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Annual Town Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony to be Held

On Sunday December 1, 2013 at 5:00 PM the Town of Neversink will hold its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

There will be caroling in the Square, special music, holiday readings and refreshments. This will officially open the holiday season in the town.

Any organization or group that would like to take part should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262, x-307.

Great Shot from Sundown!



Pictured above is Tyler Brooks, 14, who shot this beauty of an 8-pointer on the last day of the Youth Hunt while hunting with his dad, David, in Sundown. A proud week for the Brooks family - Tyler's Trophy and father, David's new title beginning January 2014; Supervisor of the Town of Denning. Congratulations to both father and son!

Tom Wessells Discusses *The Myth of Progress: Toward a Sustainable Future*



Karen Rauter from Rondout Neversink Stream Program introduces Tom Wessells, author of *The Myth of Progress* who was the guest speaker on Thursday evening at Neversink Town Hall.

Tom Wessells, author of several books led a very interesting discussion on how our current path toward progress, based on continual economic expansion and inefficient use of resources, runs absolutely contrary to three foundational scientific laws that govern all complex natural systems.

It is a myth, he contends, that progress depends on a growing economy. (Contd. Pg. 8)

15th Annual Veteran's Day Parade in Woodbourne



Charlie Breiner of Claryville, Congressman Chris Gibson and US Army Sgt. James K. Richardson of Grahamsville at the Veteran's Day Parade in Woodbourne this past Saturday.

This past Saturday, November 9th, the 15th Annual Veteran's Day Parade sponsored by the Woodbourne Fire Company was held in Woodbourne.

Driving his well-equipped Army Mule, this year's Grand Marshal was US Army Sgt. James K. Richardson, of Grahamsville, who fought as a combat infantryman in Vietnam. Congressman Chris Gibson was a guest speaker, along with other guest speakers: Steven Vegliante, Fallsburg Town Supervisor; Jim Farrell, Sullivan County DA; and Dr. Ivan Katz, Fallsburg School District superintendent.

Several other local veterans attended as honored guests.

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Local Artists Attend North East Watercolor Society's International Art Show Awards and Dinner

Local Artists On Sunday Ann Higgins and Elise Hornbeck attended the North East Watercolor Society's International Art Show Awards Dinner in Kent, Connecticut. The exhibition was at the Gallery of the Kent Art Association and included some of today's finest and most renowned watercolorists.

Watercolor paintings by both Ann and Elise had been juried into the international show as well as Caroline Harrow from Livingston Manor and Richard Price from Cadosia. Elise was awarded the Strathmore Artist Paper Award and Dick won the Jack Richeson & Co. Award. Dave Higgins was chauffeur for the day. (Contd. Pg. 8)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Withhold not good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. Proverbs 3:27

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Just as the first snowflakes of this winter began to fall last Friday evening, November



River Artemisia Winter

8th, Maureen and Thorn Winter welcomed their daughter, River Artemisia Winter into the world at 7:30 in the evening. River weighed 8 lbs 12 oz and is 23 inches long. River was born at their home in Gardiner, NY.

According to her father, Thorn, "two midwives guided them through the most magical day they have yet experienced in this existence."

Rivers maternal grandparents are Eileen and Stanley Tyrrell, and her great-grandparents are Janet and Alvin Russell. Her paternal grandparents are Linda and Frank Comando.

Maureen is currently employed as an art teacher at Tri-Valley School.

Adding to the excitement of the day, a little over a hundred miles away, Thorn's cousins, Carolyn and Tom welcomed their son, Christopher Thomas Auletta earlier in the day.



Christopher Thomas Auletta

Congratulations to all the parents, grandparents and great-grandparents and welcome to the world River and Christopher!

Thank You Note

I would like to thank all my supporters and especially those working behind the scenes, a positive campaign all the way. Special thanks to those with the steadfast conviction to cast their vote for me and my initiatives.

Congratulations to Dave, chosen by the voters to lead the town, now needs our support and confidence.
Carl Landon

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

November 18, 1953 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Misner of Neversink announce the engagement of their daughter, Doris, to Milton Kortright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kortright of Woodbourne. Miss Misner is a graduate of Liberty High School. Mr. Kortright was recently discharged from the Army after a three year enlistment, 23 months of which were spent in France. No date has been set for the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti are the proud parents of a baby boy born Tuesday evening at the Hamilton Ave. Hospital, Monticello. Keith is the Zanetti's fourth child. The baby's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Many and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zanetti.

The braves are in the hunting grounds,
the squaws are left in camp,
Just as in Indian days of yore,
out in the cold and damp.
The big chief stalks the wary buck,
while Mama cooks the dinner,
Sends the papooses off to school
and hope Pop bags a winner!
HEADQUARTERS FOR SUPPLIES
FOR THE HUNTER
KUM TO KRUM'S

November 13, 1963

Wedding Anniversary congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Walton Hamilton 11 years on the 15th; Mr. and Mrs. Roger Banta 28 years on the 16th; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Conro 17 years on the 18th.

Dean J. Merrill Knapp, Dean of Princeton University, has announced that Ira Rubenzahl, class of 1962, TVCS, has once again been

placed on the Dean's List. Mr. Rubenzahl's record has consistently kept him in the honors group at Princeton.

Army PFC Warren F. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Graham of Grahamsville, participated in the second phase of Operation Big Lift in Germany, a NATO field training maneuver, which was slated to end November 5th.

December 5, 1973

Dale Corbett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Corbett, has received word of his acceptance at Herkimer County Community College. Dale plans to major in radio-television technology. Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Conklin of Grahamsville are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Ann, to Harold A. Knight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Knight of Grahamsville. Wedding plans are incomplete.

This Saturday is the big 50th Wedding Anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Guy Curry. That is, December 8th, from 1-5 p.m. at their home on Yagerville Road. It is Open House and all friends of the Curry's are invited to wish them happiness.

November 17th, 1983

Roy and Edna Slater celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on October 22nd at the Neversink Fire Hall. A roast beef dinner was served by Mr. and Mrs. John Rogerson and music was provided by Anthony Hayworth for dancing.

Mabel Dymond of Peekamoose Road, Sundown, a 26-year resident, died unexpectedly November 14, 1983 at home. She was 62. The daughter of Sanford and Nellie Ostrom Conklin, she was born Sept. 21, 1921 in Sparrowbush. She was a member of the Sundown Senior Citizens Club. Survivors include her husband, Harold I. Dymond, at home; five brothers and several nieces and nephews.

"Art in Sixes," a small works group show

"Art in Sixes," an exhibition of small art works by local artists, opens at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery on Saturday, November 23, with a reception from 2 - 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through December 22.

Celebrating its ninth year, "Art in Sixes" is the Delaware Valley Arts Center's premier year-end art event. It features artwork in a wide range of studio mediums including painting, drawing, sculpture, fiber, ceramics, and photography from artists in Sullivan County and the upper Delaware River region. This exhibition which showcases art no larger than six inches in any direction has become the largest of it's kind in Sullivan County. Last year's show included 82 artists and 275 works of art. All works of art are for sale and priced reasonably for holiday gift giving.

"This small works group show is a great way to see mini-masterpieces by your favorite artist and to see new and emerging artists for the first time," says gallery director Rocky Pinciotti. "It has become the exhibition that local artists want to be included in and a must see for all art lovers in the area."

Running simultaneously next door at Signature Gifts at the Delaware Arts Center is "Valley Artists Holiday Show and Sale," where arts and crafts by over 60 artists, specializing in wood, photography, painting, jewelry, ceramics, textiles, and sculpture are available for purchase. Also featured are books by local authors, holiday cards, gift wrap, as well as selected antiques. Gifts for children include a great assortment of wood toys, art- and nature-inspired stickers, books, games, and art supplies. Gifts for adults include clocks, books, bowls, wood boxes, vases, silk scarves, journals, and jewelry.

Alliance Gallery and Signature Gifts are located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit and the sale are both open through Sunday, December 22, with hours of Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. For more information, call (845) 252-7576 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

This show is free and open to the public

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Condolences to the family and friends of Thor Geyer who passed away on October 30. Thor, a former Tri-Valley student, was 25 years old.

Frank Poje of Grahamsville took down a ten-pointer while bow hunting in Sundown. Congratulations, Frank!

The Tri-Valley Girls Cross Country Team won the Section 9 - Class C championships held at Bear Mountain on November 1. The Team will now be eligible to compete at the State Meet on November 9 at Queensbury High School. Ian Kurzrock will also be able to attend the State Meet as he finished the boys race in the top five.

The Tri-Valley PTO will be sponsoring a free family movie night on December 13 at 6:30 at the Elementary School. Bring a blanket or a beach chair. Popcorn and drinks will be served.

Don't forget the PTO book fair on November 14 and 15.

Mark your calendar! Enjoy breakfast at the Sundown Methodist Church on November 16 and 17 between 5:50 and 9:30 am. Hunters always welcome!

The 2014 schedule for Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation is available. There seems to be some great opportunities available for a very reasonable cost.

On Sunday, December 1, The Lyric Quartet will present A Grand Holiday Musical Feast at the Parkville Methodist Church at 3:00 pm. For more info call 845-747-4247.

My printer wasn't working correctly, so I called the local repair shop. I was told that the store charged \$60. for cleanings. I was also told that it might be better for me to read the printer's manual and try to fix the problem myself. I was surprised by the comment and asked if his boss knew that he was discouraging business. The employee said that this was actually his boss's idea because the shop usually makes more money on repairs if we let people try to fix things themselves first. (Of course this story is not necessarily true... I had read a little story similar to this some time ago in the "Fish Wrapper", a small rural newspaper printed in P/O. Congratulations to all of our newly elected Town Officials.

Jamie Brooks tell me there are still some seats left to see "White Christmas" at the Westchester Broadway Theatre on December 1. Contact Neversink Parks and Rec. if interested.

Words of Wisdom: Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself. (A.H. Weiler)

Too bad the only people who know how to run the country are busy driving cabs and cutting hair. (George Burns)

Habitat is Looking for Its Next Family!

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY - Habitat for Humanity of Sullivan County has been looking a long time for their next family. Legislator Cora Edwards listened to our dilemma of not getting more response from families who would like to own their own home but money was an issue. Cora stepped up to the plate and laid out a plan to get the word out. Cora urges the Community to attend a Habitat Family Search Meeting on Friday, November 15th, 6PM at the Fallsburg Baptist Church. All are welcome to meet the HFH members. Our two successful families, the Chasi and Dumas Family, will be on hand to answer questions.

Find out who is eligible for a Habitat House. We are looking for families who are Sullivan County residents for at least 12 months in area; with good credit; employed with an income within the HFH guideline; who could not obtain a conventional mortgage as a first time homeowner, but could afford low cost housing; and who need a safe home to adequately house their family. *Be prepared to help in construction! All this will be discussed and defined! Refreshments will be served.

The house will be constructed on a parcel of land which was donated to the organization by Elizabeth Keybl, a former Sullivan County resident and a Habitat who volunteers in the State of Florida. The corner lot is just outside the hamlet of South Fallsburg in a quiet residential neighborhood. It is in the Fallsburg School District.

Habitat promotes sustainable building practices by using the latest in environmental design. This reduces partner family expenses and lessens environmental impact. The construction is designed by award winning local architects Buck Morehead and Michael Chojnicki.

We are proud of our two Habitat homeowners who have raised fine families and are involved in the

community. We are not a charity. We help families to realize the dream of owning their own home. For more info call 845-791-8305 or e-mail peggy@yaunco.com

SLAC November Meeting

The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County announces its monthly meeting on Friday, November 22nd, 2013 at 10 am at the Legislative Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello. Theresa Tolonsky will speak on the American Cancer Society issues including out-of-network surprise medical bills and palliative care. Questions and answers will follow.

SLAC is a membership organization of individuals and representatives of senior groups who advocate for senior needs and services on the federal, state and local level.

