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Annual Springtime Flag Exchange Ceremony

This year's annual Sprintime Flag Exchange in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery will take place on Monday, May 28th, at 11:00 a.m. by the flag pole.

The flag that has flown for the past six months will be lowered and retired. It will be returned to the family of Bruce Moore. A new flag will be accepted from the family of John Eagan which will be raised to the top of the Community Flag Pole. John proudly served our country in the United States Marine Corp. and the United States Navy, during the Cold War. In 1950 he was a Navy pilot that trained at Pensacola, FL. John moved with his family to South Hill, where he lived for twelve years, until his death.

Please join us on Monday, Memorial Day, remember and honor our loved ones.

TVCS Students Take a Break from Turf Management Duties at Tom Mitchell Ballfield



Tri Valley Central School students take a break from Turf Management duties at Tom Mitchell ballfield in Neversink to help out the Rondout Neversink Stream Program grow its supply of willow whips for stream bank stabilization projects. Soil & Water Conservation staff recently harvested 300 native willow stakes from DEP property along the Rondout Creek, which were cared for at the school's greenhouse before this planting May 17. (Contd. Pg 3)

All American Soap Box Derby in Liberty on May 27th



Hey folks there is going to be an old fashioned All American Soap Box Derby on May 27th at 10:00 am. The race is going to be held going down North Main Street in the Village of Liberty. Devin Mullen a 4th grader at Tri-Valley Elementary is racing a car for Hillside Landscapes and Ian Mullen a 1st grader at Tri-Valley Elementary is racing a car for Mineral Springs Corporation. A few of the car sponsors for this event are Monticello Motor Club, Gershowitz Bus Co., Rolling Bus, Advanced Medical, Charlie Barbuti Furniture, BK Logging and Hughson Excavating, Jeff Bank, Frost Valley YMCA, Jack Eddings is racing this car, Roscoe Chamber of Commerce, Harris Funeral Home and The Rotary and many more. Rolling V and Gershowitz Bus Company bought cars for The 5 school districts that they serve and they were built by the districts and racers are from those schools. The racers are boys and girls ages 7-17 in 2 different race divisions, Stock and Super Stock. Come out and cheer these boys and girls on!!! The 2 winners will go to Akron, Ohio in July for a week to complete for \$30,000.00 in scholarships.

Miss Teen International, Ariana Kaminisky, Honored in Albany



Senator John J. Bonacic met with Miss Teen International Ariana Juliet Kaminski of Sullivan County in Albany this week. The Senator presented Ariana with a Legislative Resolution honoring her accomplishments. Ariana is a Tri-Valley graduate.

The Neversink Chronicles is named the winner, Best Book of the year in fiction by the Colorado Independent Publishers Association (CIPA)

A capacity crowd of publishers, authors, artists, celebrities and industry insiders were on hand at the Lone Tree Arts Center in Denver last Thursday, May 17, 2012 for the 18th annual CIPA EVVY awards. The EVVYs are presented each spring to the publishers and authors of the Best Books of the Year. (Contd. Pg. 7)

SUNY Sullivan Foundation Succeeds with Inaugural Derby Day Event at Trotters Museum & Hall of Fame



SUNY Sullivan President, Dr. William Murabito, with SUNY Sullivan Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Enrollment Management, Cindy Kashan. (Contd. Pg. 3)

ERH Recognized as an American Heart Association Start! Fit-Friendly Company-Companies take steps to decrease healthcare expenses, increase productivity



Ellenville Regional Hospital has been recognized as a Gold-Level Start! Fit-Friendly Company by the American Heart Association's Start! initiative for helping employees eat better and move more. (Contd. Pg. 3)

This Week's Turkey Tale!



If you know anything about turkeys, Scott Hynson of Grahamsville certainly can be proud of this 'trophy' that he shot in the local area last week! The turkey weighed 20 pounds and 3 ounces, had 1" spurs and a 9 3/4" beard.

Scott's niece, Brianna Hynson and his nephew, Jesse Hynson, share in their uncle's pride and perhaps a turkey dinner!

Hinchey Honored with Two Prestigious Awards for Career Accomplishments



In recognition of his work throughout a nearly four decade-long career in public service, the American Cancer Society -- Cancer Action Network and the Woodstock Land Conservancy each held events this past weekend to honor Congressman

Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and his legislative accomplishments and efforts to promote cancer research and treatment and environmental protection. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Safety comes first...Enroll in the Home Firearm Safety Course

The Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES is offering a Home Firearm Safety Course on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at the Kauneonga Lake Fire Hall from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?
John 3:12

SCCC News:

Three SUNY Sullivan Graduates Find Employment at Center for Discovery
Loch Sheldrake, NY (May 14, 2012) - Despite the doom and gloom headlines in the media, three SUNY Sullivan medical assistant students will walk away from the Gerry Fieldhouse on Saturday, May 19 with more than a diploma in their hand. They'll be walking into a job waiting for them at the Center for Discovery.

Amoi Jose, Lori Mallia and Sara Soundararajan count themselves fortunate to have been offered meaningful work in their field of study. As medical assistant students at SUNY Sullivan, Amoi, Lori and Sarah followed a rigorous course of study that prepared them well for employment at the Center for Discovery.

Sara was very impressed with the medical assistant curriculum because as she said, it provided me with a good balance of practical and theoretical classes. The externship program gave me a chance to explore my career by working in a real-world environment."

Classmate Lori Mallia also credited her externship at the Center for Discovery with helping her land her job. "I went into my externship with the skills I needed navigate through the medical environment with confidence and efficiency," she said/

Amoi Jose, who was born in India and came to the United States after graduating from high school, said that she was thankful for the opportunity to study at SUNY Sullivan. "My course of study helped prepare me for my position at the Center for Discovery."

Amoi, Lori and Sara are not the only students who are grateful for their educational experience at SUNY Sullivan. The sentiment is spread widely across the campus by dozens of graduates who said that the cost, a great faculty and the number of people who helped advise them along the way made it possible for them to either enter the workforce or continue their education at a four-year college.

DAYS OF YORE...

May 28, 1952 - Chauncey Mitchell Dayton, Jr. has been awarded an honor entrance scholarship in the amount of \$690 for the academic year 1952-53 to the University of Chicago on the basis of a competitive examination. Chan, who is 16, and a junior at Tri Valley High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chan Dayton of Grahamsville.

George Knox of Liberty died at Maimonides Hospital in Liberty on May 20th at the age of 71. He was born April 11, 1881 at Woodbourne, the son of George Knox and Anna Broome. Surviving are his widow, the former Nellie Merritt whom he married in 1903; one daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Davis of Liberty and two sons, Harry of Neversink and Harold, now with the U.S. Air Force in Korea.

Miss Marilyn Mickelson was hostess last Wednesday evening at a miscellaneous bridal shower for Miss Helen Sheley. Miss Sheley's engagement to Mr. Frederick Russell of Saugerties was announced some time ago. The wedding is set for June 1st at Blue Mountain.

May 23, 1962 - Mr. and Mrs. Edward Condon are the proud parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Jean, born May 15th at White Plains, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gray of Kerhonkson are the parents of a girl, Nancy C., born May 14th at Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville. Mrs. Gray is the former Gerry Christensen.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller attended the ground breaking for the new Masonic Temple on Saturday afternoon in Liberty. In the evening, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. William Hill and Ross Tompkins, they attended the 100th Anniversary of the Masonic Lodge Banquet held at the Laurels Country Club in Sacket Lake. Also present from here were Mr. and Mrs. Donald TerBush.

The marriage of Brenda Quick of Ellenville and James Brooks of Lows Corners took place on Sunday afternoon in Matamoras, Pa. Miss Lois Sheeley, friend of the bride and cousin of the groom and Mr. Barton Decker were their attendants. The newlyweds will make their home in the Ben Davis bungalow in Grahamsville.

May 31, 1972 - Miss Patricia M. Osterhout of Woodbourne, N.Y. has been named to the

Dean's List at Clarkson College of Technology for the spring semester. Patricia is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Osterhout and is majoring in accounting. She earned a 3.97.

Mrs. Minnie C. Eighmey and Mr. Carl D. Henderson were married Saturday, May 27th at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church by the Rev. Newton B. Ford. Mr. and Mrs. Henderson returned from a wedding trip to Niagara Falls and are residing on the Sundown Road.

Congratulations to young Pat Denman who caught a "Whopper" on Monday evening at the Rondout Reservoir. His catch was a brown trout measuring 31 1/2" long and weighing 8 pounds.

