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ROUIS & CELLINI PRAISE HINCHEY, SCHUMER FOR HAWK VISIT

Sullivan County

Legislature Chairman Jonathan F. Rouis and Town of Thompson Supervisor Tony Cellini issued a joint statement this morning, praising Congressman Hinchey for yesterday's Listening Tour with Assistant Secretary of the Interior Larry Echo Hawk. (Contd. Pg. 14)



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH EXECUTIVES VISIT ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Earlier this month, Ellenville Regional Hospital was host to some prominent guests from the New York State Department of Health in Albany.

Interested in visiting a Critical Access Hospital, and after recommendation by their peers, they chose to visit Ellenville Regional Hospital as a model Critical Access Hospital in New York State. (Contd. Pg. 14)

YMCA BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS PROVIDE SAFE, FUN ENVIRONMENT FOR TRI-VALLEY'S YOUTH Enrollment in Before & Afterschool Programs at the Tri-Valley Central School Now Open

Grahamsville - As part of the Kingston YMCA's ongoing commitment to youth development, the YMCA encourages parents of Tri-Valley Elementary to enroll their children in before & after-school programs.

According to the Afterschool Alliance, nearly 15 million children in the United States are unsupervised after school between the hours of 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. each day-in NY, 27% of children are responsible for taking care of themselves. During these hours, youth are at a greater risk of involvement in crime, drug abuse and other destructive behaviors. YMCA's School's Out at the Tri-Valley School not only provides enhanced learning opportunities outside the classroom, but also provides a safe environment where they can learn, grow and thrive. (Contd. Pg. 8)

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASSES SPONSORED BY SC LONGBEARDS NYS CHAPTER NWTf

The Sullivan County Long Beards will be hosting Hunter Education Classes at the Willowemoc Baptist Church Basement in Willowemoc on Friday, September 25th from 6-9 pm and Saturday, September 26th from 9am-4pm. Please bring a pen or pencil and on Saturday pack a lunch.

These courses will be open to adults and youth. All persons are required by law to attend classes before they can purchase a license to hunt.

Registration is required and can be made by calling Hank D'Auria @ (845)439-3738 or e-mailing Fran D'Auria @ franfrannyd@gmail.com.

MEMORIES OF EVELYN PORTER

Evelyn Porter, beloved teacher of the Daniel Pierce Library's Studio Monday Artists, passed away recently. Her son, Stephen, generously donated several of her paintings to the library for the new addition.

One of Evelyn's Studio Monday artists, Marilyn Barr, wrote an elegy to Evelyn, titled "A Life Shared." We would like to share this beautiful poem with our community: (Contd. Pg. 15)

FRIENDS OF DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY CRAFT BOOTH SEEK DONATIONS

The Friends of the Daniel Pierce Library are once again sponsoring a Craft Booth at the upcoming October 3, 2009 Giant Pumpkin Party. Several members of the Friends Craft Group are already knitting, crocheting, and sewing lovely items which will be for sale in the booth. The Friends are currently soliciting donations of homemade crafts to include in the sale. All proceeds from the sale of these crafts will go to the Building Fund. If you have a handmade item that you would like to donate or you would enjoy sewing from a prepared kit, please contact Joann Gallagher, or library staff members, at the Daniel Pierce Library, at (845)985-7233.

TRI-VALLEY WELCOMES BACK STUDENTS AND STAFF FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

Tri-Valley Central School will welcome back staff and students on Thursday, September 10th. This year begins the new class configuration of K-6 for the Elementary School and 7-12 for the High School. This change concludes a transition period and will provide ease and excellence in the coordination of programs for both schools. The District also welcomes new High School Principal, Mr. Jeffrey Bennett, and Dean of Students, Mr. Derek Adams, to the District. (Contd. Pg. 14)

INTRODUCTION TO CHEESE-MAKING- Registration is required.

Want to learn more on how to make your own cheese? Then come to meet Master Cheesemaker, Linda Smith of Sherman Hill Farmstead Monday, September 21, 2009 from 9am to 4:00pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Education Center, Liberty, NY. We'll cover the basics of making cheese and have a hands-on session. Fresh milk and materials for the cheese will be provided for the classroom. The class will focus on delicious fresh cheeses, such as mozzarella, feta and ricotta. (Contd. Pg. 4)

CATSKILL ART SOCIETY RECEIVED A 2009 SC ARTS & HERITAGE GRANT

CAS received a 2009 Sullivan County Arts & CAS is the proud recipient of a \$1,500 grant that helped to support quality multi-disciplinary, youth programming that was presented this past August at the CAS Arts Center. (Contd. Pg. 14)

TRI-VALLEY LIONS CLUB JULY - AUGUST NEWS

We sincerely thank everyone who donated their eyeglasses in our boxes. They are located at Blue Hill Lodge & Café, Cannic D's, Catskill-Hudson Bank, Daniel Pierce Library, Neversink Town Hall and the Bank of America Bank. (Contd. Pg. 3)

REMINDER TO SEND IN YOUR SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT STREAMSIDE LANDOWNER OPINION SURVEY

In August, the Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District mailed public opinion surveys to all land owners in the Towns of Denning and Neversink who are located on the Upper Rondout Creek, the East and West Branches of the Neversink River and major tributaries of these streams. There's still time to submit your responses. Completed surveys should be returned as soon as possible in the self-addressed stamped envelopes provided.

The survey is part of stream management planning being advanced for the Rondout and Neversink basins. The opinion survey will assess landowner perceptions of their streamside properties and stream management. The aggregate survey results will be made available to the public in coming months. The SCSWCD has taken steps to make survey return as easy as possible. If you misplaced your survey, please call SCSWCD Director Brian Brustman and we can organize to send another. You may reach Mr. Brustman at (845) 292-6552 extension 5.

SCCC AND CMRC JOIN FORCES TO EDUCATE FUTURE RESPIRATORY CARE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS



Catskill Regional Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Steven Ruwoldt and Sullivan County Community College President Dr. Mamie Howard-Golladay signed a memorandum of understanding and letter of intent on August 24, 2009 to work together in educating future respiratory care health professionals. Also present (standing from left) were Dr. Joseph Napolitano, Phyllis Coombe, Dr. Peter Panzarino, Joan Farrow, Deborah Carr, Dr. Ellen Galligan, Robert Fisher and Barbara Gentile.

Sullivan County Community College (SCCC) President Dr. Mamie Howard-Golladay and Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC) Chief Executive Officer Steven Ruwoldt joined forces yesterday in an effort to educate future respiratory care health professionals. (Contd. Pg. 14)

ANTIQUA ROAD SHOW AND TREASURES FROM THE ATTIC COME TO SC HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN HURLEYVILLE

Sullivan County Historical Society presents "Treasures from the Attic", an ANTIQUA ROAD SHOW, with Richard Axtel, Sunday, September 13th, 2-4 p.m. at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. Admission is free, Appraisal Fee \$5.00 per item (Limit 3 items per person). For information, call (845) 434-8044.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The words of a wise man are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself. Ecclesiastes 10:12

OBITUARIES

Anna Lavina Denman Law, 97, of Saratoga Springs, passed away Monday, August 10, 2009 at the Wesley Health Care Center in Saratoga Springs, NY.

Born January 3, 1912, in Neversink, she was the daughter of the late William and Sarah Denman. She grew up in a farm family with four sisters and five brothers.

Anna was a graduate of Liberty High School and Delhi Teachers' College and went on to attend Chicago Teachers' College, Orange County Community College and New York University.

She married educator Bernard G. Law on May 18, 1936 in Neversink.

She had a varied career that included teaching; employment in a television factory and manager and co-owner with her husband of a Dairy Queen for eight years.

Anna also worked for Prentice Hall Publishing Company, installing the first reading machines called The Talking Page, that students could operate themselves to improve their skills.

In retirement, Anna remained active in the Delmar United Methodist Church and was also an instructor with her husband at Hudson Valley Community College.

Following her love of family, which was number 1, she had many interests and hobbies and her poetry and stories were regularly published in the Albany papers.

Her husband passed away July 10, 1989, following 53 years of marriage. Besides her husband, Anna was predeceased by her parents, two sisters, Ruth Daniels and Mary McGrath; and five brothers, Paul, Elmer, Hugh, Bruce and Thomas Denman.

Survivors include two daughters, Janet Law Hull of East Falmouth, MA, and Mary Ann Schweikert of Saratoga Springs; two sisters, Betty Longo and Louise Hunter; four grandchildren, Robin Hull Bowerman of East Falmouth, MA, Charles Hull of Orleans MA, Bonnie Longbotham of Salton, PA, and James Longbotham of High Falls; eight great-grandchildren; and nieces, nephews, cousins and several dear friends.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, September 26th at Wesley Health Care Center with the Rev. Jay Ekman officiating.

Memorial donations may be made in honor of Anna Law to the Wesley Foundation, 156 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Margaret Baker, a lifetime Sullivan County resident, passed away on Monday, August 24, 2009 at the Kaplan Family Hospice Residence in Newburgh, NY. She was 67.

The daughter of the late Charles S. and Mary Agnes McCormack McGuire, she was born on August 11, 1942 in Liberty, NY.

