day, WWII has ended and Roscoe has decided to quit politics forever, because he recognizes that the game is changing, and he no longer has the heart, or the stomach for it. When word leaks out about his decision however, threats of retaliation against him and his family begin. And Roscoe, a man without scruples finds himself ensnared; he's a victim of his own deviousness and the man who points out that "The truth is in the details, even if you invent the details," is faced with the realization that his problems in the present, all tie-in with his deeds of the past, as he recounts them one-by-one. *Roscoe* is on my list of the year's Best Books for 2008, and I find it no less compelling when revisiting it today. Truth be told, I highly recommend these four books of the Albany Cycle: *Leg's*, *Billy Phelan's Greatest Game*, *Ironweed*, and *Roscoe* to everyone with an interest in history, New York State and great writing. You'll love the details, whether made up or real.

Okay everyone, fun's over, this is a test.

Question: When was the last time you read a book? Or, visited the library?

1. 1 week = A, excellent!; 2. 1 month = B, very good; 3. 6 month = C, needs to improve; 4. Longer = D, unacceptable. No TV for you; 5. Never = Are you kidding?

If you didn't do as well as you'd like on the pop quiz, you can help yourself by going to my website: johndwainemckenna.com

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Catskill Edible Garden Project Launches in Sullivan County

Catskill Mountainkeeper and partnering organizations -Cornell Cooperative Extension, Center for Workforce Development, Green Village Initiative and Sullivan Renaissance - are pleased to announce the launch of the Catskill Edible Garden Project - Growing the Next Generation of Food Entrepreneurs. The project involves working with area schools and educational institutions to install and maintain edible gardens, and will additionally seek to provide resources to assist in the development and implementation of garden and food-based curricula integration.

"The Catskill Edible Garden Project will offer the opportunity for a hands-on youth development experience and exposure to food and agriculture as important aspects of our culture and community, and potential career opportunities," said Emily Deans of Catskill Mountainkeeper.

The Project will enhance youth understanding of the food web; raise awareness of the components of a local healthy food system and its connection to healthy communities, and increase understanding of food systems as complex and interconnected aspects of community development. During May, the construction and installation of three gardens will begin; two are located at schools - Roscoe Central School and the Sullivan West campus in Jeffersonville; a third will be at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty. The Cornell garden will promote the CCE "Eat Smart New York" program.

Build days for the gardens are as follows: Sullivan West - Jeffersonville Campus - May 19 - 8:00 AM; Roscoe Central School - May 22 - 1:00 PM. Community volunteers are welcome to participate!

The Catskill Edible Garden Project will also feature a summer youth employment program in partnership with the Center for Workforce Development. Select students from each participating school district will be employed to maintain the gardens throughout the summer. These students will also participate in agriculturally-based community outreach and CCE's 'Choose Health Ambassador' program.

The Catskill Edible Garden Project is a collaboration between Catskill Mountainkeeper, Center for Workforce Development, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan Renaissance, and Green Village Initiative - a Connecticut-based not-for-profit that has been involved in the development of school garden programs throughout Western Connecticut.

DEP Signs Project Labor Agreement on Construction of Rondout-West Branch Bypass Agreement Will Save the City Up to \$23 Million, Create 160 Local Jobs; Bypass Tunnel Construction a Major Component of Water for the Future Program

Environmental Protection Commissioner Carter Strickland today announced that DEP has signed a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council for construction of the Rondout-West Branch Water Bypass, affording the lowest cost to the city while helping to complete the project on time and on budget. Achieved through negotiations with the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council (HVBCTC), the PLA is expected to create roughly 160 jobs for construction of the bypass while saving the city up to \$23 million over the life of the project. Repair of the Rondout-West Branch Tunnel, which carries 50% of the city's water supply while also directly servicing the Towns of Newburgh and Marlboro, is a major component of DEP's Water for the Future Program. Construction of the bypass is scheduled to begin in the fall.

"Repairing the leaks in the Rondout-West Branch Tunnel is DEP's top priority for construction in our water supply system, and it is essential that we make this critical infrastructure improvement on schedule and on budget," said Commissioner Strickland. "This Project Labor Agreement illustrates how we can work together to ensure the future capacity of the Delaware Aqueduct at the lowest possible cost to the city while also creating vital construction jobs. I thank our partners at the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council for reaching a mutually beneficial solution for all involved."

"This project is a win-win for both the city of New York and the entire Hudson Valley," said Todd Diorio, President of the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council. "It takes care of the long overdue repairs to the water system supplying the city while at the same time creating hundreds of local construction jobs for members of the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council. This project will surely provide an economic boost to the local economy. I commend the city for their efforts throughout the PLA process."

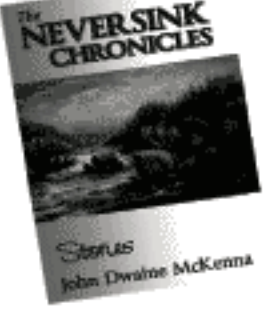
By providing the best work for the city at the lowest possible price while minimizing the impacts of delay and providing savings in labor costs, the PLA meets the criteria established by Section 222 of the New York State Labor Law. With 18 different local labor agreements that could potentially apply to the project, the PLA provides for a unified approach to shifts and time off, and the increased coordination under one agreement allows for more cost-effective scheduling and increased flexibility. The agree-

ment is projected to save the city between \$16 million and \$23 million by reducing labor costs for shift work, standardizing holidays across all participating trades, and implementing a Worker's Compensation Alternative Dispute Resolution Program. Additionally, the PLA protects against delays or disruptions that could potentially arise from labor disputes. The terms of the PLA were negotiated to encourage competition among potential bidders while assuring a wide pool of potential subcontractors.

The Rondout-West Branch Tunnel is a critical component of the New York City water supply system. The 85-mile Delaware Aqueduct conveys more than 500 million gallons of water per day from Ashokan, Cannonsville, Pepacton and Schoharie Reservoirs-approximately half of the city's drinking water and serving one million residents of Orange, Putnam, Ulster and Westchester Counties. Additionally, residents of the Towns of Newburgh and Marlboro are supplied directly by the Rondout-West Branch Tunnel. Construction of the water bypass will allow for repair of the Delaware Aqueduct, where leaks are resulting in the loss of up to 35 million gallons of water per day. Construction of the 2.4 mile tunnel bypass will cost roughly \$1 billion, and will be completed in 2020 and connected to the Rondout-West Branch Tunnel in 2021.

The Water for the Future program to repair the Delaware Aqueduct is part of Strategy 2011-2014, the far-reaching strategic plan that lays out 100 distinct initiatives to make DEP the safest, most efficient, cost-effective, and transparent water utility in the nation. According to a progress report released in March 2012, 99 of the plan's 100 initiatives were either underway or achieved in 2011. The product of nearly one year of analysis and outreach, the plan builds on PlaNYC, Mayor Bloomberg's sustainability blueprint for New York City. The plan is available on DEP's website at www.nyc.gov/dep.

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. DEP employs nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$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.



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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

Passages

May and June are months that remind us of the many ways we humans celebrate the passages of life. It is the time of bridal showers, graduations, retirements, weddings, birthdays, confirmations, fundraisers and memorials. We celebrate the milestones and new directions our lives will take. We formally recognize our mothers and fathers. Seems to me that every weekend has a big occasion worthy of a barbecue or special dinner.

My calendar is filling up fast with all of the above occasions. Another event needs to get written down. The Onteora junior football pancake breakfast will be on Saturday, June 2 from 8 to 11 at the Olivebridge Firehouse.

