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Ulster County K-9 Graduates - Prides for the New Officers



(Kingston) - While many in Ulster County are most familiar with K-9 officers visiting schools, community events, and other venues to demonstrate their canine partner's contribution to public safety, this month, these valued officers of law were the honored guests of the Ulster County Legislature. Majority Leader Kenneth Ronk noted, "Some of the most overlooked and under-appreciated officers that are employed in law enforcement are these canine officers and their handlers." (Contd. Pg. 10)

Cutting the Ribbon for the Best Dam Custom Cakes & Cupcakes Around



Last Tuesday, Erin Allison, owner of EdibleArt by Erin held an official ribbon cutting at her CAKE shop at 156 Muthig Road, Hurleyville, NY. Erin's children hold the plaque that was presented by the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce at the ceremony. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Elias Education Fund

On Wednesday, August 28, 2013, Steven L. Kelley, President and CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital, and Patty Steinhoff, representative of the Elias Family, awarded the Second Annual Elias Education Fund award to hospital employee Taylor Briwa.



Steven L. Kelley, President & CEO, Ellenville Regional Hospital, Taylor Briwa, Award recipient and Patty Steinhoff, Elias Family Representative

Briwa, currently a Nursing Assistant, was awarded \$500 from the Elias Education Fund to assist him as he pursues his Associates in Nursing degree. In order to meet the award eligibility, Mr. Briwa was required to have received exemplary performance evaluations, an excellent attendance record, and excellent clinical skills. In addition, he was required to be pursuing education in healthcare or in a field related to his position at the hospital.

Hon. Ronald Elias was a long-term Ellenville Regional Hospital Board Member. His wife Fran and his family established the Elias Education Fund in his memory to aide in the hospital's mission of providing quality healthcare in Ellenville and the surrounding communities.

Legislator Aiello Submits an Article 78 Request



(Kingston, NY) Legislator Robert Aiello, representing District 2 from Saugerties, submitted Resolution No. 241 to the Ulster County Legislature for consideration at their September 24, 2013 session. Resolution No. 241 authorizes and directs the County Attorney to commence an Article 78 proceeding to challenge the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)'s continued delay in entering into a Consent Order with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regarding polluted releases into the Esopus Creek and it's complete disregard of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s requirement that it address the turbidity levels in the Esopus Creek.

"I am tired of NYC's complete disdain of Federal and State laws; laws that are applied heavily to our local businesses and residents," stated Legislator Aiello. "For a year, I have been calling for this action. I have no faith that the DEC will do it's duty in the protection of clean water for all and call upon my fellow Legislators to join me in seeking judicial action to force the State and the City to stop it's illegal dumping of turbid water into an impaired waterway."

Resolution No. 241 has been referred to the Environmental, Energy, and Technology Committee which meets on Thursday, September 12, 2013 at 5:45 pm in the Karen L. Binder Library on the 6th Floor of the County Office Building.

Sheriff Announces Promotion of Scott M. Brocco



Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum announces the promotion of Scott M. Brocco to the rank of Correction Corporal as of August 20, 2013. Cpl. Brocco joined the Ulster County Sheriff's Office as a Correction Officer in 2003 and is a member of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Lord, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy, hear me, in the truth of thy salvation. Psalm 69:13

OBITUARY

Harold Muthig, a 28-year resident of Hardenburgh, NY and a lifelong area resident, passed away Monday, August 26, 2013 at his home. He was 82.

The son of the late Jerome and Nellie Grant Muthig, he was born November 12, 1930 in Aden, NY in the Town of Neversink.

Harold proudly served our country in the US Army during the Korean War; he was a manager of the Salmo Fontinalis Fly Fishing Club; a retired Highway Superintendent for the Town of Hardenburgh; a construction worker, logger and farmer. Harold was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting and was a member of the Aden Hunting Club.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Beverly Smith Muthig; his son, Todd Muthig and his wife, Heather; his daughter, Dawn Wynkoop and her husband, James; his grandchildren: Amber Wynkoop and her fiancé, James Thibodeau, Kelsey Wynkoop, Matthew Muthig, Makenzie Muthig, Cameron Carlo and his wife, Sydney; one great-grandson, Lucian; two brothers, Raymond Muthig and his wife, Dorothy, and Paul Muthig and his wife, Cheryl; one sister, Annette Brown; and many nieces and nephews.

Harold was predeceased by his brothers: Grant, Calvin, Clyde, Blake and William; his sisters: Mildred Huggins, Hazel Raflowitz, Fern Muccino and Doris Coon.

Funeral Services were held Friday, August 30th at Harris Funeral Home, Liberty. The Rev. Gretchen Fischer officiated.

Harry "Jim" Lounsbury, a lifelong Sullivan County resident, passed away on Sunday, August 25, 2013 at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center in Liberty, NY. He was 90.

The son of the late Daniel W. and Grace Reynolds Lounsbury, he was born on January 10, 1923 in Hurleyville, NY.

Jim was a retired union carpenter. He was a member of the Hurleyville United Methodist Church; a lifetime member of Hurleyville VFW Post 1575 and a member of the Hurleyville Cemetery Association. He was also actively involved in various community affairs.

He is survived by his sons: James Lewis (Diana) Lounsbury of Jacksonville, FL and Paul R. Lounsbury (Kathy) of Grahamsville, NY; his brother, Albert Lounsbury of Albany, NY; his sisters: Alida Brinckerhoff of Middletown, NY and Joan Dunn-Lindsay of Wurtsboro, NY; four grandchildren: Jill Woodruff, Ashley Spangenberg, Cara Dillon and Allison Buckingham; eight great-grandchildren: Zoe and Carlee Woodruff, Jack and Caroline Spangenberg, Brian Dillon III, Cadence Dillon and Natalie and Julia Buckingham. He was predeceased by his wife, Barbara Lounsbury and a son, Dennis Lounsbury.

Funeral Services were held on August 31st at the Hurleyville United Methodist Church; Rev. Susan Woodworth officiated. Burial followed at Hurleyville Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hurleyville United Methodist Church, PO Box 64, Hurleyville, NY 12747.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Tom and Kylie Conjura of Neversink proudly announce the arrival of their son, William Robert Conjura.

William was born at 6:42 a.m. on August 5, 2013 at Englewood Hospital in New Jersey. He weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long.

William is welcomed by his big brothers Tyler and Jonathan Conjura. George and Barbara Dean of Neversink and Tim and Joan Conjura of Grahamsville are the proud grandparents. William is named after his paternal great-grandfather, Bill Conjura of Grahamsville. Maternal great-grandparents are Archie Dean of Neversink and Irene Sosnowski of Woodbourne.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

Peggy and I want to tell our friends and neighbors goodbye. As we leave our home, after 51 years, to move on. We take with us vivid memories of this place and its' citizens past and present, as we enrich our lives with stories of Neversink.

Thank you all for those memories and we have been blessed by them. Good luck, fair seas and a calm wind to all.

Miles and Peggy Ellison

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

September 2, 1953 - Warren C. Many, the oldest resident in the Town of Neversink, and the County of Sullivan, passed away September 6th after a week's illness. Mr. Many was born September 20, 1857 in Denning, the son of Robert T. Many and Elmira Bennett Many. He never married. He served on the Official Board of the Methodist Church and had been a trustee of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bailey of Claryville are the proud parents of a son, Larry Lee, born at Maimonides Hospital, Liberty on Friday, August 28, 1953.

Last Saturday's storm which brought some rain to this drought parched area was preceded by a violent wind of short duration. A funnel shaped twister moved down Thunder Hill, gave the barn a shove at the Emmett Walter place, whirled across the recently leveled flats at the tunnel outlet and roared off in the direction of Burnt Hill

September 4, 1963 - Congratulations to Frederic E. Finch who is one of 352 students scheduled to receive a master's degree at Kent State University, Ohio. He is to receive a Master's Degree in Business Administration. He previously earned an Associate Degree in Business Administration at Alfred State College of Agriculture and Technology and has a bachelor's degree from Kent State.

September 26, 1973 - Elwood E. Velie, 68, of Big Hollow Road, Grahamsville, died suddenly Friday at his brother's residence. Mr. Velie was a lifelong area resident and a retired farmer for the Department of Correction, Woodbourne Correctional Facility. He was born February 16, 1905 in Neversink to John and Elva Everett Velie. Mr. Velie was married to Mildred Maier on April 5, 1953 in Grahamsville. He was past chief of the Grahamsville Fire Department; a member of the Sullivan County Fire Police Assoc.; and a Councilman for the Town of Neversink from 1952 to 1967.

September 8, 1983 - Marilyn Seidita of Campbell Rd., Napanoch, died Sunday, Aug. 28th at Benedictine Hospital, Kingston, after a long illness. She was 40. The daughter of Joseph and Caroline Susina Catania, she was born April 17, 1943 in Brooklyn, NY. She was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church, Woodbourne. Survivors include her husband, Sal at home; her parents of Brooklyn a son, Stephen and a daughter, Nadine, both at home; a sister, Tina Tringali of Brooklyn.

Tidbits from Tom Higgins: According to the Assoc. of Ice Cream Mfgs. there are over 400 flavors available today, including bubble gum, peanut butter and jelly and macadamia nut... In the U.S. the average American consumes 2.7 gallons of wine a year. In France it's closer to 30 gallons per person. As for beer, the West Germans were the tops, consuming an average of 38.2 gallons per person. Americans were in 12th place downing 24.3 gallons of beer each.

Chicken-over-Biscuits Dinner

A Chicken-over-Biscuits Dinner is being held at the Parksville United Methodist Church, Parksville, NY (Rte. 17 - Exit 98) on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 4:30-7:00. Adults \$10.00, Children (5-12) \$5.00, under 5 Free. Eat in, or takeouts available. For more info contact Ella at 985-2826.

A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

Congratulations to Ben and Laura Monell of Woodbourne on the birth of a son, Christian Joseph, on Aug. 3.

Sympathy to the Mentnech Family on the passing of Mary Cypert Mentnech on August 21. Mary, a mother of seven, and grandma to twenty two, a great grandma to forty six and a great great grandma to two, died on her birthday at the age of 96. Mary is also a sister to Walt Cypert of Woodbourne and Thelma Misko of Grahamsville.

Brandon Kaplan of Grahamsville, a fourth grader at Tri-Valley, did a great job designing the front cover for the Giant Pumpkin Party Booklet! Nice booklet!

Be sure to attend the Chicken and Biscuit Dinner at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on Sept. 7 and the Chicken Barbecue at the Sundown Methodist Church on September 14!

Margaret Dolan's Son-in-law, Rev. Charlie Brower, recently accepted a position as pastor of the Methodist Church in Nome, Alaska. Charlie and Janet, Margaret's daughter, were already Alaska residents and just moved further north to Nome. Nome is located on Norton Sound by the Bering Sea. In September the length of daylight in Nome begins to shorten. By December there is no daylight at all until the days begin to lengthen in February.

Summer seemed to go by so quickly! School begins for Tri-Valley students on September 5!