Survivors include her

daughter, Connie Duquette and her husband, William of Grahamsville; a sister, Anne Davis and her husband Maynard of Neversink; and a granddaughter, Samantha Duquette.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by a sister, Kathleen Edwards.

Cremation took place at Cedar Hill Crematory, Middle Hope, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made in Margaret's name to Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550.

Kenneth F. Stafford, 80, of Neversink, NY, died peacefully at home with family members present on Thursday, August 20, 2009.

The son of the late William and Mildred Stafford, he was born on May 14, 1929 in New Lisbon, NY.

A U.S. Army veteran, Ken served as a corporal in the 11th Airborne Military Police. While stationed in Nashville, TN, he met Betty Jean Thornton, whom he married in 1951. They lived in Sullivan County for over five decades. Ken was an employee of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for 35 years.

Throughout his life, Ken pursued an extensive range of skills and interests such as hunting for historic bottles, wilderness survival, fishing, hiking, gold panning, wood-working and electronics. He studied and practiced each with passion and precision. Ken's family and friends regard this humble, hard-working, and ethical man with great respect and affection.

Ken was predeceased by his wife, Betty on April 23, 2005.

He is survived by his four children and their families: Teresa Stafford Burr and her husband, Robert of Channel View, TX, Toni Stafford of Woodbourne, NY, Kendra Elliott and her husband, Michael of Knoxville, MD and William Stafford and his wife, Sandra Langley of South Orange, NJ; ten grandchildren; a great-granddaughter and an expected great-grandson.

A private service will be held by the immediate family in honor of Ken's wishes. Interment of his and his wife's ashes will be held at the convenience of the family at the Sullivan County Veteran's Cemetery in Liberty.

The family wishes to express gratitude to the Hospice nurses for their wonderful care and support. Donations may be made to Hospice of Orange & Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550.

COLLEGE NEWS

The following local students enrolled at Syracuse University were named to the Dean's List for their respective school or college for the

Spring 2009 semester.

Unless otherwise noted, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester to qualify for their school or college's Dean's List.

Miranda Benevides of Grahamsville, majoring in history (College of Arts and Sciences).

Gillian Arnaboldi of Grahamsville, majoring in health and exercise science (School of Education).

DAYS OF YORE... TODAY'S HISTORY

September 7, 1949 .

Work on the tunnel outlet at Lows Corners is being pushed forward rapidly. Already a temporary office building has been erected and a telephone, Grahamsville 2991, installed. Work on a power sub station has been begun, and extensive excavations have been made for the tunnel outlet. This week the working equipment will be increased. There will be two bulldozers, a power shovel, two compressors and three trucks working. Work will be begun on an office building, a change building and a compressor building. Following this a ware house will be built, and tracks for the railroad out of the tunnel. One of the supervising men has bought a lot not far from the location and is breaking ground for a house.

The Daniel Pierce Library Trustees, the parents and the children wish to express to Misses Pat Potter and Jean Cross their thanks for giving their time for the Story Hour this summer.

Leslie Bollman will have an office at the Lows Corners outlet.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pfliger, who are staying at the Nial Everett residence at present, have bought a building lot of Grover Hornbeck and are making preparations for building themselves a home there.

The J. Bowers family have recently moved from the Wessel Cross cottage here (Sundown) to the Gillette cottage at Grahamsville.

Dr. Martin Williams of Chatham, N.J. is having the light line extended from the Sundown Road to the Williams' summer home, Snug Harbor, on the High Falls waterfall.

Raymond Gockel took the milk route for Gerald Cross in his absence.

For the first time since the beginning of July, no new cases of polio in Sullivan County have been reported during the last week to the District Office of the New York State Department of Health.

Mrs. Nelson Van Keuren entertained at a Stanley Brush part on Friday evening. (Contd. Pg. 2)

HERE AND THERE

If you ask an allergy sufferer how he's feeling these days, chances are you may get an unrepeatable (and definitely unprintable) answer. Among the "fall-out" effects of our abundant rainfall in recent weeks has been the accelerated growth of ragweed and other pollen-producing growth. The result is, of course, increased sneezing, itching, aches and pains for those of us allergy victims. Our only hope of relief is an early frost - preferably, a killing one!

August seems to have been an unusually long month this year, possibly because Labor Day is very late - not until September 7th. And that reminds me: How is Labor Day identified? Is it merely the first Monday of September, or is it the first Monday after the first Tuesday of the month, as I was taught? (I realize that was back in the cave-dwelling educational era, of course; however, it still sticks with me.) ... And with summer's end, local organizations are busy planning their fall activities. On Sept. 12, the Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs of Sullivan County will hold their annual Free Youth Expo at the Grahamsville Fair Grounds; activities and food are free for youngsters (adults have to pay for their hot dogs). The Neversink Antique Tractor show will follow on the 19th and 20th; a Hunter Education Class is scheduled for the 25-26th; the Neversink Republican Dinner is set for the 26th; and on October 3rd, the 24th Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade will be held. Going back to Sept. 12, we hear rumors that the Grahamsville Firemen will hold a "wet-down" (a firematic term) to celebrate the acquisition of two new trucks - open to all residents of the fire district. (Isn't it a shame that life in a small town is so dull?)

Lynn (Akerley) McKeon will have no trouble in future years remembering what she did on her birthday, August 23, in 2009. She celebrated the day by being released from the hospital following surgery the previous week. Lynn's Mom, Kathy Akerley, reports that her daughter is feeling fine and enjoying recovery at home these days. Keep up the good work, Lynn, and a belated Happy Birthday! ... Kathy also gave us another news item that will be of interest to many "seniors" in the area: Pauline (Donaldson) Benton, a former resident of Neversink for several years, comes to her 97th birthday on Sept. 1! After leaving Neversink, Pauline lived in Woodridge for many years. She is now a resident of the Roscoe Community Nursing Home. God bless you, Pauline Benton, and may your 97th year bring you health and happiness!

Sorry to hear that Rose (Mrs. Jim) Allison of Route 42 is not feeling as well as she would like. She too underwent a recent surgery and is now home, but complications are delaying her complete recovery. We all wish you a speedy return to complete health, Rose!

Several birthdays coming up: Marcia (Herrmann) Fink, Debbie (Wakefield) Simpson, and young Cody Dorste, all on 9-4; Editor Linda Comando, 9-5; Horace Sheeley, 9-6; Joe Horos, 9-7; Barbara Purcell, 9-10; and Mikey Ryan, who will turn 10 on 9-11. Happy candle blowing to all!

Here's a quote we've used before, but still like: "The wishbone will never replace the backbone." (Will Henry)

That's it for now; have a good week. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Happy Belated Anniversary Wishes to Marge & Carl Denman of Bradley. Their anniversary was August 30th. Congratulations and Best Wishes!

Our September birthdays include the following: Our Townsman Editor, Linda Comando, celebrates on Sept. 5th; Barbara Purcell has a birthday on Sept. 10th; Shirley Davis celebrates her birthday on Sept. 17th; and Linda Cypert has a birthday on Sept. 18th. Hope everybody enjoys their special day.

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

DAYS OF YORE...

TODAY'S HISTORY (From Pg. 2)
September 2, 1959

Principal Eugene Ross announced today, that remodeling work on the original main building of Tri Valley Central School has progressed sufficiently enough to permit the opening of school on Tuesday, September 8th, as planned. Mr. Ross pointed out that the hot lunch and physical education programs would be limited in scope until the new cafeteria and gymnasium are completed, probably in late October. According to present plans the cafeteria staff will be transferred to the Neversink School to provide hot lunches in that building, and only milk and sandwiches will be served at Grahamsville.

Norman Nielsen has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the USAF, receiving his wings and the rating of navigator at a ceremony recently at Harlingen air base in Texas. Norman, a graduate of Tri Valley Central School, is on leave at his home in Neversink. He is to leave shortly for California to (Next Col.)

study at Mather Air Force Base.

Paid attendance at the 80th Little World's Fair held here August 26 was 8700. With children admitted free and no "head" count taken, estimates ran from eleven to twelve thousand people attending. Mrs. Sara Bonnell of Bradley won the oldest person award easily. Mrs. Bonnell will be 100 Sept. 21. She has attended almost every fair and has many memories of old days when she lived in Grahamsville, near Big Hollow.

It was a pleasure to have the Junior Choir of the Bethel Church of Staten Island as guests at the Sunday service at the Sundown Church. There were about 20 young people present and they sang several songs under the leadership of their Music Director, Mr. Kitter. Chip Haag played the organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Berger and family have moved from the Bruce Denman Jr. house to an apartment in C. M. Dayton's house. The Denmans plan to return here to their home. They have been living in Middletown for several years.

The Shady Brook Camp children went home on Sat. Mr. Nelson Wilde will remain at camp for a while.
September 3, 1969

Bernadette Williams, who has a new record scheduled for release in November, will be the featured vocalist on the Pete Williams Country Western Show Friday evening at the 4th annual Sullivan County Sportsmen's Show at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. With two free shows daily, log rolling, antique cars, bait casting, square dancing, horseshoe pitching, motorcycle riding, trout fishing from a temporary pond, trap and turkey shooting, and even just meeting and greeting old friends, it's a worthwhile outing for all. It is a three-day show, September 12-13-14.