The meetings are free and open to all! Their holiday meeting will be held on Friday, December 20th at the Ted Stroebele Center.

For more information: SLAC, P.O. Box 1065, South Fallsburg, NY 12779; or the Office of the Aging at 845-807-0241.

SLAC is affiliated with the New York Statewide Senior Action Council.

SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS: Choices for Long Term Care A Single Point of Entry for Long Term Care

Meeting of the Transportation Subcommittee of the Long Term Care Council will be held Wednesday, November 13, 2013 from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Legislative Committee Room, Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701

The Transportation Subcommittee of the Long Term Care Council is a coalition of key leaders and organizations who are interested in improving transportation in Sullivan County. The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center.

Meetings of the Transportation Subcommittee are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

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

There will also be a Meeting of Long Term Care Council on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Board Room at Discovery Health Center located at 606 Old Route 17, Monticello, NY 12701

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single

Point of Entry for information on long term care services in Sullivan County. The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, November 20, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Discovery Health Center, 606 Old Route 17, Monticello, NY. Please note: For the November meeting only, the Council will not be meeting in the Legislative Committee Room in the Government Center.

Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

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

Sullivan County Human Rights Commission Forum: "Rights Of The Accused" - Know Your Rights When Stopped By The Police

If you have questions about your rights if stopped by the police then come to the "Rights of the Accused" Forum to be held at the Spanish Deli and Grocery Store at 490 Broadway, Monticello, NY on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 6:00 P.M. to be presented by Attorney Tim Havas, Executive Director of the Sullivan Legal Aid Panel. Refreshments will be served.

Learn The Rules; Know The Law; Avoid Unnecessary Detention

For additional information you can contact Eric Monroe, Executive Director of The Sullivan County Human Rights Commission at (845) 807-0189 or e-mail him at eric.monroe@co.sullivan.ny.us.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

The Dark-Eyed Junco

Have you noticed any juncos in your backyard yet?



One of the most abundant forest birds of North America, you'll see juncos on woodland walks as well as in flocks at your feeders or on the ground beneath them.

These little birds live year round in the Catskills, but they generally stay

in higher elevations during the warmer weather and then around October come down from their lofty abodes to spend the winter in open woodlands, fields, parks, roadsides and our backyards.

The lively quaint junco (*Junco hyemalis*) a genus small grayish American sparrow. The 'dark-eyed' junco group that live in the Catskills are primarily of the slate-colored variety and they are a medium-sized sparrow with a rounded head, a short, stout bill and a fairly long, conspicuous tail.

The male birds have darker more conspicuous markings with a light gray back, dark gray head with a bright white belly. The female birds tend to be much more brown. The young dark-eyed junco are brown and buff colored with blurred stripes on their head, chest and back. At all ages, both female and male junco have a distinctive white outer tail feathers that flash whenever the bird moves. The length of the adult junco, both male and female is between 5.5-6.3 in. They weigh between .6 oz and 1.1 oz. They have a wingspan of 7.1 to 9.8 inches.

Juncos are quick as they search for seeds and then burst into flight, but they are also a rather tame little bird. Once they have established your feeder on their route, they will come close to your house and even allow you to get rather close.

Dark-eyed Juncos are primarily seed-eaters and will hop around the bases of trees and shrubs in forests or venture out onto lawns looking for fallen seeds.

They are active in any weather, including heavy snow or forceful winds and will continue to scratch about for food. During extreme weather they will seek shelter among the low dense branches of a hedge or bush and fluff their feathers often resembling a fat mouse.

If you wish to lure some of these friendly little juncos to your yard, try placing a mixture of seed including cracked corn and white millet on a rough cut board. They will entertain you all winter and once whispers of spring begin to fill the air, usually throughout March, the junco male will seek a high branch, perch there and deliver his song, changing his position from the ground to the tree-top preparing for the approaching warm weather when they will retreat to a higher altitude where they will breed in coniferous or mixed-coniferous forests. During the breeding season, Dark-eyed Juncos also eat insects including beetles, moths, butterflies, caterpillars, ants, wasps, and flies.

The female chooses the nest site, typically in a depression or niche on sloping ground, rock face, or amid the tangled roots of an upturned tree. Ground nests may get a fine lining of grasses or pine needles. Other nests may be built on a foundation of twigs, leaves and moss, then lined with grasses, ferns, rootlets, hair, and fine pieces of moss. The nests usually take 3-7 days to build, and when finished they are 3-5.5 inches across, with an inner diameter of 2.4-2.8 inches and depth of 1.6-2.8 inches. It's rare for a junco to reuse a nest. The clutch size is 3-6 eggs and they have 1 to 3 broods. The tiny eggs are .7 to .8 in. long and .6 wide. The eggs are white, gray, pale blueish white or pale-greenish white speckled with brown, gray and green, but on occasion they are unmarked. The incubation period is 12-13 days. Once hatched the baby junco are naked except for a dark gray down on the back. Their eyes are closed making them quite clumsy.

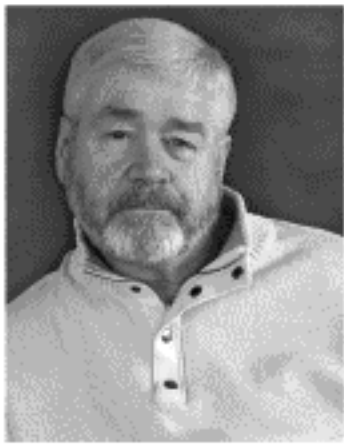
Now that winter is approaching, the junco are leaving their higher elevations to enjoy the season with us in the woodlands, fields, parks, roadsides, and our backyards!

Household Hints

Disinfect cutting boards

To disinfect and clean your wood cutting boards or butcher block countertop, wipe them with full-strength white vinegar after each use. The acetic acid in the vinegar is a good disinfectant, effective against such harmful bugs as E. coli, Salmonella, and Staphylococcus. Never use water and dishwashing detergent, because it can weaken surface wood fibers. When your wooden cutting surface needs deodorizing as well as disinfecting, spread some baking soda over it and then spray on undiluted white vinegar. Let it foam and bubble for five to ten minutes, then rinse with a cloth dipped in clean cold water.

Save Yourself - Mysterious Book Report No. 123 by John Dwaine McKenna



There's a saying my old Irish Grandmother repeated that goes like so: God made the countryside and man built the cities . . . *but the devil made the small town.*

I've thought about that old saw over the years, and what I think she meant was this: in a small town everyone knows everyone else's business, so therefore, no one can EVER escape from their past. And nowhere is it more true than in a small southwestern Pennsylvania town where this week's MBR No. 123, *Save Yourself*, (Crown Publishing/Random House, \$25.00, 310 pages ISBN 978-0-385-34734-1) by Kelly Braffet, takes place. It's where a twenty something named Patrick Cusimano is living with his brother Mike in their family homestead, along with Mike's girlfriend. Their mother is dead. Their father lives in prison, sent down on a fifteen-year stretch for DUI and vehicular homicide . . . a hit and run that killed a little boy. Both brothers are trying to live with the shame, each in his own way, because, well, because it's complicated. See, Patrick, who reported the crime, waited nineteen hours before doing so, while his brother Mike and their father tried to talk him out of it. Mike is dealing with the ignomy by self-medicating with alcohol and pretending it doesn't exist. Patrick, the more sensitive of the two, is working a low-wage graveyard shift at a local gas and convenience stop in an attempt to avoid almost all human contact. But his life gets more complicated when he finds himself attracted to his brother's girlfriend. He fights it, but it's complicated. More so because the attraction is, well, sort of mutual, at least sometimes. Then there's a seventeen year old Goth girl who's after Patrick in a very carnal way; her demonic cohort and his acolytes; the vengeful parents of the murdered little boy; plus a crusading religious zealot . . . and suddenly we find that author Braffet has gathered all the elements of a wide-open, full tilt, screamin' hot, rock n' roll boogie that'll leave the reader sweaty and gasping for breath. Oh yeah, boys and girls . . . you don't want to miss this ode to a small town's psychological demolition. It's awesome!

I don't think there's a library anywhere that's not awe inspiring. From the largest to the smallest, they all exist to serve women and mankind. Now that's awesome! Go. Participate. See for yourself what all the fuss is about . . . Speaking of fuss, check out our websites: johndwainemckenna.com and rhyolitepress.com

The websites are enhanced and improved and easier to navigate. Check it out for yourself and sign up for our FREE NEWSLETTER. It's an all-new feature. While there, if you like us on Facebook and join our ever growing community of book lovers and adherents of the other *Literae Humaniores*, you'll automatically get our weekly blogs and book reviews at 8 am Eastern time on Monday mornings, just as you get into work. That way, you can relax with your coffee and still look busy as you re-adjust from the weekend back to the workweek. *Colorado Noir* is off and running. A limited number of author signed copies are available from Rhyolite Press LLC, P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901, for \$16.95 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling. The book is 318 pages, and eleven stories that will take you for a walk on the wild, dark and seamy side of one of the most controversial cities in America via the award-winning pen of John Dwaine McKenna, author of *The Neversink Chronicles* and *The Whim-Wham Man*. In *Colorado Noir* you'll ride along with a homeless, autistic woman named Elaine, as she tries to pick her living from the garbage in *The Aluminum Mistress* . . . Hang out with Yazzie and Darrell Lee as they learn to live rough, surviving by petty theft until one of them commits a capital crime in *The Ghosts of Christmas Present* . . . There's merry mischief and pathos aplenty in *Mosby's Retreat*, where you'll meet a four-footed usher of death . . . Experience utter terror at 30,000 feet on a B-17 flying abattoir in *The Rising*, an unforgettable WWII story . . . And treat yourself to the second Jake McKern novella in *A Mischief of Rats*, as you countdown to a crime spree and shootout that will leave the reader gasping and blood running in the streets of Colorado Springs. All these, plus six more of the best noir stories in town. If you love crime fiction and mystery, don't you DARE miss *Colorado Noir*! Available at Amazon, Kindle eBooks, Barnes & Noble and bookstores everywhere, as well as the publisher, Rhyolite Press. --JDM

Moonbeam Children's Book Awards

The Moonbeam Children's Book Awards celebrating youthful curiosity, discovery and learning through books and reading, has awarded it's 2013 silver medallion for excellence in Pre-Teen Historical and Cultural Fiction to: *The Boy Who Slept With Bears* by George R. Douthitt III Published by Rhyolite Press LLC

There were more than 1200 entries from around the world. A total of 165 medals were awarded, to entrants from thirty-five US states, five Canadian Provinces and seven overseas countries. The winners came from long established publishers, small presses, Universities, foundations and self-published entrepreneurs, all of whom are dedicated to promoting childhood literacy.

"The Moonbeam Children's Book Awards are intended to bring increased recognition to exemplary children's books and their creators, and to support childhood literacy and life-long reading. The Awards recognize and reward the best of these books and bring them to the attention of parents, booksellers, librarians - and to children themselves."

For further information: Contact Lora@Rhyolitepress.com 719-203-5265

Myanmar Through My Lens Photo Presentation at the CAS Arts Center

Livingston Manor, NY - The Catskill Art Society will present local artist Bruce Janklow for a photography presentation and discussion focused on his latest trip to Myanmar at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY on Sunday, November 24 at 2pm. This event is free and open to the public, and small donations will be accepted at the door.

Bruce Janklow, an avid photographer, traveler and local resident, has captured the Pagodas, monks, natural beauty and endearing faces of this fascinating country that is emerging from isolation and joining the world community. Join us at CAS as Bruce share his photos and impressions from his just-completed photographic tour. Wine and cheese will follow an audience Q & A.

"As a photographer after many years of taking pictures, I am interested in trying to turn my camera into my paintbrush and see how painterly I can become," says Janklow.

Bruce Janklow works in ceramics and photography, and splits his time between two very different but equally beautiful and incredible locations - the high desert of San Miguel de Allende Mexico and the lush Beaverkill Valley in the Catskill Mountains of New York State. Learn more about him on his website, www.brucejanklow.com.