Pastor Paul Ruter of the Grahamsville Reformed Church recently spent a week camping in the Adirondacks with family and friends. He visited John Dillon Park and Campgrounds near Long Lake, NY. Rev. Paul stated that John Dillon is a wonderful place and is very handicapped accessible.

September 14 is the date of the Youth Outdoor Expo at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. The event runs from 9:00 - 5:00.

The Tri-Valley Lions Dinner meeting was held on September in Grahamsville. There were about 30 in attendance.

The McAndrews family of Pepacton Hollow recently returned from a vacation in Cape Cod.

Helen Miller and I recently had lunch at the Blue Hill Café and spent several hours at the Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville. If you haven't been to the Museum, you should go. There are many beautiful and informative exhibits.

Congratulations to Lt. Deming Lindsley, one of the most respected and experienced NYS Conservation Officers in the State, who recently retired after 40 years of service. Deming worked in Sullivan and Ulster Counties for many years.

Sunday, September 8 Sunday School at the Grahamsville Reformed Church will begin again for this school year. Classes for children pre-K through grade 7 will meet each Sunday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 am in Memorial Hall (across from Tri-Valley School). All children living in the Tri-Valley area are invited to attend.

Words of Wisdom:

Some people think it's holding on that makes one strong. Sometimes it's letting go. Smart is when you believe only half of what you hear. Brilliant is when you know which half to believe. (Orben's Current Comedy)

More Than 40 Great Prizes in 2013 Giant Pumpkin Party Raffle

The raffle is a large part of the Daniel Pierce Library's major fundraiser, the Giant Pumpkin Party. This year, there are more than forty great prizes that include cash, hand-knit sweaters, artistic drawings, hand-crocheted sweaters, and gift certificates. The first prize is a weekend's lodging for four at Frost Valley; other major prizes include \$250.00 in cash donated by the Trustees, and a folding wooden Adirondack chair compliments of Grey's Woodworks in Grahamsville. For the first time, the raffle also includes two beautiful children's bicycles donated by "Mr. Pat." Part of the funds that are raised will be used for the Children's Program Room, which will include new bench seating and book storage for Mother Goose Time. The money will also be spent to purchase automation equipment and needed books for all ages. The raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 at the Daniel Pierce Library, or from any board member.

Children's Artwork in the Giant Pumpkin Party Booklet

The 2013 Giant Pumpkin Party booklet has been circulated, and as usual, the children's artwork is delightful. On the front cover, you will see fourth grader Brandon Kaplan's charming smiling pumpkin. It will make you want to get a new costume for the parade! Be sure to check out second

grader Kendall McGregor's cheerfully costumed children on page eight. Their faces come alive and reflect the day's magic moments. On page nine, take a look at third grader Dylan Patrick's float as it moves down the road carrying a house with a smoking chimney. The floats represent our community's abilities to create interesting, humorous designs based on the summer reading program's theme. This year's theme is, "Dig Into Reading."

Scarecrows are another sign of fall, and on page fifteen, third grader Sierra Mickelson has drawn two "dancing" scarecrows that look like happy twins. Pumpkin decorating is also big at the party, and second grader Joyce Brooks has created a frightful looking pumpkin on page seventeen. Can you guess the weight of the giant pumpkin? On page twenty-one, third grader Gavin Clarke's measuring scale skillfully depicts two pumpkins about to be weighed. Don't miss fourth grader David Allison's drawing on the music and entertainment page 87. His drawing of a stage, large sound speakers, and an emcee will remind you of the great music that will be filling the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 5th.

Finally, on the back cover you will see fourth grader Aiyana Brown's elaborate drawing that includes smiling witches and scary creatures that are already looking forward to next year's Giant Pumpkin Party.

Local Businesses Support Families

The summer can present a unique challenge: keeping young children both supervised and engaged while their parents are at work. When you consider that the average child spends 7.5 hours a day in front of an electronic screen of some kind, it's no surprise that even parents who stay home with their children want to see them out of the house and involved in structured, enriching activities.

Frost Valley YMCA offers several solutions for parents, including a summer day camp. And this summer, local businesses have stepped up to help make that an affordable option for parents in the local community. Providing scholarship dollars for local kids to come to camp ensures a safe environment and an enjoyable summer, filled with productive activities, healthy lifestyle choices, and outlets for summer learning loss prevention.

Several local businesses have made donations to support financial assistance for local families, helping to ensure that all families have access to quality summer care for their children. Campers at Frost Valley swim in Lake Cole, take field trips, ride horses, and are introduced to a variety of different cultures.

Support from the local businesses and the community assists over 30 families and 50 campers with more than \$24,000 in financial assistance. Beyond the programming Frost Valley offers, these campers gain valuable life skills, such as making new friends, working with a team, being responsible, and trying new activities. Almost 14% of all such campers' experiences are made possible through these donations.

For 2013, Frost Valley unveiled a new sponsorship system-providing the opportunity for local businesses to support families and impact the community. Our premier sponsor, the Blue Hill Lodge & Café, generously gave \$5,000 to support local families.

About Blue Hill Lodge:

Located in Claryville, construction of the Blue Hill Café, Deli and Grocery was completed in August 2007. Blue Hill Lodge followed in 2008 with the Blue Hill Wine & Spirits store opening in 2009. The Blue Hill Arts, Crafts and Gift Store is scheduled to open in the near future along with the Claryville Art & Event Center which will house the permanent collection of world famous Russian artist Alexander Kaletski. The Art & Event Center will also offer a forum for local artists to display their creations. All are part of the Claryville Centre complex in the Town of Denning, NY and open year round to visitors and our faithful local clientele. Find them online: www.bluehillcafelodge.com

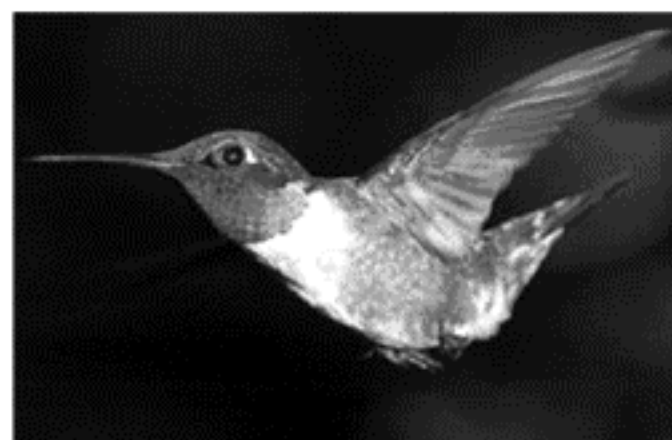
About Day Camp: Every summer Frost Valley YMCA serves almost 500 local families and over 1,000 children through its Day Camp program. Day camp introduces children to our timeless traditions (camp calls, gunging the counselors, singing hoopla) and our eight core values (caring, community, diversity, honesty, inclusiveness, respect, responsibility, stewardship). It's the perfect way for campers of all ages to become a part of the wider Frost Valley community. Along with newfound confidence and independence, children gain a strong sense of community as they take part in daily activities, including arts and crafts, sports and games, hiking, climbing, swimming, and soaring on the flying squirrel!

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.

Farewell to the Hummingbirds

While visiting the neighbors, Paul and Laura Nasierowski this past weekend, we were still able to



watch the Ruby-throated hummingbirds swarm at the feeders that were hung by their back porch.

But it won't be long now,

before these brilliant, tiny, precision-flying birds that glitter like jewels in the full sun, will be heading toward their winter homes in Central America.

The Ruby-throated hummingbird is the only hummingbird east of the Rockies. As with all hummingbirds, this species belongs to the Trochilidae family and is currently included in the Apodiformes order.

While in the Catskills this past spring and summer you may have seen one of the tiny males aggressively defending his territory, especially if there was a nest nearby. The tiny nests are about 1 1/2 inches in diameter and made of bits of lichen and moss, lined with soft dandelion-seed down and spider webs. The female generally lays two pure white eggs, each the size of a navy bean. Nature protects these smallest of all bird eggs with a horrible bitter taste that discourages all nest-robbers.

Mother hummingbirds raise the young alone. As a rule, males mate with several partners and don't help build the nest, incubate eggs or feed chicks, however, they do their part. The father's aggressive defense of several nesting and feeding territories makes it safer and easier for females to collect food.

Baby Ruby-throats grow rapidly as they eat nectar and tiny insects which the mother literally pumps down their throats from her needle-sharp bill. The young leave the nest about a month after hatching and quickly learn to feed themselves. A favorite treat in Sundown is the red bee balm. They love red flowers, especially long necked ones into which they thrust their slender bills and tubular tongues for nectar. The tip of the tongue is frayed like a tiny brush that whisks insects into the mouth during midair feeding. They also seem to like the orange jewel weed that grows profusely in our area.

Almost all hummingbirds of 7 years or more in age are females, with males rarely surviving past 5 years of age. Reasons for higher mortality in males may include loss of weight during the breeding season due to the high energetic demands of defending a territory followed by energetically costly migration. The oldest known Ruby-throated Hummingbird to be banded was 9 years and 1 month of age.

Now is the time that the Ruby-throats will begin to stuff themselves and gain 50% of their body weight in preparation for their long flight. Once leaving the Catskills they will start their journey and fly south two hundred miles non-stop at treetop level. Then they rest, tidy themselves a bit and eat some more before continuing the journey. While flying at night the hummingbirds will orient themselves by the stars and the earth's magnetic field and while flying during the day they will use the sun, earth's magnetic field and landmarks such as rivers, mountains and coastlines. Their wings rotate like a helicopter blade, 75 times per second, making the humming sound that gives this little bird its name. They can hover and fly backwards.

In spite of being so tiny and delicate, these little Ruby-throated hummingbirds will fly across the 500-mile-wide Gulf of Mexico nonstop continuing to eat insects and sleeping while flying!

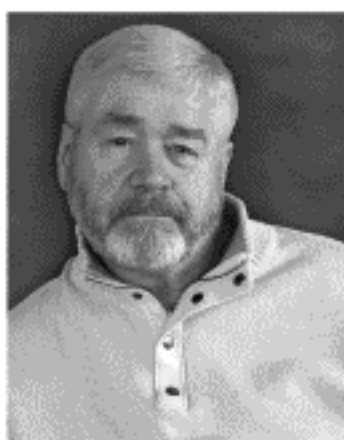
The little hummingbirds at Nasierowski's feeder in Sundown will most probably return to the same place for several years. So when we bid them farewell this year, bear in mind, we will see the same wee bronze-green beauties again next spring.

Household Hints

Steam-clean your microwave

To clean your microwave, place a glass bowl filled with a solution of 1/4 cup vinegar in 1 cup water inside, and zap the mixture for five minutes on the highest setting. Once the bowl cools, dip a cloth or sponge into the liquid and use it to wipe away stains and splatters on the interior.