Postmaster General Winton M. Blount announced yesterday that a contract has been awarded to build the new Grahamsville Post Office. The building will be owned by Grant Finch and Margaret M. Finch, Grahamsville, who will lease it to the Post Office Department for five years with three two-year renewal options. The new Post Office is expected to be completed approximately four months after the plans are approved.

Lola Fichtner is now working at the Sullivan County National Bank in Grahamsville.

Staying with Mrs. Emma Hamilton for the school year are teachers in the Tri-Valley School, Miss Barbara Jerold of Baldwin, L.I. and Miss Gail Harner of Philadelphia, Penn.

Happy birthday to Horace Sheeley, Stephen Curry and Mrs. Fred Mickelson, 7th; Mrs. Manville Wakefield, 10th; Dr. W. E. Ross and Beth Ann Grey, 11th.

August 30, 1979

Tri-Valley Central School will open on September 5th with an estimated enrollment of 1,010 students.

In the recollection of some of the longtime members of the Reformed Church, the restoration of the organ is the first and only major restoration of their highly prized and now historic pipe organ. Several years ago they were fortunate in getting Mr. Bob Roberts to tune it for them. The members believe it was about 1928 when electricity came to the Valley. Soon after that the organ was electrified, certainly much to the pleasure of the gentlemen who had been doing the pumping! Uncle Gene Currey and Elder Israel Slater usually fell heir to this job, "spelled" by Mr. Theron Hasbrouck. During the early part of the last half century, Mrs. Olive Anapel Carr was the regular organist. In later years Miss Irene Moore became the organist with Mrs. A. J. Erath (Lottie) filling in. Lately, the organists have been Miss Irene Moore and Miss Jeanette Erath. The organ represents a tie to the past for many in the congregation.

Forest Rangers, State Police, and the Civil Air Patrol, all assisted in the rescue of Jack Goldman, 56, of Mirimar, Fla. and White Lake, who lost his bearings on Friday afternoon after trying to make a landing in his Piper Aztec at the Sull. Co. Airport. Goldman's plane was originally spotted from the air on Saturday on Samson Mt. in Sundown and when rescuers arrived on the scene they found Goldman pinned in the cockpit by a tree which held his arm against the window. Rescue team equipment was not able to free Goldman and rescuers went from house to house in Sundown, borrowing tools from residents to aid in freeing the pilot from the cockpit. It took 2 hours to get Goldman down from the mountain to the Peckamoose Road where an ambulance from the Grahamsville First Aid Squad was waiting to take him to Harris Hospital.

The Friends Meeting House, Grahamsville, will be open to the public Sat. Sept. 1 when the members will hold a Thrift and Bake Sale to assist in support of the Meeting. The Society of Friends, better known as Quakers, is the smallest of the local religious groups. The Meeting House was built in 1840 by the grandfather of the late Smith Family. Harriet was the last surviving LOCAL member of the family. Some of the other family members still live in other areas. Those present will be able to see the interior of this historic building, an exact copy of which has been built for Museum Village.

TRI-VALLEY LIONS CLUB JULY - AUGUST NEWS (From Pg. 1)

Our new year began at the July 7th meeting with President Salvemini presiding. Plans for 2009-2010 and the Fair were on the agenda.

The August member meeting was a clean-up night at the Soda Booth in preparation for the Little World's Fair. We did well in spite of the competition at Bethel and the economy. Thankfully rain stayed away for most of the Fair. These funds will support local needs and Lion projects that help many people. Thank you for all those who supported our booth and trailer.

Coming up is the Youth Sportsman Day on Sept. 12th, Antique Machinery Show on Sept. 19th and 20th, and to bring the season to a close, the Giant Pumpkin Party on October 3rd.

MERRY AS A CRICKET

By Peggy DeWire



Listen! Chirp, chirp, chirp! The familiar song of a cricket is the same sound that has delighted people since ancient times all over the world.

An old proverb "merry as a cricket" came from the Greeks and Romans who called them Gryllus (basis for family name Gryllidae) and regarded them as good luck charms in the house. In ancient China pet crickets were kept in tiny bamboo cages and carefully fed and watered.



Let's catch that cricket singing over there by the back porch...look under that flat rock, gotcha! It's a female with a long spike tail and she lays her eggs in the ground with that ovipositor. However, she can't chirp at all, so put her back and start looking for the one you heard. He's close by because his love song attracted her. She listened carefully with her knees, where a cricket's ears are - to locate him.

A cricket's music-maker is a fiddle-and-bow apparatus hidden in his two top wings. The leading edge of both wings has a thickened ridge; the bottom edge has rows of tiny teeth like a file. To chirp, a cricket raises his wings, crosses them one over the other and saws back and forth like a fiddler.

Scraping his wings vibrates a smooth area like a wee drumhead in the middle of each wing, increasing the volume like a tympani drum roll. One chirp lasts 1/10 second and is composed of three scrapes blended into one sound.

The Camel cricket is wingless, thus silent. Female Gryllas have no fiddles on their wings and so can't chirp, although some respond to high-pitched clicks. A saying goes "Happy are the crickets" lives because they have such voiceless wives."

As male crickets get older, constant use wears down their file and scraper so that chirps grow fainter at the end of their lives which is about two months.

Crickets are ancient insects of the order Orthoptera (straight winged) and are distinguished by having very long antennae, often longer than their whole body length.

Crickets are always hungry and eat everything from fungi, seeds and foliage outdoors to paper, leather and clothing (except polyester fibers) indoors.

Crickets have a two-stage lifestyle or incomplete metamorphosis. Hatching from eggs laid in the ground, baby crickets look like miniature adults.

They grow bigger through four or five skin molts and develop wings with the final change into adulthood.

In the North crickets have one brood; in the South they breed year around.

At Grahamsville we have three common crickets: brown house (Gryllus domesticus); Black field (G. pennsylvanicus) and green tree (Occanthus fultoni).

To me crickets look the same coming and going due to having tow long antennae in front and two spiky tail feathers (cerci) in back. Tiny hairs on the cerci catch sound vibrations and help crickets find their way backwards and forwards in darkness.

Tree crickets are also called Temperature Crickets because the frequency of their chirps gives the temperature. The formula: count the number of chirps per minute, divide by 4 and add 40 for the temperature in Fahrenheit degrees.

Tree crickets also orchestrate together for the sheer love of singing - most unusual in the insect world where males sing usually to attract mates or bluff a rival.

Next to eating and singing, crickets like to groom themselves until they're thoroughly clean and shine like black patent leather.

No wonder the joyous chirp of a house cricket inspired Charles Dickens to write "The Cricket on the Hearth" about one that sang merrily when things were going smoothly and fell silent when they weren't.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TAXPAYERS

For the 2009-2010 school year, school taxes for the Tri-Valley Central School District will not be collected at the school. They will be collected at the Catskill Hudson Bank in the Carrie D's Plaza in Neversink, or you can mail them to:

Tri-Valley School Tax Collector
PO Box 3132
Syracuse, NY 13220

Thank you for your cooperation.

b8/6-9/24

BIDS REQUESTED FOR TOWN OWNED ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT

The Highway Superintendent of the Town of Neversink requests individual sealed bids on the following Town owned items and equipment offered for sale:

**1992 FORD BRONCO (TAN)
AUTOMATIC - 5.0 Liter Engine
MILEAGE - 48,519
\$250.00 MINIMUM BID**

The listed item can be seen between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM at the Town of Neversink Highway Barn, RT 55, Grahamsville, NY. Monday through Friday, except Holidays, by contacting Gary Van Valkenburg, Highway Superintendent at 845-985-2281.

Items will be sold "AS IS" and all sales are final. Payment shall be made to the Town of Neversink within 30 days of award of bid.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids without reason.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 not later than 2:00 PM on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at which time, or as reasonably soon as possible thereafter, all bids will be publicly opened.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Town of Neversink
Dated: August 14, 2009

8/20 & 9/3

TOWN OF NEVERSINK NOTICE OF ADOPTION

WHEREAS, notice of Public Hearing was duly given, and said hearing duly held in the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York on the 12th day of August, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time to consider the adoption of Local Law No. 3 of 2009 entitled "A Local Law Amending Section 50-21(D)(9)(b)[1] of the Code of the Town of Neversink Relating to Mobile Homes and the Requirements for Erection in the Town of Neversink and (ii) Section 50-21(D)(16)(g)[2] of the Code of the Town of Neversink Relating to Outdoor Boilers and the Dates on Which such Furnaces May Be Burned in the Town of Neversink".

NOW, THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that after due consideration and deliberation, the Town Board of the Town of Neversink duly adopted said Local Law on August 12, 2009 and said local law was duly filed with the New York State Secretary of State on August 17, 2009.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: August 27, 2009

9/3/09

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Karla and Daniel McGuigan for the purpose of review of an application for an Area Variance at 256 Twinshaven Road, Napanoch (Grahamsville), NY (ZBA#12-1-18). The McGuigans are requesting a variance for relief from §50-15 Swimming pools and §50-8 Setback requirements in order to install an in-ground pool and put an enclosure around it.