From the Ulster County Sheriff's Office

Deputies of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of Glenn O. Greene, 21 years of age, of 24 Maples Road in Middletown, New York. Mr. Greene has been charged with the violation of Unlawful Possession of Marijuana and the vehicle and traffic violations of Aggravated Unlicensed Operation in the third degree and Driving without Adequate Stop Lamps.

On November 5th, 2013 at approximately 12:35 a.m., deputies observed a vehicle traveling on North Main St. in the Village of Ellenville with a brake light out. The vehicle was stopped, and investigation revealed that Mr. Green was the operator. A check of his driver's license showed he had a suspended NYS driver's license. Further investigation revealed that he was in possession of a quantity of marijuana.

Mr. Greene was released at the scene with appearance tickets that are returnable to the Village of Ellenville Court on November 19th, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Roscoe PTA Annual Variety Show & Holiday Dessert Silent Auction

On Friday, November 22, 2013 at 7 pm in the RCS auditorium the doors will open at 6:30 pm for the Roscoe PTA Annual Variety Show.

Admission is \$5.00 for adults; \$4.00 for senior citizens; \$3.00 for students and 4 years and under are FREE

There will be baskets raffled off and a 50/50 drawing between the first and second acts! Refreshments will also be available during intermission! For information call Becky - 607-498-4126

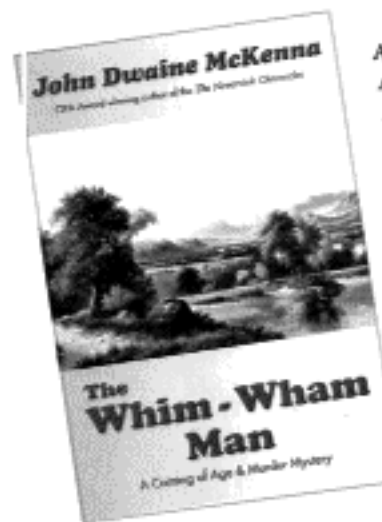
And also mark your calendars for the Roscoe Central School PTA as they once again will be holding a Holiday Dessert "Silent Auction" on Tuesday, November 26, 2012 at the Roscoe/Rockland Community Hall.

The doors will open at 6:30 and winners will be announced at 7:30 Coffee and tea will be served

Donations should be labeled and ingredients listed. All donations can be delivered to the hall by 5pm on Nov. 20 or to the Roscoe Diner and time before that.

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The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda
Frost on the Pumpkin

As Halloween candy grows stale or disappears from sight, I can spy snowflakes coming down in the wind. My pumpkins are still intact since I never got around to turning them into Jack-O-Lanterns. They look cold and out of place without the fall foliage to echo their colors. Today is a reminder that once trick-or-treating is over, it is a roller coaster ride through the rest of the year with holiday preparations.

At our family no one has, of yet, claimed Thanksgiving dinner. Like a bill deposited at the end of a restaurant meal, we all know it is there, but no one makes the move to pick it up. Who will get the honor?

I really love Thanksgiving. It has all the good food and company without the hassle of gift shopping. The best part is the leftovers. Nothing better than a cold turkey sandwich with mayo and pepper.

This year Thanksgiving is late. It is, in fact, falling on the first day of Chanukah. That intensifies the season of gift giving and feast planning.

We had such a delightful fall with warm weather up to now that I am in a bit of fashion shock. Definitely time to get out those winter coats and sweaters. Now where did I put those boots last year? Today I wore sandals with socks. How is that for a transitional fashion statement?

The stores quickly cleared shelves of orange and black, and little retail elves replaced them with red and green, blue and silver.

Today the snowflakes were harbingers of the holiday season. Next will be the outdoor lights and then the first Christmas card from Bev and Joe Stein. Then we are off to repeat traditions of baking, decorating and giving. As the season approaches, I am saddened that two of my very good friends won't be there to celebrate it. Holidays are for celebrating, but they are also for remembering. I remember Judie Rank and Carl Stone.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES- Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center - 711 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401 - - reservoirmusiccenter.com
 No column this week. Fred is with his family celebrating a family member's birthday!

Bare Naked Hiking - The views get better as the Hudson Valley approaches winter

Hudson Valley, NY (November 2013) - The Hudson Valley is beautiful dressed in fall foliage, but when the leaves are gone and bare branches reach for the sky, whole new vistas open up to show the landscape.

Like secrets, the leafless panoramas reveal unseen rock formations, buildings, and views through the trees that warmer weather foliage obscures.

Pathway choices range from an easy stroll to a more ambitious trek. The trail up Mount Beacon is steep, but well worth the resulting view. Stairs along the former course of the Beacon Incline Railway (plans are in the works to restore it) take you to



One of the newest hikes is across the Rosendale Trestle, a high flying rail bridge connecting two peaks 150 feet over the Rondout Creek and the quaint village of Rosendale.

observation platforms with views stretching from the Hudson Highlands to the Catskill Mountains. A monument at the top of the mountain commemorates the signal fires built to warn the patriots of British troop movements during the Revolutionary War. Steps also take you to the top of the Empire State Plaza and the Corning Tower Observation Deck. Breathtaking views of Albany, the Plaza, and the Hudson River are the first things you'll see before your eyes take in the foothills of the Adirondacks, the Catskills, the Green Mountains of Vermont, and the Berkshires of western Massachusetts. Forty-two flights of stairs will give you a good workout, but take the elevator if you prefer.

Wooded mountain trails are some of the most popular hiking spots in the Hudson Valley. It's an easy lope up to Manitou Point Preserve, a 136 acre park bordering a spectacular section of the Hudson River. The figure-eight path loops around to an overlook with Sugarloaf Hill to the north and West Point standing majestically across the river. A more challenging hike to the Catskill Mountain House Site in Haines Falls opens up a panorama that takes in five states. From an elevation of 540 feet at Kaaterskill Falls, the escarpment rises to 2,250 feet and the site where the historic hotel once stood. The park is closed to vehicles, but hiking is still popular even if you only go to the top of the falls.

Closer to the Hudson River, the trail from Nyack Beach State Park winds around the base of Hook Mountain and is perfect for a casual saunter or bike ride. The leaves have departed, so be sure to look up to the beautiful rock formations on the mountain. Check for white blazes that ascend to the Long Path running along the mountain top for elevated views. In winter, when the waterside path is covered in snowy white, it's open for snowshoeing. Less than an hour away, the Appalachian Trail skims the ridge overlooking Greenwood Lake. An easy one hour stroll from the top of Mount Peter takes you to a

rock outcropping where all 11 miles of the lake can be seen clear into New Jersey. Along the way, peer deep into the woods on either side of the path for interesting geological formations and a peek at some of the native woodland creatures.

One of the newest hikes is across the Rosendale Trestle, a high flying rail bridge connecting two peaks 150 feet over the Rondout Creek and the quaint village of Rosendale. At almost a thousand feet long, the trestle opened in 1872 and was the tallest in the United States at the time. Recently restored, local hikers are enthusiastic about the opening because it connects sections of a 24-mile rail trail now

being developed. Seven thousand years before the coming of the railroad, Croton Point Park was inhabited by Native Americans who later established a fortress on this peninsula jutting into the Hudson River. Open year round, even small children can enjoy a jaunt in the park along with a visit to the Croton Point Nature Center. Now that the trees are bare, unobstructed views of the Palisades show the magnitude of this sheer drop into the Hudson.

Families are also attracted to the Schor Conservation Area in Canaan. Take a leisurely walk along the wooded trails as they wend their way to the summit. Kids love to see the squirrels scampering through the woods, much easier now that there's no greenery obstructing the view! Once you're at the top, the Catskill Mountains and Hudson Valley spread out before you, and on a clear day you can see the Albany skyline. Just a short distance north, another family spot is the Dyken Pond Environmental Education Center in Croseyville. A variety of eco-systems comprise this nature preserve with trails ranging from a quarter mile to 4 miles long. Geocaching sites are stashed along the way within the 40 acres, a great way for casual hikers to explore in any season.

Hike our Hudson Valley trails and parks in the cooler months for a new look at the gorgeous terrain. Nature reveals itself through wider expanses now that the trees are bare and you can see more deeply into wooded areas. See what really lies beyond the trees before Mother Nature dresses them in green again.

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

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Saturday, November 12, noon - November 16th, the Big Indian Native American Cultural Center will be having their annual Thanksgiving Gathering with the Pine Hill Community Center in Pine Hill, NY from 12 to 4. This year the Nimham Singers Drum group will be joining us for our festivities. We have small spaces for some vendors if anyone is interested, we will be having Jim RedFox telling stories, dancing, drumming, a raffle and more, please bring something to share on our Thanksgiving table with us. Everyone is always welcome to join us.

Saturday, Nov. 30, 10 am (rain or shine) The Pine Hill Community Center has received a special honor! The Third Annual Phoenicia Turkey Trot will benefit the Center to help us toward funding a much needed new roof.

This event is the soul of what our Catskill Communities are all about - a morning to get out, meet your friends, neighbors, visitors, experience one of the most interesting villages around, and do good while you're at it. We hope that all our friends and supporters will turn out and Trot with us. fmi: www.phoeniciaturkeytrot.com

A 2.4 mile run, ramble, trot, walk or wobble Free Tot Trot 5 and under at 9:30 am. Registration and sign in from 8-9:45 am at the Parish Hall. (across from the St Francis de Sales church, Main St Phoenicia) Free Turkey Trot Tee Shirts to the first 50 registered! For more information contact Heather 688-7064/ info@phoeniciaturkeytrot.com or Patti 254-4126 for online registration: www.phoeniciaturkeytrot.com

Wednesday, December 4, 11am. A Yiddish Vinkel. A brand new weekly program. Join us and explore Yiddish. Whether you speak it, or want to learn a few words or expressions, we'd like to bring back a "time remembered."

Call Doree - 845-586-2764 if you plan to attend or email dorick@yahoo.com.

Saturday, December 7. 9am - 4pm. Blood Drive, Crafts Fair and Chili Festival. Spend the day at the Community Center. Begin by donating blood, Through the American Red Cross, we are hosting a blood drive to honor our Director, Ann Epner. The blood drive will take place in The Rainbow Room from 9am - 2pm. Ann says that every day she is grateful to those who provide good blood to those who need it. It's the greatest holiday gift you can give.

In the main space we will have some of the area's best craftspeople and produce producers. This is a great opportunity to purchase those last minute holiday gifts. Jaime DeForest will be on hand with her renowned chiles, and if you'd like, you can purchase one of Jaime's beautiful bowls to eat your choice of chile from. Of course all the fixin's will be available as well as yummy baked goods and refreshing drinks. Vendors, if you are interested in participating, call 845-254-5469 or email info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org.

Saturday, December 14 - 6 pm - 9pm - Catskill Cabaradio returns with a special holiday edition. As always, we'll start with a potluck community dinner at 6 pm, and then the live radio broadcast begins at 7 pm. More details to come, but as always hosts Elly Wininger and Dave Kearney, the Pine Hill Playboys and special guests make this one of the Catskills' favorite events.

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DiNapoli: \$4 Million Available for Veterans to Expand Their Businesses

With Veterans Day coming, New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli today spotlighted the availability of \$4 million in competitive fixed-rate small business loans for military veterans through the New York Business Development Corp.

"Our freedoms are protected because of the brave men and women of our armed forces. Their dedication and discipline make a difference in the lives of all Americans and we must do all that we can to show our appreciation," DiNapoli said. "The veterans program helps to address the financial hardships of active duty with loans to small businesses owned by military veterans for working capital and expansions."

The New York State Common Retirement Fund provides funds to the New York Business Development Corp. (NYBDC) to make loans to New York-based small businesses for working capital, equipment or real property. Since 1987, NYBDC has used these funds to make more than 1,000 loans totaling \$324 million to small businesses across the state. The loans are also guaranteed by the Small Business Administration.