There are so many sports for children today. Summer soccer leagues, the swim team, Little League, youth football, and Babe Ruth are up and running. I fondly remember wolfing down suppers and dashing off to some field or stadium with my own boys. Indigestion and bleacher butt were the side effects of a summer sport season. Now I get to do it again with my grandchildren. Not complaining, just saying.

Our Memorial Day parade will be held on Monday, May 28 in West Shokan. The parade assembles at 9:00 a.m. in front of the West Shokan post office to march up past the park to gather at the Town Offices for a ceremony. The American Legion serves refreshments in the park after the memorial service.

There will be a benefit for the Wojtek Grabowski Foundation at Grant Avery Park on Sunday, May 2. Wojtek was killed on his motorcycle just a year ago. The times of the benefit are from 3:00 until 9:00. The Ben Rounds Band will be one of six bands playing at this event.

The Olive Town Board has shown other towns the way to deal with the issue of hydrofracking. It unanimously passed the one year's moratorium on all aspects of hydrofracking including the disposal and transportation of any by-products of the process. The moratorium gives the town time to draft a law that will ban hydrofracking and stand up to any legal challenge.

The school year is winding down. A fingers and toes count down is underway to summer vacation. Olive's Recreation Program has a new camp director. Tracy Gray, another of my favorite former students, will supervise the great day camp for Olive's children.

I am hoping that the weather warms up a bit to meet the calendar and the opening of the Peter Tosi Memorial Pool. Last night I was stoking up the old woodstove and searching for my hooded sweatshirt.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- Fred Perry, Owner of Reservoir Music Center
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Just as we were going to press I got the news that Rock and Roll Hall of Famer and GRAMMY Lifetime Achievement Honoree, Donald "Duck" Dunn, had passed away in his sleep after a double show at Tokyo's Blue Note night club. Duck, as he was known to all, (including his teachers back in school), was best known as a member of Booker T and The M.G.s, the house band at Stax Records, who backed every artist on the label, live and in the recording studio! Stax artists included Otis Redding, Sam and Dave, Eddie Floyd, Wilson Pickett (technically on Atlantic, the parent label), Rufus and Carla Thomas, and Albert King, and Booker T and The M.G.s (which was short for "Memphis Group"), also had several hits under their own name and others.

After The MGs broke up in the early 1970's, Dunn went on to record with Muddy Waters, Elvis Presley, Eric Clapton, Willie Dixon, Freddie King, John Fogerty, Jerry Lee Lewis, Bob Dylan, Neil Young, Rod Stewart, Tom Petty, and Woodstock's own Levon Helm (in The RCO All Stars)! And that's just a partial list! In 1980, he joined The Blues Brothers, touring, recording, and playing himself in both films, where he delivered the memorable line, "We had a band powerful enough to turn goat piss into gasoline"!

Dunn was in Japan touring with his old bandmate, guitarist Steve Cropper, and label mate, Eddie Floyd ("Knock on Wood"). He was 70. The world has lost one of the real all time greats! More info at www.duckdunn.com.

The Rolling Stones are reportedly rehearsing in New Jersey for their 50th anniversary tour. Mick is hosting Saturday Night Live this week, and rumours are flying about the band joining him, but my guess is they are just that - rumours! Still, it should be better than the average SNL, which is to say it might not suck, but it probably won't be very funny. "Oh yeah, life goes on long after the thrill of living is gone"!

Here are my live music picks for this week.

Thursday, May 17 - The week starts with a bang with three great shows, all in the city. JUSTIN TOWNES EARLE, Steve's son, and a fine artist in his own right, is at Webster Hall. RAY WYLIE HUBBARD, best known for his song, "Up Against the Wall, Redneck Mothers", is at Joe's Pub. And LEE "SCRATCH" PERRY, legendary Reggae producer and artist, who has worked with Bob Marley, Max Romeo, Junior Murvin, The Heptones, Keith Richards, The Beastie Boys, The Clash, and many more, is at The Gramercy Theater. Perry produced almost all of The Wailers and Bob Marley's albums, and is probably the most prolific Reggae producer who ever lived!

Stream Cleanup Includes Free Fly-Casting Clinic for 2012

The Neversink Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited once again joins forces with The Old Stone House of Hasbrouck for a Stream Cleanup on Saturday, May 19th. This year's event will include a free Fly-Casting Clinic conducted by an expert trout fly-fisherman.

The rain-or-shine cleanup kicks off at 10 am at the historic Old Stone House, on Hasbrouck Rd. between Routes 42 and 55, and is expected to last well into the afternoon. It's only a few minutes away from either Grahamsville, Woodbourne, Liberty or Monticello.

A light lunch will be available to participants for a \$5-per-person donation.

The Old Stone House, constructed in 1810 and now serving as a community arts and education center, overlooks the Neversink River and maintains a large public playground right on the river's bank. Trout Unlimited is a national organization

dedicated to the preservation of fresh-water fishing streams across the country, and participates in hundreds of other stream cleanups every spring.

As a special added bonus at this year's cleanup event, a fly-casting expert from Trout Unlimited (TU) will be on hand to demonstrate the best techniques for catching fish, including the four steps behind a proper cast. Rods will be available for practicing, and visitors are welcome to bring their own favorite equipment. The free lesson usually takes about 15-20 minutes, according to the group, but more extensive training is also available.

Local government agencies have agreed to help haul away any substantial debris -- furniture, tires and other discarded material -- collected by volunteers.

Area residents of all ages are welcome and encouraged to join the Old Stone House and their partner, Trout Unlimited, to help maintain the river area's beauty. Participants should bring along gloves and wear work clothes; everything else will be provided.

Friday, May 18 - My friend, GARY LUCAS, whom The Village Voice calls a "monster guitarist", is at The Bell House in Brooklyn. Gary was the guitarist with Captain Beefheart and has worked with just about everyone in the business. I've brought him to the Hudson Valley three times, including the grand opening of my original store in Shokan, and a memorable show at The Bearsville Theater with Talking Head, Jerry Harrison. Info at www.garylucas.com. COLLECTIVE SOUL, a band I've always kind of liked without getting real into, is at Irving Plaza in Manhattan, and up in Woodstock, The Bearsville Theater celebrates Bob Dylan's birthday with a SOUNDOUT FOR THE WOODSTOCK DAY SCHOOL. Hosted by Happy Traum, booked artists include Donald Fagen, Larry Campbell, Amy Helm, Teresa Williams, Aaron Freeman (Ween), and more. Info at www.bearsvilletheater.com.

Saturday, May 19 - Three great shows tonight! JOEY RAMONE'S BIRTHDAY BASH, an annual event that's always great, where you never know who might show up, is at Webster Hall this year. PAUL WELLER, the force behind The Jam, and one of our finest songwriters and artists, is at the Best Buy Theater. And multi-instrumentalist DAVID LINDLEY, best known as Jackson Browne's guitarist for many years, is at The Towne Crier in Pauling.

Sunday, May 20 - The great DARLENE LOVE, who sang on just about every Phil Spector production during Phil's golden years, is at Joe's Pub tonight.

Monday, May 21 - CHICKENFOOT, the supergroup made up of the guitarist's guitarist, Joe Satriani, former Van Halen bassist and singer Michael Anthony and Sammy Hagar, and Red Hot Chili Peppers drummer, Chad Smith, pulls into the Beacon Theater in Manhattan. This is a particularly stand out week, with just about every show a great one, but this is my Pick of the Week! However, JACK WHITE is also at Roseland Ballroom tonight and tomorrow. Jack is sometimes inconsistent, but also sometimes great!