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
VERN LINDQUIST, CHAIRMAN

9/3 & 9/10

NOTICE OF SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740

I, Patricia Barkley, School Tax Collector for the Tri-Valley Central School District, having received the School Tax Roll and Tax Warrant, dated September 1, 2009, will have taxes collected at the following location and on the dates listed below:

Catskill Hudson Bank
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starting Tuesday, September 1, 2009.

Tax collecting hours will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. To 12 noon. Drive-up open Mon.-Fri. 8-4:30 and Sat. 9-12 noon.

Payments may also be mailed to the address given below:

Tri-Valley CSD Tax Collector
PO Box 3132
Syracuse, NY 13220

Taxes will be received in accordance with the following penalty schedule:

Sept. 1 - Sept. 30 No Penalty
Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 2% Penalty
Nov. 1 - Nov. 4 3% Penalty

The School Tax Collector may not accept payments after November 4, 2009.

All unpaid School Taxes will be re-levied at an additional 7% and added to your 2010 Town and County Tax Bill.

Tax bills will be mailed as soon as possible.

PATRIOT PLAN: Under the provisions of Section 925-d of the Real Property Tax Law known as the 'Patriot Plan', you may be eligible for a deadline extension on your tax payment. Contact the Tax Collector for details.

Patricia Barkley, School Tax Collector
Dated: August 27, 2009

8/27, 9/3

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Democratic Caucus will be held in and for the: TOWN OF DENNING

DATE/TIME:
SEPTEMBER 19, 2009 at 6:00 PM

PLACE:
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Filing Date: 8/25/2009
Signed: Frank Comando, Chairman

Note: Only enrolled Democrats of the Town of Denning may vote at this Democratic Caucus.

CHEESEMAKING (From Pg. 1)

The workshop is \$75 made payable to Cornell Cooperative Extension. The fee includes milk, materials, and lunch. Registration is required by Thursday, September 17, 2009. There must be 8 pre-paid participants for the class to be held. Call Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County to register at 845-292-6180 or email: lds82@cornell.edu.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. If you have special needs, contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County at 845-292-6180.

BEYOND THE JUDGING Understanding Sullivan Renaissance Phase II Grant Awards

A workshop on how organizations can use their "prizes" and completion grants will be presented to community groups that participated in Sullivan Renaissance 2009. The program is Wednesday, September 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the CVI Building in Ferndale.

Beautification groups that successfully completed projects this year receive a completion grant ranging from \$250 up to \$5000 depending on their category level. In addition, more than a dozen groups received additional grants up to \$10,000 at the August 10th awards ceremony for demonstrating excellence in particular areas.

These funds are collectively referred to as "Phase II Grant Awards" and this workshop will provide valuable information on eligible uses for those grants, as well as ideas for how groups can use the grants to enhance their project and get a jump start on next year.

Pre-registration is requested by Monday, August 31. Contact Saraid Bacz at 845-295-2445 or sbacz@sullivanrenaissance.org.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Additional funding has been secured by NYS Senator John J. Bonacic and Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther. Sponsorships for the 2009 program have also been provided by WSUL/WVOS and by Thunder 102.

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Commercial categories include: Best New Commercial; Best Commercial Renovation (before and after photos required); Best Spruce-Up Commercial (before and after photos required); and Other (i.e., unique, most interesting).

Residential categories include: Best New Residential Construction (over 2,500 square feet); Best New Residential Construction (under 2,500 square feet); Best Residential Renovation (before and after photos required); Best Spruce-Up Residential (before and after photos required); and Other (i.e., unique, most interesting).

A separate application is required for the Best Municipal or Public Building Project (including green initiatives). The winner is awarded a \$2000 grant made possible through Sullivan Renaissance.

Applications are available at <https://scbr.get-lamps.net/> or www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

Entries must include exterior photos (maximum of six), a brief description and comments on why it is being nominated, and permission from the property owner. The judging criteria include: exteriors only, use of site, innovation, visual appeal, workmanship, date of project and located in Sullivan County. Previous finalists are not eligible. Projects must have been completed between January 1, 2007 and August 31, 2009. Electronic photos or CD are preferred.

Awards will be presented on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at the Eagle's Nest in Bloomingburg. Cost of the dinner is \$35 per person, tax and tip included (\$45 after November 2). The 6:00 p.m. reception includes hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar; dinner begins at 7:00 p.m.

For more information about the awards or the dinner, contact 845-794-2735 or scbr@verizon.net.

NEW TRAIL OPENED IN WOODRIDGE

The Fallsburg O&W Rail Trail Committee invited the public to attend a ribbon-cutting and trail dedication this past Sunday, August 30th in Woodridge. The ribbon-cutting took place at the Veteran's Memorial Park on Roosevelt Avenue in downtown Woodridge, next to the gazebo and rail-trail sign.

A brief ceremony marked the official opening of a 2-mile section of the former Ontario and Western Railroad right-of-way to the public as a recreational trail. Light refreshments were provided, and musician Paul Lounsbury performed an original song called "To the Mountains by Rail." Following the ribbon-cutting, the public was invited for a leisurely walk down the trail, which ended at the Neversink River where a railroad trestle once stood. Volunteers provided a shuttle service back to the park.

The Woodridge trail is the third segment of the O&W rail-trail opened to the public within the Town of Fallsburg. A 2.5-mile segment from Mountandale to Woodridge, and a separate 3-mile segment from Hurleyville to South Fallsburg, have been open and actively used as recreational trails since the mid-1990s.

Opening of the Woodridge segment was the culmination of three years of hard work by volunteers who make up the Fallsburg O&W Rail Trail Committee, headed up by Mountandale resident Allen Frishman. Overcoming several setbacks, volunteers cleared trees, widened the trail, removed debris, and replaced two culverts washed out by heavy rains to make the trail accessible.

In preparation for the official opening, volunteers with Woodridge Kiwanis and Woodridge Renaissance last year erected a gazebo and a sign with interpretive information, and brought in several truckloads of fill to create a beautiful trailhead lined by split-rail fencing. That project was funded through Sullivan Renaissance, earning the group a third-place prize in their category (\$5,000).

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YMCA before & afterschool programs promote healthy living, social skill development, emotional development, character development, sports and service. In Tri-Valley the Kingston Y is looking forward to meeting the communities childcare needs.

To learn more about before & afterschool programming through the Kingston Y at the Tri-Valley Central School, contact Sam Bugna, 647-0200 ext 541 or visit ymcaulster.org to view information about all of our great programming.

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Peter Travers of *Rolling Stone* says "This knockout of a movie expertly blends bliss and the blues... (500) Days is otherwise a different kind of love story: an honest one that takes a piece out of you."

(500) Days of Summer is rated R and will screen nightly at 7:30 p.m. starting Friday, September 18 through Monday, September 21 with a matinee at 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 20 at the Callicoon Theater, 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY.

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**2010 CULTURAL PROGRAM GRANTS AVAILABLE THROUGH DELAWARE VALLEY ARTS ALLIANCE**

Grants for cultural programs for 2010 are available through the Decentralization (DEC) Program of the New York State Council on the Arts, which is administered in Sullivan County by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. DEC funds arts programs such as concerts, arts publications, exhibits, literary programs, lectures, theater performances, film screenings, workshops, and more. Grant guidelines and applications are now available for download at www.ArtsAllianceSite.org or may be picked up at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Sullivan County nonprofit arts organizations, municipalities, or individual artists (whose projects are conducted through a non-profit organization) that wish to create, produce or present cultural programs or arts projects during 2010 are eligible to apply for these grants.

Attendance at a grant-writing seminar is mandatory for first-time applicants, but all potential applicants are strongly urged to attend one. They are free and open to the public. The seminars will include information on the program's priorities and review criteria, contractual obligations, and budget and narrative development.

Seminars will have been tentatively scheduled for

Thursday, September 24 at 6 p.m.
Sullivan County Visitor's Association
Conference Room
100 Sullivan Ave
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Saturday, October 3 at 10:30 a.m.
Delaware Arts Center
37 Main Street
Narrowsburg, NY.

Please call (845) 252-7576 to verify times.

Completed grant applications must be submitted to the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance by Friday, October 23 at 4 p.m. Applicants are notified of the decision in January 2010, and projects may begin immediately thereafter. For further information, call (845) 252-7576

ABBA 'THE TOUR'

ABBA 'The Tour' the high-energy show that has played to packed houses around the world, will provide a sweet pop treat for fans at the Belleayre Music Festival on Saturday, Sept. 5.

ABBA is one of the greatest hit-making groups of all time. They still sell over two million records a year. ABBA 'The Tour' stands as the ultimate tribute group from Sweden with the true original sound and stage presence. This 12-piece band has been praised by critics and seen by thousands of fans who have taken the journey from 1969 to 1981 with the story of ABBA.

Tickets are on sale via Ticketmaster. For additional information, please call 800 942-6904, ext. 1344 or visit: www.belleayremusic.org. The festival's e-mail address is: festival@catskill.net.