Working with NYBDC, DiNapoli designated \$5 million for veteran-owned businesses administered by NYBDC. There is \$4 million remaining in available funding through the program.

For information about the program and company eli-

gibility, visit:
http://www.nybdc.com/how-can-we-help/PB2a_Loans_for_Veterans_69_7_sb.htm

About the Common Retirement Fund

The \$160.7 billion New York State Common Retirement Fund is the third largest public pension plan in the United States with more than one million members, retirees and beneficiaries from state and local governments. The Fund has a diversified portfolio of public and private equities, fixed income, real estate and alternative instruments.

About the New York Business Development Corporation

NYBDC's mission is to promote economic activity and opportunity within New York state by providing innovative loans to credit-worthy small businesses that are unable to access capital at reasonable rates and terms from conventional sources; and, particularly, to assist minority and women-owned businesses by offering credit opportunities not otherwise available to them.

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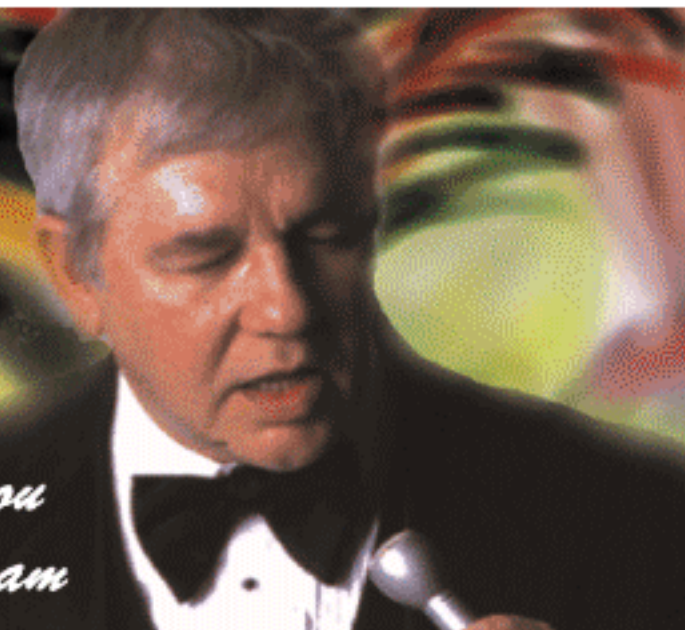
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CWC hosts exhibit of "Swamp Photos" by Ruth Wetzel

Photographs of the hidden beauty and mystery of wetlands by Stone Ridge artist and photographer Ruth Wetzel are on view weekdays from 8 to 4:30 through the end of December at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) office, 905 Main St., Margaretville.

"Swamp Photos" is a collection of 14 color digital images of what Wetzel describes as "ever changing ecosystems, unique combinations of land and water. Their mystery and wonder bring proximity and unexpected immediacy to an overlooked topic. This presentation contrasts with the idea of landscape as romantic, benign scenes of familiar beauty."

Each complex, natural arrangement of leaves, twigs, reflection and surface film evokes a mood or emotion, whether loss, hope, pleasure or foreboding. Most of the photographs were taken at wetlands in Ulster County.

Ruth Wetzel has been a working artist for more than 20 years. She studied design at SUNY College at Buffalo and designed textiles before receiving her MFA from Maryland Institute, College of Art. Additional study was at Studio Art Center International in Florence, Italy, at Bard College and at SUNY New Paltz, where she has exhibited at the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art.

Wetzel's work has also been shown at galleries and museums throughout the East and across New York State. This year her work was included in a group show in Okayama, Japan. Images of the artist's work can be viewed at www.swampphotos.com and www.ruthwetzel.com.

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

Information on CWC programs and projects, as well as meeting schedules and board agendas, can be found on the corporation's web site: www.cwconline.org. Inquiries are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CWC's offices; via email at invest@cwconline.org, and by telephone, toll-free: 877-WAT-SHED (877-928-7433).

NACL presents a Staged Reading of Last Words by poet, Laura EJ Moran

On Sunday, November 17th at 4 PM will present a Staged Reading of Last Words by poet, Laura EJ Moran.

NACL resident poet/playwright Laura Moran has written a new work entitled Last Words. Both dramatic poetry and poetic drama, the performance is inspired by the last words of the first one-hundred women legally executed in colonial America, and is set in the Massachusetts Bay Colony where riparian worlds collide.

Last Words reconstructs the plight of Constance Greene, a young woman built from ephemera-part fiction, part poetry, part science, and part artifact. The staged reading is directed by NACL resident director Mimi McGurl and features a cast of local actors including Brett Keyser, Cass Collins, Corinna Vaca Moran, Kyoshin Lohr, Tannis Kowalchuk.

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Local Artists Attend North East Watercolor Societys International Art Show Awards and Dinner (From Pg. 1)

The Annual Exhibition has become international, attracting entrants from as far as Singapore, Greece, and Malaysia and other foreign countries as well as members from all over the United States and Canada.

The North East Watercolor Society (NEWS) The North East Watercolor Society was formed as the Orange County Watercolor Society by Babette Roy of Warwick, NY and Don Selchow, of Monroe, NY under the inspiration of internationally famous illustrator, teacher and fine artist, John Pike, N. A., A. W. S..

NEWS sponsors a workshop with nationally known artists and two demonstrations as well as at least one member show per year. Membership is open to anyone interested in watercolor or in supporting the art of watercolor painting. This year the workshop was taught by James McFarlane, AWS and presently president of the American Watercolor Society at the at the Seligmann Estate in Sugar Loaf, NY

For more information please visit our website www.northeastws.com or contact our president Richard Price NEWS 866 Cadonia Rd. Hancock, NY 13783.

Tom Wessells Discusses The Myth of Progress: Toward a Sustainable Future (From Pg. 1)

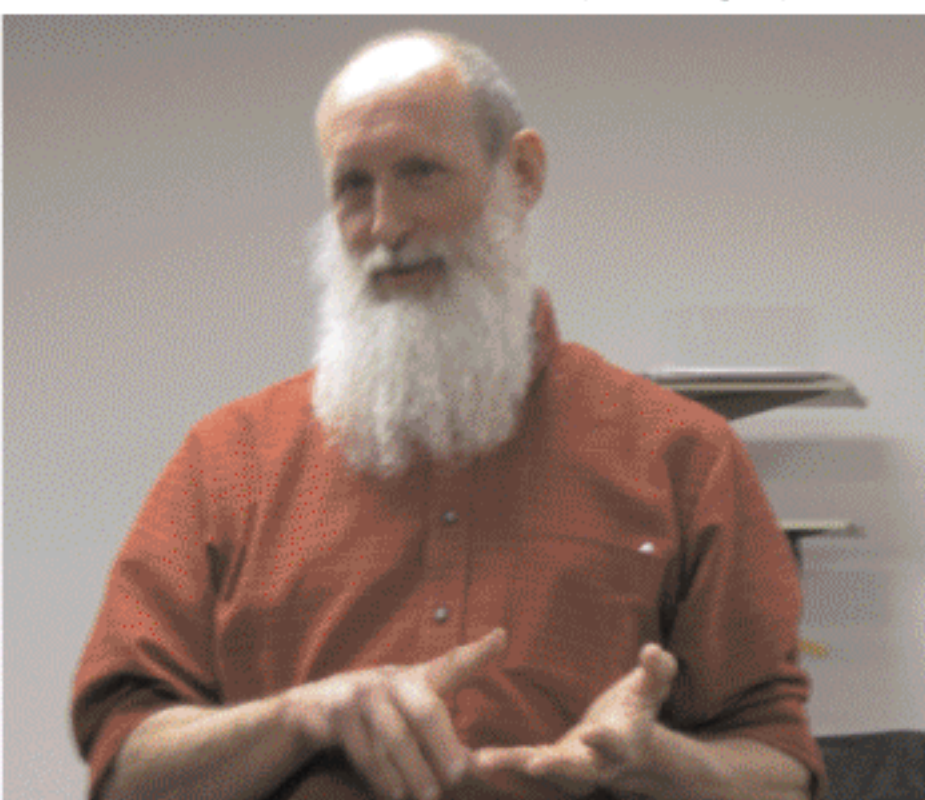
Wessells has the capability to make complex scientific principles comprehensible to the average lay person. He clearly showed the existence of truth through examples, with the ramifications of these laws and principles on the future of our planet.

His recent book, *The Myth of Progress* is easy to read, and will communicate how interconnected we all are to the environment and how our current political and economic situations based on continual progress and growth are not a sustainable system for our Earth or humanity.

The richness of life is created through connections with community, and not a need to compulsively consume the "frivolous accoutrements that we tend to think of as making us happy, but which really don't."

Tom Wessells is an ecologist and Faculty Emeritus at Antioch University New England.

The event was sponsored by Rondout Neversink Stream Program, a project of Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District in partnership with NYC Department of Environmental Protection.



Eight Liberty High School Student-Musicians Selected for Area All-State

Liberty, NY...Eight Liberty student-musicians were selected to represent Liberty High School at the 2013 Area All-State Festival. Students are chosen based on their audition in the spring of 2013 at the NYSSMA Solo Music Festival (New York State School Music Association).



From L to R, back row: Willie Killian (chorus), Brian Russell (chorus), Jon Nilsen (orchestra, bassoon) and Neftali Cubero, Jr. (band, bass trombone). Front Row: Gwen Nieves (chorus), Eileen Burke (band, flute), Kim Zuniga (band, flute) and Myra McConnell (band, trombone).

Selected for the Area All-State Chorus were William Killian, Brian Russell and Gwen Nieves. Jon Nilsen (bassoon) was selected for the AA-S Orchestra and Eileen Burke (flute), Kim Zuniga (flute), Myra McConnell (trombone) and Neftali Cubero, Jr. (bass trombone) were selected for AA-S Band.

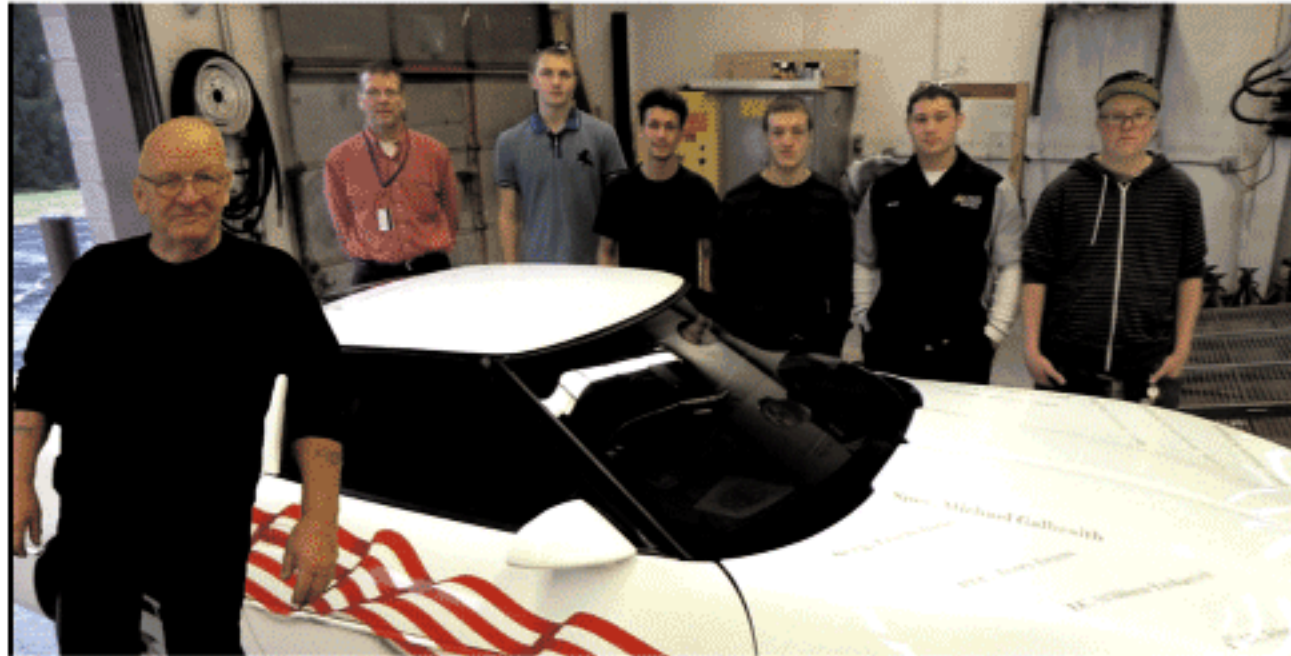
William Killian was also selected as an Alternate for the 2013 All-State Mixed Chorus.