Services were held Friday for Mr. Zophar Aldrich, 78, of Grahamsville, who died Monday in Vassar Hospital, Poughkeepsie. He was a retired tool grinder. He was born March 7, 1894 in Sundown to Isaac and Bertha Swarthout Aldrich. On July 2, 1932 he married the former Helen Hill in Grahamsville.

May 27, 1982 - Virginia M. Mehr of Neversink and John R. Crane of Liberty were married on May 15, 1982 at the Liberty United Methodist Church. The Rev. Kenneth Baldwin officiated. Mrs. Crane is a graduate of Immaculate Conception Academy, Lodi, N.J. and she also attended Orange County Community College. She is employed at St. Theresa's Nursing Home, Middletown. Mr. Crane is a Nursing Home Administrator and is a retired Lt. Col., U.S. Army.

Congratulations to Herbert and Esther George of Sundown who celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary on May 22nd. A belated happy birthday to Mrs. Raymond George of Sundown who was 80 years young on May 14th.

SLAC News

Liberty Town Hall Forum on Our Taxes and the Importance of Mandate Reform will be held on Thursday, May 31st from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Liberty Main Street Senior Center. All concerned Sullivan County residents are welcome to attend. Come learn the facts on how your tax dollars are being spent and how you can enact change.

Contact: Cindy Geiger, Cora Edwards or Kitty Vetter - your Sullivan County Legislators.

Tri-Valley Lions Club News

There will be a Rabies Clinic sponsored by the Tri-Valley Lions on Wed, June 6, 2012 at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds from 6-8 pm. Dogs, cats, and ferrets must be leashed or caged. Animals must be at least 3 months old to participate, and if their owner brings the last rabies certificate with them, the pet can get a three-year rabies shot. Without previous rabies certs, they can get only a 1 year vaccination.

A \$5 donation per animal in appreciated.

We will also have a Rabies Clinic in the Fall - details to be announced at a later date.

The Tri-Valley Lions have sponsored member Esta Jacob in this year's Rhulen Rock Hill Run and Ramble. The proceeds of this annual event goes to the National Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, plus to offset selected local individuals fighting these diseases for their medical cost outlay.

The Tri-Valley Lions have also sponsored Ruthie Curley for this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Proceeds of this annual event goes to helping those fight cancer, and to find a cure for this disease that is not picky about age, and affects both the very young right up to the elderly. Cancer does not discriminate when it come to age, race, or gender.

Loch Sheldrake FD to Host Chicken BBQ for Benefit of American Cancer Society Relay for Life

The Loch Sheldrake Fire Dept is hosting a benefit Chicken BBQ for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life on Sat., June 12, 2012 from 5-7pm or until sold out. \$10. per person. Chicken half, potato, cole slaw, corn & roll. Advance ticket sales contact Ellen at 434-2724 or at newrookie721@hotmail.com. Limited tickets will be available at LSFDFireman's Park, Rt 52, Loch Sheldrake, NY.

NEVERSINK NEWS - Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news or email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com

TVCS Students Take a Break (From Pg. 1)

"The stream edge has perfectly suited soil and light conditions for growing these native plants and provides us with easy access for future harvests," says Program Coordinator, Karen Rauter. Agriculture teacher Robert Hayes provided the "home run" - a tractor to prepare the willow beds. The project is made possible through cooperation among Tri Valley, Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District, Town of Neversink and NYC DEP.

Volunteer Docent Training Days At the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - The Time and the Valleys Museum is currently open for the season, Thursday through Sunday noon to 4 p.m.. Many volunteers are needed to help keep the Museum open. Volunteers are needed at the reception area, and on all three floors of the Museum guiding visitors and answering questions.

Two Docent training day are currently scheduled for anyone interested in volunteering or current volunteers who would like to learn more about the exhibitions.

1. NYC's Water Supply System and the Rondout and Neversink Reservoir exhibition: Thursday May 31st at 10:30. A tour by Joe Inghrim through the lower level exhibition.

2. The Family Farm: 1920 to 1950: Wednesday June 6th at 10:30 a tour by Carol Smythe, Town Historian.

There are MANY benefits to volunteering at the Museum, including a 10% discount in the Museum Shop, an invitation to a special yearly recognition event, gaining new skills, meeting new people and making new friends.

After training as a docent, Volunteers can help one or two afternoons a month or more, whatever suits their lifestyle, as much or as little as they like. No previous knowledge of history or museum experience is required, just a willingness to learn.

For more information on the volunteer training sessions, the different volunteer positions and benefits, please call Mary Inghrim at 985-7700 or 985-2903.

The Museum is open from May through October, noon to 4 p.m.. Located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, exhibitions include:

- Impact of Water on the Life and the Growth of the Valleys
- New York City's Water Supply System and the Rondout and Neversink Watersheds
- The Family Farm: 1920 to 1950

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

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

Neversink Renaissance Needs Help with Watering

Interested in helping to keep the Town of Neversink looking beautiful?

Neversink Renaissance is looking for volunteers for the Neversink and Grahamsville watering teams. Over the years many individuals and families have signed up to volunteer with moms, dads and kids chipping in to keep our hanging baskets looking beautiful.

As recently as last summer, our town was awarded the top prize of "Best Showing of Flowers" by Sullivan Renaissance. You can help to keep this tradition going and give your children an appreciation of community spirit and volunteerism. To learn more about how you can help in Neversink, call Eileen Delaney at 985-7185 or for Grahamsville, Dave Moore at 985-2746.

SUNY Sullivan Foundation Succeeds with Inaugural Derby Day Event at Trotters Museum & Hall of Fame (From Pg. 1)

On Saturday, May 5 the SUNY Sullivan Foundation held a fundraising event at the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame in Goshen. More than 80 people attended the event which raised over \$11,000. Money raised from this event has gone into the SUNY Sullivan Foundation scholarship fund.

Guests at the foundation's Run for the Roses Kentucky Derby Celebration viewed a live broadcast of the Kentucky Derby from Churchill Downs while enjoying authentic southern fare and mint juleps - the signature cocktail of the Kentucky Derby. Other activities included a silent auction and a hat contest. Women in attendance had the opportunity to purchase hand decorated hats. Proceeds from hat sales have also gone to the scholarship fund.

Honorary Chairperson, F. Edward Devitt said, "I would

like to thank the many businesses and individuals who supported the inaugural Derby Day event hosted by the Sullivan County Community College Foundation. As Honorary Chair, I would like to thank Maria Ingrassia for asking me to become involved to help raise scholarship funds for the students of Sullivan County and beyond who attend this fine college; I look forward to working with the college in the future."

The foundation would also like to recognize the other committee members who helped make this event possible: Andrea Nilon, Linda Nilon, Nancy Kane, Pat Allison, Rosemary Skoda, Marica Jacobowitz, Susan Havermale, Roberta Bryant Lockwood and Rita Simon.

SUNY Sullivan's Director of Special Events and Campus Activities, Hillary Egeland, was pivotal in the planning and execution of this event - one that is sure to continue as a new SUNY Sullivan tradition for years to come.

The SUNY Sullivan Foundation works to secure private funds to supplement the college's traditional revenue sources. Through its efforts, the foundation supports the college's scholarship assistance, funding for equipment and enrichment programs, and the ability to enhance and strengthen its academic areas and programs. SUNY Sullivan awards an estimated \$100,000 in scholarships annually. It is by the generous contributions of alumni, donors and friends that we are able to provide deserving students from Sullivan County and beyond the opportunity to receive their educations. The SUNY Sullivan Foundation can be found online at www.sunysullivan.edu/alumni.

ERH Recognized (From Pg. 1)

"Employee wellness is a priority at Ellenville Regional Hospital. We are excited to be recognized by the American Heart Association's Start! movement as a Gold-Level Start! Fit-Friendly Company," said Steven L. Kelley, President and CEO. "We're committed to providing the best workplace environment possible. Good health benefits our employees as well as our patients. It's a win-win for all!"

- Gold-level employers:
- Offer employees physical activity options in the workplace
 - Increase healthy eating options at the worksite
 - Promote a wellness culture in the workplace
 - Implement at least nine criteria outlined by the American Heart Association in the areas of physical activity, nutrition and culture

Ellenville Regional Hospital earned this designation for a number of factors, including supporting a weight loss program and walking program for its staff. The hospital cafeteria and vending machines offer healthy options. In addition, the hospital has sent teams annually to participate in the American Heart Association Heart Walk, as well as in other charitable walks.

For more information about the Start! Fit-Friendly Companies Program and how it is helping to improve the health of Americans by focusing on an activity that is convenient, free and easy, call 845-485-4703 or visit startwalkingnow.org. For information on Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call 845-647-6400.