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MANETTE VAN HARNEL'S "SCULPTURE-TO-WEAR" At ASK,

In a season celebrating 400 years of Dutch influence in the Hudson Valley, the Arts Society of Kingston will hold a special one-day showing of work by Dutch-American artist Manette van Hamel. Van Hamel's rarely shown large-scale hand-crafted jewelry, called "Sculpture-to-Wear" by the artist, will be on view in a special Meet-the-Artist reception on Saturday, September 26, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Arts Society of Kingston's gallery, 97 Broadway in the Rondout section of Kingston.

Woodstock artist van Hamel was born in the Netherlands in 1913. She came to the United States at the age of 7 when her father became the New York City correspondent for a Dutch newspaper. A summer in the Maverick colony near Woodstock became a few years' residence, followed by travels to other parts of the United States and a return to the Netherlands.

She began a career as a violinist and teacher of music. Early in World War Two, van Hamel married a Dutch diplomat and began a life of foreign residence in England, Scotland, Belgium, Denmark,

Indonesia, Venezuela, Canada and New York. While in Toronto she studied jewelry making, followed by private study with Woodstock's Rolph Scarlett, both before and after the van Hamels' retirement to Woodstock.

The large creations she developed are crafted using gemstones, silver and gold, fabricated so they are hollow and light enough to wear. Van Hamel won first prize for her work in the Canadian National Exhibition and has pieces in the collections of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Stedelijk Museum in Amsterdam and private collections.

Chairing the free event is van Hamel's daughter, Martine van Hamel, former principal dancer of American Ballet Theater and founder of Kaatsbaan International Dance Center.

Information about ASK programs can be found at ASKforArts.org or by phoning (845) 331-0031. Other exhibitions at ASK in September are the work of Eva van Rijn and "Hudson River Meets History" by ASK members.

TRIPLE THREAT MAN ON BOARD FOR "TURBULENT VOYAGE"

His name is Michael Monasterial, and he's actually more than a triple threat man: He's an actor, writer, director, producer, educator, builder, and visionary; and one - just one - of his many jobs is producing Paul Cooper's "Turbulent Voyage," the Art Society of Kingston's Quadracentennial play, which will be performed at the ASK Arts Center, Friday and Saturday, September 25th and 26th, October 2nd at 8:00 pm, and Sunday, October 4th, at 3:00 pm. Admission is \$12 for members and \$15 non-members and reservations will be taken at (845) 338-0331.

At the same time, Monasterial is directing and performing in "Passing The Torch Through The Arts," an outreach program one of whose missions is to bring fine plays - such as "To Kill a Mocking Bird" - to young audiences who would otherwise never get the chance to see them. The program also runs a new Playwright's Workshop in Beacon. Monasterial's motto is "Theater + Education + Positive Action = Social Change," and this charismatic man makes you believe in it all.

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Monasterial enjoys helping out with the drama effort. "These guys are trying to build something," he says, "and I am, too. I can learn from them."

Monasterial's contribution to "Turbulent Voyage" is to design and build the platforms, hang and wire the lights, and provide a myriad of other resources - all this while attending to the demands of other theatrical ventures. Not all the stars appear on stage.

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OXFORD DEPOT PERFORMS SEPT 5 AT TUSTEN THEATRE IN NAR- ROWSBURG

Get your hands clappin' and your feet movin'. Delaware Valley Arts Alliance presents the bluegrass sounds of Oxford Depot Saturday, September 5 at the Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge St, Narrowsburg, NY.

Oxford Depot, based in the Hudson Valley of New York State, play a mix of bluegrass styles ranging from traditional to modern. They have performed at various bluegrass festivals including The Willow Creek Bluegrass Festival, The Autumn Leaves Traditional Music and Dance Festival, The Grahamsville Fiddle Festival, and the Warwick Valley Apple Blossom Bluegrass Festival to name a few. They have performed live on WJFF radio for several years.

The band members are Roy Streever (guitar), Kevin Monahan (mandolin), Ed Ackerly (banjo), Carl Kubie (fiddle), and Leon Swyka (bass).

For tickets to Oxford Depot, call the Tusten Theatre box office at (845) 252-7272.

For more information, visit ArtsAllianceSite.org or OxfordDepot.net.

The fall season continues:

Saturday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Music of Our Time, area composers concert with special guests The Dorian Wind Quintet and Duo Navona. Featured composer Lee Hoiby. \$15

(Next Col.)

Saturday, October 24 at 8 p.m. - Masters of Jazz Guitar featuring Bucky Pizzarelli, with Frank Vignola and Ed Laub. \$20

Saturday, November 7 at 8 p.m. Soprano Kate Hurney singing Haydn & Mendelssohn. \$15

LOCAL ARTISAN, CHRIS PARROW POT- TERY DEMO AT PAKATAN FARMERS 'MARKET

Chris Parrow showed various techniques and hand building pottery and how it could be used to create one-of-a-kind pieces this past weekend at the Pakatakan Farmers' Market at the Round Barn in Halcottsville.

Chris Parrow Studio produces handmade pottery, especially functional, wheel-thrown forms, including lamps, vases, pitchers, mugs, bowls and platters. Hand-built ceramics, including sculptural Catskill Mountain landscapes, decorative tiles, and wall pockets, are all inspired by the natural beauty of the region.

Parrow's original, one-of-a-kind pieces are made from high-fired stoneware clay, and glazed in a variety of techniques with a focus on multi-colored tones and texture. Design motifs include decorative brushwork, floral stamping, botanical prints, incising, and old-fashioned spongeware.

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Oneonta on Route 30; 35 miles south of Middleburgh on Route 30; and 40 miles north of the Route 17 exit at Roscoe. Information: (845) 586-3326.

NOTE DATE CHANGE: ASK'S ARTIST LECTURE WITH EVA VAN RIJN HAS BEEN CHANGED

The special, free, artist lecture with Eva van Rijn has been changed to Sunday the 13th, of September at 3:00 pm, at the Arts Society of Kingston (ASK). It was originally planned for Saturday the 12th, at the same time. ASK apologizes for any inconvenience and urges supporters to check in regularly with the website at

www.ASKforArts.org.

Eva van Rijn's exhibit is titled "Eva van Rijn: Badlands and Red Rocks" and will be on show in the ASK Members' Lounge, 97 Broadway, September 5th through 26th. The opening reception is Saturday, September 5th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

We need a program that (1) preserves Medicare and Medicaid (2) Affordable Health Care Coverage for Everyone (3) public option must be included for anyone without insurance (4) Priority coverage for basic preventative health care and wellness care (5) equity in outcomes (6) portable from job to job to unemployment to students who age out of family coverage (7) choice with cost controls (8) employers must contribute (9) everyone is covered.

Congress and the Federal Government should wake up and check out the State of Oregon Health Care program or DMAP. Visit the following link and read about a program that has been in place since 1994.

<http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/aboutdhs/structure/dmap.shtml>

The most important statements are: Prioritized list of Health Services, emphasis on Preventative Care and no one can lose their health coverage.

No one in Oregon can be denied Health Coverage - one program or another will pick the resident up - Medicare, Medicaid, Employer based, individuals, unemployed, students, high risk patients, those with pre-existing conditions. All you need to do is become a resident of Oregon and you will have health care coverage. If you cannot contribute to the cost, the State will pay from some other source in their budget.

All the scare tactics being used by the opponents to Health Care Reform are answered by the State of Oregon Health Care Program. It would certainly be a good starting point for our Congress to consider and adopt.

Sincerely,
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COMPTROLLER UNCOVERS FLAWS IN SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAM -Poor Internal Controls May Have Contributed to Missing Money

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach has released his audit of the Ulster County Department of Social Services' Medicaid Spend-Down Program. The report identifies a lack of written policies and procedures on file for staff to follow, duties not sufficiently segregated to provide appropriate checks and balances, inadequate safeguards for cash collection, deposits not made timely, receipts not always issued and a failed receipting system.

"We found a significant lack of management oversight to insure that this Program, which is designed to handle tens of thousands of dollars in client monies, is run efficiently and effectively," said Auerbach.

Early in his first term as County Comptroller, Elliott Auerbach learned of a February 2008 reported theft of \$1,320.00 from twenty-one client accounts which prompted his audit of the Program.

"In the course of this audit my staff uncovered an additional \$3,424.30 in cash receipts from another fifty-three client accounts not deposited," explained the Comptroller. "DSS lacks both a system and a secure collection facility and is finally addressing those issues nearly eighteen months after reporting the theft."

The audit also found that the Medicaid Spend-Down accounts entered into NYS's Welfare Management System are not reconciled against Ulster County's accounting system and the DSS Accounting Department's subsidiary record of each client's history.

"When accounts are not reconciled we cannot be sure all transactions have been properly recorded and this is not acceptable practice," said Auerbach.

"It was also troubling to learn that the required

recertification process instituted by the New York State Department of Health was not followed," said Auerbach. The audit found that client identification and citizenship were not always being verified based on reports received from the Federal Social Security Administration.

A survey of Medicaid employees, included in the report, disclosed that case workers feel that case loads are excessive, resulting in a suffering morale. Employees also cited slow and cumbersome technology resources and ineffective allocation of duties as key concerns.

While acknowledging that the County's financial management system is grossly inadequate and contributes to some of the challenges cited in the audit, the Comptroller stated his expectation "that departments have a responsibility to insure appropriate care, custody and control of client and County funds."