Tuesday, May 22 - The great and vastly underrated guitarist, SLASH, is at Irving Plaza. If you like your Rock n Roll hard and fast, this is a must see! Also tonight, alt-rock band, GARBAGE is at Webster Hall, and JACK WHITE concludes his dates at Roseland Ballroom.

Wednesday, May 23 - STEVIE WINWOOD closes out the week at The Beacon Theater, prior to next week's headlining appearance at Mountain Jam.

Wow! What a week! This is the most exciting week in music that I can remember for a very long time. Enjoy yourselves. After all, "life is like a beanstalk, isn't it?"

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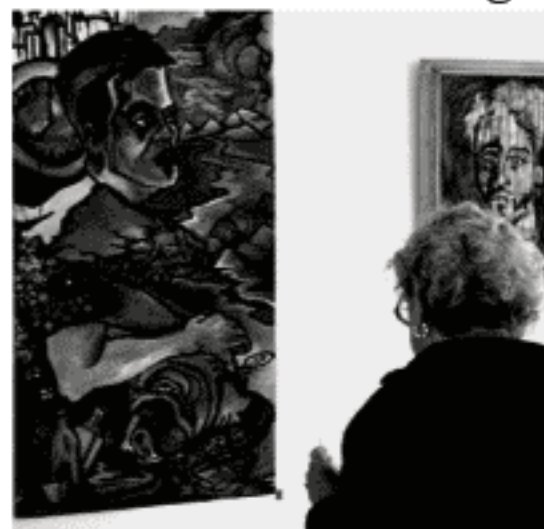
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Asserting that "a painting is a poem without words," Gregorek titled his show "Intuition," and explained: "When I paint, I try to go off of a feeling. I express my emotions through color and composition."

The artist was educated at Hobart and Williams Smith Colleges with a major in Studio Art and a minor in Media and Society. He works with acrylics, oils, inks and pastels to create landscapes, portraits, abstracts and figures.

Says Gregorek: "The canvases I use for the majority of my paintings include everyday elements such as shelves, drawers, and shutters that I have found from day-to-day life. Creating something from nothing is what I love to do most. From the streets to my studio, these canvases have been acquired from all walks of life."

The exhibition opened May 6 with a gala reception, and will be open to the public on Saturdays, May 12, 19 and 26, as well as Sunday, May 27, from 2-4 pm, or by appointment.

The Old Stone House, a community-based education and arts center, is at 282 Hasbrouck Road in the hamlet of Hasbrouck, NY, easily accessible from either Rt. 42 or Rt. 55, and just a few miles from Monticello, Liberty and Grahamsville. For information, visit the web site at www.oldstonehouse.catskill-life.com.

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SCLB Youth Turkey Hunt Contest



D'Auria. The bird was 20 lbs 15oz., with a 9" beard and 7/8" spurs. He shot his bird on Saturday. There were 16 total entries in the contest.

Pictured to the left the first place winner of this year's SCLB Youth Turkey Hunt Contest, Visili Hondromars from Roscoe. Visili chose the 20 gauge Remington full camo Youth Model with a turkey tube and fiber optics sights. The gun was donated by Fur, Fin & Feather Sport Shop in Livingston Manor, NY. The bird was 23.11 lbs with a 9 3/16" beard and 1 1/4" spurs that was shot on Sunday, the week before last.



On the right is a picture of Nicholas Brockner who was the second place winner. Nicholas received a full mount turkey donated by Shewolf Taxidermy in Roscoe, NY on a hand-crafted base made and donated by Hank

Shadowland Theatre Moves Into 28th Season (From Pg. 1) Orson Bean, a veteran of stage and screen who was known for his many appearances on *To Tell the Truth*, and Paula Prentiss (*Where the Boys Are*, *Last of the Red Hot Lovers*, *The Stepford Wives*) are both returning to the Shadowland, and are joined in the cast by Alley Mills of *The Wonder Years* fame, currently on CBS' *Bold and the Beautiful*. Known for its eclectic mix of classics, contemporary and new plays, Shadowland opens June 1 with *Farragut North* by Beau Willimon, which runs Thursdays - Sundays thru June 17. This timely political political drama is a peek into the dark side of presidential politics. It's a timely piece that effectively charts the distance between the ideals and goals of public service and the power struggles, deceptions and deceits of political operatives and will be directed by Shadowland artistic director, Brendan Burke. Contemporary, funny and suspenseful, this script was adapted by George Clooney into the Oscar-nominated screenplay, *The Ides of March*.

From June 22 to July 15, Shadowland will produce the one-man tour de force comedy by Becky Mode, *Fully Committed*. One versatile performer handles the 40 wacky characters that occupy this high pressure comedy, centered in the reservation office of a chic, high-end Manhattan restaurant. Brendan Burke will direct.

Noel Coward's rarely produced play, *A Song at Twilight*, will run July 20 thru August 5. Starring Bean, Mills and Prentiss, Jim Glossman will direct this bittersweet comedy that brings Coward's signature stylish humor and sharp wit to this surprising, affecting story of last chances and second acts.

Michael LaFleur will direct the hit musical, *Shout! The Mod Musical*, which performs for 5 weeks, from August 10 - September 9. This hip musical revue follows five smashing gals as they come of age during the liberating 60's that made England swing. *SHOUT!* covers a decade of great hits by the likes of Dusty Springfield, Petula Clark, Cilla Black, and Lulu, including "To Sir With Love," "Downtown," "You Don't Have to Say You Love Me," "Son of A Preacher Man," "Goldfinger," and many more. Director LaFleur returns to Shadowland after a year in Singapore, staging *Voyage de la Vie*, a multi-million dollar circus-like spectacular and Singapore's longest running show.

Shadowland wraps up the season with the NY premier of a new play, *The Dangers of Electric Lighting*, by Ben Clawson, which chronicles the tumultuous relationship between Thomas Edison and Nikola Tesla and their 'war of currents'. Running September 14 -30, this drama examines the flaws often hidden behind genius and the competitive nature of invention.

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Health Care The Issue On Stage in Liberty (From Pg. 1) The play, written by Constance Alexander, is the story of two women with different backgrounds fighting the disease. One had no health insurance, and the other was so inspired by that financial struggle she donated \$1,000 to launch a community fundraising effort. The story is told with grace, humor and compassion. There are no villains, only heroines, although thoughtful viewers will likely find many people and institutions to blame for the American health care situation.

Starring in the production were Janna Comando, Ellen Pavlov and Dorothy Hartz, backed up by a spoken-word chorus including Valeria Henry, Valerie Mansi and Lynn Priebe.

Directed by Paul Austin, the play on May 11 was a fundraiser for the emergency relief work of Citizens Reunited to Overcome Cancer (CROC), an area organization devoted to helping people deal with the disease. It was dedicated to Eileen Haworth Weil of Summitville, who recently died of cancer after a long and fulfilling career as teacher and community activist.



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During her residency at ArtsWAVE, Rachele is focusing on a series of flower paintings and installations that she began a few months ago. She is interested in the flower as a symbol, its beauty as a part of the landscape and its incredible ability to heal. This work fits into her ongoing theme of creating art inspired by a growing connection and awareness to the wonders of nature.

Rachele Tolwin lives and works in Sundown, NY and is this year's first ArtsWAVE artist in residence. She received an MFA from California College of the Arts and a BS from New York University. She has shown her work nationally and internationally. Her work can be viewed at www.rachelecohen.com.

