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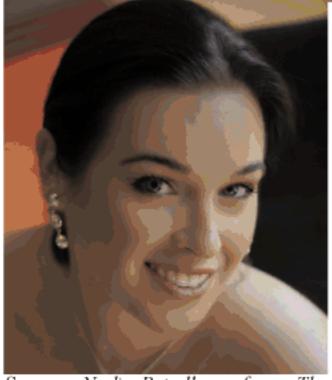
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Chamber Music at St. Andrew's Presents the Judgment of Paris, A baroque Opera Featuring Kenneth Cooper at the Harpischord

On Saturday April 27 at 8 pm The Judgment of Paris (1700), a semi-staged Baroque opera by John Eccles, opens Chamber Music at St. Andrew's 12th season of



Judgment of Paris

Andrew's 12th season of free concerts. Eminent harpsichordist Kenneth Cooper directing from the keyboard and a talented group of young, accomplished singers will make this a unique musical offering. Also on the program are harpsichord sonatas played by Mr. Cooper and an unusual "medical" theatre piece. atre piece. Paris' witty libretto in English unfolds a

well-known story: Soprano Nadia Petrella performs The Nurse in Portrait of a Gall-Bladder Operation and Mercury in The Indemnest of Paris and Venus all vie for his attention, but Paris can

only choose one. The result caused the fall of Troy.

Also on the program are Johann Sebastian Bach's Sonata no. 1 in G major for Cello and Harpsichord Obbligato BWV (1720) La Tableau de l'Operation de la Taille [Portrait of a Gall-Bladder Operation] (1725) Marin Marais

St, Andrew's Episcopal Church is located at 5277 State Route 42 in South Fallsburg, New York. Reservations are required;

call: 845-292-8967 or pcfriedman27@gmail.com. (Contd. Pg. 6)

CCE Closes Office Fridays as a Result of Emergency Furlough of Staff

LIBERTY, NY - Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County will close its office on Fridays beginning April 19th, 2013 and its board will review this decision in 30 days.

The decision was reached after the Board of Directors voted in March to furlough staff one day per week, following a 20% cut in funding by the Sullivan County Legislature due to its financial challenges. The cut resulted in an over \$83,000 reduction to the county's contract for programs and is coupled with a federal cut of \$33,000. CCE is now facing losses over \$116,000 for the year.

The furlough policy, in lieu of layoffs, will require all CCE employees to take Fridays off without pay. All CCE programs and activities at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center in

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Liberty will be suspended on Fridays until further notice. The board will review the decision in 30 days and make additional cuts to programs, if warranted. For now, Executive Director Greg Sandor said the Liberty-based center will furlough its employees on April 19, April 26, May 3 and May 10. Sandor said he's hopeful Cornell will raise enough money by May 10 to end the furlough.

The board has issued an emergency appeal for donations to end the furloughs and reopen its office five days a week. The board will also kick-off its 2014 Centennial Year Fund Drive in June to celebrate the institution's 100th anniversary in Sullivan County. (Contd. Pg. 3)

CWC-funded project creates Watershed Video Game

Twenty-four Middle School students from the Catskills and the Bronx met recently to



experience a new, high-tech way to learn about and appre-ciate a shared resource:

"Flo: The Watershed Project," a video exploration of the New York City Watershed and Water System, was created by game design and graphic arts students at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI). Eighth graders from Onteora Central School and Bronx Academy of Letters provided input to the game while learning about water all year

April 5 and 6 at the Ashokan Center in Olivebridge to meet each other and test the finished product. (Contd. Pg. 8)

Books for Thailand What do Narrowsburg, NY, and Nakhon Pathom, Thailand have in common? Books! In fact, Narrowsburg books! Trinh Hagedorn of Beach Lake, PA, had a request of his congregation - St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Narrowsburg.