The Medicaid Spend-Down Program is a pay-in plan unique to New York State that provides coverage for medical related expenses for Medicaid eligible individuals.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE STEPS UP ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS - Submits \$4 Million Federal Stimulus Application for Wireless Broadband Coverage Throughout Ulster County

Ulster County has submitted an application, through the Federal Broadband Initiatives Program, for a \$4 million dollar grant to help build a high-speed, wireless broadband system that would provide coverage to nearly every un-served and under-served area of the County. High-speed broadband internet service is a fundamental building block to a competitive and sustainable economy, as well as to the residents of Ulster County who live in rural areas and who are unable to fully take advantage of the wealth of information, opportunities and services available online.

County Executive Hein said, "Every business sector in our county, from creative services, to tourism, to consulting, manufacturing and agriculture relies on the ability to communicate effectively across the internet. We exist within a high-performance, global economy and without access to broadband service, we simply cannot be competitive. Additionally, because of our proximity to the New York metropolitan area, we have many people who either telecommute or who run very successful home based businesses. We must do everything we can to support them and all of the residents of our County who are unable to realize the benefits of high-speed connectivity." He added, "This is a competitive grant; however, my team has submitted an outstanding application and I'm optimistic about the results."

Creation of this application has been a collaborative effort working with Intelligent Information Technology Systems, Inc., Ulster County technical staff, Ulster County Development Corporation as well as Town Supervisors and municipal telecommunications committees.

The County Executive's Office obtained coverage maps of existing fiber providers and then worked with Town Supervisors to ascertain the broadband dark areas of the county. Using the maps prepared by towns and under the direction of the County Executive, Ulster County Information Service's Geographic Information Specialists worked to create broadband maps that included census tract and household population information to determine areas of eligibility under the federal broadband program.

The project, aptly called Ulster County Community Wireless is designed to provide enhanced citizen access, as well as critical economic development and public safety communications infrastructure in rural and less densely populated areas of the County.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$4.8 million dollars. The local match (\$800 thousand) will be provided through a combination of a \$400 thousand match from New York State, a \$100 thousand

dollar grant from Ulster County Development Corporation's (UCDC) Telecommunications Loan Fund and \$300 thousand from Community Wireless, a division of Intelligent Information Technology Solutions, Inc., a local Ulster County firm with a proven track record in providing wireless broadband solutions to the public, private and academic sectors.

The Ulster County Community Wireless project will include service to areas of Rochester, Wawarsing, Denning, Hardenburgh, Woodstock, Shandaken, Shawangunk, Olive and other areas. The project proposal is to use up to 25 wireless masts (smaller than a telephone pole) to provide service to subscribers in un-served areas at competitive rates. In addition, public safety organizations in served areas will receive free coverage and businesses interested in purchasing commercial bandwidth will be able to do so at business competitive rates.

ALLEGED DAY CARE FRAUD UNCOVERED IN SAUGERTIES

Melissa Scott, Co-director of Wolf's Daycare Center was arrested on Wednesday for allegedly submitting bills totaling \$10,566 to the Ulster County Department of Social Services. She was charged with a misdemeanor for falsifying business records in the second degree and was arraigned in the Town of Ulster Court before the Honorable Susan Kesick. The matter has been adjourned to a later date.

The charges were filed after a six month investigation conducted by the Ulster County Department of Social Services Special Investigations Unit, the Town of Ulster Police Department and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services Childcare Unit.

The charges stemmed from bills that were submitted for services to children that were allegedly not rendered.

In commenting on the matter, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein said, "My administration is committed to rooting out fraud, waste or abuse in any form. I would like to recognize the State Office of Children and Family Services, the Town of Ulster Police and especially the Ulster County Social Services - Special Investigations Unit for their efforts in protecting taxpayers and ensuring that services are delivered."

The individual involved, Melissa Scott, Co-Director of Wolf's Daycare Center, in Saugerties has plead guilty to the misdemeanor charge of falsifying business records in the second degree and will be sentenced on 9/9. She has also offered to make full restitution of the funds.

MIRABAI OF WOODSTOCK ANNOUNCES FALL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Mirabai's schedule of events for the fall. This season, Mirabai in Woodstock, has added to their roster of ongoing services by introducing monthly private Soul Readings with intuitive Bente Hansen. Bente will be there the first Monday of every month; please call Mirabai to set up an appointment.

This season, Mirabai will examine the alkaline-acid balance in our bodies, analyze the planetary transits in our charts and reconcile future goals while staying in the present. We'll learn about overtone singing, the medicine wheel and the 2012 prophecies. We'll explore the value of plants that some deem "invasive" and herbs that will prepare us for winter. We'll clear our clutter and set sacred space and gain insight from the tarot. Given the strong demand, there will also be many opportunities to experience channeled messages this season. And those wishing to gain Reiki training can choose from a formal certification class or a Reiki attunement suitable for beginners and practitioners alike. www.mirabai.com

Remember, you can also visit Mirabai online at www.mirabai.com for additional information about our workshops and instructors. When you find a workshop that interests you, simply give them a call at (845) 679-2100 to pre-register and reserve a place. Keep in mind that many of the workshops have sold out in past seasons, so remember to register early!

LETTER TO TOWNSMAN READERS:

I am writing this letter to you today about my great grandmother- Adella Briggs- in honor of the 150th anniversary of her birthday. She was born August 27th, 1859 in Claryville, NY. She was the daughter of Daniel Briggs and Sarah Ann Hansee. Adella Briggs lived to the age of 108 1/2. Adella Briggs out lived 3 husbands and had 9 children. She was a former resident of Grahamsville.

Adella Briggs

Adella Briggs' father was Daniel Briggs, born in North Salem in Westchester County in 1813. He moved to Ulster County with his parents- Philip Briggs born 1778 and Sarah (Sally) Grummon born 1785- by the year 1819 as Daniel had a sister Mary who was born 1819 in Ellenville, NY. Philip Briggs was a farmer and settled in Ellenville area. Briggs Highway was named for Philip Briggs and his brother Daniel (Born 1775 and also a farmer).

The father of Philip Briggs born 1778 and Daniel Briggs born 1775 was Philip Briggs born 1730, (who married Sarah Finch), who fought in the Revolutionary War in Colonel Thaddeus Crane's Regiment from Westchester, NY. He fought in the Battle of White Plains and other engagements. Adella Briggs father- Daniel Briggs- mother was Sarah Grummon. Sarah Grummon's father was Ephraim Grummon who lived in South Salem, NY and fought in the Revolutionary War in the Battle of White Plains and other engagements.

Daniel Briggs was a sawyer (worked in lumbering- possible for a tannery) in Claryville. His wife Sarah Ann Hansee had a brother Jesse C Hansee who owned a large mercantile business and also sold lumber at his store in Claryville. Jesse C Hansee later sold the mercantile store to William Alonzo Briggs (older brother of Adella Briggs).

Adella Briggs' first husband was Elisha Akerley. They had two children: Burr Akerley and Fred Akerley. Elisha worked in the logging industry in Sullivan County and died after a tree fell the wrong way and crushed him.

At age 21, on October 23, 1880, Adella Briggs married Paul Andreas Sheley (age 40) who owned a farm in Bull Run and ran a country store. According to my grandmother, Pearl Sheley Kless, her mother Adella Briggs kept house, ran the farm, helped work in the country store her husband owned and was postmistress of Bull Run. When working in the country store she could add the numbers up in her head very fast. Adella Briggs didn't like the name Bull Run so she wrote a letter to the President of the United States asking if she could change the name to Peekamoose- like the name of the mountain. She received a reply that it would be

alright to change the name to Peekamoose. Her husband Paul A Sheley did not know how to read or write but he drew pictures in a record book to keep track of sales that he made in his store. Alonzo Briggs did the same thing. According to a newspaper article written about the early days in Claryville in the Liberty Register on June 15, 1950. Title of the Article "Roaring Men of the Tanneries Lived up Neversink in the 1800s". The article included a story about "Lon Briggs" (Alonzo Briggs) who ran the country store. A woman came into the store all riled up stating that "all she bought was a cheese and she was charged for a mill stone" Alonzo reviewed his records book and studied the picture that he had drawn. He replied "You're right M'am. I drew a hole in the middle by mistake!"

Adella Briggs Sheley was 40 years old when my grandmother, Pearl Sheley was born. My grandmother was born in Peekamoose, NY Jan 14, 1900. Paul A Sheley and Adella Briggs moved to a farm in Lackawack shortly after Pearl was born. My grandmother, Pearl Sheley, went to school up to 6th grade level. She did not attend school full time. Pearl was sent to live with her older married sisters for short periods of time. She also went to work very young- by age 8 - washing dishes in boarding houses during summers. By age 12 she was working full time. She worked for Yama Farms. She also worked in a boarding house run by Mrs Mary Wakeman.

In 1908 Paul A Sheley died in Lackawack, NY. Adella Briggs Akerley Sheley continued to run the farm- 67 acres- in Lackawack. She married 3rd time to Norman Herman, a hired hand on the farm. He was 19 years younger than Adella. They had no children together. Adella Herman would invite her children and their families to her house and prepare large dinners on her iron woodburning stove. She had a long wood table with benches to sit on in her kitchen. She would pump water from a well in a room that extended off the kitchen. There was no plumbing in the house. Everyone used the outhouse.