Mark your calendars ArtsWAVE will be hosting classes, workshops, open studios, the small works auction and a new drawing club during the spring and summer. For more information call 845.210.4416. ArtsWAVE Art Center is located at 12 Market Street, Ellenville, NY 12428




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Step into the Hudson Valley's Past (From Pg. 1) Before the colonists came to the New World, the



Lenapes were the first residents of our region. The Bevier House museum near Kingston explores those early days with an exhibit of Native American artifacts and a fascinating lecture from a leading authority. Dating from the

1600's, the handsome stone mansion reflects the lifestyle of the early settlers who would have been familiar with the Lenape tribe. Peace with the Native Americans was easier to achieve than with the British. Visit the Bronck House in Cossackie on May 20th and you'll be asked to take quill in hand to sign a declaration against the Crown, one of the first formalized complaints sent to the British Government. A fife and drum corps provides rousing Revolutionary War music as costumed hosts welcome you inside, urging you to join with them and put your signature on the "Cossackie Declaration".

When war did arrive, meet the man who led the charge. General George Washington will be at his headquarters in Newburgh to purchase items for his troops on Saturday, May 19th. There's intrigue the next day when Jacqueline, a French pastry shop owner, shares her secrets in how she spies for the Continental Army. Conspiracies continue further south in Tappan where the '76 House had a profound effect on the outcome of the Revolutionary War as the site of the trial and imprisonment of British spy Major John Andre. Beautifully restored, the 344-year-old National Landmark is New York's oldest tavern and continues to be one of the area's top dining destinations.

Daily life in the Hudson Valley during those times revolved around farming which still can be seen today at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow. An 18th century milling, farming, and trading complex, it was once part of the Philipse Estate. Walk across the millpond bridge to meet costumed interpreters leading tours of the manor house, grist mill, 18th century barn, gardens, and tenant farmhouse. Originally built by Frederick Philips in the late 1600's, the land was tenanted by European farmers and operated by enslaved Africans. By the 19th century, trades and occupations had expanded beyond working the land, establishing the country's first art movement, the Hudson River School. Frederic Church, a major artist in the school, built Olana in 1870, a Persian-style mansion overlooking the Hudson River. This season there's a new exhibit, Life after Life: Preserving and Restoring Olana, with events related to the 40+ years of restoration that have occurred at this State Historic Site. Experts in the field of historic house preservation describe behind-the-scenes experiences of the property, and a tour the house shows the exotic surroundings of one of America's most famous painters.

The 20th century brought prosperity to the region with Gilded Age mansions lining the Hudson River like ladies dressed for a cotillion. America's first families who built these elaborate homes were not immune to tragedy, and Staatsburgh State Historic Site has a special tour highlighting the parallels between a visit to the Hudson River estate and a voyage on the RMS Titanic. Visitors hear tales of the ill-fated Titanic in the midst of the same luxury as those first-class passengers. From formal dinners to the late-night gambling, the parallels of what passengers experienced on the Titanic are evident in every room. Further north, the immigrant population of the city of Troy would undoubtedly have lost family members in that tragedy, but Heritage Weekend will be spent strolling the downtown streets to take in the rich architectural heritage they built. The Rensselaer County Historical Society is offering exhibits, tours and educational programs for all ages. A tour of a private residence is a chance to see the interior of one of these architectural gems.

The Hudson Valley's rich art culture can be found beyond architecture this May weekend at the Shaker Heritage Site in Albany. Pottery Fest is a clay artisan show that highlights the talent and artwork of over 40 Collar City Clay Guild members. America's first Shaker settlement is a perfect setting to showcase local ceramic art. The two day festival includes throwing and firing demonstrations, a children's event tent, food vendors, and live music. The clay's the thing in Albany, but the play's the thing in Garrison at the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival. Welcome to the theater. From June 12th through September 2nd, two of the Bard's productions will grace the lawn of the Boscobel mansion: LOVE'S LABOUR LOST, and ROMEO AND JULIET. Mix a Hitchcock masterpiece with a juicy spy novel, add a dash of Monty Python and you have the Festival's third production, THE 39 STEPS. It's a great way to enjoy the Hudson Valley's heritage all summer long.

Heritage Weekend lasts for only two days, but there are countless cultural experiences throughout the Hudson Valley all year long. Find more on the Hudson

Valley Tourism web site at www.travelhudsonvalley.com. On the go, tap into <http://travelhv.mobi> from your cell phone. Hudson Valley Tourism, Inc. is the 10-county region designated by I LOVE NEW YORK to promote tourism for the area. Counties include Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Ulster and Westchester. Regional information can be obtained from any of the county tourism offices, or by calling 845-615-3860.

Master Gardeners Graduate - Another Training Program Will Start This Autumn

[FERNDALE] - Sullivan County now has twenty new Master Gardeners. The class completed its intensive 15-week training program through Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Sullivan County on May 8.

The newly graduated class has already begun to give back. As part of the program, individuals are required to perform 100 hours of community service - teaching what they have learned. Many are staffing the CCE Helpline at 845-292-6180, which is available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Groups interested in having Master Gardeners assist with a project should see the "Guidelines for Requesting Master Gardener Assistance" and complete the project request form. Go to <http://blogs.cce.cornell.edu/sullivan/agriculture-program/master-gardener-program/>

Master Gardeners will also hold a "Butterfly Workshop" on Wednesday, May 30 at 5:30 p.m. and - back by popular demand - the Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, June 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Both events are at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Center in Ferndale.

Began in 1975 in New York State, the Master Gardeners Program combines a set curriculum, learning experiences and tutoring. The program provides home and community gardeners with unbiased gardening information based on research and reliable experience. Community service is mandatory as part of this "neighbors teaching neighbors" approach.

"It has been a pleasure to feel the energy of this class every Tuesday for the last several months of training," said Lydia Reidy, the Sullivan County CCE Interim Executive Director. "Master Gardener training is a core program of Cornell Cooperative Extension throughout New York State and we are very happy to graduate our first Sullivan County class in many years."

Cornell Cooperative Extension staff from both Ulster and Sullivan counties provided the training, led by Dona Crawford, Ulster's Master Gardener Coordinator, and Susan Dollard, Sullivan's Master Gardener Coordinator. Sullivan Renaissance collaborated with CCE to help fund the program and identify both volunteers and service opportunities.

A second class of master gardener training will be held this fall. Applications are available from Cornell Cooperative Extension and from Sullivan Renaissance. Cost is \$200 with \$50 returned to those who complete the training and the requisite 100 hours of community service.

Individuals should check "Master Gardener" in the section "Volunteer Position." Completed applications must be returned to: Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY 12754. Applicants may be asked for an interview and are subject to a criminal background check.

Cornell Cooperative Extension is a statewide educational organization funded by national, state and county governments - that helps New York residents put research-based knowledge to work. For information call 845-292-6180 or visit <http://blogs.cce.cornell.edu/sullivan/>.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Sponsors include Bold Gold Media Group/Thunder 102, FisherMears Associates, Robert Green Dealerships, Sullivan County Democrat, The River Reporter, Thompson Sanitation and WSUL/WVOS. For information call Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445 or visit www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

LPN Students Graduate from Sullivan BOCES

LIBERTY - The Part Time 2012 LPN Class at Sullivan County BOCES was recognized at a Pinning Ceremony



held in the Eugene D. Nesin Theatre for the Performing Arts Auditorium at the St. John Street Education Center on May 2nd. Ten LPN students were presented with their pins and praised for their hard work and dedication. The LPN class of 2012 includes Caroline Davenport, Elenie Duffy, LaTasha Grove, Lydia Lecei,

Deborah Monforte, Rachel Murrin, Christina Nichols, Lisa Rashell, Kayla Stoutenburg-Kracke, and Ashley Williams.