Standing In Another Man's Grave



One of the most interesting characters in all of crime fiction literature is a champion of seemingly lost causes named John Rebus. You may have seen him on PBS television. He's the irascible, grouchy, and brilliant Scottish Detective Inspector from Edinburg created some twenty years ago by a Scotsman writer named Ian Rankin; and, like a rare single malt whisky, he gets better with age.

Standing In Another Man's Grave, (Little, Brown, \$25.99, 388 pages, ISBN 978-0-316-22458-1) by Ian Rankin is the twentieth in the series. Like all of Rankin's work it is intelligent, finely-crafted and engaging. It begins with a retired DI Rebus working in a civilian capacity, organizing and looking into cold case files, while at the same time doing his best to annoy his young and ambitious supervisor. But when he meets a woman named Nina Hazlitt, everything changes. She's been looking for her daughter, a young woman named Sally who disappeared ten years ago. Her case fell off the police radar screens as more current and urgent ones turned up, because there's no body, no suspect, and no new clues. But Rebus, like a Don Quixote of the Edinburg Police Department, agrees to look into it . . . in spite of Nina Hazlitt's reputation around the department as a crank. When Rebus discovers that two other young women have disappeared on the same remote stretch of road, his intuition and experience lead him to believe that the case may involve an unknown, undiscovered, and as yet unidentified, serial killer . . . and all he has to do is convince his skeptical, underfunded and stressed out former colleagues to believe him. Did I mention that Rebus, in addition to annoying every supervisor he's ever had, has a drinking problem and hangs out with a couple of organized crime bosses . . . which has him being investigated by the Internal Affairs Section? Read this excellent and finely-crafted novel for yourself, and see why Rebus has been called one of the finest characters to ever come along in the detective genre and Ian Rankin is known as the best living British crime writer. You'll not be disappointed.

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That's about all of the magic yours truly has for this week, except this. My oldest and dearest pal in the whole world, as well as being the senior trout fishing advisor to all of the enthusiasts over at Rhyolite Press, called a few days ago to say that he thought one of our recent reading suggestions wasn't appropriate for general audiences because it had too much counter-culture (drug-related) details in it. After scratching my, um, chin for a while, I had to admit . . . he was, as often, but not always, right. So, in the next couple of Mysterious Book Reports we'll review some novels outside of the crime-fiction genre, and deal with more literary ones. Then, in October, we'll do several supernatural ones with vampires and werewolves in honor of everyone's favorite holiday, Halloween.

Don't forget to buy copies of Rhyolite's latest publications, *The Boy Who Slept With Bears*, \$15.00 (ISBN 978-0-9839952-8-9) by George Douthit and *Colorado Noir*, \$16.95 (ISBN 978-0-9896763-0-4) by John Dwaine McKenna. Both are available at bookstores everywhere, at Amazon or as an eBook. A limited number of signed copies are also available at Rhyolite Press, LLC, P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901. Don't forget to add \$4.00 for shipping and handling. We'll see you next week with an all new MBR. --JDM

News from Tri-Valley Central School Real Property Tax STAR Exemption Program Changes

New legislation requires all STAR homeowners receiving a BASIC STAR exemption to register with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and subsequent years.

This is part of a new initiative to protect New York State residents against inappropriate and fraudulent STAR exemptions.

All resident homeowners who currently receive the Basic STAR exemption must register with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and subsequent years.

-Homeowners will not need to re-register every year.
-Based on the information provided in the registration process, the Tax Department will confirm homeowners' eligibility in future years.

-Senior citizens receiving the Enhanced STAR exemption are not affected by the new registration requirement. However, in order to receive Enhanced STAR, senior must continue to:

- Apply annually, or
- Participate in the Income Verification Program.

Resident homeowners applying for STAR for the first time are not affected by this year's registration procedure. To apply for STAR a new applicant must:
-Use Form RP-425, Application for School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemption, available on the Tax Department's website, and
-File the application with their local assessor.

Registration begins August 19, 2013 and continues through December 31, 2013. The Tax Department will mail instructions to all homeowners who currently receive the Basic STAR exemption. The schedule mailing date for Sullivan and Ulster Counties is the week of September 9, 2013 through September 13, 2013. The letters will include a STAR code that homeowners will need to register. Seniors who receive Enhanced STAR are not affected by the new requirements and will not receive instructions from the Tax Department.

Grant from "CRISP" Supports Invasive Species Removal Efforts

CLARYVILLE, NY - In an effort to manage one of the Catskills' most prolific invasive species, Japanese barberry, Frost Valley YMCA is teaming up with the Catskill Regional Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) through a \$5,000 grant. With seeds that boast a 90% germination rate, the thorny plant and its bright yellow roots have become a familiar sight throughout the Catskill forests. Originally imported from Japan as an ornamental shrub, Japanese barberry has become much more than a decorative plant that adorns mulched beds and well-manicured gardens. The invasive species not only changes the pH of soil and affects nitrogen levels, Japanese barberry also crowds out native species. Partly because the shrub is not eaten by deer, the spread of the shrub is virtually unhindered without human removal efforts. All in all, Japanese barberry has a profound impact on the ecosystem.

With the help of CRISP's grant, Frost Valley has begun conducting a three-part research and removal

project. The removal efforts include a wide range of carefully planned techniques, which are being applied to three different plots of land on Frost Valley property and will be closely monitored for regeneration.

For more information about this project and its progress: Contact Heather Bowma (845)985-2291 ext.397 - HBowman@FrostValley.org

The Patients are the Winners at the CRMC Golf Classic



Over 100 golfers teed off on a beautiful cool August 14 morning at the Villa Roma in Callicoon to begin the 35th Annual Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC) Golf Classic. Silver Sponsors for the event were the Medical Staff of CRMC and Orange Regional Medical Center; The Eagle Insurance Agency; and Ramapo Anesthesia. Other major sponsors included Peltz & Walker, KPMG, Crothall Healthcare, Morrison Healthcare Services, Provident Bank, Healthcare Management Solutions, Clifton, Budd & DeMaria, LLP, Hays Benefits Group, and Law Office of M.L. Zager, P.C. M & M Auto Group provided special prizes and a lease on a Cadillac at all the Par 3 holes.

Dozens of other generous businesses and individuals donated for the refreshment/beverage cart, special awards to golfers, hole sponsorships, and in-kind services. Catskill Regional Medical Center employees prepared beautiful gift baskets to raffle off at the golf tournament.

Both employees and golf tournament attendees were able to participate in the raffle that was held at the Villa Roma Club House. CRMC departments that participated included: Administration, Laboratory, Radiology, Medical Board, Adult Day Care, Physician/Surgeon's Office, Facilities & Maintenance, ER & ICU, Skilled Nursing Unit, Morrisons Food Service, Obstetrics and Human Resources. Also many businesses in Sullivan County and outside the County donated gifts as well as their time.

The success of the tournament is due to the leadership of CRMC Foundation Board President Joan Farrow, who was assisted most ably by Fran Justus. Jodi Goodman organized the hospital volunteers. Pro Matt Kleiner and the wonderful staff of the Villa Roma Golf Course were most hospitable as was the Club at Villa Roma that provided the breakfast buffet, a barbecue luncheon, after

golf hors d'oeuvres, and a delectable dinner.

At the awards ceremony following the evening meal, CRMC CEO Dr. Gerard Galarneau thanked everyone for support of the event that means so much to the hospital's mission of helping others and advancing patient care in Sullivan County. Proceeds from the Golf Classic will go towards the purchase of new telemetry units for the fifth floor. These units provide wireless bedside monitoring between a central station and patient.

Matt Kleiner handed out numerous awards to golfers for longest drives, closest to the pin, and low net scores. There was even a prize to the golfer that had the "most fun" on the course-CRMC Fifth Floor Nurse, Wade Pflueger. The low net score award went to the team from Eagle Insurance Agency of Syracuse, NY, comprised of Tim George, Jim Anthis, Glen Belush, and Mike Fortin.

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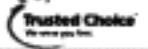
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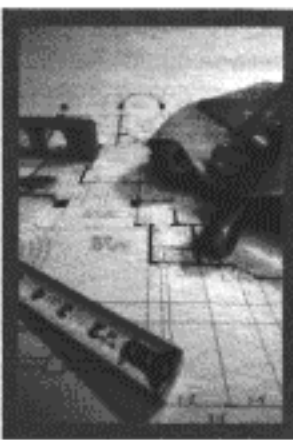
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The Greatest Generation

"The Greatest Generation" is a term coined by journalist Tom Brokaw to describe the generation who grew up in the United States during the deprivation of the Great Depression and then went on to fight in World War I. It is also dubbed "Happy Days" as Americans worked to live the American Dream and raise families in freedom and prosperity.

Tom Brokaw wrote in his 1998 book *The Greatest Generation*, "it is, I believe, the greatest generation any society has ever produced." He argued that these men and women fought not for fame and recognition, but because it was the "right thing to do." When they came back they built America into a superpower.

When I reflect on the passing of Joe Vanacore this past week, I think of him as representative of this era. He, my dad, my husband's dad, and many others are a generation leaving us with the giant footsteps to fill as we struggle for peace. They leave a legacy of strong family ties and work ethic.

Joe epitomized the community servant who was there at ballgames and all town events. He retired from Oteora Central School and went on to serve on the Board of Education. He was father to sons Joe and Ralph and daughter Louise, but he was a father figure and grand-father figure to many. He and Mary joined us on many seventh grade trips providing the comfort of "family" to many students who were away from home for the first time.

Tom Brokaw was "spot on" when he labeled Joe Vanacore and his cohorts the greatest generation. It was a time filled with strong men and woman working for all those ideals we now take for granted and sometimes forsake.

With fewer men and women of this generation we need to remember the values they leave us to protect. As we salute and mourn Joe Vanacore, a man of medals, honor and integrity, we need to re-dedicate ourselves to serving others just because it is the RIGHT THING TO DO.

Assemblymember Cahill Tours YMCA Farm Project

(Kingston, NY) - Earlier today Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D- Ulster, Dutchess) visited the YMCA Farm Project located in Kingston. Children in the community are participating in a project that educates them on preparing and eating food they have grown right in their own neighborhood.

"I am happy to have the opportunity to witness this worthy project first hand," said Cahill. "It was created to educate and empower community members by engaging them in sustainable food production in an urban setting. The farm gets local youth out of doors and teaches them where food comes from and how it grows, which we have unfortunately lost touch with over the years."

The educator for the program is KayCee Wimbish, an elementary school teacher who taught for five years before pursuing her interest in agriculture. She has been farming in the Hudson Valley for the past 7 years and is currently the grower at South Pine Street City Farm as well as the educator for the Dig Kids urban farming program for teenagers in "After a lot of planning and visioning and getting the basics of water and land use guaranteed, we began our fundraising in May of this year, and with the help of many local residents and others in the surrounding areas of the Hudson Valley, we've raised \$17,000 of the \$26,000 we've projected as our first year expenses. And while we'll use the winter to keep fundraising to reach our 3 year plan, we're proud and excited that in the end of this September we will be breaking ground on a quarter acre farm at the YMCA of Kingston and Ulster County. In 2014 the farm will definitely be a place of healthy lifestyle learning and fresh organic food production. The young people involved in the YMCA's after-school and summer camp programs will become farmers, growing food for themselves, their neighbors, and their community," said Lee Anne Albritton, YMCA Childcare Director.