In 1938, by a court order, Adella Herman was forced to sell a portion of her farm- the portion that had her house and barn on it- to the State of NY- for the construction of the Neversink Reservoir. Adella went to live with her daughter Ruth Sheley Sanderson Mc Cann in Grahamsville. Adella was a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Episcopal Church. She also lived for a short time with her daughter Pearl Sheley Kless. In 1955 Adella Briggs Akerley Sheley Herman entered a State retirement home in the Middletown Hospital, having become crippled and unable to walk. She kept her own natural hair color even at age 100. (Contd. Pg. 15)

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Sunday Worship Service
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Sept. 5, 2009
5:30 pm
Sundown United Methodist Church
at the Sundown Church Hall

Grahamsville Methodist Church Thrift Sale
9 am-2 pm
&
Luncheon
11 am - 1 pm
Sept. 8, 2009

ROUIS & CELLINI PRAISE HINCHEY, SCHUMER FOR HAWK VISIT (From Pg. 1) "Yesterday was a great example of democracy in our community, as advocates on both sides of the casino gaming issue came together to share their opinions and discuss the impacts, both positive and negative, of Indian gaming in Sullivan County with Assistant Secretary Larry Echo Hawk.

Congressman Maurice Hinchey, who deserves credit for inviting Mr. Echo Hawk and hosting the event, did a wonderful job of assembling a cross-section of Sullivan County residents, and we would also like to thank Senator Charles Schumer, who cut his trip to China short in order to be present for the afternoon.

We were honored to be joined by John Adams, Ramsay Adams, Wes Gillingham and many others who expressed their concern for our community, and who discussed the maintaining the quality-of-life we have all come to expect from living in Sullivan County.

We were also fortunate and honored to be joined by a number of state officials who expressed their support for Indian gaming in Sullivan County, including Senator John Bonacic, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and David Rose from the Office of New York State Governor David A. Paterson.

We have formed extraordinary partnerships with the Indian tribes looking to locate facilities here, and we are confident that the agreements these tribes have made with both the Township and the County will not only enhance the economic success of the casino gaming facilities, but also provide the host County and Township with adequate compensation to expand our services to accommodate the new facilities, and thousands of new residents and visitors they will bring.

And it is important to note that while we support this type of gaming in Sullivan County, we recognize that it's not for every community. By locating these resorts in the center and on the eastern end of the County, we are able to ensure development in the communities that need it most, and preserve our open space and farmland in the communities to the West. It's a perfect blend of moving forward to create a new economic vitality, while also protecting the environment and lifestyle our residents love and have come to expect from living here.

We look forward to Assistant Secretary Echo Hawk's review of former Secretary Kempthorne's guidance letter against off-reservation gaming, and continue to hope for its repeal or amendment in the near future."

GILLIBRAND HELD DAIRY FIELD HEARING IN BATAVIA

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand was joined by Congressmen Eric Massa and Chris Lee, New York dairy farmers, business leaders, economists and local leaders who held a Dairy Field Hearing in Batavia on Thursday, August 27. Senator Gillibrand presided over the hearing entitled, "Legislative Responses to the Dairy Crisis: Reforming the Pricing Structure," which developed ideas from New York's dairy farmers and agricultural communities, and to put them to work in new policies to help get dairy farmers back on track and help rebuild New York's agriculture sector.

As New York's first member of the Senate Agriculture Committee in nearly 40 years, Senator Gillibrand is giving a strong new voice and a real seat at the table for New York's dairy farmers and agricultural communities struggling in these tough economic times.

In June, Senator Gillibrand unveiled her plan to deliver relief to New York's struggling dairy farmers, and pledged to hold dairy hearings both in New York State and in Washington, D.C. The Dairy Field Hearing in Batavia on August 27 will include a panel of local producers and processors, as well as a panel of local economists and experts.

GILLIBRAND STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

Washington, D.C. - Senator Gillibrand released the following statement today on the passing of Senator Edward M. Kennedy:

"Senator Kennedy's dedication (Next Col.)

for over four decades to help millions of our nation's children, seniors and families is an inspiration to me, and I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve with him in the United States Senate.

"While we have lost an American treasure today, Senator Kennedy's rich legacy, historic legislative record and deep commitment to positive change for all Americans will continue to be felt for generations to come.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the Kennedy family as they grieve over their loss.

HINCHEY STATEMENT ON THE PASSING OF US SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today issued the following statement on the passing of U.S. Senator Edward M. Kennedy.

"My thoughts and prayers are with the Kennedy family on this day of mourning. I have had great respect and appreciation for the enormous contributions this family has made to our country and the world. John F. Kennedy was the first president for whom I voted in 1960 after I became old (Next Col.) enough to vote. In 1980, I supported Senator Kennedy's candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination. And for the last 17 years, I have had the privilege to work cooperatively with this extraordinarily understanding and deeply focused senator.

"Our nation has lost a true hero today, but Senator Kennedy's legacy will live on and continue to be an inspiration for generations to come. It's a loss not just for the people of Massachusetts, but for all Americans and people across the world who have benefited from the enormous contributions Senator Kennedy has made on behalf of social and economic justice."

CATSKILL ART SOCIETY RECEIVED A 2009 SC ARTS & HERITAGE GRANT (From Pg. 1)

This project was made possible in part by a Sullivan County Arts & Heritage Grant funded by the Sullivan County Legislature. Funding was used to support two youth initiatives: 1) two performances of the International Young Artists of Shandee Music Festival on Wednesday, August 12 featuring solo pianists between the ages of 14 -29; and 2) two performances of ACT UP! Teen Theater in an original, live radio play entitled Venus Fly Trap, written and directed by Ramona Jan, on Friday, August 21 & Saturday, August 22, featuring student singers, performers, musicians and sound effect artists, ages 13 -16 from Sullivan West, Livingston Manor, Ellenville and the Honesdale, PA area.

Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists.

ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL (From Pg. 1)

On August 5, 2009, Karen Madden, Director, Charles D. Cook Office of Rural Health; Rick Cook, Deputy Commissioner, Office of Health Systems Management and John Morley, MD, Medical Director, Office of Health Systems Management toured the Ellenville Regional Hospital facility with hospital President and CEO Steven L. Kelley. Afterwards, they met with the hospital's Administrative Team, Physicians, Board Members and Foundation Board Chairman for a presentation on the hospital, including information on the community served and its commitment to the hospital, the clinical and operational recovery vision and execution, statistical data on the improvements gained as a result of that execution, and current challenges the hospital faces in a rural setting.

Impressed by the facility and the staff that they met, and the upgrades in hospital's quality of care, services and programs, the Department of Health officials specifically noted the impact that the supportive community has had on assisting the hospital to achieve these goals.

For information on Ellenville Regional Hospital services or programs, please call 844 647-6400.

SCCC AND CMRC JOIN FORCES (From Pg. 1)

The two officials signed a memorandum of understanding establishing the Sullivan Respiratory Care Consortium as well as a letter of intent co-sponsoring a new respiratory care associate's degree program. As part of the agreement, SCCC would offer the proposed associate of applied science degree, which would enable students to work as respiratory therapists or respiratory care practitioners in hospitals and other health care facilities. CRMC would hire the program director as well as serve as one of the clinical sites for students accepted into the program.

"Sullivan County Community College has been collaborating with Catskill Regional Medical Center for many years, as the center is both a clinical site for our nursing students as well as a major supporter of our successful LPN to RN Evening/Weekend nursing program," Dr. Howard-Golladay said. "The college is delighted to be teaming up with them again in order to educate even more health care professionals to serve our local community."

Ruwoldt stated, "Programs such as this are vital to CRMC's mission of improving the health of our community by providing exceptional care. We are thankful that the college recognizes the need for this program and look forward to working with them to make it a very successful one."

The proposed degree program, which must be approved by the State University of New York and the New York State Department of Education, is anticipated to launch in the fall of 2010.

An affiliated member of the Greater Hudson Valley Health System, Catskill Regional Medical Center is dedicated to providing the highest quality healthcare to residents in the Sullivan County region. For more information, call 845-794-3300 or visit www.crmcnyc.org.

TRI-VALLEY WELCOMES BACK STUDENTS (From Pg. 3)

Tri-Valley students have already been back to school for athletic practice since August 17th for the JV and Varsity teams, preparing for a very busy year. The dates for games and meets can be found on the District's website at www.tvcs.k12.ny.us. At the same time, Tri-Valley's award-winning and very active Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapter is representing and competing at the New York State Fair in Syracuse.

This year's Open Houses are scheduled for September 10th for the High School and September 17th for the Elementary School. This is an excellent time to meet the teachers and see what programs are in place for the new school year.

Best wishes to all students for the upcoming school year.

SULLIVAN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO OFFER FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION COURSE IN SEPTEMBER

Sullivan County Community College (SCCC) is offering ServSafe®, a 16-hour food safety certification course, on September 19 and 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Given that New York State law requires food safety training for at least one foodservice worker and/or manager per establishment, the ServSafe® Food Protection Manager Certification program will be of interest to those owning or working in restaurants, bars, hospitals, hotels and other foodservice establishments. This nationally recognized and accredited program developed by the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation will be taught by a certified instructor from the SCCC culinary department.