The Ellenville Regional Hospital is a 25 bed rural critical access hospital located in Southern Ulster County. The Hospital offers a wide range of services including inpatient services, rehabilitation, emergency care, physical therapy, orthopedics, gastroenterology, cardiology, cardio-stress testing, pulmonary, pain management, ambulatory surgery, laboratory, diabetes education, oncology, clinical pharmacy services, medical nutrition therapy, hospice care, women's health including bone density, mammography, ultrasound, and imaging including CT scan, digital X-Ray, nuclear medicine, and MRI studies. The hospital has won numerous quality awards including a Patient Safety Award from the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet) Patient Safety Institute for reducing the average length of stay in the Emergency Department to less than 100 minutes. For more information, visit www.ellenvilleregional.org

Power Washing & Temporary DEP Permits for Canoes, Kayaks, Rowboats and Sailboats Begins this Weekend

For the first time, access to the picturesque waters of the Neversink Reservoir by day boaters is being allowed by the DEP, and Eureka Market & Café in Grahamsville has been chosen as a certified vendor for boat washing and permits. Starting Friday, May 25, Memorial Weekend, canoes, kayaks, rowboats and sailboats (with removable centerboards) can secure a temporary DEP permit, after they have been power-washed by Eureka Market, located at 7991 State Route 55. This is a huge plus as local residents and tourists can now make greater use of one of the area's premier natural resources. Hiking trails and the ability to hunt are also being opened to the public. For further information, visit www.eureka-market.com or call (845) 985-5152.

Vendors Wanted for Third Annual Sportsmen's Flea Market

Vendors Wanted for the third annual Sportsmen's Flea Market, sponsored by the Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club, Inc. that will be held on September 29, 2012, 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m., at the Grahamsville Fair Grounds in the 4-H building. Archery, Boating, Hunting, Fishing, Trapping Equipment, Knives, etc.. Guns will be allowed and there will be a Federal Fire Arms dealer on the grounds to run the required background checks. Table Space \$15. Extra table \$10. Refreshments Available. For information please call: Gary Castle (845) 985-0292 or Mike Depuy (845) 985-2693..



RUBY-THROATED HUMMING BIRD

by Peggy DeWire

As my neighbor and I stood talking in the back yard, we found ourselves suddenly divebombed by a tiny bronze-green hummingbird squeaking furiously, wings buzzing as he zoomed away.

It was a Ruby-throat, the only hummer east of the Rockies. Of the 300 species of Trochilidae native to the New World, fifteen breed in North America, mostly in the tropics and western U.S., and just one in the east, *Archilochus Colubris*.

Our tiny male was defending his territory so aggressively because he probably had a nest nearby. Sure enough, after a careful search, we luckily spotted a well-camouflaged, walnut-sized cup saddled on a limb 25' off the ground.

Built only by the female, the 1 1/2 inch nest of bits of lichen and moss, lined with soft dandelion-seed down was fastened with spider webs so as to look like a small gray bump on the limb.

Inside were 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 hummers 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 perhaps the father's aggressive defense of several nesting/feeding territories makes it safer and easier for females to collect food.

Fledgling Ruby-throats grow rapidly on a thick gruel of 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 soon learn to feed themselves at flowers and feeders. The correct sugar/water feeder formula is 1 cup sugar and 4 cups water. Too much sugar causes liver dysfunction in hummers.

Hummingbirds 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.

In the fall Ruby-throats stuff themselves to a 50% body weight gain in preparation for migrating. Their wings rotate like a helicopter blade 75 times a second, producing the humming sound for which the bird is named. They can hover, fly backwards and zip along at 25-50 miles per hour. The male's courtship flights are graceful, controlled pendulum swings in a U shape.

Once leaving Grahamsville either by day or night hummers fly south two hundred miles non-stop at treetop level. Then they rest, preen their feathers and feed - continuing this pattern clear to the Gulf of Mexico.

Night fliers orient themselves by the stars and the earth's magnetic field. Day fliers use the sun, earth's magnetic field and landmarks such as rivers, mountains and coastlines.

In spite of being so tiny and delicate, Ruby-throats can fly across the 500-mile-wide Gulf of Mexico non-stop because they eat and sleep on the wing.

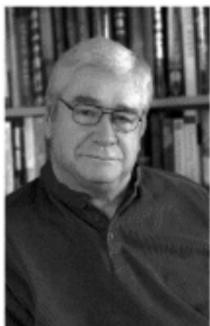
Hummers tend to return to the same place for several years, so this spring you'll see the same wee bronze-green beauties with ruby-red throats that were buzzing around your yard last year.

What About Pantyhose?

If you ever need a back scrubber and don't have one, try your panty hose. Take one leg, put your soap in it and you can hold on to each end to rub the soap back and forth over your back.

Use On Your Garbage Can

If you need a large elastic band to secure the garbage bag in your trash can, just cut the elastic top from your panty hose and use that around the ri

Mysterious Book Report No. 50 by John Dwaine McKenna

It is time, as the Lochinvar Rooster said to young Miss Mallard; It is time for something a bit different! And so, like the guy on TV who says, "I'm here, not just to entertain, but to educate you as well." I'm going to use this week's MBR to answer some of the questions piling up in my inbox, or asked at book club lectures and book signings.

The most often asked question is, "Why do you put all that stuff in parenthesis after the book title?"

Answer: to help the reader have a sense about the book, number of pages, cost and availability.

Q: What is an ISBN?

A: It stands for International Standard Book Number. It allows librarians and booksellers around the world to identify and locate that exact book. The numbers are now thirteen digits in length and are issued by the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The ISBN is the single-most important bit of information about any book, whether it's a print, or an eBook. All have ISBN's.

Q: Do you read every one you review?

A: Yep. Cover-to-cover.

Q: Do you review anything besides mysteries?

A: Generally, no.

Q: Why not?

A: Because it's what I like to read. My column, my rules. I'd like to point out the column is named The Mysterious Book Report. It should have been a clue, although my wife, June says, it's a mystery how it ever gets written. (She knows about my work habits, which are changeable.)

Q: Do you ever pan a book, write a bad review?

A: As a rule, no. I don't for several reasons. First, I have wide latitude in my selection of reading material, and rarely, if ever, finish one I don't like. Second, my function here is to encourage people to read, and I don't think I could do that with a bad review. Thirdly, I don't want to disparage someone else's work. It's too damn hard to sit down and commit the time and effort it takes to actually write an entire book. I admire anyone who's done it, whether I like their work or not.

Q: Do you think mysteries and thrillers will be replaced; that readers will tire of them?

A: No I don't. For a couple of reasons. Foremost is because the mystery and thriller genre is endlessly adaptable. It fits into any time frame or situation. The other is because humans are infinitely curious. We always want to discover the who, what, where, when and why of things. We start asking 'why' as soon as we learn to speak, and we never stop.

This last question is asked at every book club meeting where I've spoken.

Q: Are your stories anecdotal? Are the characters real people?

A: Every writer puts elements of his or her life into their work. Life experiences and events trigger the germ, or seeds of a story, but they're not histories or biographies, and definitely not anecdotes. I will say that inspiration comes from any and all directions. The writer's job is to put it all together in a pleasing, readable, and entertaining form. At the end however, it's all fiction, all made up, and all a product of the writer's imagination.

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Hope all of you have a great week. I'll be here next week with a new and improved MBR. It's a promise. --JDM

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Both courses will be held at the St. John Street Education Center, in Monticello.

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Hammock Harmony

Once again, Trout Unlimited is sponsoring the "Leaping Trout" exhibit throughout Olive and nearby towns. Local artists, including Janette Giuliano Kahl, Lois Ostapczuk and Jessica Galkin, will be painting fish to be displayed at area businesses before they are auctioned off.

May is the time for May graduations. Kirstyn Vaughn was among the many college graduates heading from Siena to graduate school or the workplace. It is also a time to recognize outstanding achievement such as Rachel Boice on Dean's List at Marist College. Before long, the high schools will be honoring their graduates. My granddaughter already has her dress for the 8th grade Moving Up Ceremony at Oteora.

Memorial Day weekend is always a busy time for us all. Starting on Friday, the Reservoir Methodist Church on Route 28 in Shokan has its annual yard sale and flea market from 9 until 6. On Saturday, the sale continues until 3 p.m., and the Tongore garden club has its plant and flower sale from 9-1 at Dolly Denman's lawn on Route 28.