The Area All-State Festival showcases the talents of students in a particular region of New York State. Liberty is a part of Zone 9, which is also made up of Orange, Ulster, Greene and Rockland Counties.

The concert will take place on November 23 at the Tri-Valley Central School Auditorium (Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740). Concert 1 begins at 3:30 p.m. and features the Women's Chorus and Symphonic Band. Concert 2 begins at 5:30 p.m. and features the Symphonic Orchestra and Mixed Chorus. Tickets are \$8. Visit www.nyssma.org for more information.

Veteran's Tribute Car Designed for NYC Veteran's Day Parade in Liberty

On November 7th, the Auto Body Class at the Career & Technical Education Center at Sullivan BOCES presented Marine Staff Sergeant Julius Leonard "Sarge", with a refurbished 1984 Chevy Corvette in tribute to the thousands of soldiers who gave their lives for our nation. The car will be driven in the 2013 New York City Veterans Parade on Monday, November 11th.



When Sarge was asked about how he felt when he first saw the car, he said he was amazed. He felt that the other veterans will be spellbound when they see the car. "Working with these students has been one of my greatest experiences," added Sarge.

In September 2013, Sarge, who runs the Cpl. David W. Leonard K.I.A. War Memorial Museum in Parksville, NY, called Fred Muller, Auto Body Instructor at the Career & Technical Education Center, to see if the class could repair and paint the Corvette in time for the 2013 NYC Veteran's Day parade.

The wife of a Korean War veteran donated the 1984 Chevy Corvette to the War Memorial Museum after the passing of her husband. The car was in rough shape, but drive-able. Although the deadline was tight and the project was challenging, the Auto Body and Vehicle Maintenance class began working on the car immediately. Various individuals and organizations donated the parts and materials used to refurbish the car.

Sarge requested that the car be painted white with an American flag painted on it. Fred Muller and his students thought that the car should have some Sullivan County "flavor", so the class painted a few names of Sullivan County veterans killed in action on the hood of the car. The class selected at least one name from WWI on to represent all of our lost soldiers. The names listed include CPT Harold Faldermeyer, Spec. James Muller, Corp. Robert Johnson, PFC. Jason Kropat, I.C. William Yaskanich, 1st LT. John Crawford, PRC. Jerry Evans, Serg. Lewis Lorio, Spec. Michael Galbraith, PFC. Frank Stokes, PFC. Anthony Kaiser, and 1st. LT. Baldomero Lopez.

James Terpstra, a senior at Sullivan West who plans to join the Marines after graduation, stated, "Giving back to everyone who serves is a great honor. We will take great pride to see what people think of the car."

The Auto Body Program at the Career & Tech Center at Sullivan County BOCES is part of the I-CAR Professional Development Program, a nationally recognized training and curriculum program. Formed by the collision industry in 1979, I-CAR, the Inter-Industry Conference on Auto Collision Repair, is a not-for-profit training organization focused on education, knowledge and solutions for the Collision Repair Inter-Industry. The primary goal of I-CAR is complete and safe repairs for the ultimate benefit of the consumer. I-CAR develops and delivers technical training programs to professionals in all areas of the Collision Repair Inter-Industry.

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In the wake of Tropical Storm Irene, after months of work the Catskill Mountain Railroad has once again established train service back to Phoenicia.

After months of work, the volunteers of the Catskill Mountain Railroad, successfully repaired "Campground Curve" which was washed out by Tropical Storm Irene. The CMRR performed the rebuild in-house using money from ticket fares from its tourist train operations. The photo is of the work train heading west to Phoenicia for the first time in two years".

Holiday Penny Social

There will be a Holiday Penny Social sponsored by the Friends of St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 24th at the Liberty Firehouse 256 Sprague Avenue, Liberty.

The doors will open at 2PM, Calling will begin at 3:30PM

There will be a Holiday Food Basket, Door Prizes, Baked Goods Table Specials Table 50/50 Refreshments

A reminder that Thanksgiving Worship Service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church Liberty, NY - next to the PO on Tuesday, November 26th at 7:00 p.m. Give thanks for what you have and bring it forward. Bring food for the food pantry. There will be an Advent Worship Services and Bible Study at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Sunday and Informal Gathering will be on Tuesday December 10 at 6:30 p.m.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

To the Editor:

At the Claryville Fire District meeting of October 15, a line by line examination of the budget should have been made; there were many questions without answers.

In the 2014 budget, the capital reserve fund (set aside for future equipment purchases) was reduced from \$50,000 to \$30,000. It should have been more. \$7912.94 in unexpended funds from the 2013 budget were transferred to Capital Reserve. Capital Reserve should have been reduced to \$22,000.

Capital Reserve is nearly \$400,000.

Beginning with the 2009 budget, the fire district budgeted from \$2,000 to \$2400 for the fire chiefs' use of their personal vehicles. Fire District Law permits reimbursement only in the amount of \$0.555 per mile, which is the Federal Income Tax allowance for mileage. Spending \$2400 for this purpose would require the chiefs to drive 4,314 miles each year, or from New York to California - budget padding pure and simple.

Another item introduced in 2009 was the chiefs' budget, starting at \$5,150, rising to \$8,561.68 for the year 2013 and budgeted at \$5,350 for 2014. It is interesting to note that in the 2014 Budget Work Sheet, this was one of the few items that was spent in its entirety, when other items still had funds remaining as of August 2013. Fire Law does not permit a petty cash fund of more than \$250.00, which must be replenished by the treasurer when the proper vouchers are audited and approved by the fire commissioners.

For the past 5 years, fire district taxpayers have been concerned about the rise in fire taxes. A letter in the Townsman of September 12, 2013 and the meetings of October 15th and 25th have galvanized taxpayers into action. We must continue to question expenditures by the Fire District.

Jean Switzler
Red Hill Road
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Foraging and Feasting in Livingston Manor

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY Saturday, November 23rd, from 4 to 6 pm, meet Herbalist Author Dina Falconi and Botanical Illustrator Wendy Hollender for a Behind-the-Scenes slide presentation on the making of "Foraging & Feasting: A Field Guide and Wild Food Cookbook" at Morgan Outdoors, 46 Main Street in Livingston Manor, NY. The event also includes a book signing, Botanical Print Exhibition by Wendy Hollender, and wild and edible hors d'oeuvres, courtesy of Slow Food UpDeRiVa.

"Foraging & Feasting: A Field Guide and Wild Food Cookbook" features beautiful, instructive botanical illustrations and delicious, enlightening recipes. Falconi and Hollender share a long commitment to connecting with nature through food and art. Their effort weaves together Dina's 30 years of passionate investigations into wild-plant identification, foraging and cooking with Wendy's deft artistic skills honed over 15 years as a botanical illustrator. For the past three years they have been

writing, drawing, designing and testing the recipes for this book. Dina and Wendy launched a highly successful campaign to raise funds to publish it on Kickstarter in March of 2013.

Dina Falconi is a clinical herbalist with over 20 years teaching experience in the use of herbs for food, medicine, and pleasure. She is a founding member of the Northeast Herbal Association, a chapter leader of the Weston A. Price Foundation, and on the board of Slow Food-Hudson Valley. An avid gardener and wildcrafter, Dina also completed the Permaculture Design Certificate Course.

Wendy Hollender is a botanical artist, author, and instructor. Hollender's illustrations have been published in The New York Times, "O," The Oprah Magazine, Real Simple and The Observer (UK). Her work was included in the 13th International Exhibition at Hunt Institute for Botanical Documentation, and in exhibitions at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, and the Smithsonian National Museum for Natural History.

Reservations for this free event are required, as seating is limited. Call Morgan Outdoors 845/439 5507, 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. www.morgan-outdoors.com. Hours: 10 - 6, Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat. and 10-4 Sunday.

Tenney Notes Win for New York Farmers - Farm Bill Championed by Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney Signed Into Law

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney (R, C, I - New Hartford) called a new law that imposes a tax cap on farmland a victory for New York's hardworking farmers.

"This represents a great victory for New York's farmers," said Tenney. "Farmers in New York, especially upstate, have suffered under an incredible tax burden for years, and this new law will help relieve that. I am proud to have cosponsored this legislation and happy to see it signed into law."

"For years, skyrocketing tax assessments have forced farmers to carry a heavier and heavier tax burden," Tenney said. "New York's farmers pay about \$20 more per acre in property tax than the national average. As a result, New York has a reputation for hostility to farmers and their needs. This new tax cap is an important step in the process of changing our state's reputation of hostility toward agricultural business."

At \$38.41 per acre, property taxes for farmers in New York are currently the second highest in the nation. New York farmers pay \$25 more per acre than the national average. As a result, 15 percent of a New York farmers' net income was consumed by property taxes, a figure that is again, unfortunately, highest in the nation.

"High property taxes for farmers means higher prices for consumers at the market," said Tenney. "Tax relief for farmers helps keep the price of food down at the grocery store."

"Agricultural business is the number one industry in New York and a vital part of the Upstate economy. I am pleased that New York's farmers are finally getting some of the tax relief they deserve," said Tenney.

DiNapoli: Immigrants Continue to Play Key Role in New York City Economy 44 Percent of Workforce and \$210 Billion in Economic Activity

Immigrants in New York City accounted for \$210 billion in economic activity in 2011, or about 31 percent of New York City's gross city product, according to a report released today by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. While immigrants were hit hard by the recession, their wages rebounded strongly and exceeded pre-recession levels two years later.

"New York City is home to the

nation's largest and most diverse population of immigrants and they play a vital role in building the city's economy," said DiNapoli. "In 2011, immigrants were responsible for nearly one-third of the city's economic activity and represented 44 percent of its workforce. It is clear that the city continues to be a place for new beginnings for millions of immigrants from all over the world."

DiNapoli's report found that the ten Census-defined neighborhoods with the highest concentrations of immigrants showed stronger economic growth than the rest of the city. Throughout the city, immigrants have helped revitalize neighborhoods such as Coney Island, Corona, Elmhurst, Flushing, Jackson Heights and Washington Heights.

"We welcome the release of this important report from New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli that truly highlights how important immigrant communities are to the New York City economy," said Steven Choi, executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition. "With the largest immigrant population of any city in the entire country, New York City's 3 million immigrants are responsible for billions of dollars of economic output and are the engine of our economy. We hope that this report will be used as a resource for national, state, and city officials alike, as well as advocates in their work to support and further integrate immigrant communities into the fabric of this city and the nation."

New York City's immigrant population is the most diverse of any large city in the United States. Unlike many other major urban centers, there is no large concentration of immigrants from any one country. In 2011, more than half of New York City's immigrant population came from ten countries: Dominican Republic, China, Mexico, Jamaica, Ecuador, Guyana, Haiti, Trinidad & Tobago, India and Bangladesh.

"New York City's immigrants operate nearly half of the city's small businesses, and their contribution to the city's economy cannot be overstated," said Kathryn Wylde, President and CEO of the Partnership for New York City. "It's essential for the federal government to pass comprehensive immigration reform now."