Assigned as a volunteer English teacher in Thailand under the auspices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Church of Christ Thailand (CCT), Trinh's students are children from kindergarten through sixth grades. Trinh asked for help from St. Paul's to establish an English book section for the Sawang Wittaya Elementary School library as a way to help his students learn English. (Contd. Pg. 8)



Members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Narrowsburg flank Penelope Morgan-Lohr, branch manager of the Western Sullivan Public Library in Narrowsburg, as they prepare to pack children's books for shipment to Thailand. Pictured (l to r): Laura Drollinger, Pastor Phyllis Haynes, Penelope Morgan-Lohr, Fern Lee Hagedorn, Rosemary Rosenberger.

A New Exhibition - Tunnels, Toil and Trouble

The long-awaited exhibition, Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story opens May 22nd!

This exhibition has taken the collective efforts of many people and organizations to tell the story of NYC's Water Supply System, with a special concentration on the Rondout and Neversink Valleys, reservoirs and "The Takings".

Besides focusing on the different systems and how they work together, also included is "Would You Drink This Water?" illustrating the type of contaminants in early NYC water, "How Would You Feel?" delving into the lands taken and how local lives changed, and "Those Who Did the Dirty Work" about the men who built the tunnels and reservoirs.

Through photographs, artifacts, video, audio, computer programs and hands on activities, visitors will be immersed in the fascinating story of the water system's develop-ment. They will "Spin the Wheel" of dirty water, listen to lost town residents talk about being forced to move from their homes, touch rocks from hundreds of feet below the earth, play a "Beat the Clock" game and complete an aqueduct puzzle. They will even build their own dam (including sinking and covering caissons) and dig a real tunnel!

The exhibition spans the very beginnings of New York City history through the Clean

Water Act and beyond. This more recent history of private residents, government and organizations working together to keep the water clean, is another important part of the

Designed to enter and enlighten visitors of all ages and abilities, the exhibition is per-fect for school classes, youth organizations and adult groups seeking to learn more about the water system and its impact on the local area.

For more information or to book a group tour, please call the Museum at 845-985-7790 or email info@timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Because the foolishness of God is wider than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. Corinthians 1:25

Sympathy of the Community

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Sandy Bernstein. Sandy passed away on Sunday evening.

Seth McConnell Wins Texas Audition

Seth McConnell, a graduate of Tri-Valley Central Schools, and a former resident of Claryville, recently won an audition for the position of Principal Timpanist with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra in Fort Worth Texas. He starts in this prestigious orches-

tra position on Aug. 1st.

Seth avidly pursued percussion studies with Mr. Ralph Guzman of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra while attending Tri-Valley, and upon graduation was accepted into a music performance program at SUNY Purchase. Here he broadened his musical studies and expertise to include not only standard percussion such as snare drum, timpani and bass drum, but also four-mallet instruments such as xylophone, and many unusual smaller and ethnic instruments. After receiving his Bachelor of Music at Purchase he was accepted at New England Conservatory and graduated with his Master of Music degree.

Seth currently resides in Plano Texas, with his wife and two children, where he freelances and teaches percussion. His proud father is Bob McConnell of Claryville.

Congratulations, Seth!

Days of Yore... ...Today's History

April 22, 1953 - A shower was given to the bride of Arnold Robinson at the Harry Robinson home on Rocky Hill on Thursday night by the relatives and close friends of Arnold. The party was a complete surprise to the bride, the former Mary Ellen Lancaster of Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. George Moore celebrated her 87th birthday at the home of her daughter and

son-in-law, Mrs. Nial Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Botsford are the parents of a daughter born at the Veterans Memorial Hospital on Sunday, April 19th. The new baby weighed in at 7 lbs. They have two other children.

Miss Frances Moshier, Miss Doris Moshier and Mrs. Harold Moshier gave a shower for Miss Shirley Stratton on Friday night. Miss Stratton will be married soon to Harold Brown of Ellenville.

Mrs. Dorothy Brooks has moved her household goods from her former home. She sold her farm to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Van Aken recently.

April 17, 1963 - Harry McDole, 66, former fruit dealer in Napanoch died in Miami, Florida on April 5th. He was born in Montela, N.Y. on October 14, 1896, son of James and Mary Ellen Coniker McDole. He was married to the former Helen Dudrick and was a retired retail fruit dealer in Napanoch. Survivors include his widow; one son, Benjamin of Napanoch; two daughters, four brothers, Ulster of Pine Bush, Roy and Daniel of Napanoch and Ellsworth of Wawarsing.