On Sunday, there is a memorial/fundraiser for Wojtek Grabowsky at Grant Avey Park from 3-9 p.m. Wojtek was killed on his motorcycle just a year ago. The times of the benefit are from 3:00 until 9:00. The Ben Rounds Band will be one of six bands playing at this event.

Our Memorial Day parade will be held on Monday, May 28 in West Shokan. The parade assembles at 9:00 a.m. in front of the West Shokan post office to march up past the park to gather at the Town Offices for a ceremony. The American Legion serves refreshments in the park after the memorial service. I always look forward to Kate McLaughlin driving the red convertible with Aunt Shirley, a wave in World War II.

I want to follow up on my Melanoma scare. I am thrilled to share that my surgeon says I am 100% free of cancer cells. I have a treasured two-inch scar to show as my badge of courage. Perhaps not courage, more like frightened to death and feeling extremely blessed to have found it in a very early stage.

Today was one of those special, clear-blue days of perfect temperature and humidity. After pattering in the garden, I treated myself to a short break in the hammock on the deck. As my mind wandered, this little poem composed itself:

A hammock
Fixes your gaze
Cloudward
Where blue and white
Delight and invite
The mind to join
The body in
Total relaxation.

Life is good. May your weekend include moments in a hammock or lounge chair.

Album", "Abbey Road", "Let It Be", and many Beatle solo records! He was playing with The Lads at their last performance on the Apple Records rooftop! He also had featured roles in The Concert for Bangladesh, The Concert for George, and numerous Beatle solo tours!

Billy had known The Beatles since Hamburg, where they met while Billy was on tour with Little Richard, and when they started Apple Records, Billy was the first artist they signed!

The band on his first George Harrison produced Apple record consisted of Clapton and Harrison on guitars, Keith Richard on bass, and Ginger Baker on drums!

Billy was a child prodigy who received his early musical education in his mother's

church, and by the age of 10, he was regularly backing Gospel stars like Mahalia Jackson and James Cleveland! By 12 he was appearing in movies and TV! As a young man, he was mentored by Ray Charles, who called him his successor! And he more than proves he's up to the task with his performance of "Double Oh Soul", backed by Charles and his band, in the opening scene of the documentary film, "Before the Music Dies", a performance that you MUST catch! Google it! It's the first scene and it takes less than five minutes. The rest of the film is good, but I'll bet it takes you a while to watch it, because you'll be replaying Billy's performance over and over again! It simply is one of the greatest musical performances ever, by anyone, and is in the same league as anything Otis, Jagger, James Brown, Iggy, or Tina Turner ever did! As a young man, he was a regular on the 60's network rock TV show, "Shindig" and was the musical guest in the premier episode of the first season of "Saturday Night Live". He continued to find work in the movie business, and scored the Sidney Poitier movie, "They Call Me Mister Tibbs", with Quincy Jones!

His friendship with The Beatles led him to The Rolling Stones, who employed Billy's talents on the classic albums, "Sticky Fingers" and "Exile on Main Street", as well as "Goat's Head Soup", "It's Only Rock and Roll", "Black and Blue", "Tattoo You", and "Bridges to Babylon"! During his career, Billy toured or recorded with Eric Clapton, Ray Charles, Sam Cooke, Bob Dylan, Quincy Jones, Stevie Wonder, Stevie Nicks, Johnny Cash, Jeff Beck, Elton John, Joni Mitchell, The Funk Brothers, Sly and the Family Stone, Jackson 5, Sammy Davis Jr., Aretha, and more, in addition to the previously mentioned musical luminaries! In 2006, Billy climbed out of his deathbed to record a

part for The Red Hot Chili Peppers "Stadium Arcadian" album!

A prolific writer, Billy wrote "You are so Beautiful" which was a huge hit for Joe Cocker. He also had a string of hits under his own name, million sellers all, and won two GRAMMY's in the process!

His influence was such that Miles Davis recorded a song called "Billy Preston" in 1974! He gave Stephen Stills the phrase, "If you can't be with the one you love, love the one you're with"! He was invited to join The Band in 1991, and did complete one tour with them, but never got to record with them.

Personal problems threatened to derail his career in the 1990's and he became gravely ill in 2001. In his twilight years, he was still scoring movies and TV shows like "Two and a Half Men", "Desperate Housewives", "The Simpsons", "Inglourious Basterds" and "Rush Hour 2".

Billy Preston passed away in 2006, just short of his 60th birthday.

This week's live music picks are as follows:

Wednesday, May 23 - STEVIE WINWOOD at The Beacon Theater and guitar wunderkind, KENNY WAYNE SHEPHERD at City Winery, both in Manhattan.

Friday, May 25 - SONS OF CREAM, featuring the offspring of Ginger Baker, Jack Bruce, and Peter Townsend bring their act to BB King's and DYLANFEST 2012 is at Irving Plaza, also both in Manhattan. Don't know who's booked at Dylanfest, but it promises to be interesting, and you never know who might show up!

Saturday, May 26 - In the city, lead singer of The New York Dolls, DAVID

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See next week's Townsman for more details.

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Tuesday, May 29 - RAVI COLTRANE, the son of John and Alice Coltrane, who has developed into a phenomenal horn player in his own right, is at Birdland in Manhattan.

Thursday, May 31 - MOUNTAIN JAM kicks off at Hunter Mountain, and continues through the weekend.

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Jim Schmidt will direct Christopher Durang's "Naomi in the Living Room" - a bizarre visit of a son and daughter-in-law to their Mother, Naomi whose emotional ups and downs know no bounds. The cast includes Bunny Wolo-szczak, Alan Moss and Evelyn Camelia. Paul Puerschner directs George Bryjak's "Therapy" - and couples' counseling will never be the same! The cast includes Rick Schafstein, Stephanie Watson and Ann Finneran. Adam Dohren-wend does double duty, directing two short plays, "Hummus and Moon Walks" by Riley Mahan, featuring

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Nick Ost and Christopher Sheridan - two foils who meet on a plane and "Love in the Fast Lane" by George Bryjak where a jealous GPS horns in on a couple's date and starts to terrorize them. The cast includes Paul Puerschner, Evelyn Camelia and Kali Seastrand. The last of the short plays the premiere of an original work by SCDW's own Grace Strauss who adapted "Stars in Heaven" from a story she wrote entitled "Angel of WWII" The young playwright also will direct this story of survival, faith and love in the shadows of WWII as seen through the eyes of a child. The cast includes Hayley Cosgrove, Kali Seastrand, Justin Mednick, Heather Strauss, Sally Gladden, Adam Dohrenwend, Nick Ost, Mike Washburn, Jennifer Davilla and Mekayla Perneszi.

Interspersed with the short plays will be some scenes and songs including "The Chair" - an encore performance by DeLois "Cookie" House who will be reprising her award-winning role of Ruth Waters from the recent "Vaudeville in the Catskills" and some musical selections from the upcoming musical "The Fantasticks."

In keeping with the theme "A Series of Shorts" - anyone wearing boxer shorts to the theatre (please, OVER your clothing!) will receive one free item from the concession stand. No reservations are necessary - for additional information, phone (845) 436-5336 or visit the Workshop website at www.scdw.net

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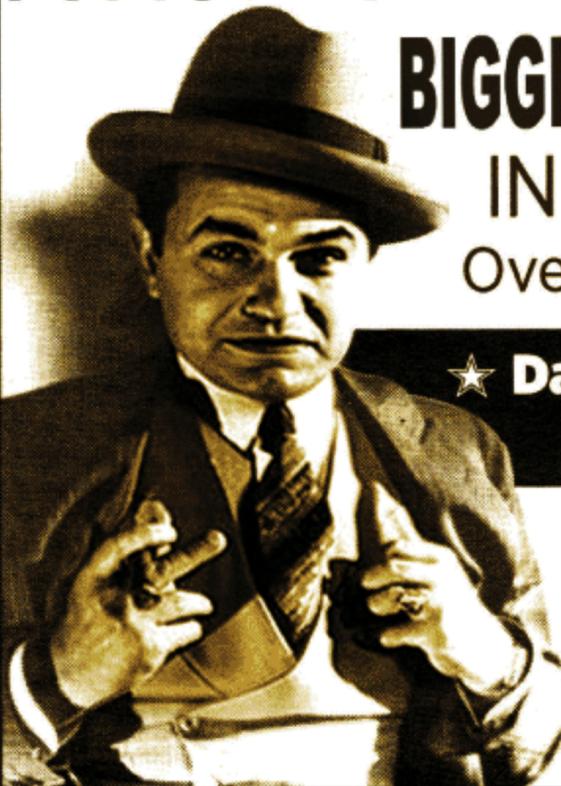
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Nancy & Spencer Reed Jazz Trio

On Saturday, May 26 at 8 p.m., jazz veterans Nancy and Spencer Reed with guest saxophonist "Sweet" Sue Terry will perform at Narrowsburg's Tusten Theatre after being snowed out of their October 2011 engagement.