The vision for the program is also part of a larger movement that is working to increase access to fresh, local produce for all of the residents of Midtown Kingston, regardless of income or where they live. In addition, the farm plans on expanding to create a privately run public space that includes nature, exercise and trail areas, as well as significant development of the community garden.

The YMCA Farm Project is located at the corner of Susan and Summer Streets right in Kingston, New York. For more information access the website for the program at www.kingstonymcafarmproject.org/ or call our office at 845-338-9610.

Liberty Free Theatre at CAS with "Red" - Area Debut of Broadway Hit

LIVINGSTON MANOR - The Liberty Free Theatre continues bringing its work around the county with an area debut reading performance of "Red" by John Logan as a co-production with the Catskill Art Society on Thursday, September 12 at 7:30 P.M. The show takes place on Saturday, September 7 at 7:30 P.M. at CAS, 48 Main St., Livingston Manor. "Red" chronicles the story of the painter, Mark Rothko, and his aspiring assistant, as Rothko tries to fulfill the commission for the Seagram's Murals, which became masterpieces of 20th century art. The New York Times called the play, "Intense and exciting..." The New Yorker said it was, "Smart, eloquent entertainment... behind its wallop is a lot of learning..." Paul Austin performs Mark Rothko and Bradley Duiguid performs his assistant. There is a suggested donation

of \$25, proceeds to benefit the programs of CAS and Liberty Free Theatre. The audience is invited to gather for food and drink after the show. Seating is limited. For reservations (recommended) and more information call or email CAS at 845 436-4227, info@catskillartsociety.org or Liberty Free Theatre at 845 798-1527, libertyfree1@verizon.net.

Frost Valley YMCA Receives \$1,800 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation Grant to support Frost Valley's literacy programs

Claryville, NY-August 13, 2013-Frost Valley YMCA recently received a \$1,800 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Organization to support its literacy programs. Specifically, the grant will develop valuable pre-reading skills for day campers ages three, four, and five.

"Through this exciting new program, counselors are reading both classic pre-school favorites as well as the latest, contemporary children's stories to our youngest day campers five days a week," says a representative from Frost Valley. "Together with Dollar General, our goal is not only to enhance campers' literacy skills but also to instill a lifelong love of reading and learning."

This literacy initiative is aligned with Frost Valley's longstanding commitment to youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. Through the camp's wide variety of programs, including residential summer camps, adventure camps, horseback riding camps, farm camp, school and teambuilding programs, as well as group and family retreats, Frost Valley YMCA is dedicated to cultivating a healthy body, mind, and spirit for each individual the camp serves.

"At Dollar General, we are passionate about our mission of Serving Others throughout the communities we serve," said Rick Dreiling, Dollar General's chairman and CEO. "It's exciting to see the Dollar General Literacy Foundation's outreach in action as we partner with organizations to further education and literacy and make a real difference in people's lives."

Celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2013, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$81 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 4.7 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education.

For more information on the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, a complete list of grant recipients or grant application deadline information, please visit www.dgliteracy.org.

Public Employers Brace for another Pension Hike

With New York's state and local pension contributions expected to peak next year, counties across the state are making difficult cost-cutting decisions as they assemble their 2014 financing plans, according to the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC).

It is anticipated the State Comptroller will release next year's pension contribution increase in the very near future. This year, counties (and all other members of the Common Retirement Fund) paid an average of 21 percent of their payroll to the State's pension fund.

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out of the stock market in 2008, at the beginning of the Great Recession," said NYSAC President Ed Diana, the Orange County Executive. "Since that time, counties have seen their pension costs skyrocket, sales tax revenues plummet and the demand for services grow to record levels. The result is smaller county government, fewer services and a squeeze on local taxpayers."

According to the State Comptroller on August 16th, the New York State Common Retirement Fund was valued at \$158.7 billion, an increase of 0.29 percent in the first quarter of the 2013-14 State Fiscal Year (April through June, 2013).

Both state and local government employees are part of the Common Retirement Fund. The valuation of the fund is used annually to set the next year's contribution rates, and local taxes are directly impacted when they are increased.

The dramatic rise in state mandated pension contributions has averaged more than 30 percent annually in recent years, and the required county pension contribution in 2013 will equal 25 percent of all real property taxes levied by counties. In comparison, as recently as 2010, the required county pension contributions were less than 10 percent of county property taxes levied. (Contd. Pg. 12)

The City That Drinks the Mountain Sky

Arm-of-the-Sea Theater will perform *The City That Drinks the Mountain Sky* at Olive Day, 11 a.m. September 7, 2013.

The Olive Free Library Association with support from Dutchess County Arts Council and Catskill Watershed Corporation is sponsoring a free performance of *The City That Drinks the Mountain Sky* at Olive Day, September 7, 2013, 11 a.m. Davis Park, West Shokan, NY.

West Shokan, NY - A free theatrical performance of *The City That Drinks the Mountain Sky* will be offered on September 7 at 11 a.m. at Davis Park in West Shokan as part of Olive Day. Olive Day is a town-wide community festival featuring music, food, crafts, community groups, and a traditional frog-jumping contest. With grants from the Dutchess County Arts Council and the Catskill Watershed Corporation the Olive Free Library is sponsoring a free performance that is geared toward all ages.

The play chronicles the creation of the Ashokan Reservoir, one of New York City's principal sources of drinking water. The Town of Olive surrounds and straddles the reservoir. Some of the town's hamlets were demolished and inundated in order to create this massive reservoir. The performance features colorful sets, live music, poetry, and puppetry. Arm-of-the-Sea was founded in 1982 by Marlena Marallo and Patrick Wadden as an experimental hybrid performance group combining art, ecology and social action. They continue to experiment with this ephemeral art form as a symbolic visual language that can illuminate the links between human communities and the life-support processes of the planet.

This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature and administered by the Dutchess County Arts Council.

The mission of the Olive Free Library Association is to provide our community and its surrounding neighbors with materials and services that meet educational, informational, cultural and recreational needs. It also provides a site for community activities that meet the same needs. www.olivefreelibrary.org

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According to Erin, her children were the incentive for her to move away from the insurance business into a home based business that allowed her to be a stay-at-home Mom, as well as enjoy a career that makes everyone happy. Pink is the theme, inside and out! Erin even has a matching

pink mixer! What could be more cheery? Her husband Scott, has supported her venture and in fact, built an astonishing kitchen and showroom that is reminiscent of a mini-version of Willie Wonka's! There is one big difference, EdibleArt by Erin is not off in some never-never land, but right here, not far from the Neversink Reservoir.

According to Erin, "I was in insurance, then decided to be a stay at home mom with the kids and then decided to open this. I actually didn't leave insurance to open the shop." She continued, "I try to make all of my creations 100% edible. My creations consist of buttercream, fondant, modeling chocolate, sculpted rice krispies, royal icing and chocolate candies."

If you are a cheesecake lover EdibleArt by Erin has Cheesecakes Galore! Here are just a few: Erin's Original NY Style Cheesecake; "Loaded" NY Cheesecake (fresh strawberries and chocolate ganache); "PGJC" (Peanut Butter and Jelly Cheesecake); Carrot Cake Cheesecake; Snickerdoodle; Gingerbread; Red Velvet; Triple Chocolate; Raspberry Lemon; Eggnog; and she is always updating her list with new tastes and ideas.

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Tusten Theatre Fall 2013 Season Mixes Music & Theatre

Jim Gaudet and The Railroad Boys, a national bluegrass band on the rise, will



open the Tusten Theatre's fall season on Saturday October 5 at 8 p.m. with the Railroad Boys, Mat Kane (violin), Bobby Ristau (upright bass) and Sten Isachsen (mandolin). Gaudet, the lead guitarist and singer, anchors his songs in classic roots music with a driving style firmly rooted in Americana.

The band's fourth CD, "Reasons That I Run," highlights the latest collection of Jim's stories and songs, with stories that range from not wanting to dance to a DJ at a family get together (I Ain't Getting' Up), to the murder of a gypsy boy in the quest of rescuing the girl with the golden hair (Justify My

Soul). Tickets are \$20 (\$ 18 advanced sales for DVAA members).

The season continues when Delaware Valley Chamber Orchestra takes the stage on Saturday, October 11, 8 p.m. to present a new work by Kevin Vertrees, "Fluid Dynamics." Created for four woodwind instruments and string quartet, Vertrees' piece will share the program with works by Malcolm Arnold and Bela Bartok. Admission is \$15. On Saturday, October 19, NACL presents "Shakespeare's Will," written by award-winning playwright, Vern Thiessen. Performed as a chamber concert by Tannis Kowalchuk, with sound and music by Kurt Knuth, costuming by Karen Flood, and direction by Mimi McGurl, this full length one-act solo performance sheds light on William Shakespeare's wife, Anne Hathaway. The play looks through the eyes and heart of a woman and mother who spent a lifetime with and without the great poet. Admission is \$20 (\$18 advanced sales for DVAA members).

The Tusten Theatre fall season ends with a bang, on Saturday, December 7 with "Once Upon A Time: The Best Holiday Show Ever - Even If You've Seen Them All!" This new holiday variety show featuring singing, dancing, and comedic acting is directed by Dave McCracken and produced by DJM Productions, in association with the DVAA. Shows will be held at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission is \$15 with discounts for seniors and children under 16 (not appropriate for under 5 years old).

The Tusten Theatre is located at 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. The fall series is presented by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. For tickets or information call 845-252-7272 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

Bible School Helps Malaria Victims



Thirty-one children from New York and Pennsylvania came together under the theme "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus," at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Narrowsburg's Vacation Bible School. From August 5th through 9th, pre-school through upper elementary age children had fun listening to stories, singing, reading, making crafts, playing games, and enjoying snacks. The children, their parents, and church members also heard about a devastating disease, malaria. For a long time, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in American (ELCA) has been supporting clinics and programs in Africa to provide health care. Malaria kills 655,000 people each year, most are children under five. That's a child every 60 seconds. St. Paul's is a member of the nationwide ELCA.

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and becoming part of an historic global movement to say, "enough is enough!" No child, no person, should die of a disease that is both preventable and treatable. The ELCA Malaria Campaign is committed to raise \$15 million to help prevent, treat and educate communities in Africa about malaria and eliminate deaths from this disease-for good. It is now over the halfway mark toward that goal.

St. Paul's, a Narrowsburg neighborhood church since 1869. Weekly services are on Saturday at 4:30pm and Sunday at 9:30am, with Sunday School at 9:00am beginning September 8th. Information about the congregation can be found by Googling "St. Paul's Narrowsburg." For more information, contact the Rev. Phyllis Haynes at 845-252-3919, or email: stpaulsnarrowsburg@gmail.com.