Miss Valerie Misner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milford Misner of Kerhonkson and David Freer, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Freer of Ellenville, was married on April 6th. Miss Misner, who is the granddaughter of Mr. Norman Misner of Woodbourne, is a science teacher at the Ellenville Central School. The bridegroom is employed at the Ellenville Savings Bank.

Mrs. Flossie VanWagner of Sundown and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sheeley of Napanoch are the proud grandparents of Deborah Ann VanWagner who was born to Mr. and Mrs. Laurence VanWagner of Ellenville at Kingston City Hospital on April 14th. Baby and mother are doing fine.

April 25, 1973 - John Boncek, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis of Grahamsville, has been granted a National Science Foundation Mathematics Training Award at Rutgers University for the summer of 1973. This award is restricted to high ability secondary school students. The program will include fifty-two students who will be residents at the University from July 1 to August 10.

Mrs. Evelyn King and Mrs. James Dunlop attended a 50th wedding anniversary celebration Saturday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Orin Lauber at Wenig's in Ellenville.

April 21, 1983 - Laurence Smith of Route 55, Napanoch, a retired painter and carpenter and a lifelong area resident, died Friday, April 15, in Ellenville Community Hospital. He was 71. The son of the late Archie and Elva Curry Smith, he was born Sept. 17, 1911 in Eureka. Survivors include his wife, Clara Knight Smith; a son, Larry H. Smith of Napanoch; one brother and four sisters; 3 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

From Tom Higgins: Saw this bumper sticker on an out of state van passing through Ellenville: "Don't Re-elect Anybody"

Here's a shocker - the United States is the major arms supplier for 20 of the world's warring nations, while the Soviets arm 13 of them according to a study made by the Center for Defense Information.

Pat and Mike, twin sons of Capt. and Mrs. John Quinlan, aroused attention this past week when they disappeared. A posse of BWS Police and neighbors went on a searching party. Pat and Mike were asleep under the bed!

TVCS Girls & Boys Track and Field Teams - Joe Iatauro

Congratulations to the Girls and Boys Track and Field Teams on placing 3rd at the Rondout Invitational last Saturday.

Placing 1st in their event were: Mareena DiMilia in the Javelin, Aric Boyes/Shot Put and Josh Winters/Javelin. Other top three finishers in the 15 team field were: Zach Nilsen 2nd/110HH, Aidan Woolsey 2nd/Pole Vault, Kate Greffrath 2nd/High Jump, Danielle Graham 2nd/3000, DiMilia 2nd/SP, Autumn 3rd/1500,DiMilia Bender 3rd/100 Hurdles, Sabrena 3rd/400 Smith Hurdles, Colleen Jones 3rd/Discus, Boyes 3rd/Javelin and placing 3rd in the 1600 Relay the team of Nilsen, Woolsey, Tyler Greffrath and Justin Weintraub.

Good luck at the Tri-Valley Invitational this Saturday starting at 10:00 AM.

Also Special Congratulations to Aric Boyes and Mareena DiMilia on being selected to a Varsity 845 Team Selection for the Weight Throw.

A Call to All Artists

The Sullivan County Farmers' Markets is seeking generous contributions of original art, in your unique style, for a Silent Auction Fundraiser to be held on Saturday, July 20,

Artwork should be representative of our farmers's markets and local food it provides.

We thank you greatly in advance and appreciate your support.

For submission details, please contact Robin Mailey, SCFMA Board Member at

845-887-3016 or robin651@hotmail.com. The Farm Art, "A Celebration of Local Foods" Silent Auction to benefit The Sullivan County Farmers' Market Association will be held at the Jennifer Reeves Gallery at 21 Lower Main Street, Callicoon, NY (Back room of the Trash Queen Store). Viewing will be July 12-19. The cocktail reception and silent auction will be held on Saturday, July 20 from 5- 7 pm.