For more information and to register, call the SCCC Office of Workforce Development, Continuing Education & Lifelong Learning at 845-434-5750 ext. 4213 by September 14. The course is \$165, text included, and requires a minimum of six students in order to run. It will be held in Statler Hall in room H062. Attendees should park in lot B.

Founded in 1962, SCCC is a two-year community college and a unit of the State University of New York. It offers 40 associate degree and certificate programs, as well as a variety of continuing education and specialty courses, on its 405-acre campus, online and through its distance learning program. For more information, visit the "Your Community, Your College" website at www.sunysullivan.edu.

THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

Games & Socializing FREE fun every Friday afternoon 1 pm - 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Town Hall. -

Paint Your Own Pottery Saturday October 17. Town Hall 10 am. \$7 residents \$20 non-residents must be paid no later than October 6.

Shopping Garden State Plaza Tuesday November 17. Leave Town Hall 8 am and return at approximately 7 pm. This trip is for adults 21 and over. A non-refundable \$20 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than October 6.

FREE BINGO Friday November 20 Town Hall 7 pm Bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

FREE Pizza & Christmas Craft Friday December 4. 5:30 pm Town Hall. Quick dinner & decorate Gingerbread cookies. All supplies will be provided. FREE to residents/\$8 non-residents must be signed up no later than November 10.

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ADELIA BRIGGS (From Pg. 13)

Obituary of Adella Briggs

Printed in the Grahamsville, NY "Townsmen" newspaper - (Now the "Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman" still printed in Grahamsville, NY)

Grahamsville Townsman March 6, 1968

Mrs. Adella Herman of Grahamsville, a former postmistress of Peekamoose, died in the Middletown Hospital on February 15th, at the age of 108. Crippled some years ago, Mrs. Herman entered the hospital in 1955. Although bedridden, she was still able to sit up, read, and sing hymns when she celebrated her 100th birthday.

Mrs. Herman was born in Claryville on August 27, 1859, the daughter of Daniel and Sarah Ann Hansee Briggs. Her first husband was Elisha Akerly. She later married Paul A. Sheeley and after his death, became the wife of Norman Herman in 1908.

During the years she made her home in Grahamsville, Mrs. Herman was a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church.

She is survived by three of her children- two daughters, Mrs Mattie Weber of Grahamsville and St. Petersburg, and Pearl Kless of Ellenville; and a son Roy Sheeley of Middletown. She also leaves a number of grandchildren among them Arthur Akerly of Grahamsville, and several great Grand children.

Funeral arrangements will be completed in the Spring at which time interment will be in the Rural Cemetery in Grahamsville.

NOTES:

She married Paul A. Sheeley on Oct 23, 1880.

Among her grandchildren: besides Arthur Akerly: Gertrude Akerly (daughter of Burr Akerly), Frances Kless Kuhlmann (daughter of Pearl Sheley Kless), Virginia Sheley Cline and Edith Sheley Googin (Daughters of Roy Sheley)

She had a multitude of great grandchildren (including me- Gloria Kuhlmann Thompson!)

Gloria Kuhlmann Thompson
Pinellas Park, Florida

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- Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting- 1:30 pm Town Hall Grahamsville
- Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- Tri-Valley Lions Club Rabies Clinic 6-8 pm Grahamsville Fair Grounds- Must be 3 months old
- First Thursday Readers Group Meeting 1:00 p.m. at the Daniel Pierce Library
- Grahamsville Reformed Church Bake Sale - 9 am til sold out!
- Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- LABOR DAY - Town of Neversink Holiday
- Grahamsville Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9-2) and Luncheon (11-1)
- Town of Denning Audit Meeting 7 pm
- Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- Dept. of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall - 10 am - 2 :30 pm
- Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- Grahamsville Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9-2) and Luncheon (11-1)
- ERH Auxillary Annual Luncheon at Eagle's Nest -call (845) 210-1431 or (845) 647-5817
- Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting- 1:30 pm Town Hall Grahamsville
- Neversink Rondout Antique Tractor Meeting - 7:30 Neversink Fire House
- Annual Jakes Extravaganza @ Frost Vally YMCA-Claryville
- Grahamsville Reformed Church Roas Pork Dinner 4-7 pm
- Neversink Rondout Antique Tractor Show 9 am-4 kpm
- Claryville Fire Dept. Monthly Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon
- Claryville Fire Dist. Meeting - 7:00pm
- Grahamsville Fire District Meeting
- Neversink Fire Dist Meeting - 7:30 pm - Public Meeing 8:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Neversink Rondout Antique Tractor Fall Show Sept. 19-20 9 am-4 pm
Oct 3rd -- 24th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade!!!

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

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

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

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

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

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MEMORIES OF EVELYN PORTER

(From Pg. 1)

One of Evelyn's Studio Monday artists, Marilyn Barr, wrote an elegy to Evelyn, titled "A Life Shared." We would like to share this beautiful poem with our community:

A Life Shared

*Contemplating life one must deal with death
for it is out of life that death is carved.
Evelyn taught without words, demonstrating
by assigning unusual tasks revealing
the unexpected - a surprise.*

*In her own work we see as she saw -
a world with unexpected contradictions -
flamboyant colors on imaginary plants,
decrepit beauty in an ancient house,
a doorway leading nowhere.*

*Evelyn did not waste time - that precious gift
from which life is formed. She filled each day
with meaningful activity, putting other's needs
ahead of her own. We are fortunate that here
she chose to live and work.*

*For over thirty years she shared her talents with
Studio Monday Artists, meeting weekly,
in this place, to recreate with palette and canvas
our world.*

*Let us celebrate her life by teaching others
as we have been taught.*

Marilyn Lytle Barr

CAS ARTS CENTER
TWO FREE EVENTS AT CAS!

Friday, September 11, 2009 at 7pm - Artist Ramona Jan will do a live performance reading of the comic/tragic (but oh so true) stories that correspond to her "doll" collection (and also to her life?) that is part of a group exhibition entitled Twisted Sisters. This exhibition runs (Next Col.)

through September 27 and also features the work of artists Suzanne BeVier and Elizabeth Ennis. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, September 12 at 5pm - John Conway will speak about the Town of Rockland in a Bicentennial event that is suitable for all ages. Free and open to the public. This event is co-sponsored with the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce. Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists.



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

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Denning Democrats

If you want to run for office in the Town of Denning or seek a Democratic endorsement, send your resume and qualifications to Democratic Committee Chair, Frank Comando 135 Peekamoose Road Sundown N.Y. 12740 or email to: denningdems@yahoo.com

What is Freedom? It is protecting your rights regardless of rumor or so called truths, or threats to your personal self, your job or your existence. Remember if you did not witness an action, in the courts it is called hearsay, or to us rumor, which is not admissible evidence in a court of Law.

We have a right to elect a new slate in the Town of Denning this November. Contact the new Denning Democratic Committee. Send your suggestions for improving the Town of Denning to: email, denningdems@yahoo.com or call 845.985.0501

The Democratic Caucus is September 19, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sundown Methodist Church Hall (see legal notice is in this publication).

Committee Chair
Frank Comando

ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

A. Jack Elam B. Harry Morgan

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Knarf's "Classic Movie" Trivia

Support Your Local Sheriff

James Garner, is cast as lone gunman with a peculiar outlook on life. Drifting into a lawless town, he comically sets things straight. Cast: James Garner, Joan Hackett, Walter Brennan, Harry Morgan, Dir. Burt Kennedy, C-93 mins. Don't miss this full of belly laughs family western. TV-PG, on TCM Saturday September 5, 2009 @ 6:15 PM.

Quiz:
A. Which of these actors, because of his looks, and attitude, became one of the most famous, and loved character actors of all time?
B. Which actor in this film was also cast as Colonel Sherman T. Potter in the TV series *M*A*S*H*?

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

The spirits of Hudson and his crew come back every twenty years to play ninepins with the gnomes. They are due to come back tonight, the Quadricentennial, which is the 400th anniversary of the discovery of the great river by Hudson on September 3, 1609. However, he was not the first!

Giovanni da Verrazano, who in 1524, was the first European explorer to sail into New York Harbor; although he did not explore up river. Hudson sailed all the way to Albany. On the way south, coming down river, he moored in a cove in the Catskill Mountains where he met and drank with the Catskill Mountain Gnomes. The secret of the magic gnome brew is that once drunk, you are bound to keep friendships forever. Therefore, the Hudson and his crew drank and are now due to return on September 3, 2009 at midnight as they have every twenty years to play ninepins with the gnomes and drink magic brew. They stay and party right to September 30, and then at midnight all the spirits return to their origin as the magic brew wares off. Some people claim that any man foolish enough to drink of the spirits, "the magic liquor" would sleep from the moment the spirits departed the mountain to the day they returned, twenty years later. Most folks discounted the story, although several members of Rip Van Winkle's family swore it was true. True or false, wise folks who walk among the Catskills in September do not accept a drink of liquor when it is offered to them., just in case!

Wow! 400 hundred years, what a party! I guess we need to keep making spirits now.

Bye,

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