Special Honors were given during the ceremony to recognize individuals for their efforts and achievements. Rachel Murrin, received the Outstand Academic Award; Caroline Davenport, Deborah Monforte, Rachel Murrin, and Lisa Rashell all received Honors Awards; and Caroline Davenport received the Barbara Hallenbeck Professionalism Award.

If you are interested in the BOCES LPN Program, please call Deborah Theyshon, BOCES LPN Program Coordinator at 295-4941 to discuss the program and schedule an entrance exam time.

For more information on the programs available through the Career and Technical Education Center browse our website at www.scbores.org or call 295-4152. For program updates, become a fan of Sullivan County BOCES on facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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Merchant Discount Program Helps Beautification Projects Community Volunteers Get Discounts from Local Businesses

[FERNDALE] - Over 70 local businesses are offering financial support to community organizations that received grants as part of the 2012 Sullivan Renaissance program. The Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce arranged for merchant discounts - typically from 10% to 20% - on products and services volunteers use to clean up and beautify communities.

This is the twelfth year that businesses have participated in the Sullivan Renaissance Merchant Discount Program.

"Keeping dollars in the county is not only smart and green; you can see the difference that has been made in our communities," said Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Terri Ward, "We know that beautification efforts increase tourism and boost economic development. This is a practical way that local businesses can help themselves while contributing to our economic recovery."

Businesses that would still like to join in this year should contact the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce at 845-791-4200 or Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2452. Businesses do not need to be Chamber members to help.

All of the projects awarded grants on April 19 have been given a special discount card and a list of participating businesses. The list of participating merchants and the list of 2012 projects can be found on the Sullivan Renaissance website.

Renaissance community projects will be completed by August 6 and the Sullivan Renaissance Awards Ceremony will be held the evening of August 13 at SUNY Sullivan in Loch Sheldrake.

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To obtain the list of 2012 Business Discount Card Participants or for more information about its programs, call Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2445 or visit the website at www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

Caregiver Spring Renewal

The Caregiver Resource Center and the Alzheimer's Association are co-hosting a Caregiver Spring Renewal for Monday, June 18 from 12:00-3:30 p.m. at the Frost Valley YMCA (2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, N.Y.). The retreat, held rain or shine, is free for all Sullivan County family caregivers assisting a loved one who is ill, aging, or coping with Alzheimer's or related dementia. Caregivers need to register by June 11 (June 4 if requesting respite care for their family member) with Cornell Cooperative Extension at 292-6180 or Alzheimer's Association at 800-272-3900.

The respite event includes a picnic lunch and several great activities that encourage relaxation and fun for the caregivers. Music will be provided by Paul Lounsbury (guitar) and Jan Hirsh (Angel Harp), gentle neck and shoulder massages by Sue Buzzell, LMT (Natures Touch), entertainment and gentle exercise by Sammy Sackstein (Vestopia Hoops), and a fun craft (provided by the 4H Youth Development program of Cornell Cooperative Extension, Sullivan County). Family caregivers can opt to participate in any, all or none of the activities; they may also just sit, chill out, visit with the other caregivers and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the YMCA or explore the famous Forstmann Castle, located on the grounds of the 'Y'. (Contd. Pg. 15)

Hinchey Vows to Keep Fighting for Medical Marijuana Amendment

(From Pg. 1) The House last night defeated a bipartisan amendment that Hinchey, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA), Congressman Sam Farr (D-CA), and Congressman Tom McClintock (R-CA) offered to the bill that funds the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) that would have prohibited the agency from spending any money in its budget to prevent states from implementing medical marijuana laws that have been approved by the legislature or voter referendum.

"The federal government needs to once and for all put an end to these senseless raids and prosecutions of medical marijuana patients, doctors, and suppliers who are in complete compliance with their own state's laws concerning the drug," Hinchey said. "It is incomprehensible that the DEA would think that it's a good use of its resources to arrest and prosecute an American who is using medical marijuana in accordance with state law to relieve their pain and suffering from AIDS, cancer, multiple sclerosis or glaucoma. I'm pleased to see so many of my colleagues vote in support of this amendment to protect states' rights, but obviously it was not enough. The fight goes on."

Over the last decade, 16 states and Washington, DC have adopted laws that allow for the use of marijuana for medical purposes. Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington passed these laws to allow the use of marijuana to relieve pain and other complications that accompanies debilitating diseases such as AIDS, cancer, multiple sclerosis and glaucoma.

The federal government, however, has made it nearly impossible for these states to implement their medical marijuana laws. Despite an Executive Order from President Obama directing the Justice Department to not prioritize such cases, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has conducted numerous raids on medical marijuana dispensaries that are in full compliance with state law. Businesspeople and cooperatives who are licensed and certified within these states to function as legitimate medical marijuana dispensaries have seen their businesses locked down, assets frozen or business driven away by federal authorities.

The purpose of the amendment was to permit people suffering from horrific diseases to get relief, allowing their doctors to decide which drugs will work best to do so. Contrary to the claims of some critics, the amendment would not change marijuana's classification as a Schedule I narcotic under the Controlled Substance Act; would not require states to adopt medical marijuana laws; would not stop law enforcement officials from prosecuting marijuana-related activities that are not protected by state law; and it does not encourage the recreational use of marijuana by children or anyone. The amendment would have only affected states with laws allowing the use of medical marijuana by preventing the Justice Department from arresting, prosecuting, suing, or otherwise interfering with doctors, patients or dispensaries in those 16 states for following their state laws with regard to medical marijuana.

Medicinal benefits of marijuana are well documented. At the request of the White House, the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine conducted a study in 1999, which indicated that marijuana can relieve severe pain, nausea, and appetite loss.

Maurice Hinchey Celebrated - Congress' Leading Hero in the Fight Against Fracking

Catskill Mountainkeeper Executive Director Ramsay Adams was the Honorary Co-Chair of the Woodstock Land Conservancy's Vernal Fling this Saturday in Woodstock. The Woodstock Land Conservancy (WLC) celebrated the work of fracking and conservation hero Representative Maurice Hinchey at the Maverick Concert Hall in Woodstock.

The courage that Maurice Hinchey demonstrated in the earliest stages of his career in the New York State legislature - exposing Love Canal and investigating organized crime in waste hauling - has never ebbed. In Washington, he has stood up to equally powerful interests. He is the primary leader in Congress working to protect drinking water and the environment from the risks of hydrofracking and has introduced legislation called the "FRAC Act" to close a loophole in the Energy Policy Act that exempted fracking from the Safe Drinking Water Act. In 2009, Hinchey authored language in a bill that directed the EPA to conduct a new study of the risks that fracking poses to drinking water. From when the hydrofracking issue first arose in New York until today, he has fought diligently to protect the health and beauty of our region, and has been a powerful ally in the fight against fracking.

"Congressman Hinchey has been a fierce watchdog for people and the environment," said Nadia Steinzor,

Woodstock Land Conservancy Board Member and Earthworks' Oil & Gas Accountability Project staffer. "By demanding that energy companies disclose the toxic chemicals they use and play by the same rule as other industries, he's been a true leader in the fight for government responsibility and corporate accountability. His long public service has benefited not only New Yorkers, but all Americans."

The Perry Beekman Quartet with special guest Warren Bernhardt provided delightful musical entertainment throughout the evening. Garry Kvistad of Woodstock Chimes perform

Senate Passes Legislation to Increase Security at Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centers: Establish Criminal Penalties for Walking Away from those Facilities

The New York State Senate has passed legislation (S.3349A) to enhance the safety and security of alcohol and substance abuse treatment facilities utilized for judicial diversion programs. The legislation is sponsored by Senator John Bonacic.