Liberty Free Theatre Presents Poetry and Jazz Poet Barry Wallenstein and Jazz Trio at the Beekman Pavilion

The Liberty Free Theatre continues its Pavilion Series with an "Evening of Poetry and Jazz," featuring poet Barry Wallenstein and a Jazz trio of Tony DeCicco on bass, Larry Ravdin on saxophone and special guest, Mario Marchisella on drums. The show takes place on Saturday, September 7 at 7:30 P.M. at the Beekman Pavilion across from the Fat Lady Cafe in Kauneonga Lake. Admission is free. Donations are accepted. Reservations are recommended. The audience is invited to gather at the Fat Lady Cafe after the show for hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Call 845 798-1527 or email libertyfree1@verizon.net for reservations and information.

Barry Wallenstein is the author of seven collections of poetry, the most recent being *Drastic Dislocations: New and Selected Poems* [New York Quarterly Books, February 2012]. A special interest is the presentation of poetry readings in collaboration with jazz. He has made seven recordings of his poetry with jazz, the most recent being *Lucky These Days*, Cadence Jazz Records, 2013. A previous CD, *Euphoria Ripens*, was listed among the "Best New Releases" in the journal, *All About Jazz* (December 2008). Barry is an Emeritus Professor of Literature and Creative Writing at the City University of New York and an editor of the journal, *American Book Review*.

Larry Ravdin has worked at the illustrious Catskills resorts including The Concord and Grossingers, and for the last 20 years has been working with bands and stage shows for the Holland America Cruise Lines. He's traveled the world on the strength of his music. He's also done special performances with poets - including Walter Keller and Barry Wallenstein. Other artists he's accompanied include Sammy Davis Jr., various Motown groups and such Broadway performers as Rita Moreno and Chita Rivera.

Tony DeCicco has been featured internationally in concerts and recordings since 1972 as a Jazz soloist and side man playing Spontaneous Composition, Bebop, Rock and Classical Music. His most recent CDs include "Over The Edge" on Unseen Rain label and "Explorations" with the Universa Trio on CD Baby.

Special guest, Mario Marchisella, lives and works in Zurich, Switzerland. He studied classical music at the Conservatory in Zurich and has played as a percussionist at the local Opera Orchestra. He is now engaged on a freelance basis in a number of orchestras. He works as a composer (music/sound/final mixing) in theatre, radio and film and often collaborates with visual artists on specific projects. He is the founder of the electro-acoustic band 'Elixir', a music-project that is based on analogue and digital sound-scapes produced via self-made instruments. He is also the founder and singer of 'Duo Belvedere', a collaboration with Marino Bernasconi which 'specialises' in Italian songs from the 1960s.

Four Restaurants That Need To Be Visited

By Paul Nasierowski
Going to Kingston for some very good dining has gotten to be a habit. These four restaurants are all owned by the same family. Three are on the Roundout Creek and Hudson River and one is hidden in the Midtown. I am referring to the Guido Family and their fine restaurants.

Sal and Mark Guido are partners / owners of Mariners Harbor, Social, Frank Guido's Little Italy in Midtown Kingston and Port of Call in Catskill NY. Sal and Mark are cousins, Mark is the son of Frank "Butchy" Guido, the founder of the family's restaurant empire. Though Frank Guido has stepped back from Mariner's and isn't too involved with Social, he still runs Little Italy in Midtown Kingston and Port of Call in Catskill.

They take a great deal of pride in their establishments. Most of the dishes that leave the kitchen don't get passed to diners unless they're approved by one of the owners.

On a recent visit to **Frank Guido's Little Italy**. We had their famous Fried Calamari with marina sauce. They say you can tell a great Seafood or Italian Restaurant by their Calamari and theirs is superb. Eggplant Parmigiana made the old time Brooklyn way and Gnocci with shrimp in a light Pesto and sundried tomatoes was done right. The service is excellent, attentive but not hovering.

On a recent visit to **Mariners Harbor** we started with the delectable Crab cakes with a fabulous Aioli that compliments the dish perfectly. The Zuppa Di Pesce was excellent, all the shell fish were done perfectly which is not an easy feat. The Shrimp Fresca done in a light scampi with broccoli and tomatoes was also delicious.

Social is the baby of Sal and Mark. At the front of Mariners the cousins have turned to the light fare of Tapas. The Guidos call them finger foods, or tapas and said "they're designed to share, nibble and wash down with a nice glass of wine in the company of good friends".

"People are encouraged to order a whole bunch of items and share them," Guido said. "That's the tapas experience. It's just as much about talking about the food and enjoying it. It's supposed to be a social atmosphere. It's supposed to promote having a fun dining experience."

Frank Guido's **Port of Call** is located on the Hudson River in Catskill NY. You can arrive by car at 7 Main Street or by boat. Free Docking is available when you dine at their restaurant. Enjoy from a large menu of the freshest seafood and prime meats, while enjoying a beautiful view on the waterfront.

It is hard enough to operate one successful restaurant; to run four successfully takes a love of the business, a knowledge of what you are doing and surrounding yourselves with people you love and trust. The Guido's have done this and it shows. Their employees show real concern for your satisfaction and a real happiness to be working in this environment. Good for you Sal, Mark and Papa Frank your doing something right.

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Ulster County K-9 Graduates

(From Pg. 1) Having recently completed the fourteen week training school at the Ulster County Sheriff's Office, these K-9's and their handlers are policing the streets in the Towns of Ulster, Saugerties, and as part of the Ulster County Sheriff's K-9 Unit. Their skills in police patrol, tracking, and article searches/scent detection have already been utilized in the county in crime prevention and investigation efforts.

Head instructor Ulster County Sheriff's Deputy George Carlson knows firsthand that a properly trained K-9 officer and handler can do the job of five men at times and costs less to train. "We have had drug money seizures of over \$200,000 with at least 65% returning to the county and the remaining up to 35% going to whatever Federal agency is doing the forfeiture."

Deputy Carlson noted K-9 officers, who average eight to nine years of service before they retire, are purchased through donations and seized drug money and not taxpayer dollars. He commented, "These dogs are young dogs, ready to go, and very active." From the Town of Ulster, K-9 Officer Castor fills a void left behind by the retired K-9, Dak. Dak served six years before a deteriorating bone condition forced him into a well deserved off-duty status with his handler, Officer Joseph Garvila. Continuing to bring his skills as a K-9 handler to the Town of Ulster, Officer Joseph Garvila graduated with K-9 Castor thanks to the local financial support and commitment to the Town of Ulster's K-9 program from New York Precast, LLC and Dave Auringer; Millens Recycling; Kingston Block; Mainetti, Mainetti and O'Connor, PC Attorneys at Law; Ulster Hose Co#5 and the Ulster Police Benevolent Association (PBA).

Town of Ulster Police Chief Anthony Cruise expressed gratitude to the business community for supporting the Town's K-9 unit. He stated, "Being the business hub for the County, it is very important for the Town of Ulster to have an active K-9 unit."

In Saugerties, \$10,000 in donations was collected by the Town of Saugerties PBA to bring K-9 Officer Sara to the Department. Through the sales of t-shirts and a generous donation from the Kiwanis Club of Saugerties, Officer Michael Craft delivered his third K-9, Sara, a black-haired German shepherd to the community. In the near future, Saugerties will add another to their K-9 unit with the recent award of a \$50,000 Homeland Security Grant for the purchase, training and equipment of a new K-9 Bomb Detecting Unit which will sustain, maintain, and enhance terrorism-prevention efforts throughout Ulster County.

Ulster County Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum noted many of their dogs had been purchased with drug seizure money but that this new addition was thanks to the Board of the Sheriff's Foundation, a not for profit formed three years ago to solicit donations for

county law enforcement initiatives such as the K-9 unit. He highlighted a recent incident in New Paltz, to which the canine officers assisted in the seizure of \$84,000 in drug money.

K-9 Dozer and handler Deputy Robert Vedder is joining the Ulster County Sheriff's five member K-9 unit which began in 1999. Sheriff VanBlarcum concluded the pride presentation with, "I want to say it is another two feet, it is actually another four feet on the streets."

Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council To Meet

The Sullivan County Local Early Intervention Coordinating Council (LEICC) will meet Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 3 p.m. at the Sullivan County Shared Clinic Facility in Liberty. Early Intervention (EI) provides in-home services like physical, occupational and speech therapy to children with disabilities and or developmental delays.

The LEICC is an advisory board to the Local Early Intervention Official with regard to services provided in Sullivan County. Parents and other interested parties are invited to the session. The LEICC will be reviewing services and local data for the current and previous program years.

For more information, contact Lisa Wissman, Early Intervention Manager at 292-5910, Ext. 2202.

Become a Community Tree Steward

LIBERTY, NY- Volunteers wishing to improve their communities and parks by caring for trees have an opportunity to receive a structured, two-day training and camaraderie among other like-minded adults. By popular demand, a unique, 10-hour Community Tree Steward course is offered for only \$25 by Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County on Tuesday, September 17, and Wednesday, September 18, 2013. Each class will run from 9 am to 4 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. 32 trained Community Tree Stewards have already successfully completed this program and are active in Sullivan County.

The Community Tree Steward program is a volunteer service-based program through CCE with experts in the field offering training in tree biology, identification, planting, and maintenance for young trees. The two-part course includes in-class and field training. The trained volunteers will be expected to donate 10 hours of stewardship back to the community on selected projects, where they will continue receiving hands-on and technical experience in tree management.

A special tree-care guide book and light refreshments will be included with the program. Participants should provide their own lunch. Space is limited so pre-registration with payment is required in advance. Refunds will not be issued. Reservations can be obtained by calling 845-292-6180.

Questions can be directed to Susan Dollard, Master Gardener Program Coordinator and Community Educator by email at smd243@cornell.edu.

"VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS: Heroes Among Us"

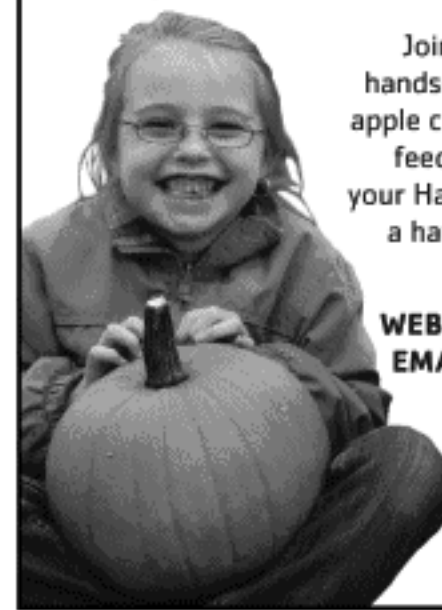
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photographic portraits and interviews highlighting the complex day-to-day experiences and unique roles of local firefighters, opens Friday, September 6 in the LOFT gallery at the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY with an opening reception from 7 to 9 p.m. The show, created by Ellen Bay and John Dzwonar from Milanville, PA, runs through Saturday, September 28 with a closing reception from 4 to 6 p.m. to coincide with the Sullivan County fire parade on Main Street in Narrowsburg.