"African small business owners have demonstrated their skill in business as illustrated by their thriving businesses, stores, markets, hair braiding salons, restaurants, and taxi bases across the city - particularly in Harlem and the Bronx," said Bakary Tandia, policy advocate at African Services Committee. "Comptroller DiNapoli's report highlights the economic contributions of immigrants, as well as, our role in helping to help to make New York City the great city that it is today."

DiNapoli's report also found:

* New York City, with the highest number of immigrants of any city in the nation, has twice the immigrant population of Los Angeles, which is home to the second largest immigrant population.

* The immigrant population in New York City has more than doubled over the past four decades and accounted for 37 percent of the city's population in 2011. Immigrants have been the driving force behind the growth in the city's population.

* Nearly 1.9 million immigrants, including 290,000 commuters, work in New York City, representing 44 percent of the city's workforce.

* Although immigrants make up a significant share of the workforce in lower-paying occupations, they are also well-represented in many higher-paying occupations, including physicians, accountants, auditors and financial managers.

* From 2007 to 2009, immigrant wages decreased by 12 percent, but quickly rebounded in the two years after with a 16 percent increase.

* From 2000 to 2011, the number of businesses in the ten Census-defined neighborhoods with the highest concen-

trations of immigrants grew by nearly 23 percent, compared to growth of 7 percent in the rest of the city.

* Of the city's five boroughs, Queens and Brooklyn had the highest concentrations of immigrants.

Message From: Congressman Gibson

Dear Friend,

Veterans Day weekend provided us a moment to stop and reflect on the incredible and enduring sacrifices our veterans have made on behalf of our nation. I was fortunate to spend much of the week at events honoring veterans around the 19th District. From Edmeston to Marlboro, schools have held remarkable and moving programs, allowing veterans to tell their stories to a younger generation. I'm grateful to have been a part of them.

I was in Woodbourne at a parade to honor veterans on Saturday. On Sunday, I started with a breakfast at the Brunswick Elks Lodge, then a veterans lunch in Bloomingburg, and finally the Marine Corps birthday dinner in Livingston. On Monday, Veterans Day, I attended a memorial ceremony in Stamford in the morning and then the dedication of the Columbia Greene Community College Veterans Lounge - an important hub for local veterans to connect and get resources and assistance. In the afternoon, I was at Mariner's Harbor in Kingston for their Veterans Day Dinner and then finally at the Mohawk Battalion Alumni Hall of Fame Event at Siena College, where I attended ROTC during my time in college.

In Congress, I have had the privilege of working on legislative initiatives that help our veterans. Notably, we've made important progress on an issue critical to our Vietnam veterans. I am fighting to extend coverage for Agent Orange related diseases to our Blue Water Navy veterans and the House passed legislation to help in this regard. My bill, the Blue Water Navy Ship Accountability Act was incorporated into H.R. 2189, which passed the House 404-1. It would require a comprehensive search to determine which ships are eligible for coverage under current law, reducing the unacceptable wait time and backlog when new claims are filed. This would help Veterans who are currently sick or, in some cases, have died and claims are being made by their surviving families.

Moving forward, I'll be continuing to champion the underlying cause, H.R. 543, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013. This would grant presumptive Agent Orange exposure status to US servicemembers who served in the territorial seas off Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Presumptive coverage would enable eligible veterans to receive Veterans Affairs benefits if they suffer from any of the diseases the U.S. government has linked to Agent Orange.

Separately, in July, as part of my work with the bipartisan No Labels, I introduced legislation to ensure interoperability between the Department of Defense records system and the Veterans Affairs records system. Again, this initiative is part of a longer-term fix, and would enable more efficient and effective delivery of veterans' health care. The Senate is considering their National Defense Authorization Act in coming weeks, and I'm hopeful that, like the House, they will include interoperability provisions in their bill so we can enact it into law by the end of the year.

Aside from those two initiatives, the House has advanced a number of other bills important to veterans.

Without question, we must do everything we can to get our nation's veterans the benefits they earned serving our nation, and I am honored to be fighting on behalf of our service members.

To all those who served this Veteran's Day, thank you.

Chris Gibson
Member of Congress

NY Attorney General Schneiderman and Rep. Maloney: School Bullying and Religious Discrimination are Illegal and will not be Tolerated Attorney General And U.S. Rep. Pledge To Push For Coordinated State And Federal Response To Allegations In Pine Bush Central School District

NEW YORK -- Attorney General Eric Schneiderman and U.S. Representative Sean Patrick Maloney (NY-18) today warned that violation of laws that prohibit discrimination and harassment will not be tolerated, and pledged to pursue a full state and federal response to the allegations of bullying and pervasive harassment of and discrimination against Jewish students in the Pine Bush Central School District. Representative Maloney and Attorney General Schneiderman issued the following joint statement:

"School students must be protected from illegal bullying and discrimination regardless of their faith or their religious practices. We will not turn a blind eye to instances of bullying that leave physical or psychological scars on children of all ages. Schools should be a safe haven for students to learn and grow, not a place of hatred and persecution. These allegations, lodged by students in the Pine Bush Central School District and their families are deeply troubling. Building on the investigation that the Attorney General's Civil Rights Bureau has been conducting, we are committed to ensuring a full state, federal and local response that both addresses this matter and protects students across our state from hate and anti-Semitism."

Last November, Attorney General Schneiderman's Civil Rights Bureau launched an investigation after receiving complaints that Jewish students enrolled in the Pine Bush Central School District -- which covers seven townships located in Ulster, Sullivan and Orange Counties - were subjected to pervasive harassment and discrimination. The Dignity for All Students Act, which was signed into law on September 8, 2010 is New York's first comprehensive statewide anti-bullying legislation and stands as a powerful tool against discrimination and harassment in public elementary and secondary schools.

The Act protects New York students while promoting increased tolerance and lessons in diversity, and provides broad and meaningful protections for all students against harassment based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex.

In addition to conducting an investigation into the allegations, Rep. Maloney and Attorney General Schneiderman called on Congress to protect other students from similar abuse by passing the Safe School Improvement Act - the first federal law to prevent bullying and harassment in schools. This bi-partisan legislation would give schools more resources they need to prevent school bullying and ensure that students are protected from bullying and harassment, including conduct based on a student's actual or perceived race, color, national origin, sex, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or religion.

They also called on local officials to use all available resources to ensure that students, parents and communities have information and tools on how to prevent and report bullying.

Incidents of school bullying are on the rise in New York and across the country. In a recent survey, fewer than half of students (44%) in New York schools reported feeling very safe at

school, while 39 percent of students reported bullying, name calling and harassment to be serious problems in their school.

To report an incident of school bullying or other civil rights complaint, contact the Civil Rights Bureau at 212-416-8250 or civil.rights@ag.ny.gov.

DiNapoli Releases Quick Start State Budget Analysis for 2014-15 Tax Receipts Projected to Grow 2.5 Percent

State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli projects State Operating Funds revenues will grow by 2.5 percent to \$90.1 billion in state fiscal year 2014-15, according to the Comptroller's annual Quick Start report released today in accordance with the Budget Reform Act of 2007.

"Key measures of the national economy are expected to strengthen next year, including GDP, employment and consumer spending, but more dysfunction in Washington could derail some of this progress," DiNapoli said. "Overall economic growth in New York State is projected to remain modest in 2014, and while Wall Street is expected to remain profitable, it is still adapting to a changing regulatory and economic environment. Progress has been made over the last three budgets, however, policy makers will continue to be challenged to align recurring spending and revenue."

Under state law, the Comptroller, Governor and Legislature are required to separately submit by November 5, separate reports detailing receipts and disbursements estimated for the current and ensuing fiscal years.

DiNapoli projects tax receipts are expected to rise 4.7 percent, or \$3.1 billion, in the current fiscal year, with most of that growth having already been received due to payments on prior-year obligations in April 2013. DiNapoli's projections for All Funds tax receipts are \$69.4 billion, or \$71 million higher than the latest estimates from the Division of the Budget (DOB) for SFY 2013-14. His projection of \$71.1 billion is \$42 million higher than DOB estimates for SFY 2014-15 and of \$75.3 billion is \$20 million lower than DOB projections for SFY 2015-16.

State tax revenues for the first six months of SFY 2013-14 were \$54.9 million below revised projections in DOB's First Quarterly Update to the Financial Plan. While the state has received higher miscellaneous receipts than projected, there is uncertainty regarding several hundred million dollars of other revenues that are included in the revised Financial Plan for the current fiscal year but have yet to be received.

DiNapoli estimates that Personal Income Tax receipts in SFY 2013-14 will increase by \$2.3 billion (5.7 percent) from the previous year. This increase primarily reflects the non-recurring settlement of Personal Income Tax liabilities related to tax year 2012, with prior-year estimated payments made in April increasing by 62 percent. For SFY 2014-15, Personal Income Tax receipts are expected to increase by 3.5 percent. Growth is expected to be helped by a 7 percent increase in Withholding Tax collections as wage growth continues to increase and current year estimated payments are forecast to increase by 15 percent.

DiNapoli projects that spending for public assistance from All Funds and State Operating Funds will moderately exceed DOB's latest available projections. School aid and Medicaid spending would significantly exceed caps enacted in the SFY 2011-12 Budget if those caps and the ability to hold down spending to stay within those caps were not in place.

UC Exec Mike Hein Announces UC's Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Being Update-Twenty-three of the County's Local Municipalities Participating

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein announces that Ulster County's Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan will be updated, and the County will be growing its multi-jurisdictional participation from twelve to twenty-three of the County's jurisdictions. The Plan is required by FEMA to be updated every five years and the County has received FEMA grant funding once again to cover the cost of the plan update.

"Natural hazards have the potential to cause severe damage including property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety as we witnessed first-hand during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Sandy. An updated Hazard Mitigation Plan is essential because it helps ensure that we prepare today to be protected in the future," said County Executive Hein. "I am pleased that twenty-three of the County's local municipalities are participating in order to help their communities be better prepared should natural disaster strike."

While an important aspect of emergency management deals with disaster recovery (the actions that a community takes to repair damages), an equally important aspect of emergency management involves "hazard mitigation" which is sustained actions taken to reduce long-term risk to life and property. For example, elevating or acquiring buildings in flood hazard areas, relocating critical facilities out of hazard areas, using fire-resistant construction materials in wildfire hazard areas, etc. Hazard mitigation actions are essential to breaking the typical disaster cycle of damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage. With careful selection, they can be long-term, cost-effective means of reducing risk and helping to create a more sustainable and disaster-resilient community.

A Hazard Mitigation Plan describes an area's vulnerability to the various natural hazards that are typically present, and provides various actions and projects for reducing key risks. This project list is known as a "mitigation strategy." While natural disasters cannot be prevented from occurring, the continued implementation of mitigation strategies identified in the plan will gradually, but steadily, make our communities more sustainable and disaster-resilient. (Contd. Pg. 15)

POLITICAL SLANT By Frank Comando

FIRST AND SECOND AMENDMENTS, BECOMING NON-EXISTENT NEW YORK'S TOP COURT TO RULE ON FOX JOURNALIST'S BID TO PROTECT SOURCES

A FoxNews.com reporter facing potential jail for not revealing the sources of her reporting on Aurora, Col., gunman James Holmes, will appear before New York State's top court next week in a bid to quash a subpoena requiring her to testify in the case.

Jana Winter, who broke the story revealing that Holmes had sent a psychiatrist a notebook before going on a July, 2012, rampage that left 12 dead and dozens injured, will appear on Tuesday before the New York State Court of Appeals in Albany to argue that New York's strong public policy of protecting the identity of confidential sources should also protect her from having to go to Colorado, where she could be ordered to disclose her sources.

Winter is also asking the New York high court to recognize the damage the

subpoena is causing her career as an investigative journalist. Winter, who has steadfastly protected her sources on the story, could face jail time in Colorado if she is ordered to reveal her sources and refuses.