Bonacic initiated the legislation last year, when a security guard, Lee Wood was killed and a nurse, Keri Reynolds was stabbed at the Renaissance Project. The Renaissance Project is a substance abuse treatment facility outside of Ellenville. The legislation would:

- Require that when the placement of an individual in a judicial diversion program for drug and/or substance abuse is being decided, the court must take into consideration the propensity of the individual to engage in future violent conduct.
 - Require any facility treating a defendant in a judicial diversion program shall notify the local police department of the defendant's placement and arrest record.
 - Require that the facility submit a security plan to the division of criminal justice services which must be updated every five years.
 - Create the Class D Felony of unauthorized departure from a drug/alcohol rehabilitation center when the individual was sent to the center by Court order.
 - Encourage the use of video conferencing by those in rehabilitation, instead of requiring court appearances.
- Last year at a roundtable held on the security of drug rehabilitation centers, it was pointed out that those in rehabilitation often recidivate when they actually have to leave the facility to go to court because they are once again exposed to the neighborhoods where they committed the initial crime.

Ulster County Legislator Craig Lopez said, "Government's first job is to protect citizens from violence. This important legislation can better ensure that we never have another attack coming from a patient at a supposedly non-violent substance abuse rehabilitation center."

In 2009, the State's drug abuse laws were changed making it easier for those charged with drug crimes, even with past violent criminal convictions, to be sent to "rehabilitation" facilities instead of jail. This was part of the so-called "Rockefeller Drug Reform" enacted by the then Democratic controlled Senate, Assembly, and signed into law by then Governor David Paterson. Senator Bonacic voted against that 2009 law.

Last year, Senator Bonacic brought top officials from the State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse to visit the Renaissance Project, along with officials from the Town of Wawarsing and discuss the need for changes to the 2009 law.

"Richard Giga had a history of violence. The Court system, prior to authorizing rehabilitation, needs to take a hard look at a Defendant's arrest record, not just a list of convictions, before granting the privilege of being sent to a substance abuse diversion program instead of jail," Bonacic said.

HealthAlliance Established With Significant State Support and Community Involvement and They Deserve to Be Included in Restructuring Discussions

(Albany, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) offered to facilitate an open and public process for the development of plans for the potential restructuring of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley and the facilities overseen by the corporation. HealthAlliance was formed in 2007, through a collaborative effort between the state, local stakeholders and community leaders, to develop the plan that led to the partnership of the Benedictine and Kingston Hospitals. Assemblymember Cahill helped secure over \$47 million in state funds to facilitate the transition.

"Seven years ago, under the threat of a state mandated closure by the Berger Commission, our hospitals, local officials and people from our community worked very closely with members of the Commission to come up with an innovative plan, one now seen as a model for the nation, to merge and strengthen our secular and religious health institutions," said Assemblymember Cahill. "We dodged a bullet, avoid-

ing the fate of many communities that are now suffering from the loss of their local hospitals."

"When we first established HealthAlliance, I helped coordinate an exhaustive series of hearings and meetings throughout the region that resulted in valuable feedback and ideas from the public that lent shape to the merger agreement," said Assemblymember Cahill. "That two year effort was critical to our success and I would welcome the opportunity to repeat the process to generate innovative cost savings initiatives in collaboration with the communities served by the organization."

According to HealthAlliance's most recent tax filings, the organization received at least \$180 million from Medicare, Medicaid and other government programs over the course of 2009 and 2010. They were recently awarded a low-cost power allocation by the New York Power Authority that will provide immediate savings and mitigate the impact of electricity price increases for years to come. In addition to the \$47 million in state assistance for the merger, \$4.1 million of which was dedicated to the construction of the Foxhall Ambulatory Surgery Center for the purposes of improving access to ambulatory care services and assuring access to family planning services, the facilities affiliated with HealthAlliance have received over \$4.3 million for capital projects over the last decade. The organization has also benefited from \$150 million in tax-exempt bonds since 2007.

"The record speaks for itself. I am committed to working with the state to provide the resources needed to develop our institutions into regional health centers for excellence," said Assemblymember Cahill. "There is no doubt that our hospitals are victims of an irrational federal reimbursement formula. While frustrated, I have been steadfast in my efforts to convince lawmakers in Washington to adjust the rates to the levels provided to other hospitals in the region."

"Like many in our community, I am not ready to throw in the towel. The bottom-line is, HealthAlliance is the product of a plan built from the ground up by the communities they are obligated to serve," Cahill said. "Any changes to that covenant must involve the full participation of the people responsible for their very existence."

POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando - DENNING DEMS

By Frank Comando, PR

ENDORSEMENT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATIVE BOARD OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS AND TRAINMEN IS SCHREIBMAN'S THIRD LABOR ENDORSEMENT THIS WEEK

(Kingston, NY) Julian Schreibman, Democratic candidate for the New York 19th congressional district, announced today that the New York State Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen has endorsed his campaign.

"The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen are proud to endorse the candidacy of Julian Schreibman for Congress. Julian has spent his career prosecuting terrorists and protecting our families in the Hudson Valley. *We know he'll be just as tough going after the special interests in Washington and advocating for the working class when he's in Washington*" said David G. Kearsing, Chairman of the New York State Board of BLET.

"I am so grateful for the support from the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen and all the other advocates of the working class who are joining our campaign to bring fairness back to Washington. Everywhere I travel around the Hudson Valley/Catskills region, I talk to folks who are fed up with the way things are done in Washington. I have spent most of my life standing up to bullies and cheaters; in Washington I will continue to stand up for the values of the working men and women in our community" said Julian Schreibman.

The New York State Legislative Board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen is the third labor organization to endorse Schreibman this week. *Teamsters Local 445 and UFCW 1500 announced their endorsements of Julian earlier in the week.*

New York's 19th Congressional District now encompasses all of Columbia, Delaware, Greene, Otsego, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster counties and part of Broome, Dutchess, Montgomery and Rensselaer counties.

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

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THE CLARYVILLE QUILTERS



IN THE EARLY PART OF THE 1920'S, THE GROUP NOW KNOWN AS THE CLARYVILLE QUILTERS WAS FORMED BY SOME WOMEN OF THE LADIES AID SOCIETY, AT THE CLARYVILLE DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH. THE PURPOSE OF THIS ORGANIZATION WAS TO CONTINUE A TRADITION OF HAND QUILT MAKING. OVER THE YEARS MANY WOMEN FROM CLARYVILLE AS WELL AS THE SURROUNDING AREA HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO LEARN THIS CRAFT, REGARDLESS OF FAITH.

THE QUILTERS CONTINUE TODAY TO FINISH QUILT TOPS FOR OTHERS. THESE TOPS WERE HANDED DOWN TO THEM BY FAMILY MEMBERS OVER THE YEARS. WORKING TOGETHER WE MAKE A RAFFLE QUILT EACH YEAR AS OUR GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY, 100% OF THE TICKETS SALES ARE GIVEN TO CHARITIES.

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Multi-family Yard Sale

Sat. and Sun.
 May 26th and 27th from 9am to 4 pm
 In **Sundown** at
 Peekamoose Rd and Yagerville Rd.