Over the past six months, Bay and Dzwonar interviewed firefighters while Bay photographed them, focusing on 17 men and women at five fire houses in New York's Delaware River Valley, including Callicoon, Highland Lake, Lake Huntington, Lava, and Narrowsburg. The group ranges in age from 19 to mid-80s, and includes interior and exterior firefighters and support personnel.

Through images and interviews, the show examines the motivations, values, and shared commitment to their communities of this group. The conversations ranged from humorous to intense, including such comments as "Last month I had 50 years active as a fireman; they told me the first 50 are the hardest" to the comment, "I prove myself every day, every call I go to...that is part of what keeps me coming back."

The common denominator in the interviews is the commitment to our community and the feeling of being useful. And there is a shared concern about the dwindling number of volunteers due to the lack of employment in western Sullivan County. In addition to acknowledging the complex roles of firefighters, this exhibit hopes to encourage men and women of all ages to volunteer.

Both Bay and Dzwonar were struck by the firefighters' willingness to share about their struggles in such potentially dangerous work. When not attending pancake breakfasts and chicken barbecues, Bay is a photography student at International Center for Photography and Dzwonar is a therapist in private practice in New York.

Free and open to the public, the exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

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

Public Employers Brace for another Pension Hike

(From Pg. 6) "The Association of Counties has long advocated for changes to the pension system," said Stephen J. Acquario, Executive Director of NYSAC, which is also statutorily required to participate in the Common Retirement Fund. "County contributions have grown more than 100 percent in the past ten years, from \$66 million in 2003 to \$941 million in 2013. These increases have had a debilitating effect on local services and communities across the state."

In the five year period from 2007 to 2011, the Association's own contributions to the Common Retirement Fund more than doubled from \$150,000 to \$314,000, at the same time their staff was reduced from 35 employees to 23.

"We can't overstate the impact that these increases have had on every single municipality in New York," said County Executive Diana. "The good news is that the reforms we fought for will start to help, and hopefully our economy will pick up some additional steam in the next 12 to 18 months."

In 2011, NYSAC successfully advocated for Pension Reforms that created a Tier VI, provided an opportunity for localities to amortize pension payments, and created a defined contribution alternative for non represented employees.

The reforms are beginning to have an impact. While some Tier VI employees have been hired to date, over 20 percent of the total county contribution to the Common Retirement Fund in 2013 was amortized, represented by \$200 million of the \$952 million owed to the State fund.

"What this means is that we can and must do more to enact mandate relief and other reforms that will help local taxpayers," said Acquario. "NYSAC and all of our county leaders stand ready to work with Governor Cuomo and State Lawmakers to address these issues and help make this state a better place to live, work and raise a family."

The New York State Association of Counties is a bipartisan municipal association serving the counties of New York State including the City of New York. Organized in 1925, NYSAC's mission is to represent, educate and advocate for Member Counties and the thousands of elected and appointed county officials who serve the public.

Schneiderman: New Mandatory Verification Of Painkiller Prescriptions Should Go A Long Way Toward Curbing Addiction, Violence

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today published an op-ed in Newsday detailing how I-STOP - the Internet System for Tracking Over-Prescribing - aims to reduce the dangerous misuse of prescription painkillers, making our communities safer and aiding patients who get hooked on these highly addictive medicines. The op-ed notes that I-STOP includes a first-in-the-nation requirement that doctors and other health care providers check a real-time database before prescribing opioid pills. The following are excerpts of the article:

ON A NEW VERIFICATION SYSTEM: Starting August 27th, 50,000 New York doctors, physician assistants and nurse practitioners will have to check the database before prescribing powerful medications - and pharmacists will have to enter into it every opiate prescription they fill. This will send up a red flag if a doctor-shopper is hoarding pills and warn of potential drug interactions with other medications that legitimate patients may be taking.

ON THE PROBLEM OF OVER-PRESCRIBING: Nationwide, enough pain pills were sold in 2010 to give every adult 5 milligrams of hydrocodone every four hours for a month ... In New

York, a state with 19.4 million people, pharmacists filled 13 million prescriptions for oxycodone, hydrocodone and other addictive drugs in 2012. In New York City, 2.2 million prescriptions for oxycodone, hydrocodone and similar drugs were written in 2011, up 31% from 1.6 million in 2008.

ON THE COSTLY TOLL OF PAINKILLER MISUSE: Dr. Saji Francis went to prison last year after a patient, Timothy Kroll, died of a heart attack at 23. He had gone to Francis for treatment of migraines and was prescribed large amounts of oxycodone, which led to an addiction to cocaine and, ultimately, heroin. Kroll became a powerful symbol of a crisis out of control. But innocent patients aren't the only victims ... In 2011 ... four people were shot dead at a Medford, L.I., pharmacy by a robber who stole 10,000 pain pills.

ON THE IMPORTANCE OF BATTLING AN EPIDEMIC: These safeguards are so important that after my office proposed I-STOP, New York's Legislature unanimously passed it by a combined Assembly and Senate vote of 174-0. Across the country, hospitals are inundated by addicts they cannot care for because there simply are not enough treatment beds. Detox is time-consuming and expensive, with no guarantee of success. It is far better to prevent addiction than try to treat it after a patient gets hooked. I-STOP is a strong step in that direction.

POLITICAL SLANT

-Frank Comando
Statement by the President on Syria
Rose Garden

THE PRESIDENT: "Good afternoon, everybody. Ten days ago, the world watched in horror as men, women and children were massacred in Syria in the worst chemical weapons attack of the 21st century. Yesterday the United States presented a powerful case that the Syrian government was responsible for this attack on its own people.

Our intelligence shows the Assad regime and its forces preparing to use chemical weapons, launching rockets in the highly populated suburbs of Damascus, and acknowledging that a chemical weapons attack took place. And all of this corroborates what the world can plainly see -- hospitals overflowing with victims; terrible images of the dead. All told, well over 1,000 people were murdered. Several hundred of them were children -- young girls and boys gassed to death by their own government.

This attack is an assault on human dignity. It also presents a serious danger to our national security. It risks making a mockery of the global prohibition on the use of chemical weapons. It endangers our friends and our partners along Syria's borders, including Israel, Jordan, Turkey, Lebanon and Iraq. It could lead to escalating use of chemical weapons, or their proliferation to terrorist groups who would do our people harm.

In a world with many dangers, this menace must be confronted.

Now, after careful deliberation, I have decided that the United States should take military action against Syrian regime targets. This would not be an open-ended intervention. We would not put boots on the ground. Instead, our action would be designed to be limited in duration and scope. But I'm confident we can hold the Assad regime accountable for their use of chemical weapons, deter this kind of behavior, and degrade their capacity to carry it out.

Our military has positioned assets in the region. The Chairman of the Joint

Chiefs has informed me that we are prepared to strike whenever we choose. Moreover, the Chairman has indicated to me that our capacity to execute this mission is not time-sensitive; it will be effective tomorrow, or next week, or one month from now. And I'm prepared to give that order.

But having made my decision as Commander-in-Chief based on what I am convinced is our national security interests, I'm also mindful that I'm the President of the world's oldest constitutional democracy.

I've long believed that our power is rooted not just in our military might, but in our example as a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. And that's why I've made a second decision: I will seek authorization for the use of force from the American people's representatives in Congress.

Over the last several days, we've heard from members of Congress who want their voices to be heard. I absolutely agree. So this morning, I spoke with all four congressional leaders, and they've agreed to schedule a debate and then a vote as soon as Congress comes back into session.

In the coming days, my administration stands ready to provide every member with the information they need to understand what happened in Syria and why it has such profound implications for America's national security. And all of us should be accountable as we move forward, and that can only be accomplished with a vote.

I'm confident in the case our government has made without waiting for U.N. inspectors. I'm comfortable going forward without the approval of a United Nations Security Council that, so far, has been completely paralyzed and unwilling to hold Assad accountable. As a consequence, many people have advised against taking this decision to Congress, and undoubtedly, they were impacted by what we saw happen in the United Kingdom this week when the Parliament of our closest ally failed to pass a resolution with a similar goal, even as the Prime Minister supported taking action.

Yet, while I believe I have the authority to carry out this military action without specific congressional authorization, I know that the country will be stronger if we take this course, and our actions will be even more effective. We should have this debate, because the issues are too big for business as usual. And this morning, John Boehner, Harry Reid, Nancy Pelosi and Mitch McConnell agreed that this is the right thing to do for our democracy.

A country faces few decisions as grave as using military force, even when that force is limited. I respect the views of those who call for caution, particularly as our country emerges from a time of war that I was elected in part to end. But if we really do want to turn away from taking appropriate action in the face of such an unspeakable outrage, then we must acknowledge the costs of doing nothing.

Here's my question for every member of Congress and every member of the global community: What message will we send if a dictator can gas hundreds of children to death in plain sight and pay no price? What's the purpose of the international system that we've built if a prohibition on the use of chemical weapons that has been agreed to by the governments of 98 percent of the world's people and approved overwhelmingly by the Congress of the United States is not enforced?

Make no mistake -- this has implications beyond chemical warfare. If we won't enforce accountability in the face of this heinous act, what does it say about our resolve to stand up to others who flout fundamental international rules? To governments who would choose to build nuclear

arms? To terrorist who would spread biological weapons? To armies who carry out genocide?

We cannot raise our children in a world where we will not follow through on the things we say, the accords we sign, the values that define us.

So just as I will take this case to Congress, I will also deliver this message to the world. While the U.N. investigation has some time to report on its findings, we will insist that an atrocity committed with chemical weapons is not simply investigated, it must be confronted.

I don't expect every nation to agree with the decision we have made. Privately we've heard many expressions of support from our friends. But I will ask those who care about the writ of the international community to stand publicly behind our action.

And finally, let me say this to the American people: I know well that we are weary of war. We've ended one war in Iraq. We're ending another in Afghanistan. And the American people have the good sense to know we cannot resolve the underlying conflict in Syria with our military. In that part of the world, there are ancient sectarian differences, and the hopes of the Arab Spring have unleashed forces of change that are going to take many years to resolve. And that's why we're not contemplating putting our troops in the middle of someone else's war.

Instead, we'll continue to support the Syrian people through our pressure on the Assad regime, our commitment to the opposition, our care for the displaced, and our pursuit of a political resolution that achieves a government that respects the dignity of its people.

But we are the United States of America, and we cannot and must not turn a blind eye to what happened in Damascus. Out of the ashes of world war, we built an international order and enforced the rules that gave it meaning. And we did so because we believe that the rights of individuals to live in peace and dignity depends on the responsibilities of nations. We aren't perfect, but this nation more than any other has been willing to meet those responsibilities.

So to all members of Congress of both parties, I ask you to take this vote for our national security. I am looking forward to the debate. And in doing so, I ask you, members of Congress, to consider that some things are more important than partisan differences or the politics of the moment.

Ultimately, this is not about who occupies this office at any given time; it's about who we are as a country. I believe that the people's representatives must be invested in what America does abroad, and now is the time to show the world that America keeps our commitments. We do what we say. And we lead with the belief that right makes might -- not the other way IWe all know there are no easy options.