"The fact is that it has to do with punishing [the source], but that is not important enough to outweigh the First Amendment." - Peter Scheer, First Amendment Center

"We are hoping that the high court will agree with our position that the subpoena should be quashed," said Dori Ann Hanswirth, lead attorney on Winter's legal team. "What could happen to Jana in Colorado would never happen in New York."

New York's shield law, among the strongest in the nation, bars the jailing of journalists for refusing to identify sources.

A lower New York court, at the request of Holmes' defense team and with authorization from the Colorado court, issued a subpoena last January requiring Winter to appear in Colorado for the purpose of giving testimony. An appellate court ruled 3-2 against Winter, but the close decision automatically triggered her right to take the case to the Court of Appeals.

Holmes' attorneys claim whoever spoke to Winter violated a gag order imposed on those involved in the investigation. But Winter's defense team maintains the subpoena should have never been approved by the lower court in New York, where the shield law provides much more vigorous protection of journalists than a similar but weaker shield law in Colorado.

Numerous media organizations and First Amendment advocates have issued statements and spoken on Winter's behalf in the case. They argue the courts in both states have sent a chilling message to journalists, who need the protection of shield laws to do their jobs and keep the public informed. Without that protection, Winter's supporters argue, journalists and whistleblowers are much less likely to reveal vital information in the public interest.

"The lower court [in New York] saw its role as extremely limited, regardless of defenses or First Amendment rights," Peter Scheer, executive director of the First Amendment Center, told FoxNews.com. "The question is what should the court in New York have done? Should the subpoena even be enforced?"

Scheer and others have argued that Winter's testimony is not needed for central issue related to the Holmes case - a key requirement of the Colorado law that was applied to Winter. Holmes' attorneys have admitted that he carried out the horrific attack.

"The fact is that it has to do with punishing [the source], but that is not important enough to outweigh the First Amendment," said Scheer. "It's really just to vindicate the authority of the Colorado court that imposed this gag order."

If the New York court does not quash the subpoena, Winter must appear before Arapahoe County District Court Judge Carlos Samour Jr. on Jan. 3, and either reveal her sources or face an indeterminate jail term.

Winter's defense team has also argued that the lower court in New York failed to consider how the subpoena has hampered her ability to do her job. News of her court battle has prompted some long-time sources to refuse to speak to Winter, and she has lost numerous leads on various news stories—harm that her lawyers said the New York Shield Law was designed to prevent.

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

Charles A. Peralo, MD Joins Medical Staff



Ellenville Regional Hospital is proud to announce that Charles A. Peralo, M.D. has joined its Medical Staff.

Dr. Peralo is Board eligible in Orthopedic Surgery and currently works with Middletown Medical

in Middletown, NY as well as in the Specialty Clinic at Ellenville Regional Hospital.

After earning his Doctor of Medicine at New York Medical College and his Bachelor's Degree in Biology from New York University, Peralo completed an Orthopedic Surgery Residency at New York Medical College/St. Vincent's Hospital and Medical Center. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Medical Society of the State of New York, and the Medical Society of the County of Sullivan.

Peralo is seeing patients in the Ellenville Regional Hospital's Specialty Clinic on Tuesdays. For appointments or for more information regarding his practice, please call (845) 647-6400 ext. 314.

SCDW Board of Directors has established the 'Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop -Barbara Newberg Memorial Scholarship'

The scholarship shall be awarded to a graduating senior or seniors, who have participated in the activities of the workshop.

Barbara Newberg was a founding Mother of the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop. In 1950, Barbara, along with Sunna Rasch decided that what Sullivan County needed was some 'culture.' Barbara had left a blossoming Broadway career (she had appeared on Broadway with Bud Abbot and Lou Costello) to move to South Fallsburg when she married Ben Newberg. Together, Barbara and Sunna started the first Community Theatre group in the Catskills, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop. Barbara starred in the SCDW's first production of 'Blithe Spirit' back in 1950. She graced the stage with countless other performances and brought live theatre into the lives of countless audience members in the decades that followed. Barbara was truly a legend, a grande dame, and a lovely, talented lady. Barbara left us on October 2nd. Her passing marks the end of an era. She will be greatly missed.

Memorial contributions are gratefully accepted. Mail to Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop PO Box 353 Monticello, NY 12701

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CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.

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WELCOME HUNTERS
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SATURDAY NOV. 30



Serving 5:00 until 8:00 PM
ADULTS \$8
CHILDREN 5 TO 11 YEARS \$4,
UNDER 5 YEARS FREE
\$50 FROM THE SUPPER IS DONATED TO THE CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

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SUNDAY, NOV. 17
Serving 5:30 until 12:00 Noon
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\$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO THE CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

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2013 Admission Fees
Adults suggested donation: \$5
Children (6 to 17) suggested donation: \$2
Children under 6: FREE
Town of Neversink Residents: FREE every Thursday
Town of Denning Residents: FREE first Saturday of the month
Call: 985-7700

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman printed since the beginning (1947) classified by year for anyone to research.
timeandthevalleymuseum.org

The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches



invite you to weekly worship:
9 am in Hurlyville,
10:30 am in Woodridge.

For more information, call
Pastor Susan Woodworth 845-794-6325

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Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:

Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

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

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CrossWay Assembly of God

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Sunday Worship Service/
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Monday Night Home
Bible Study 7 pm
Tuesday Night Youth Home
Bible Study 7 pm
Friday Youth Night 7 pm



Ismael Berrios
Lead Pastor

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Church Hall
Dec 7, 2013
Covered Dish Supper
5:30 p.m.

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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Nov. 16, 2013
9 am-1 pm

Dec 7 Christmas Craft Fair
(watch for details)

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Holy Days 5:30 pm
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Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

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

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

845-985-7480

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

PUBLIC NOTICE

THERE BEING NO BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD, THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, SCHEDULED FOR **NOVEMBER 19, 2013 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
WALTER FIEDLER, CHAIRMAN

Legal Notice

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT
DECEMBER 10, 2013**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Election of the Claryville Fire District will take place on December 10, 2012 between the hours of 6:00pm and 9:00 pm at the Claryville Fire House located on Denning Rd. for the purpose of electing one commissioner for a five (5) year term, commencing January 1, 2014, ending December 31, 2018. All voters registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections and the Ulster County Board of Elections on or before November 17, 2013 shall be eligible to vote.

Candidates for the District Office shall have filed their names with the Secretary of the Claryville Fire District, PO Box 22, Claryville, NY 12725, no later than ten days before the election, November 20, 2013 to be on the ballot.

Dated November 6, 2013
Jim Tisch, Secretary
Board of Fire Commissioners
Claryville Fire District

PUBLIC NOTICE:

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT -
DECEMBER 10, 2013**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 10, 2013 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Neversink Fire House Community Hall, located on NYS Route 55, Neversink, New York for the purpose of:

Electing one commissioner for a five (5) year term commencing on January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2018.

Candidates for District Office of Commissioner must submit their Letter of Intent to run for office to the District Secretary at PO Box 394, Neversink, no later than November 20 to be placed on the ballot.

All residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections as of November 18, 2013 to be eligible to vote.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT
Allison Mehr-Ruef, District Secretary

**Independent Audit Report
Legal Notice**

Notice is hereby given that the fiscal affairs of the Tri-Valley Central School District for the period beginning on July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2013, have been examined by (the Office of the State Comptroller or an independent public accountant), and that the (report of examination performed by the Office of the State Comptroller or report of, or management letter prepared in conjunction with the external audit by the independent public accountant) has been filed in my office where it is available as a public record for inspection by all interested persons. Pursuant to S35 of the General Municipal Law, the governing board of the Tri-Valley Central School District may, in its discretion, prepare a written response to the (report of examination performed by the Office of the State Comptroller or the report of external audit or management letter by independent public accountant) and file any such response in my office as a public record for inspection by all interested persons not later than December 2, 2013.

Martha Lee Ter Bush
District Clerk
October 15, 2013

ANNOUNCEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENT - NEW HOURS FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE AT NEVERSINK TOWN HALL BEGINNING NOVEMBER 11, 2013 WILL BE TUESDAY and THURSDAY 7:00AM-3:30PM.

10/31; 11/7; 11/14

CWC Sponsors Training for Planning, Zoning Board Members

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will sponsor a training workshop for planning and zoning board members on Tuesday, Nov. 19 at the CWC office, 905 Main St., Margaretville from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sign-in begins at 6 p.m.

Consultant Peter Manning will provide an "Introduction to the Revised SEQRA Environmental Assessment Forms." Space is limited and registration is required by November 15. To register, visit www.cwconline.org, or call 845-586-1400.

The workshop is free, and, with municipal approval, may qualify as two hours of State-mandated training. Certificates of attendance will be provided.

The session will discuss the basics of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and focus on the recently revised Environmental Assessment Forms to be used by municipal planning and zoning boards of appeal to evaluate development projects.

An illustrated review of the new forms, using slides, the NYS DEC website and GIS mapping tools will be featured.

Peter Manning is a planning consultant who has assisted communities in New York State for more than 15 years. He has worked in county government, in non-profit organizations and at the state level as a land-use training specialist, circuit rider and regional planner, focusing on land use issues, recreation and environmental planning, as well as tourism promotion and inter-municipal cooperation.

Manning has a Bachelor of Arts in Geography from the State University at New Paltz and a Master of Landscape Architecture from Cornell University.

The CWC is a non-profit Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. Information on CWC programs and projects, as well as meeting schedules and board agendas, can be found on the corporation's web site: www.cwconline.org. Inquiries are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CWC's offices; via email at invest@cwconline.org, and by telephone, toll-free: 877-WAT-SHED (877-928-7433).

UC Executive Mike Hein Proclaims November as National Adoption Month in Ulster County

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein proclaims November as National Adoption Month in Ulster County. There are currently 127 foster children placed in Ulster County and over 20,000 across the State of New York. In addition, there are over 700 foster children and youth in New York who are waiting to be placed in a nurturing, safe, and permanent home. Over 2,000 children in New York were adopted from foster care in 2012, offering them opportunities for a brighter future while bringing great joy to the adoptive parents.

"National Adoption Month raises awareness of the importance of adoption for children and youth in foster care and focuses attention on the continuous need for adoptive parents," said County Executive Hein. "Ulster County is grateful to the exceptional families who open their homes and provide a permanent, loving and caring environment for our foster children. Ulster County residents are invited to learn more about becoming a foster and/or adoptive parent by contacting the Ulster County Department of Social Services at 845-334-5400."

Social Services Commissioner Michael Iapoco acknowledged the important contribution foster families make stating, "Executive Mike Hein, our home finding staff, and foster care unit are proud to recognize the special commitment that these families and individuals make to children in our community to ensure that we have safe, stable, and caring homes available for fostering and adoptions."

National Adoption Month features National Adoption Day on Saturday, November 23rd, when judges and child advocates come together in communities across the state and nation to finalize adoptions and celebrate adoptive families. The requirement to become a foster and/or adoptive parent

**To the
Town of Denning Voters**
Thank you for your support and confidence in electing me as your Supervisor. I look forward to representing all of you, as well as keeping the best interests of the Town in mind at all times.

Respectfully,
David Brooks
Town of Denning
Supervisor-Elect

Note of Thanks
I would like to thank the Town of Denning voters for their support on Election Day. I look very forward to serving you and our beautiful community the next 4 years.
Thank you.
Kevin Smith

involves attending a nine week foster parent training course and participating in the home study and assessment process. Please contact the Ulster County Department of Social Services at 845-334-5400 to learn more.

William L. Spearman, President of Halcyon Consulting, Elected Chairman of SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees

William L. Spearman, President of Halcyon Consulting, has been appointed Chairman of SUNY Ulster's Board of Trustees for the 2013-2014 academic year.

A 1969 graduate of SUNY Ulster, Spearman of Lake Katrine received his bachelor's degree from SUNY Albany. He spent a 40-year career with Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union holding a variety of executive level positions, including 18 years as President and CEO. He retired from the Credit Union in 2012.