**WOMEN'S SOFTBALL
 TWO PITCH TOURNAMENT
 TO BENEFIT
 THE ALLIANCE FOR LUPUS RESEARCH**



Featuring teams and players from the Sullivan County Women's Softball League
 Saturday, May 19, 2012
 Grahamsville Fairgrounds
 Starting Time: 9:00 AM
 --All Day Event--
 CONCESSION STAND
 50/50 DRAWINGS
 RAFFLE
 VENDOR FAIR
 Penneper Chef, thirty-one, Edible Art by Eric, Aven, Silpade, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Celebrating Home, Party Lite, Mary Kay and more!
 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 COME WATCH THIS FAST PACE TOURNAMENT. CHEER ON YOUR FAVORITE PLAYERS AND TEAMS WHILE SUPPORTING LUPUS RESEARCH (100 % of all donations go directly to medical research)



For more info about the tournament or the Alliance for Lupus Research call 292-2463 or 292-2949

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!!!**

**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 under 5 free
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Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall
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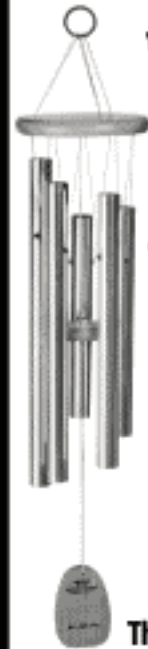
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May 17

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This sale has a huge selection of spring products including fountains, one of a kind chimes as well as in-stock chimes, crystal chimes, drums, gongs, bells, beautiful wooden ducks, kid's instruments, discontinued products and much more!

Directions: From the Kingston roundabout, west on Rt. 28, 10.5 miles to DuBois Road, Shokan, follow the signs.

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 Call: 985-7700

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

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

timeandthevalleymuseum.org

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
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 Woodbourne, NY 12788
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Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship Service
 10:30am
 985-2283

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 Claryville, NY 12725
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 Rev. Paul Nulton
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Weekend Mass schedule:
 Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

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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.



June 2, 2012
 (No April Supper)
5:30 pm
 Sundown United Methodist Church
 at the Sundown Church Hall



June 5, 2012
 Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm
 Luncheon 11am-1 pm

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

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

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

Town of Denning Residents;
Starting May 25, 2012

THE TOWN OF DENNING RECYCLING CENTER WILL HAVE A TRAILER TO ACCEPT TIRES.

TIRES MUST BE OFF OF THE RIM!!!

THE FEE IS \$2 PER CAR TIRE,
THERE WILL BE AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR LARGER TIRES.

BY THE ORDER OF
THE DENNING TOWN BOARD
Joy-Ann Monforte
Town Clerk
5-9-2012

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**Tri-Valley Central School District
Board of Education**

Notice to Bidders

TOPSOIL AND BLACKTOP BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed bid proposals are sought and requested by the Board of Education, Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville New York 12740, for Topsoil and Blacktop.

SEALED BIDS will be received at the Administration Building of the Tri-Valley CSD, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740 prior to **2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 23, 2012**. Bids properly received and identified will be opened publicly and read aloud shortly after the time due. Any bid received after the time and date stated above will be delivered back to the Bidder unopened.

BIDDERS may contact the Maintenance Supervisor at (845) 985-2296 Ext. 5317 for further information regarding the Topsoil and Blacktop material specifications.

BIDDING DOCUMENTS and forms may be obtained from the Business Office of the Tri-Valley CSD, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740 at (845) 985-2296 Ext. 5205.

THE OWNER may, at its discretion, waive informalities in bids, but is not obligated to do so, nor does it represent that it will do so. The Owner also reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Under no circumstances will the Owner waive any informality that, by such waiver, would give one Bidder a substantial advantage or benefit not enjoyed by all other Bidders. No Bidder may withdraw his Bid before forty-five (45) days after the actual date of the opening thereof, unless a mistake to error is claimed by the Bidder in accordance with INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

**Dated: Grahamsville, New York,
May 10, 2012**

By Order of the Board of Education of Tri-Valley CSD, Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York

Martha Lee TerBush, District Clerk
Phone: 845-985-2296 Ext. 5205.

Divers Complete Installation of Critical Mechanical Plug In Delaware Aqueduct Shaft to Ensure Stability Ahead of Repair \$2.1 Billion Water for the Future Program Will Ensure Clean, Reliable and Safe Drinking Water for New Yorkers for Decades

Environmental Protection Commissioner Carter Strickland announced the completion of work to strengthen a critical shaft of the Delaware Aqueduct, helping to lay the groundwork for repair of the aqueduct leaks. The work is part of DEP's Water for the Future program, a \$2.1 billion initiative that will ensure clean, reliable and safe drinking water for nine million New Yorkers for decades to come. The program has two main elements: repairing leaks in the Delaware Aqueduct-which supplies roughly half of the city's daily drinking water needs-and supplementing the city's water supply during construction work on the tunnel. Beginning February 28, a team of divers from Global Diving of Seattle worked 24 hours a day in rotating shifts to install a crucial mechanical plug at the bottom of a 700 foot tunnel shaft located in the Town of Wappinger in Dutchess County. The plug, which is capable of withstanding millions of pounds of force from the water within the Delaware Aqueduct, will allow an access shaft to the tunnel to be drained. Once empty, the shaft will be outfitted with nine new submersible pumps that will be able to drain the Delaware Aqueduct at a rate of 80 million gallons per day when the aqueduct must be dewatered during the Water for the Future program.

"The repair of one New York City's most critical pieces of infrastructure-the Delaware Aqueduct-is DEP's top capital priority and securing this shaft is a key step in that decade-long process," said Commissioner Strickland. "The undertaking of the installation of this plug is an extremely complicated operation that required the technical skills and courage of these highly specialized divers. The project also required thousands of hours of meticulous planning and preparation by engineers at DEP. This represents one step in a series of many over a long period of time that get us that much closer to the ultimate goal-improved reliability of New York City's water supply."

The new plug and pumps will be critical pieces to minimize the amount of time the aqueduct is out of service and, therefore, to facilitate the connection of a new stretch of tunnel that will bypass the leaking section. When they were not actively installing the plug underwater at the bottom of the shaft, the divers lived in a specially-designed, pressurized chamber, outfitted with sleeping accommodations. They remained under pressure while they moved from the habitat chamber to their diving bell, which was lowered to the bottom of the shaft so the divers could exit and perform their work. The underwater work was observed and monitored using closed circuit cameras and audio attached to the divers' helmets and the diving bell.

The Earth's surface atmosphere is approximately 78% Nitrogen and 21% Oxygen, but because of the immense pressure at 700 feet beneath the surface of the shaft (nearly 300 pounds per square inch), the divers are required to live in an environment composed of 97% helium and 3% oxygen for the duration of the work. Even after their work was complete, the diving team remained in the confinement of the saturation chamber for an additional seven days so they could gradually and safely return to standard atmospheric pressure.

The construction of the bypass tunnel and the repair of the lining will ensure that DEP can continue to deliver high quality drinking water every day. In November 2010, DEP outlined a design and timeline to address leaks in the Delaware Aqueduct by building a two-and-a-half mile bypass tunnel around a portion of the aqueduct that is leaking in the Roseton area of

the Town of Newburgh, and repairing leaks in the Town of Wawarsing from inside the existing tunnel. Under the plan, DEP will break ground on the bypass tunnel in 2013, and complete the connection to the Delaware Aqueduct in 2021. The tunnel repair and associated projects are expected to create between 1,000 and 1,500 jobs. Preparation for the repair work is currently underway, including installation of pumping system and site improvements to support construction, purchasing equipment for the repair, planning and design of the bypass tunnel, geotechnical investigations, discussions with local stakeholders, and investigating augmentation projects.