But I wasn't elected to avoid hard decisions. And neither were the members of the House and the Senate. I've told you what I believe, that our security and our values demand that we cannot turn away from the massacre of countless civilians with chemical weapons. And our democracy is stronger when the President and the people's representatives stand together.

I'm ready to act in the face of this outrage. Today I'm asking Congress to send a message to the world that we are ready to move forward together as one nation.

To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and Townsman follow the guidelines as listed in the masthead.

Email: politicalslant@yahoo.com

CHURCH + BAZAAR
 September 28, 2013
 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 LUNCHEON
 CHRISTMAS TABLE
 needle work
 Homemade Candy
 baked goods
Sundown Community Hall

Centennial High Holy Worship at Agudas Achim


Holiday Service Schedule
 Rosh Hashanah
 Evening Wednesday September 4th 7:30 pm
 Morning Thursday September 5th 10:00 am
 Yom Kippur
 Kol Nidre Friday September 13th 7:30 pm promptly
 Morning Saturday September 14th 9:30 am
 Yiskor will follow morning prayer no earlier than 11:30 am
 Nilah 4:15 pm
 Community Break-fast will be held following services 7:00 pm
 Youth Programs - Parents must accompany children under 6
 September 5th Young children for ages 3-6 11:00 am
 September 14th Older children for 7-12 11:30 am

Get Trained Now in Basic Business Office Skills

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Basic Business Office Skills Course starting on September 16th. Classes are held Mondays through Thursdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. The cost is \$495.00. This 108-hour class will orient students with little or no experience to a professional work environment. The class includes hands-on computer skills along with work readiness skills. Students will learn the basics of keyboarding, word processing, using office equipment, communication at the workplace and learn skills to develop situational judgment. Upon completion students may, at an additional cost take the National Work Readiness Credential Test developed by the National Chamber of Commerce. This Business Office Skills Course is offered every other month throughout the year and is NYSED ACCES approved for current Literacy Students. To register or for more information, contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 295-4900 between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm or visit us at scooces.org, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

Grahamsville Reformed Church
 Chicken & Biscuits Dinner
 September 7, 2013
 Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm
 Menu: Chicken & Biscuits, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Bread, Assorted Cakes, & Drinks
 Adults: \$12.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00 under 5 free
 Takeouts Available!

Sundown United Methodist Church
ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ
 SEPTEMBER 14, 2013 - 4 P.M.
 Adults: \$10.00
 Children (8 & Under): 6.00
TICKETS ON SALE NOW
 For information &/or tickets
 Contact John Barnum 985-7065
 Or
 Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff
 985-2283

CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT
ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15
 Serving 7:00 until Noon
ADULTS \$7
CHILDREN UNDER 12, \$3
UNDER 5YRS. FREE
 \$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO THE CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Woodbourne Fire Department
Chicken Barbecue
 (Includes baked potato, corn on the cob and baked beans)
 at the Woodbourne Fireman's Park
 Sunday
September 8th
 1:00pm to 4:00pm
 Donation \$10.00
 For advanced tickets see a member or call the Firehouse at 434-6763 leave a message.
 Limited number of tickets sold at the door.

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TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
 GRAHAMSVILLE, NY
 2013 Hours - Memorial Day to Labor Day
 Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
 September and October-Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.
 Other days and times by appointment.
 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 Hurlyeville,
10:30 am in Woodridge.
 For more information, call
 Pastor Susan Woodworth 845-794-6325

ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION
 The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
 Coffee hour follows service
 All are welcome!
 5277 State Rt. 42
 South Fallsburg
 845-436-7539
 Rev. Ninon Hutchinson
www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org

CrossWay Assembly of God
 Service Times
 Sunday School 9:30 am
 Sunday Worship Service/
 Children's Church 10:30 am
 Monday Night Home Bible Study 7 pm
 Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm
 Friday Youth Night 7 pm
Ismael Berrios
 Lead Pastor
 P. O. Box 480
 507 Hasbrouck Drive
 Woodbourne, NY 12788
 845-434-8263
 Email: crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com

COVERED DISH SUPPER
SUNDOWN METHODIST CHURCH
 Church Hall
 Sept. 7, 2013
 5:30 p.m.

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 Sept. 17, 2013
 Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm
 Luncheon 11am-1 pm
Thrift Sale Only
 Sept. 21, 2013
 9 am-1 pm

Sundown United Methodist Church
 Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 Sunday Worship Service
 10:30am
 985-2283

Claryville Reformed Church
 Claryville Road
 Claryville, NY 12725
 845-985-2041
 Bible Class 9:00 am
 Worship Services @ 10:00 am
 Rev. Paul Nulton
 John Bult, Organist

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 Serving Sullivan County Since 1896
 66 John Street, Monticello, New York (845) 794-2700
 275 S Main Street, Liberty, New York (845) 292-7100
 Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, New York (845) 583-5445

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 (embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
 6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY
Weekend Mass schedule:
 Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.
Daily Mass schedule:
 Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
 Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

St. Augustine's Chapel
 Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY
 Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
 Holy Days 5:30 pm
 Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

Loucks Funeral Home
 Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito
 79 North Main Street
 Ellenville, New York
 (845) 647-4343

Grahamsville Reformed Church
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 Worship Service 9:30 A.M.
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor
 845-985-7480

PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

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

L. Norma Pena, School Tax Collector for the Tri-Valley Central School District, have received the School Tax Roll and Tax Warrant, dated September 1, 2013. Tax payments can be made at the location and on the dates listed below:

Catskill Hudson Bank (Cannie D's Plaza ONLY) Neversink, NY, Starting Tues., Sept. 3, 2013.

Tax collecting hours will be:
Mon. thru Fri. from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
And Sat. 9 a.m. - 12 noon.
DRIVE-UP is open Mon. - Fri. 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
And Sat. 9a.m. - 12 noon

Payments may also be mailed to the address given below:
**Tri-Valley CSD
P.O. Box 419
Grahamsville, NY 12740**

Taxes will be received in accordance with the following penalty schedule:
Sept. 1 - Sept. 30 No penalty
Payment in full or 50% of total bill
Oct. 1 - Oct. 31 2% penalty
Total Balance due or 25% of total bill
Nov. 1 - Nov. 4 3% penalty
Total Due.

The School Tax Collector may not accept payments after November 4, 2013.

Sullivan County Residents (ONLY): May make payments after Nov. 15, 2013 by certified check and must be made payable and mailed to the Sullivan County Treasurer's Office.

Ulster County Residents (ONLY): Contact Ulster County Treasurer's Office to make arrangements for any payments after Nov. 4, 2013.

All unpaid School Taxes will be relieved at an additional 7% on your 2014 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.

Norma Pena, School Tax Collector
Dated: September 1, 2013
9/5/13; 9/12/13

**LEGAL NOTICE:
Town of Denning
DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS
NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to Article 6, Section 108 of the New York State Election Law, that a Democratic Party Caucus will be held at the Sundown Church Hall in the Town of Denning, County of Ulster, at 4:00 pm, on Friday, September 13, 2013. This caucus is called for the purpose of nominating Democratic Candidates for Town Offices for said Town to be voted for at the **General Election** to be held on November 5, 2013

Signed:


Frank Comando, Chairman
Dated: August 22, 2013
8/29; 9/5; 9/12/13

ANNOUNCEMENT

The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2013-2014:

Part-Time Cleaner
4 hours per day

Interested parties should submit letter of interest or application to:
Lisa Raymond, Assistant Superintendent for Business
Tri-Valley Central School District
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, New York 12740
(845)985-2296 ext. 5201

Cut-off date for receiving applications/letters of interest:
September 20, 2013

9/5; 9/12; 9/19/13

Position Available
Denning Town Court Clerk
Light typing and filing,
Some computer work

Courtroom duties and interaction with Law Enforcement and Public. Hours vary with caseload but generally Tuesday mornings and some evenings. Current salary approx. \$2,500/yr.

Contact with short resume if available.
Jonathan S. Follender, Esq.
PO Box 511
Arkville, New York 12406
845-586-2307

DEP Announces Additional \$9 million in New Projects to Improve Catskill Streams and Creeks Damaged by Tropical Storms Irene and Lee

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and its county partners in the stream management program today announced the start of several important stream-restoration projects across the Catskills, focusing specifically on streams that suffered damage two years ago during tropical storms Irene and Lee. The more than \$9 million in work will improve water quality and protect communities by stabilizing stream banks, reconnecting streams to their floodplains, and installing other upgrades related to infrastructure protec-

tion, and drainage. The work will also reduce erosion that can introduce fine sediments into the City's reservoirs. Since 1997, DEP has committed more than \$58 million toward improving local streams and creeks through planning and restoration projects. DEP completes these projects through partnerships with the soil and water conservation districts in Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, and Ulster counties, along with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County, which create stream management plans that identify priority projects in their communities and oversee the contracting and management of those projects.

For the upcoming projects, DEP and its county partners committed \$3.4 million in stream management funds which helped to leverage the remaining funding from the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Emergency Watershed Program. The federal program acknowledges that these waterways require upgrades because they currently pose a threat to public and private infrastructure, and water quality during large storms. In addition to the \$9 million in projects that are starting now, DEP and its partners have already completed \$4.3 million in similar stream projects that used federal money from the Emergency Watershed Program. The federal funding for these projects will help money allocated through DEP programs to stretch further and help additional streams and creeks across the Catskill and Delaware watersheds. The upcoming projects include:

West Kill at County Route 6 - Lexington, Greene County - The 2,000-foot-long project includes channel relocation and grading; stream bank armoring; road reconstruction; and modifications to the storm drainage system along County Road 6 to address a segment of eroding bank. The estimated cost for this project is \$2.4 million.

West Kill at State Route 42 - Lexington, Greene County - Project includes roughly 1,200 feet of bank stabilization; widening the overly narrow floodplain; vegetating areas of failed slope and other measures to prevent future erosion of the stream channel's right bank. The estimated cost for this project is \$1.7 million.

Stony Clove Creek at Chichester - Shandaken, Ulster County - Construction at this site aims to stop the chronic stream bank failure and reduce turbidity by stabilizing the stream channel. This will be done by reshaping the stream channel; creating a wider floodplain; installation of stream bank walls; installation of drainage; and reshaping and planting on the eroding hill slopes. The estimated cost for this project is \$1.25 million.

Stony Clove Creek at Warner Creek Confluence - Shandaken, Ulster County - Project is aimed at stopping stream bank failures and stream bed erosion. Construction will include installation of rip-rap bank armoring; installation of boulder walls to protect banks; reshaping and planting the eroding hillside and more. The estimated cost for this project is \$1.5 million.

Vly Creek at Fleischmanns - Middletown, Delaware County - Eroded streambanks will be stabilized and damaged retaining walls will be repaired at multiple sites. Retaining walls are key to this area because of the general lack of available floodplains. Available floodplains will be graded at three sites to reduce water velocity and flood stage. The estimated cost for these projects is \$1.3 million.