Twenty-year veterans of the Delaware Water Gap Jazz Festival, bassist and vocalist Nancy and guitarist and vocalist Spencer offer an unusual selection of rarely heard tunes punctuated by unique treatments of jazz standards. They play frequently at the Deer Head Inn and have enthralled audiences from coast to coast as well as in Japan, Mexico and Italy. Their forte is their vocal blend, with tight and natural phrasing, and their repertory includes a very large palette of tunes by many of the great jazz composers including Duke Ellington, Miles Davis, Bobby Timmons and The Gershwins.

Guest saxophonist, "Sweet" Sue Terry, who will join the Reeds onstage, has performed with jazz VIPs Art Blakey, Carmen McRae, Jon Faddis, Wynton Marsalis, and Ray Barretto. She's been a jazz soloist with the National Symphony, the Brooklyn Philharmonic, and the New York Pops, and has been a frequent performer at venues such as The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. and Jazz at Lincoln Center in New York. Her discography currently contains over 40 commercially released CDs.

Tusten Theatre is located at 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Admission is \$20 (\$2 discount on advanced sales for DVAA members). For reservations or

information call 845-252-7272 This concert is made possible in part with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature. For more information, visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org or call 845-252-7272.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor -

Yesterday, May 16, we received a large postcard in the mail announcing the Tri-Valley School District Budget Notice. The school budget vote was the day before - May 15.

In today's mail (May 17) was a four-page brochure from the Tri-Valley Central School District announcing "Budget vote set for May 15, 2012."

Information that we should have received long before the budget vote was delivered to our mailbox one and two days after the vote took place.

Is it too much to ask our school officials to get us the budget details in time to make an informed decision?

Carol Montana
Grahamsville

BOCES LPN Students Reach Milestone and Receive Caps

On May 17th, twelve individuals from the Licensed Practical Nursing Program reached a significant milestone when they were presented with their nursing caps. The capping ceremony is the half-way mark in the student's progression of becoming a LPN.

The Sullivan County BOCES LPN class included Cheryl Bello, Tiffany Dominguez, Dahlia Fassetta, Amanda Froelich, Michael Gates, Rachel Hadley, Sierra Konikowski, Brianna Lovgren, Tricia Ranaudo, Sierra Rawls, Dennis Rundle, and Kristina Thalman.

The class is scheduled to graduate from the program in the spring of 2013. For more information about getting into the LPN Program or to schedule an entrance exam time and request an application call 295-4940.

Hinchey Hails Postal Service's Decision to Keep Open Mid-Hudson Mail Processing and Distribution Center

Washington, DC -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today hailed the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) for providing a reprieve of its previously-announced plan to close the Mid-Hudson Processing and Distribution Center located in Newburgh, New York. The facility was not included on a list the USPS released today of processing and other USPS facilities slated for closure in 2013, though the USPS said it will revisit the matter for 2014. Hinchey has been a staunch opponent of closing the Newburgh site and has repeatedly pressed the USPS to keep open the facility, which is a major employer in the region with 385 workers. The congressman is continuing to work to pass legislation that would address the underlying financial troubles faced by the USPS.

"I am happy that the U.S. Postal Service listened to the overwhelming community opposition to closing the Mid-Hudson Processing and Distribution Center and decided not to consolidate this facility this year or next, as originally proposed," Hinchey said. "Not only does keeping this facility open continue to provide good-paying jobs that will help the area's economy, it also ensures that the Hudson Valley has an effective mail delivery system, which is critical to our region's businesses. This announcement demonstrates that our efforts to help draw attention to the many positive aspects of the Mid-Hudson Processing and Distribution Center had an impact on the U.S. Postal Service's decision process, which is why we will keep pressing forward to ensure this issue doesn't reappear down the road."

Hinchey previously urged Postmaster General Donahoe to prevent the closure of the Newburgh facility after the USPS initiated an Area Mail Processing (AMP) study to consider consolidation with a similar facility in Albany, New York. Hinchey offered official comments opposing the potential closure of the facility on December 1, 2011. Later that December, Hinchey sent another letter to Postmaster General Donahoe signed by 37 other House members opposing the proposed closure of mail processing and distribution centers nationwide.

Hinchey is a cosponsor of legislation designed to help ease the financial challenges currently faced by USPS. The United States Postal Service Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act of 2011 (H.R. 1351) would free up billions in financial resources for USPS for years to come. Under current law, the Postal Service is required to pre-fund health care benefits of future retirees at a cost of over \$5 billion annually. H.R. 1351 would help reduce the financial burden of this requirement by allowing the Postal Service to use billions of dollars in overpayments to their pension fund to pre-fund healthcare benefits of future retirees. The legislation is strongly supported by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

Hinchey has also joined several of his U.S. House colleagues in introducing the Postal Service Protection Act - legislation designed to alleviate the U.S. Postal Service's (USPS) immediate financial crisis and prevent the lay-off of thousands of USPS employees nationwide.

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New Presiding Justice on May 15th

On April 5, 2012, Governor Cuomo appointed Hon. Karen K. Peters to serve as the Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the Third Judicial Department. Justice Peters was the first woman elected to the Supreme Court in the Third Department and is now the first woman to serve as a Presiding Justice in the history of the Department. She is also the first Presiding Justice from Ulster County. In addition to performing the duties of an Appellate Division Justice, which include deciding appeals from trial courts in the 28-county Third Department, Presiding Justice Peters will be responsible for serving as the Third Department's Chief Administrator. As Presiding Justice, she will help shape statewide judicial policy as a member of the Administrative Board and act as an ambassador for the Court through community and professional outreach. Justice Peters will also oversee the operation of the Court's ancillary agencies, including the Office of Attorneys for Children, the Committee on Professional Standards, the Committee on Character and Fitness and Mental Hygiene Legal Services. Justice Peters has served on the Appellate Division since 1994 and we re-elected in 2006. She has also served as a member of the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct since 2000. Previously, she was a Justice of the Supreme Court from 1991-1992 and a Family Court Judge in Ulster County from 1984-1991.

Learn about the Health Benefits of Fresh Vegetable Juicing (From Pg. 7) Jenise Parris, has a thriving acupuncture practice on Madison Avenue in New York City. Jenise will be the guest speaker, joining Bake House owner Jane Axamethy at The Bake House on Kauneonga Lake.

Free samples will be served! Bring your questions and Jenise will share her in depth knowledge of the benefits of healthy juicing. Jenise created her renowned Three Week Renewal Program based on specialty juices, acupuncture and exercise. You can learn more about the Renewal Program from Jenise' website: www.jeniseparris.com.

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Hinchey Honored (From Pg. 1)

"I am incredibly honored and humbled to receive two prestigious awards from such highly regarded organizations," Hinchey said. "The American Cancer Society -- Cancer Action Network and the Woodstock Land Conservancy perform such outstanding work day in and day out and it was my honor to help fight and advance policies in Albany and Washington that help reach our shared goals of supporting those with cancer and ultimately seeking a cure and protecting our environment for all future generations to cherish and enjoy. I thank them for honoring me with these wonderful awards and pledge to continue my efforts on their behalf even after I leave public office at the start of next year."

The American Cancer Society -- Cancer Action Network honored Hinchey on Friday, May 11 with its "Capitol Dome Award" - the highest national award given by the group. The "Capitol Dome Award" is a national recognition given to individuals "whose efforts demonstrate leadership on legislative issues of high priority to the American Cancer Society." It is the American Cancer Society's most prestigious recognition for legislative leadership. The award was given out at American Cancer Society's Hudson Valley Birthday Bash, which is the organization's signature event, honoring people for their commitment to helping create a world with more birthdays by fighting back against cancer through volunteerism and community service.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee and as a member of the Congressional Cancer Caucus, Hinchey has consistently fought for increased funding to support cancer research, treatment, and prevention. The congressman was a strong support of a provision in the health care law of 2010 -- the Affordable Care Act -- that now prevents health insurance companies from refusing to provide coverage to people with pre-existing conditions. The law also bars insurance companies from imposing annual and lifetime limits on the amount of care they will cover.