Milestones reached over the last year include the following:

- In July, DEP announced that the first geotechnical test borings were underway for the construction of an access shaft in the Town of Newburgh and in the Town of Wappinger. Construction of shafts in Newburgh and Wappinger will enable the construction of a new tunnel to bypass a leaking section of the Delaware Aqueduct near Roseton. These were the first of several planned borings to obtain geophysical data for the design and construction of the bypass tunnel. DEP will break ground on the shafts for the bypass tunnel in 2013, and will begin the bypass connection in 2020. Geotechnical test borings are used to obtain geophysical data for the design and construction of the bypass tunnel, including basic underground rock formations and other conditions that will dictate the design of the tunnel, the selection of equipment, and construction techniques.

- In June, DEP started the second phase of a ground-breaking study to evaluate the effectiveness of mitigating leaks in the Wawarsing areas by adding lime to water in order to seal the cracks from within the tunnel. The \$4 million project, which entails building a small-scale water system that replicates full-scale water supply conditions, will help the city better determine if full-scale application of lime will be successful.

The 85-mile Delaware Aqueduct, completed in 1944, conveys approximately half of the city's drinking water from four upstate reservoirs to more than eight million people in New York City, and one million people in Ulster, Orange, Putnam and Westchester counties who also rely on the City's high quality drinking water. The aqueduct is a concrete-lined tunnel that varies in diameter from 13.5 to 19.5 feet and runs as deep as 2,000 feet beneath the ground. It was constructed by drilling and blasting through rock, and, in most areas, lined with unreinforced concrete.

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. DEP employs nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$49 million payroll in upstate counties 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.



**CHESTNUT CREEK COVERED BRIDGE REPAIR
SUNDAY JUNE 3RD, 2012 - 8:00 AM**

After 37 years our community landmark needs a new roof. The estimated cost of the project is \$2,200.00. The Neversink Agricultural Society and the Town of Neversink are accepting donations and asking for volunteers.

Checks can be made out to Neversink Agricultural Society Covered Bridge Repair.

They can be dropped off at Town Hall or sent by mail to:
Neversink Town Hall, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740

The Project date is Sunday June 3rd, 2012.

Start time is 8:00 AM to "COMPLETION"

To volunteer for this community event please call Gary TerBush at 985-7628 or

Sign up at the Town Hall in the Clerk's office.

"Let's restore one of the signature landmarks in our community where so many of our annual events begin."

Thank you for all your anticipated help!

Daniel Pierce Library Operating Budget Hearing

A public hearing on the 2012 Daniel Pierce Library operating budget will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Library.

Budget materials will be available at the Front Desk, beginning Thursday, May 31, at 10:00 a.m.

All registered voters of the Tri-Valley School Central School District are eligible to vote. The vote will be held on Tuesday, June 12, from noon to 9:00 p.m., in the Library.

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 racerj12d@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

Build the Foundation for a Career as a Heavy Equipment Operator!

Monticello: Sullivan BOCES' Adult and Continuing Education Program is accepting students for its Heavy Equipment Course starting on May 22nd. This is a hands-on and money-well-spent training course for both the novice and the advanced beginner. Classes will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning May 22nd and run through June 21st, from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

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- 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
- 5/22/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 5/23/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM
- 5/26/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale -9 am till sold out!
- 5/28/12 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Memorial Day**
- 5/29/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall
- 6/2/12 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 6/5/12 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)**
- 6/5/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Sundown Hall - 7 pm
- 6/6/12 **Tri-Valley Lions Club 1st Rabies Clinic** 6-8 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pet must be 3 months old
- 6/6/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 6/9/12 **Fund Raising Country Auction** sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum (Fairgrounds)
- 6/12/12 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 6/13/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 6/14/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 6/15/12 Edgar Award winner Steve Hamilton guest speaker at Daniel Pierce Library 7:30pm
- 6/16/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Italian Dinner** 4-7 pm (845) 985-7480
- 6/20/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. 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

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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.

(Student must be 18 years of age to enroll)

The novice will learn the basic equipment systems that make up a Backhoe, Bulldozer, Excavator and Dump Truck. They will then learn operational skills with special focus on safety and equipment maintenance. If you already have some machine operation experience, this training is design to expand your knowledge and enhance your skills.

The fee for the course is \$452.00 (safety glasses, ear protection, and a hard hat are included in tuition). Please note: The first class will be held at Rubin Pollack Education Center's Natural Resources Lab - in Liberty. The remaining classes will be held at the Natural Resources Lab, at the Sullivan West Elementary School in Jeffersonville.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 791-4070 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or logon to scboces.org.

Learn How to Swing Dance

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at BOCES has extended the enrollment window for its Swing Dance Class. If you are interested in learning how to Swing Dance the new class will start on May 22nd.

Classes will be held at the St. John Street Education Center on Tuesdays, from May 22nd through June 26th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The fee for the class is \$64.00 per person or \$105.00 per couple.

You never know! You may end up on Dancing with the Stars or use your new dance steps to marvel other guests at a party or wedding. You can even use the class as exercise to stay in shape. Either way, come join the fun and learn the gaits and moves of Swing Dancing. No experience or dance partner needed.

A second set of sessions will begin on Tuesday, July 24th through Aug 28th from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The fee for the class is \$64.00 per person or \$105.00 per couple.

To register and find out more information contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 or 791-4070 between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm or log on to scboces.org and like us on facebook and follow us on Twitter.

The Adult Program at BOCES enhances our community, one family at a time.

Solar Thermal Heating Course comes to Sullivan County through the Adult & Continuing Education Program at BOCES

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at BOCES is now offering a Solar Thermal Heating course starting on May 21st.

Use your expertise in physical building construction and HVAC controls to become an HVAC site analyzer, HVAC system planner and installer. This course is designed for HVAC business owners and workers alike.

The Solar Thermal Heating course will be offered starting on May 21st through Sept 10th from 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The

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Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>
Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

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

Tri-Valley CSD: <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

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

course fee is a reduced price of \$999.00 thanks to a NYSERDA grant.

SC Schools High School Chair Auction

Hurleyville: Art students in Sullivan County will be auctioning works of art and chairs at Sullivan County Museum, Hurleyville, NY on Sunday May 20th from 2-4 pm. This is a unique scholarship fundraiser created to benefit area High School seniors who are planning on majoring in Art when they attend college.

Over the past couple of months, students from our local High Schools and BOCES have found chairs and transformed them through paint and other media into "Works of Art" based on artists and artistic movements. There is no limit to the imaginative efforts of these students. While some chairs are functional, many are whimsical and meant to be enjoyed as "Art." Many art teachers are also creating chairs to help this well-intentioned cause. In addition to the beautiful chairs, students will also be auctioning off various pieces of their artwork. Proceeds from the sale will be offered as scholarships at our local schools and Sullivan BOCES.

If you are interested in viewing these exemplary pieces of work th museum prior to the auction the museum will be opening its doors at 1 p.m.

If you see a piece of artwork that you would like to have, you can place a bid in the bid box next to the chair. The highest bid in the bid box will start the auction for that chair the day of the auction.

For more information on the Arts and Education Program and the auction, contact Lisa Pacht, Director of Instructional Technology/ Arts In Education at Sullivan County BOCES (845) 295-4033.

The Arts and Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is dedicated toraising the standards and levels of visual and aesthetic literacy whilestrengthening and supporting learning in all areas of the curriculum.

Caregiver Spring Renewal (From Pg. 10)

A bus (for the first 44 caregivers who register) will be available. Pick up will be at Cornell Cooperative Extension to drive up to Frost Valley and for the return back to Liberty.

Respite services for the caregiver's loved one are available on the premises of Frost Valley, provided by the professional nursing staff in the Health and Wellness Center. Register for free respite care by June 4- call for more details (292-6180).



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