A Round About Tri- Valley

The long-awaited exhibit, Tunnels, Toil and Trouble that spans the very beginning of New York City's quest for water through the Clean Water Act and beyond will open at the Time and the Valleys Museum on May22nd, at 4:00 pm. Robert Kennedy, Jr. will be the keynote speaker and he will be joined by other dignitaries. This is an event you will not want to miss!

Thunder View Farms in Grahamsville hosted a cattle producers workshop on April 13*. It was sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension Livestock Professionals of Delaware, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties. The livestock professionals discussed genetic improvement and carcass quality. Valuable instruction in handling cattle and a tour of Thunder View Farms facilities was also on the program.

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Hayes McArdle tells me he has several excellent groups lined up for the Fiddlefest, which will be held on Sunday, April 21" from 1:00 - 5:00 pm at the Neversink Fire House. Among the groups who will be performing are the Rock Hill Ramblers, Nothing New, the Kurpils, Little Sparrow, The Back Porch Gang, as well as several others.

Town of Neversink Parks and Rec will sponsor a Father's Day Brunch Cruise on Saturday, June 15th. If you are interested, you must sign up no later than April 23rd. For more info, contact Jamie Brooks at the Town Hall.

The roast pork dinner held at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on April 6lh was a huge success Two hundred fifty people enjoyed the delicious dinner. Hats off to the chefs!

Tri-Valley's track and field teams are off to a good start. They have many very talented athletes on the teams.

Storytime at the Daniel Pierce Library started on April 11th. It's so nice to see the little one so excited" The Library staff does a wonderful job preparing lessons and stories for the children each week

PS: If you don't like my jokes, send me news items.

Words of Wisdom: Trying to squash a rumor is like trying to unring a bell.

It Wouldn't Be Spring Without Flowers

The Dragonfly Gifts & Flowers is now opened and you can order fresh flowers for that special someone, or celebrate spring with a bouquet of fresh flowers for your own dining room table!

Not only can you order fresh flowers, but Louise also has a line of home-made gift items in her shop located in Grahamsville, across from the Post Office on Main Street.

See the Dragonfly Gift & Flowers ad on page seven for hours and details.

Congratulations Louise, and Good Luck!

"NOAH" at Sight and Sound Theater Lancaster County, PA

The Grahamsville Reformed Church Sunday School is organizing a one-day trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster County, PA on Thursday, July 11th. A deluxe motor coach will leave Grahamsville at 7:00 am and will return to Grahamsville before 9:00 pm. The bus will make a stop at McDonald's for lunch or you may bring a bagged lunch. We will then see NOAH, a oneof-a-kind, awe-inspiring family experience. You will embark on a journey with Noah and his family as they build a boat in a land that has never seen rain. You will see hundreds of animals enter and live inside the ark that surrounds the audience on three sides. Forty foot tall sets, toe-tapping songs and professional actors bring a message of hope that makes NOAH a must-see performance. Following the performance, we will make a stop for supper. All meals are on you own.

Cost for children 3 - 12 is \$55.. teens 13 - 18, \$65. and adults \$85. This includes motor coach transportation, driver's gratuity and admission to the show.

Reservations must be made as soon as possible. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please send a check made payable to Julie Furman at 134 Glade Hill, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or call 985-2918 for further information. Reservations will not be taken without payment and reservations are non-refundable.

Cancer: The Effects on Tri-Valley Students - Shannon Smith

When sophomore Lauren Carlsen found out two and half years ago that her grandfather Paul Gizinski was diagnosed with Leukemia, there were no words to describe how distraught she was. Lauren's grandfather meant the world to her, and he was always there for her when she needed him the most. He recently passed away, and because of this, all Lauren wants to do is find a cure

Unfortunately, more than one million people in the United States are diagnosed with cancer each year, according to the American Cancer Society. But with research and dedicated people who want to make a difference, cancer will hopefully one day be cured. When Lauren's grandfather was diagnosed, she was at his side helping him to fight. "They always tell me I'm here for a reason, but why does it have to cause me so much pain?" These were the words from her grandfather that pushed Lauren to do something. She wanted to make people aware of cancer, and she wanted to do an activity that the community could be involved in to help raise money for the American Cancer Society. With her days of meeting with the Board of Education and writing letters to businesses for donations, Lauren was able to organize a Cancer Talent

Friday the 5th was the second annual Cancer Talent Show. It was held in the Bernstein Memorial Theater at Tri-Valley Central School. All 1,200 dollars raised was donated to the American Cancer Society. With this event, it brought together the Tri-Valley students and the community to support a cause that affects almost every person. Lauren says she is "doing this to open up with other students, and to give them hope that one day cancer will be cured." With an event like this, it helps to show people around our area that we are a school focused on helping others.