As part of its Vernal Fling celebration on Saturday, May 12, the Woodstock Land Conservancy honored Congressman Hinchey with its "Second Annual William R. Ginsberg Stewardship Award", whose namesake was a nationally-known advocate for open space, pioneering professor of environmental law, and a catalyst in the preservation of over 30,000 acres in the Catskills.

Hinchey has represented the Hudson Valley for all of his 38 years in public office, including 14 years as Chairman of the Environmental Conservation Committee in the New York State Assembly where he authored numerous laws enhancing and protecting the region's precious resources and landscapes. One such law established the Hudson River Greenway and another established the State Environmental Quality Review Act, an important tool that helps ensure that development in New York achieves the highest environmental standards. Hinchey built on that work after arriving in Congress by authoring the legislation that established the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. The congressman also developed a strong record on national environmental issues, which most recently include efforts to expand the use of solar and other forms of renewable energy, especially in New York, and the safeguarding of drinking water supplies from the controversial natural gas extraction process known as hydraulic fracturing.

Tenney Receives Otsego County and United Food & Commercial Workers District Union Local One Endorsement

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney was endorsed as the candidate for the new 101st Assembly District by the Otsego County Republican Party at their endorsement meeting held on Thursday, May 17 at the Courthouse in Cooperstown, NY.

"I am impressed with Assemblywoman Tenney's credentials," said Republican chairwoman Sheila Ross. "She has the background and experience we need for effective representation for Otsego County."

"I have many ties to Otsego County and I am honored to receive the support of my fellow Republicans in the towns of Springfield, Middlefield, Westford, and Maryland," said Tenney. "I am excited for to the opportunity to represent the residents of Otsego County as well as those in all the towns in the new 101st Assembly District, and look forward to working to bring needed resources and true economic growth to the entire region."

Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, was also endorsed by the United Food & Commercial Workers District Union Local One.

"We proudly endorse Claudia Tenney for election to the 101st District of the New York State Assembly," said Frank C. DeRiso, International Vice President and President of UFCW Local One. "The labor movement will play an intimate role in the success of our state and nation in the 21st Century. Our goal is to continue to protect and represent our membership and we are confident we are doing that by this endorsement."

The United Food & Commercial Workers District Union Local One represents 24,000 members in

Upstate New York. Assemblywoman Tenney, the incumbent, has also been endorsed by the Sullivan and Herkimer County Republican Committees.

Senators Gillibrand & Blunt Bolster Effort to Address Needs of U.S. National Guard

Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Roy Blunt sent a letter to the U.S. Department of Defense calling for an update on the implementation status of the "National Guard Employment Protection Act of 2011," a critical law introduced by Blunt and cosponsored by Gillibrand that amends the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA).

Upon passage of the act last November, the Secretary of Defense was tasked with extending USERRA protections to Guardsmen when they are called up by the President or Defense Secretary for the purpose of responding to national emergencies.

"It has come to our attention that the Department of Defense has yet to issue any guidance for implementation of this new law," the Senators wrote. "Many citizen-soldiers are impacted by the inclusion of Title 32 duties, and they question how it will change their new and existing orders. Without the protections of USERRA, these Airmen and Soldiers will be forced to leave their current positions with the National Guard and return to their civilian jobs at a time when our military needs them the most."

The "National Guard Employment Protection Act" authorizes the Secretary of Defense to include full-time National Guard duty for possible exemption from the USERRA five-year limit on service.

UC Executive Mike Hein Declares May 19-28 2nd Annual Healthy Ulster County Week - Local businesses and community organizations join with County Executive to offer healthy activities and discounts across Ulster County

County Executive Mike Hein was joined by Ulster County business and community leaders at the Police Athletic League's (PAL) Boxing Training Center to officially kick off the 2nd Annual Healthy Ulster County Week. Healthy Ulster County Week is intended to promote healthy living and includes events to encourage Ulster County residents to eat better, exercise more, and increase awareness of their health. During Healthy Ulster County Week, special promotions are being offered by local businesses and community organizations to help keep Ulster County residents healthy.

"Healthy Ulster County Week is an important part of my administration's initiative to make Ulster County the healthiest county in New York State," said County Executive Hein. "I receive a lot of encouragement during the year about my commitment to the health of our community. It is exciting that businesses and community organizations throughout Ulster County have joined with me during the 2nd Annual Healthy Ulster County Week to offer such diverse and exciting health-oriented special events and discounts."

"The Ulster County Health Department is fully committed to meeting the County Executive's goal of making Ulster County the healthiest county in New York State," said Dr. Carol Smith, the County Executive's nominee for Commissioner of Health and Mental Health. "Healthy Ulster County Week highlights many of the healthy options available in our county. I encourage all Ulster County residents to visit www.HealthyUlsterCounty.net right now to learn about Healthy Ulster County Week events and to keep visiting year round to find additional healthy resources and ideas."

According to Debra Karnasiewicz, MD, MPH, Founder and Director of the Women's Health and Fitness Expo, "This year's Women's Health and Fitness Expo will focus on weight loss, the lifestyle changes that need to be put in place to maintain it, and the impact a healthy lifestyle can have on preventing and eliminating illnesses like diabetes and heart disease. Our goal is to challenge residents to improve their health and the health of Ulster County by becoming more active and making better food choices. We are proud to kick off Healthy Ulster County Week at the Expo on May 19th. Together, we can reach our ultimate goal to make Ulster County the healthiest county in New York State."

"The Kingston Police Athletic League is on board with County Executive Hein's Healthy Ulster mission," said Allen Nace, PAL Vice President and Boxing Coach. "PAL's goal is to enrich lives by showing youth that crime is a dead end and that becoming a productive member of society will offer more rewards in the long term. On the surface, PAL's Boxing Program presents youth with a small opportunity - to learn to box. But this small opportunity goes a long way toward moving them in a positive direction. Through boxing, these kids are exposed to a variety of things that enrich their lives. They get to take trips to other communities to box and they learn that they have options in their lives. It is huge deal to them that the County Executive is here today to talk to them. Thanks to Kingston Police Office and PAL President Aaron Fitzgerald for being a great leader and a great coach and for programs like Healthy Ulster County Week, the youth who participate in this program will grow up to be healthy members of our society."

Additional information about Healthy Ulster County Week activities can be found on the County's websites, at www.UlsterCountyNY.gov and www.HealthyUlsterCounty.net or by calling the County Executive's office at 845-340-3800.

Assemblymember Cahill Votes to Increase Minimum Wage Measure Would Benefit Over One Million Working New Yorkers

Albany) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D- Ulster, Dutchess) stood up for the working class today when he enthusiastically voted to increase the minimum wage from \$7.25 to \$8.50 per hour beginning January 2013 and to index these rates to inflation beginning one year later. Cahill is a co-sponsor of this legislation, A.9148, which is now stalled in the Senate.

"The last time we acted to significantly raise the minimum wage was in 2007. Over the past five years, New York's minimum wage has only increased 10 cents per hour, which is not enough for full-time workers earning the lowest amount legally allowed to survive," said Assemblymember Cahill. "This increase, coupled with the powerful cost of living provision, will improve the lives of New Yorkers for generations to come and will allow all wage earners to live with dignity."

Currently, the neighboring states of Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts, as well as 15 other states across the country and the District of Columbia, all have higher minimum wages than New York. When the cost of living in our state is taken into account, this makes our minimum wage even lower by comparison.

"Every dollar I earn is already spent before I get my paycheck," said Myrna Capaldi, a single working mother from Kingston, who spoke as a struggling low wage earner at a press conference announcing that the Assembly would be voting on the legislation today.

"Families and the young working poor are going to benefit most from this increase. These are the same people that are struggling with rising college tuition, rents, utility bills and health costs," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Opponents have suggested that putting a few more pennies into the pockets of poor people will bring down our economy, which is ridiculous. (Contd. Pg. 13)

POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando - May 17, 2012, Kingston, NY - Democratic candidate for New York's 19th Congressional District, Julian Schreiber, announced Thursday that he has been endorsed by the Sullivan County Democratic Committee. He was nominated for the endorsement by Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther.

"It is my pleasure to nominate Julian Schreiber to receive the endorsement of the Democratic Party in Sullivan County," said Gunther, the popular five-term Assemblywoman. "Julian has spent his career prosecuting terrorists and protecting our children and local communities from predators. We need a fighter like him in Washington to fix a broken system."

"It is my honor to receive this endorsement. Congressman Gibson moved to Washington and stopped listening to the people he is supposed to represent," Schreiber said. "I have been blessed to live the American Dream and I want to make sure that all of our children know the same possibilities that I have had. If you send me to Congress, I will take the fight to the Republicans in Washington who want to dismantle Medicare, who refuse to protect our air and water, and who are waging a war on women. I will always stand strongly on the side of fairness for the working men and women of New York."