Dry Brook at Arkville Trailer Park - Middletown, Delaware County - Existing areas of erosion will be stabilized by installing rock and rip rap; and the stream bank and flood plain will be reconstructed to their approximate pre-flood locations. The estimated cost for this project is \$400,000.

Warner Creek - Shandaken, Ulster County - This project, which began in July, involves stabilizing an eroded hillside and stream bank that has exposed clay, as well as stabilizing an actively eroding bank that is threatening Silver

Hollow Road. The 800-foot-long project also includes improvements to the stream channel that are aimed at reducing further erosion. The estimated cost for this project is \$500,000.

These projects underscore the ongoing implementation of similar stream plans across the Catskills, including sixteen such projects that were completed recently, and 11 others that are in progress. Such projects have wide-ranging benefits to local communities and water quality. They help protect infrastructure such as roads and bridges by restoring floodplains that spread out and slow water from large storms, improve habitat for fish by ensuring unimpeded waterways, protect public and private properties, and help prevent erosion and the suspension of sediments that can harm water quality.

Since the mid-1990s, DEP has contracted with the county soil and water districts in Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, and Ulster counties, and Cornell Cooperative Extension to work with towns to identify priority projects that were outlined in their respective local stream management plans. Their plans are shaped by advisory committees that include local officials from the town, county and state levels. With funding provided by New York City, the local groups and towns then hire contractors to perform the work. This collaborative effort continues today and has resulted in significant improvements to streams, creeks and other water bodies across the Catskill and Delaware watersheds. The stream management plans, past projects, and stream management guides are available at www.catskillstreams.org. This website will also have information about the Delaware, Schoharie, Rondout-Neversink, and Ashokan Stream Management Programs located throughout the watershed.

The Liberty Jazz Festival Continues

The second installment of the 9th Annual Liberty Jazz Festival will be held this Sunday, September 1st, at 6PM at the Liberty Music and Arts Pavilion, in the village of Liberty. Featuring some of the most talented and experienced local performers, this "Salute to the Catskills' Jazz Masters" will be an evening of transcendent music, virtuosic musicianship and a rare chance to see these busy performers together on the same stage.

Leading this group is Larry Ravdin, a woodwind artist who has been a fixture in the Catskills for decades; Larry has played for every headliner that has ever passed through the Borscht Belt and he has a repertoire that is staggering. Not only has he mastered every style imaginable but he has a legendary ability to enhance whatever genre he is asked to perform, from big band standards to more adventurous small combo work to even playing klezmer: he is a musician's musician. His group, The Jazz Masters, includes Billy Alfred on piano, Doug Richards on bass, Fred Jacobs on trumpet and John Mole on drums.

Performing with the Jazz Masters is the well-known Inner Urge Electric Quartet, a cutting edge combo whose members are among the most accomplished in the area. Featuring Anthony DeCicco on bass, Sam Morrison on sax, Mike Purcell on piano and Papa John on drums, it is easy to see how this group has developed a following of loyal devotees.

The concert is free of charge and is produced by Sullivan Performing Arts, The Liberty Museum & Arts Center and Anthony DeCicco with the assistance of jazz expert and long-time WJFF radio host, David Dann. This program is made possible, in part, by a NYSCA Decentralization grant, administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. The Liberty Music and Arts Pavilion is on North Main Street in Liberty. In the event of rain, the performances will move to the Liberty Museum and Arts Center, on South Main Street. For additional information, please call (845) 292-2394.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
for details and information:

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

CABS Babysitting Class Saturday, September 7 9 am to 2 pm. Instructor: Mike Congelosi. Boys and girls ages 11 to 15. Bring a bag lunch. \$45 residents/non-residents must be paid by September 5. Sorry no checks accepted, cash, money order or credit/debit card only.

Family Game Night & Pizza Friday September 20. \$5 family of 4 residents; /\$12 family of 4 non-residents p/p by Tuesday, **September 10.**

Frost Valley Tour of the Castle & Dinner Wednesday, September 11 leave Town Hall 6pm and return approximately 9 pm. Includes dinner and tour of the Castle. \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid ASAP.

Jesters Comedy Club Saturday, September 14. You must be 21 years old to attend. \$10 residents/\$27 non-residents must be paid ASAP.

Family Game Night & Pizza Friday September 20. \$5 family of 4 residents; /\$12 family of 4 non-residents p/p by Tuesday, **September 10.**

D & U Railroad Saturday, September 28. \$12 residents/\$26 non-residents; p/p A/S/A/P

Water Gap Trolley Show Lunch Wednesday, October 2. \$40 residents/\$59 non-residents; p/p no later than September 10.

Ice Skating, Ice Time- Saturday, November 2. DETAILS: \$10 residents/\$23 non-resident must be paid by October 8.

Disney on Ice, Prudential Center, Newark, NJ Saturday, November 23. If you plan to attend \$32 residents/\$68 non-residents must be paid by Tuesday, October 8.

Transportation to NYC- Saturday, December 7. \$21 residents/non-residents; p/p by 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.
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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.

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AL-ANON MEETINGS-
<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
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Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

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- 9/4/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting - Regular meeting
- 9/4/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:00 pm
- 9/7/13 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper-** 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 9/7/13 **Grahamsville Reformed Church Chicken and Biscuits Dinner** - 985-7480
- 9/8/13 Sunday Matinee at the Museum 265 Main St. Hurleyville White Lake Early 20th Century by Cy Plotkin
- 9/10/13 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall- 7 pm
- 9/11/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 9/12/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 9/12/13 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 9/15/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 9/16/13 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 9/17/13 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)**
- 9/17/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 9/18/13 Tri-Valley PTO Meeting SS LL Library - 6:30 pm
- 9/18/13 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 9/18/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- 9/21/13 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale Only (9am-1pm)**
- 9/21-22/13 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Show -Grahamsville Fairgrounds**

Save the Dates!

Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Show -Grahamsville Fairgrounds Sept. 21-22

2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair - Sundown Methodist Church Hall - Date to be announced.

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- NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
- PETER'S MARKET

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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New trail in Town of Andes Built Through Partnership Between City and Local Volunteers

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Catskill Mountain Club on Friday opened a new hiking trail on City-owned property near the Pepacton Reservoir. The trail, which was built and will be maintained by the Catskill Mountain Club, features an outlook with a scenic view of the Pepacton Reservoir along its 5.3-mile round trip.

The trail represents a collaborative effort between the City and the Catskill Mountain Club. DEP provided trail markers and access to the land, while the all-volunteer Catskill Mountain Club plotted and built the trail, and installed a sign to mark its beginning. The trailhead is located just off Route 30, across from the Shavertown Bridge Boat Launch on the Pepacton Reservoir in the Town of Andes. DEP acquired the property through its land acquisition program in 2010 as part of its ongoing effort to protect water quality around its reservoirs.

"This trail underscores our desire to open more City-owned property for recreation in the Catskills," DEP Deputy Commissioner Paul Rush said at the opening ceremony. "By teaming up with local groups such as the Catskill Mountain Club, DEP hopes it can sup-

port local outdoor enthusiasts and the tourism economy by providing more access for hikers, fishermen, and others."

Catskill Mountain Club President, Steve Berg, added, "We're appreciative of DEP's efforts to open additional lands for hiking and proud to take part in this historic development of our region, especially since research has shown a primary motivation for coming to the Catskills is interest in outdoor recreation, especially in organized group activities."

Andes Town Supervisor Martin Donnelly also thanked the Catskill Mountain Club at the opening ceremony. He gave special thanks to Catskill Mountain Club board member Ann Roberti for her work in leading the trail-building efforts on both the Shavertown trail and the recently completed 4-mile Andes Rail Trail.

The trail at Shavertown Bridge is the fourth hiking trail opened on City-owned land in the Catskills. The first three include a nature trail alongside a school in Conesville in Schoharie County, a walking and cross-country skiing trail near Windham in Greene County, and trails in the Delaware County towns of Tompkins and Walton that were built by the Finger Lakes Trail Conference with help from Catskill Mountain Club.

The new trail is also within walking distance of the Shavertown Bridge Boat Launch, a popular site for recreational boating on the Pepacton Reservoir. DEP expanded the recreational boating program in 2012 to include four of its reservoirs in the Catskills. In its first two years, the program has issued more than 1,600 tags for kayaking, canoeing and sailing. The Shavertown trail is one of many City-owned properties that are open to the public without the need for a permit. More than 52,000 City-owned acres in the Catskills can now be accessed without a permit for hiking, hunting, snowshoeing, and other low-impact recreation. That includes more

than 40,000 acres in Delaware County.

Formed in 2003, The Catskill Mountain Club, Inc., is an all-volunteer group of outdoor enthusiasts interested in providing a wide variety of outdoor (non-motorized) recreational opportunities abundant in the Catskills. Its objective is to increase public awareness, appreciation and enjoyment of the region's natural resources, public lands, and outdoor activities and to promote responsible, safe, and sustainable outdoor recreation.

Visitor System Implemented at Tri-Valley Central School

A new visitor management system has been put in place at the Tri-Valley Central School for the beginning of the 2013-14 school year, according to a report by Superintendent Tom Palmer during the August 29th Board of Education meeting.

Anyone visiting the campus will have to present a valid driver's license. The ID will be scanned through the Raptor Visitor Management System and compared to a national database of registered sex offenders. The system also prints a photo of any offenders for a visual comparison with the visitor to eliminate possibilities of people having the same names.

This system is an added piece of precaution that schools need. There are four systems located throughout the campus: the Elementary School, the Pupil Personnel Office, the Main Front Entrance and the Central Office.

Superintendent Palmer said the system will also track students who are tardy or need to leave for appointments off of school grounds. In the event of a custody issue the alerts can be sent to staff members to prevent any unauthorized access to students.

All visitors, students, substitute teachers and other people in the building will have the identification badges. Any visitors without a driver's license can be escorted to appointments by staff members.



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Quiz: 1. Who played Col. Francis Burke? **2.** Who played Marianne?

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

SUNDOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Do not miss September 14, 2013-4:00 pm at **THE SUNDOWN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH HALL**. Adults, \$10.00, Children Eight & Under, \$6.00. **TICKETS ON SALE NOW!** For more information and tickets contact John Barnum 845 985-7065, or Rev. Peggy Ann Sauerhoff. 845 985-2283, ... and coming on **September 28, 2013** The **CHURCH BAZAAR**, at the **Sundown Church Hall from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**. There will be Christmas table, needle work, home made candy, baked goods, White Elephant sale, and much more. and luncheon will be served.

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Here is an unsolicited comment from Brooklyn, Louise S.NY 7/16/2013, I actually don't know if I can say enough good things about Miss Kitty and her team! They were absolutely incredible to work with, I live in NYC so Miss Kitty called me several times to coordinate and was so accommodating of my schedule and limited availability upstate. She is so fantastic that when I could not choose between an "up do" or down, she actually taught me how to convert my "down curly 'do" into an awesome "up do" for my reception. In my opinion, there is no other option if you are getting married in the area. She is incredible!

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