Spearman has been a past chairman, treasurer and member of the Ulster Community College Foundation Board and was inducted into the College's Alumni Hall of Fame in 2006. He was honored by the Foundation in 2007 at its annual gala and was inducted into the SUNY New Paltz School of Business Hall of Fame in 2008.

Active in a number of civic organizations, Spearman has previously served on the Boards of the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, the Bardavon and currently serves on the Board of the Catskill Animal Sanctuary.

Also appointed as officers were Timothy J. Sweeney as Vice Chairman and Victoria St. John-Gilligan as Secretary. Sweeney of Stone Ridge is a local business owner of Prudential Nutshell Realty in Stone Ridge, as well as Stone Ridge Wine and Spirits. Sweeney previously served as Secretary of the Board from 2012-2013. St. John-Gilligan, of Kingston, was appointed to the board in 2009 and has volunteered for a number of community causes and organizations.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
for details and information:
www.townofneversink.org
(845) 985-2262 extension 312

Transportation to NYC Saturday, December 7.
Leave the Town Hall 8 am return approximately 8 pm. Get dropped off near Times Square. Spend the day as you wish. If you plan to attend \$21 residents/non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, November 5.

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.

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS
<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

UC Exec Mike Hein Announces UC's Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan Being Updated (From Pg. 12)

Previously, the Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for Ulster County was prepared between 2007 and 2009 to meet the requirements of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (DMA 2000), which requires all states and local governments to have a hazard mitigation plan in order to be eligible to apply for certain types of federal hazard mitigation project grants. FEMA grant monies were received to cover the costs of the plan's development. Ulster County used a 'multi-jurisdictional' approach, inviting all of the municipalities within the County to participate in the plan. At that time, 12 of the County's 24 jurisdictions opted to participate; this opened the door for the County and each of its 12 participating jurisdictions to apply to FEMA for hazard mitigation project funding including monies which became available under recent Federal disaster declarations for Hurricane Irene, the remnants of Tropical Storm Lee in 2011, and Superstorm Sandy in 2012. All plan participants have been working since the plan was initially approved by FEMA in 2009 to complete the projects

- 11/14/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 11/14/13 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 11/16/13 **Breakfast** Sundown Methodist Church Hall - **HUNTERS WELCOME!** 5:30- 9:30 a.m.
- 11/16/13 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale Only** (9am-1pm)
- 11/17/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 11/17/13 **Breakfast** Sundown Methodist Church Hall - **HUNTERS WELCOME!** 5:30- 8:30 a.m.
- 11/18/13 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 11/19/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 7:00 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 11/19/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 11/20/13 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 11/20/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.- Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- 11/28 & 29/13 Town of Neversink Holiday -**THANKSGIVING**
- 11/30/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **SPAGHETTI DINNER** 5- 8 PM
- 12/3/13 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7 pm
- 12/4/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:00 pm
- 12/7/13 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church 5:30 pm
- 12/10/13 Town of Denning Planning Business Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 12/10/13 **Caregivers Resource Center's** Monthly Support Group 10 am in the **Eureka Café in Grahamsville - FREE**
- 12/11/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Claryville FD Community Hall
- 12/11/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm

Save the Date!!

Dec. 1, 2013 Annual Christmas Tree Lighting - Bicentennial Square Grahamsville - 5 pm
Dec. 7, 2013 - Annual Christmas Craft Sale -Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Cookie Walk/Breakfast - December 14, 2013 - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 7:30 am Breakfast • 9 am Cookie Walk
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following retail stores and restaurants:

- VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) •
- SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
- GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
- EUREKA MARKET & CAFE
- CANNIE D'S
- BLUE HILL LODGE
- 3 GOLDENS
- WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE
- LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty) • J.B. MAK (Liberty)
- LIBERTY SHOPRITE • ELLENVILLE SHOPRITE
- JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
- DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE
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- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- PETER'S MARKET

LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN

- Joma Cafe (West Shokan) • Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's
- Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort
- Big Indian Market & Deli • Colonial Inn Pine Hill • Pine Hill Community Center

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Town of Olive Board Auditing Meeting every **second Monday of each month**. This meeting is open to the public and all bills being reviewed are available for the general public to see.
Town Board meets **every second Tuesday of each month**. Both meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY.
Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

that were listed in their mitigation strategies.

Hazard mitigation plans must be: (a) implemented on an ongoing basis, and (b) updated every five years to ensure that they remain applicable representations of local risk and locally-preferred risk reduction strategies. Ulster County and its jurisdictions initiated the first formal plan update this summer, and the process is ongoing. The updated plan is expected to be reapproved by FEMA in 2014 and adopted by participating communities in 2015. Each of the 23 participating jurisdictions are attending meetings, providing feedback in a series of topic areas, reaching out to the public and other key stakeholders in the community, and developing an updated mitigation strategy. Successful participation in the plan update process is required to maintain eligibility to apply for mitigation project grants.

"The Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan provides municipalities with an opportunity to enhance their community's resilience by taking steps to harden their infrastructure and rebuild in ways that minimize the impact of future serious events, said Arthur Snyder, Director, Ulster County Emergency Communications / Emergency Management. "By partnering with Ulster County, the municipalities can save on the cost of producing their own plan, and leverage grant opportunities toward regional solutions to common hazards."

For questions or other feedback, or to find out how you can become involved, please contact your community's local elected official or Emergency Management Coordinator. At the County level, please feel free to reach out to Arthur Snyder, Director of Ulster County Emergency Communications / Emergency Management at 845-331-7000 or e-mail at asny@co.ulster.ny.us or his Deputy Director, Steven Peterson at 845-331-7000 or e-mail: spet@co.ulster.ny.us. More information about the project is maintained on the County web site at: <http://www.ulstercountyny.gov/emergencyservices/>.

With Trade Talks Set for Next Week, Schumer, Gillibrand Push to Expand Access for NY Apples and Pears

Washington, D.C. - As the Obama Administration prepares for trade talks set to begin next week with European authorities, U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand are pushing the administration to prioritize reducing trade barriers that New York's apple and pear growers face in European markets.

U.S. and European trade officials completed the first round of talks in July on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) to boost trading between U.S. and European markets. The next round of talks is set to begin on November 11 in Brussels, Belgium, and the third round is scheduled for December 16-20 in Washington, D.C.

"As the second largest apple producer and fourth largest pear producer in the US, New York's growers stand at the ready to send bushels of fruit to the European market," said Senator Schumer. "With two more rounds of negotiations this year, there is plenty of time to reach an agreement that puts our economy first and lands New York pears, apples and other fruit on plates from Paris to Prague."

"New York farms grow the world's finest apples, pears and other fruits that run into too many obstacles to reach new markets," said Senator Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Agriculture Committee and the President's Export Council. "For our state's economy to grow, we need our farms to thrive, and we need strong trade deals that can give New York's growers the best possible chance to succeed."

Senators Schumer and Gillibrand joined a letter last week to Ambassador Michael Froman, the United States Trade Representative, calling for talks on the TTIP to work to improve the terms of access for U.S. apple and pear exports to Europe. In the letter, the senators note that different standards on regulations in Europe have unfairly disadvantaged U.S. agriculture produce like apples and pears.

The senators noted trade data shows that apple exports to the European Union dropped 73 percent from the crop in 2006 to 2012. They also noted that pear exports to the same region have dropped 73 percent from 2009 to 2012, in total the drop adds up to \$33 million per-year in lost export

revenues.

New York is the second highest producer of apples, behind Washington State. In 2010, New York produced 1.26 billion pounds of apples, generating nearly \$230 million in revenue. Schumer and Gillibrand are also both pushing related legislation, the Apple Export Act, that would exempt bulk shipments of apples to Canada from inspection. That legislation would help save New York apple producers upwards of \$550,000 each year by eliminating costly inspection procedures. In addition, New York is the fourth highest producer of pears, behind Washington, Oregon and California, and stands poised to grow into the overseas market.

Liberty Chamber of Commerce Welcomes Newest Member: Ideal Food Basket

STORES newest store, IDEAL FOOD BASKET to Liberty. The Liberty Chamber welcomed their newest member with a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 8, 2013 at IDEAL FOOD BASKET'S new location, 261 North Main Street in liberty, the location of the former Great American.

Present at the ribbon cutting were company principals, co-owner, Frank Diaz, CEO, Daniel Cabassa and Store Operations Supervisor, Randy Phillips along with Liberty Village Mayor, Dan Ratner Sr., Liberty Chamber of Commerce President and newly elected Liberty Town Councilman, Russell Reeves and members of the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce and Liberty's business community.

Company CEO, Dan Cabassa stated that IDEAL FOOD BASKET will strive to serve the needs of the community and plans to be an active member of the neighborhood. Just recently the store donated 154 pumpkins to the Liberty Elementary School, one for each Kindergarten student in the district. The children were given their pumpkins during a field trip to the totally remodeled grocery store.

For more information, please contact the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce by phone at 845-292-9797 or email info@LibertyNYChamber.com. Find us online at www.LibertyNYChamber.com and Facebook at Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

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**THE WOMEN
(Comedy, 1939)**

A happily married woman lets her malicious friends talk her into divorce when her husband strays. George Cukor, and stars Norma Shearer, Joan Crawford, Rosalind Russell, Mary Boland, Joan Fontaine, Paulette Goddard, Lucile Watson, Marjorie Main, Virginia Weidler, Phyllis Povah, Ruth Hussey, Mary Beth Hughes, Virginia Grey, Hedda Hopper, and Butterfly McQueen direct the film. All-star (and all-female) cast shines in this hilarious adaptation of Clare Boothe play about divorce, cattiness, and competition in circle of "friends." Crawford has one of her best roles as bitchy homewrecker. Fashion show sequence is in color; script by Anita Loos and Jane Murnin. Remade as THE OPPOSITE SEX, see this film on TCM 8:00 pm, Saturday evening, November 16, 2013, BW-133 min, Rated TV-PG, Quiz: 1. Who played Crystal Allen? 2. Who played Lucy? Note; The remake of The Women, The Opposite Sex, follows at 10:30 pm TCM

What's Going On In The Gnome Neighborhood™ This Week? -

VETERANS SALUTE- GET A "FULL THANKSGIVING DINNER" NOVEMBER 15, 2013, VETS FREE

Veterans Salute. Get a "Full Thanksgiving Dinner" and be entertained by Mary K. (West Point Band) and Bob Waltke (with the Poughkeepsie New Yorkers Barber Shop Choir). \$20/veterans free. Sponsored by the Youth & Education Department, Reformed Church of Shawangunk, 1166 Hoagerburgh Road, Wallkill; 5pm; 895-2952.

GRAHAMSVILLE

Grahamsville Methodist Church Christmas Craft Sale. Is it that time already? Yes, it is.. Don't miss the December 7, 2013 Christmas Craft Sale.

KINGSTON, ST. GEORGE'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH,

November 15, 16, 17 Annual Greek Festival, Traditional homemade Greek food and pastries, holiday boutique with needlework, crafts, gifts, and more, at St. George's Greek Orthodox Church, 294 Greenkill Ave., Kingston; Friday 5-11pm, Saturday 11am-11pm; Sunday 11am-8pm; 331-3522.

NEW PALTZ UMC

November 16, Repair Café, A free meeting place to bring a beloved but broken item for repair. Yes, for free! Mechanical, electric & electronic, clothing, things made of wood, dolls & stuffed animals, jewelry, tool sharpening & digital devices. Free. New Paltz United Methodist Church 1 Grove Street, New Paltz; 10am; for info call 646-302-5835.

NOVEMBER 30, PHOENICIA .

FREE TURKEY TROT

Tee Shirts to the first 50 registered. 2.4-mile run, ramble, trot, walk or wobble to benefit the Pine Hill Community Center. Free Tot Trot 5 and under at 9:30am. Registration and sign in from 8-9:45am at the Parish Hall. (Across from the St Francis de Sales church, Main St, Phoenicia). Race starts at 10. For more information: www.phoeniciaturkeytrot.com

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