The Sullivan County endorsement comes following endorsements from the Dutchess, Greene, Columbia and Ulster County Democrats. These five counties constitute more than 70% of the population in the 19th Congressional District. Julian has also received the endorsement of the Working Families Party and from labor groups including UFCW 1500, Teamsters 445 and the NY State Board BLET.

Julian Schreiber was raised in Kingston and graduated from Kingston High School. The first in his family to go to college, Julian graduated from Yale and Yale Law School, working throughout to help cover expenses. Julian served as a federal prosecutor in Manhattan, and as an Assistant General Counsel at the CIA, he received the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award for assisting in the prosecution of four al Qaeda members for bombing U.S. embassies. He returned home and served as Senior Assistant District Attorney in Ulster County. He lives in Stone Ridge, NY, with his wife, Shannon, and their three young sons.

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

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

politicalslant@yahoo.com

Cahill Votes to Increase Minimum Wage (From Pg. 12) Small businesses, those driving our recovery, are not the employers paying minimum wage; it is the big businesses taking advantage of the working poor in this tough job climate.

"I am pleased that the New York State Assembly is stepping up to the plate with the increase of the minimum wage, thanks to the noble effort of Assemblypersons such as our own Kevin Cahill. It may not be a 'living wage,' but it is a start. The

result will help the low end wage earners without affecting businesses like Woodstock Chimes that have been paying well over the minimum wage since its inception in 1979," said Garry Kvistad, Founder and Owner of Woodstock Percussion Inc., the makers of WOODSTOCK CHIMES®.

According to a recent Quinnipiac Poll, 78 percent of New Yorkers support raising the minimum wage. Of those who approve of the increase, 37 percent are behind raising it to \$8.50 an hour and 52 percent support an even higher increase.

"Minimum wage is not the recipe to cure all of society's ills. This is about government setting a policy dictating that no one should sell their labor for less than a certain amount," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Passing this legislation will bring wages to a more respectable level and tie future increases to a cost index so we can finally take the politics out of an issue for the working poor, who are often the least represented in Albany and Washington. I strongly urge my colleagues in the Senate to follow the Assembly's lead and pass this needed legislation."

Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale

Saturday, May 26, 2012
9 am till sold out!

Homemade pies, cakes, cookies, brownies and assorted goodies!

Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall
845-985-7480
God Bless you and thank you for your support!

Rabies Clinic
Sponsored by Tri-Valley Lions
Wed, June 6, 2012
Grahamsville Fairgrounds • 6-8 pm.

Dogs, cats, and ferrets must be leashed or caged, and at least 3 months Brings the last rabies certificate for pet to receive three-year rabies shot. Without previous rabies certs, pet can get only a 1 year vaccination.

A \$5 donation per animal is appreciated

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

Multi-family Yard Sale

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

TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY
2012 Season: Open Noon-4 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. and by appointment
332 Main St., Grahamsville
Price: \$2, \$1 ages 6-15; free age 5 and younger
Call: 985-7700

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

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

The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches invite you to weekly worship:
9 am in Hurleyville,
10:30 am in Woodridge.
For more information, call Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283

CrossWay Assembly of God

Service Times
Sunday School 9:30 am
Sunday Worship Service/Children's Church 10:30 am
Monday Night Home Bible Study 7 pm
Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm
Friday Youth Night 7 pm

Ismael Berrios
Lead Pastor
P. O. Box 480
507 Hasbrouck Drive
Woodbourne, NY 12788
845-434-8263
Email: crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com

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!
For Information: Mother Joan LaLiberté 845-887-4742
5277 State Rt. 42 South Fallsburg

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

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

RAMSAY'S FUNERAL HOMES, INC

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)- 8:50 am
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

Loucks Funeral Home

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

"Date Night"

- When: Wednesday, May 30, 2012
- Where: Tri-Valley Elementary School (sign your kids in when dropping them off)
- Time: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
- Ages: 1st-4th grade children who attend Tri-Valley
- There will be a nurse available in case of an emergency.
- Cost: Suggested donation of \$5 to benefit the 9th grade class.
- Feel free to send your kids in their pajamas!

"Look at us! Look at us now! It is fun to have fun But you have to know how!"

You can drop off your children, go out, and have fun. There will be games, sports, reading, and crafts available for entertainment!
*Please return RSVP sheets to the elementary office by Wednesday, May 30, 2012. Please contact Matt Haynes at matthewhaynes@trivalleycsd.org or 985-2296 x4250 for further information.

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
June 5, 2012
Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm
Luncheon 11am-1 pm
Thrift Sale Only June 16, 2012
9 am-1 pm

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

Town of Denning Residents;
Starting May 25, 2012

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

TIRES MUST BE OFF OF THE RIM!!!

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

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

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INVITATION TO BID A. PROJECT 1. The Tri-Valley Central School District invites sealed bids to be received for the 2012 Roof Replacement Project. Prospective bidders are invited to submit their stipulated sum bids, including applicable Alternates and unit prices, for work described in general as follows: A. CONTRACT NO. 1 – ROOFING CONSTRUCTION 2. The project shall be substantially complete in accordance with Document 00200 and Section 01100 for all work as indicated on the Contract Documents. 3. The Owner will receive sealed stipulated sum bids from qualified bidders at the Tri-Valley Central School District's Office until 2:45 PM Local Time, on May 30, 2012. The bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at 3:00 PM in the High School. 4. Copies of the bidding documents may be obtained by contacting the office of the Architect/Engineer: Bearsch Compeau Knudson Architects & Engineers PC 41 Chenango Street Binghamton, New York 13901 607-772-0007 upon the deposit of \$50 for each set, payable to Bearsch Compeau Knudson Architects and Engineers PC. All prime contract bidders, upon returning sets promptly and in good condition within 30 calendar days after the date of award of contracts or rejection of the bids, will be refunded their deposit. 5. Copies of the Contract Documents may be examined at the following offices: a. Bearsch Compeau Knudson Architects & Engineers PC 41 Chenango Street Binghamton, New York 13901 6. Each bidder must deposit a bid security in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check, or Cashier's Check payable to the Owner in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the Base Bid amount. 7. The Owner reserves the right to award the contract within forty-five (45) calendar days after the actual date of the receipt of the bids. No bidder may modify or withdraw their bid within forty-five (45) calendar days after the time and date specified for the receipt of bids. 8. The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities or informalities in the bid forms or during bidding procedures, and the right to reject any or all bids. No bids will be accepted and no contract will be awarded unless the 2012 Roof

Replacement Project is approved by the School District Votes on May 15, 2012. In the event that voter approval is not granted, the Owner will make reasonable efforts to notify prospective bidders that the Invitation to Bid is cancelled. 9. Special attention is called to prospective bidders that project site will be available for bidders to inspect proposed work areas from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM on weekdays by appointment with Mr. Jesse Belle, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, phone number (845) 985-2296, Ext. 5317. Signed: Martha TerBush District Clerk Dated: May 14, 2012

Daniel Pierce Library Operating Budget Hearing

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

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

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

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Notice of Complete Application

Date: 05/14/2012

Applicant: WINTOON WATERS INC
ATTN: LAWRENCE CONNELL
6113 N 2ND ST
ARLINGTON, VA 22205

Facility: WINTOON WATERS PROPERTY
NEVERSINK RESTORATION
FROST VALLEY RD AT INTERSECTION W BLUE HILL RD
CLARYVILLE, NY

Application ID: 3-4842-00206/00001

Permit(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 15 Title 5 Stream Disturbance
1 - Section 401 - Clean Water Act Water Quality Certification

Project is located: in NEVERSINK in SULLIVAN COUNTY

Project Description.

The applicant proposes disturbance to approximately 1,200 linear feet of the West Branch Neversink Creek, NYS Waters Index # D-l-83, Class C(t) for habitat restoration. The current secondary channel will be excavated, widened, and rock deflectors installed in the bed. The current primary channel will be filled, graded, and planted with native vegetation. Existing riprap on the bank will be bioengineered to re-establish habitat connectivity. The proposal includes approximately 14,300 cubic yards (CY) of material to be placed below mean high water (MHW) for channel grading; 1,300 CY of material to be removed below MHW for the new channel, 13,250 CY of material to be removed above MHW for channel grading; and 1,000 CY of material is proposed to be placed above MHW for the channel grading. The river is proposed to be diverted into a third former channel during construction. The new channel will be further from Frost Valley Rd AKA West Branch Rd (Co Rd 157) and will reduce the angle at which the stream approaches the bridge over this road.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

Slate Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA, The permit type is exempt or the activity is being reviewed in accordance with federal historic preservation regulations.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 05/31/2012 or 15 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person

REBECCA S CRIST
NYSDEC
21 SOUTH PUTT CORNERS RD
NEW PALTZ, NY 12561-1620
(845)256-301

TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740

AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

May 24, 2012

7:00 p.m. – Special Board Meeting

Secondary School Library Lower Level

Mission Statement: Our school staff will provide opportunities for students to create, communicate, think critically, connect, compute, and collaborate using multiple methods and technologies. Students and staff will work to develop the knowledge and capacity to contribute to the well-being of staff, community, and the world.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. GUESTS

D. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Negotiations and School

E. RECOMMENDED ACTION

1. Retiree Health Insurance

F. ADJOURNMENT

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



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

Checks can be made out to Neversink Agricultural Society Covered Bridge Repair. They can be dropped off at Town Hall or sent by mail to:

Neversink Town Hall
PO Box 307
Grahamsville, NY 12740

The Project date is Sunday June 3rd, 2012. Start time is 8:00 AM to "COMPLETION"

To volunteer for this community event please call Gary TerBush at 985-7628 or Sign up at the Town Hall in the Clerk's office.

"Let's restore one of the signature landmarks in our community where so many of our annual events begin." Thank you for all your anticipated help!

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312

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

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

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

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

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

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

Permission slips can be downloaded from our website www.townofneversink.org or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. For more information call 985-2262 ext. 312 or email racerj12d@aol.com.

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



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Sunday and Monday: Closed

If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>

Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne

Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Beaver Dam Club
Beaver Dam Road
Grahamsville, NY

Rules

- Electric motors only
- All fish weighed must be alive
- Artificial lures only
- Catch & Release
- Two (2) people per boat
- All prizes awarded are cash
- Three (3) heaviest fish - 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- 50% of entry fee returned as prizes

Bass Fishing Derby

Refreshments provided after contest
\$20.00 Raffle
Any questions contact:
Lee C. at 985-7197
Al Spence at 985-7461

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- 5/26/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale -9 am till sold out!
- 5/28/12 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Memorial Day**
- 5/29/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall
- 6/2/12 Sundown Methodist Church **Covered Dish Supper** - Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 6/5/12 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)
- 6/5/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Sundown Hall - 7 pm
- 6/5/12 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Budget Meeting 7 pm - Neversink Town Hall
- 6/6/12 **Tri-Valley Lions Club 1st Rabies Clinic** 6-8 pm Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pet must be 3 months old
- 6/6/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 6/9/12 **Fund Raising Country Auction sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum (Fairgrounds) 11 a.m.**
- 6/12/12 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 6/13/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 6/14/12 **Dept. of Motor Vehicles** Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 6/15/12 Edgar Award winner Steve Hamilton guest speaker at Daniel Pierce Library 7:30pm
- 6/16/12 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale only** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 6/16/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Italian Dinner** 4-7 pm (845) 985-7480
- 6/17/12 Claryville Fire Dept. **Father's Day Pancake & French Toast Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 6/20/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 6/20/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM
- 6/21/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm

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

Save the Dates!

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

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

August 5 - Halls Mills Covered Bridge Centennial Celebration

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

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| SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP | ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) | JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY |
| GRAHAMSVILLE DELI | VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) • WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY |
| GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne) • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne) | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE |
| CANNIE D'S | LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty) | PETER'S MARKET |
| BLUE HILL LODGE | NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN | |
| | Boiceville IGA • J & G Log Homes, LLC • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's | |
| | Phoenicia Hardware • Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Brio's • Emerson Resort • Now in Pine Hill! | |

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.

Herbal Oils and Vinegars Workshop

Learn how to make herbal oils and vinegars to complement your cooking on June 13, 2012 from 5:30-7:30 at Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County

They are beautiful to look at and taste great on salads, in marinades and you'll learn many new uses. The workshop fee of \$25.00 covers all materials. Each participant will take home two savory herbal condiments. Instructor, Kathleen Grady, is an herbalist and teaching artist, who has offered workshops for youth and adults in the Sullivan County Area. Light refreshments will be served. Enrollment is limited to the first 15 paid and registered participants. For more information and to register, call 845-292-6180.

SC Memorial Day Parades and Services - 2012

Thursday, May 22 - Saturday, May 25

Town of Mamakating: V.F.W. Post #4947 will place flags on the following cemeteries; Burlingham, Winterton, Bloomingburg Rural Free, Phillipsport and also the Phillipsport Community Center. Flag placement at the cemeteries will be between 5/15/12 - 5/18/12. Services at these cemeteries will take place 5/22/12 - 5/25/12.

Sunday, May 27

Woodridge: - 4:00 p.m. - Memorial Service at Veterans Park on Roosevelt Avenue in Woodridge.

Bloomingburg: - The Village of Bloomingburg will host a parade starting at 1:00 p.m. V.F.W. Post #4947 will march in this parade and will perform the cemetery service at the conclusion of the parade.

Town of Tusten: 11:15 a.m. - Ceremonies at the cemeteries in the following order: #1-Lava, #2-St. Francis, #3-Glen Cove; sponsored by the V.F.W. Tusten Highland Post #6427. We will proceed to the oldest Baptist Church in Narrowsburg on Route 97 for a ceremony at approximately 2:00pm.

Monday, May 28

Town of Mamakating: V.F.W. Post #4947 has been invited to participate in ceremonies at the Summitville Honor Roll.

Forestburgh: 9:00 a.m. - Service at Veterans Triangle, Route 42 South, Forestburgh
Refreshments to follow at the Forestburgh Fire House; Sponsored by the Town of Forestburgh, The American Legion, the Jewish War Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Monticello: 10:30 a.m. - Service at the Veterans Monument, County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. Master of Ceremonies: Al Etkin; Refreshments following at the Elks Lodge, Monticello.

Liberty: 10:00 a.m. - Parade Line-up on West Liberty Street and North Main Street. Parade will start at 10:30 a.m. and travel through the business district in the Village of Liberty, proceed down Church Street, and end at the Liberty Veterans Cemetery on Cold Spring Road. At the Cemetery, there will be a program followed by a Wreath Ceremony; Clarence Hoyt VFW Post#9217 will participate.

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

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

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

Time and The Valleys Museum -

<http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org>

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

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition:

<http://thetownsman.com>

Monday, May 28

County Service: Liberty: 1:00 p.m. - The Veterans Service Agency will provide a Memorial Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery, Sunset Lake Road, Liberty. Master of Ceremonies: John Crotty

Wurtsboro: 12:30 p.m. - Annual Memorial Day Parade - Lineup on Pine Street in front of the Post. The Parade kicks off at 1:00 p.m...sponsored by American Legion Post# 1266 of Wurtsboro. The parade will conclude at the Veterans Park in Wurtsboro. After the service at the Veterans Park, individuals are welcome to the LEGION Post for refreshments.

Bethel: 11:00 a.m. - Service at Town of Bethel Veterans Park, Kauneonga Lake

Fremont Center: 128th Annual Fremont Center Memorial Day Parade; 2nd Oldest Memorial Day Parade in the State of New York - Road Closes at 9:00 a.m. VFW Post #7276 and its Auxiliary will participate in the Fremont Center Memorial Service starting at 9:30 a.m., at the Veterans Park next to the Town Barn at the Intersections of Route 93, 94, and 95 Downtown Fremont Center. Post members will then participate in the Parade to the Firemen's Ball Field. 10:00 a.m. - Fremont Center Memorial Day Parade - Recognizing those who served in the Dominican Crisis of 1965-1966. Presentation of Memorial Flag to the McAdams family in memory of the McAdams boys; following the ceremony there will be a Chicken Barbeque at the Fremont Center Community Church.

Long Eddy: 1:00 p.m. - VFW Post #7276 will conduct VFW Memorial Services at the foot of our namesake's grave in the Long Eddy Cemetery. Area Veterans groups are invited to attend and participate. Following the Service the Auxiliary will host its annual lunch at the Long Eddy firehouse. All area residents are invited to attend all of the above events to honor the memory of our neighbors who gave all for our Freedom.

Obernburg: 3:00 p.m. - Service at St. Mary's Church, refreshments to follow.

Neversink: 11:00 a.m. - Flag Ceremony at the Flag Pole, Grahamsville Cemetery.

Eldred: 9:00 a.m. - American Legion Post #1363 will conduct a Memorial Service at Eldred Cemetery, Route 55.

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