Tri-Valley FFA Chapter To Be Featured on RFD-TV!

Grahamsville, NY - The Tri-Valley FFA Chapter from TriValley Central School was showcased this past weekend, April 13-15, 2013, on "This Week In AgriBusiness", a weekly, one-hour television agri-news program hosted by two of the country's most well-known farm broadcasters Max Armstrong and Orion Samuelson.

The Tri-Valley FFA Chapter Tribute included information about the chapter's history, activities and community service. It also included information about the students and their participation in

chapter activities.

The show featuring the Tri-Valley FFA Chapter Tribute on "This Week In AgriBusiness" was aired on RFD-TV, a 24-hour television network for rural America. RFD-TV that is carried on Dish Network channel 231 and on DirecTV channel 379, as well as a number of other cable systems. "This Week In AgriBusiness" aired four times on RFD-TV throughout the weekend.

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"We know times are tough for everyone, but please consider making a special donation at this time," said CCE Board President Joan Howard.

The new CCE Executive Director Greg Sandor is enthusiastic that the public will respond with their support. "We are committed to continuing to provide the great resources of Cornell University to Sullivan County. We will not waiver on this," he said.

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County is accepting contributions small or large, and urging supporters to spread the word. Donations should be made out to "CCESC" and sent to 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd, Liberty NY 12754. Cooperative Extension is also seeking new volunteers to help in several program areas. For more information contact the CCE office at 845-292-6180.

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.

"PEEPERS" - The Doorbells of Spring

Just as we were getting to make the turn at the end of Route 55A onto the Sundown Road last Wednesday evening, Frank and I heard a familiar chorus equivalent of the choir in Beethoven's ninth symphony! To those of us who survived the winter (willingly or unwillingly) in the Catskills they will agree. The sound of the peepers, harbingers of Spring, is a welcomed happy greeting!

There are two subspecies of the Spring Peeper.

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Here in the Catskills we have the Pseudacris crucifer (they used to be called Hyla crucifer,) that is widespread throughout the eastern United States and Canada.

The peepers, who overwintered in the soil, behind loose tree bark, or under a log, have actually survived the freezing winter. Northern Spring

Peepers produce glucose and "freeze" themselves to hibernate during winter and then return to normal when temperatures warm up again.

Spring peepers are tan or brown in color. They often have a dark cross that roughly forms an X on the ridge on their back called a dorsa; thus the Latin name crucifer, meaning cross-bearer. Their body length is normally between 1 in to 1 half inches and they weigh between 0.11 and 0.18 ounces.

Spring peepers primarily live in forests and regenerating woodlands near transitory or semi-permanent wetlands. Like other frogs, peepers go through a life cycle that involves mating, laying eggs in water which hatch into tadpoles. Then the tadpoles undergo a metamorphosis and become frogs who head off to dry land.

Peepers require marshes, ponds, or swamp regions to support the aquatic environment the eggs and tadpoles need. Tadpoles feed on algae and other organisms in the water. Their predators include great diving beetle larvae (when in tadpole form), snakes, skunks, and larger frogs.

Adult peepers are nocturnal creatures, hiding from their many predators during the day and emerging at night to feed on such delicacies as beetles, ants, flies, and spiders.

Females are lighter-colored than males, while males are slightly smaller and usually have dark throats.

Peepers have a vocal sac located near the throat, which expands and deflates like a balloon to create a short and distinct peeping sound. This vocal sac is almost the same size as its entire body. Only males have the ability to make this loud high-pitched noise, and they use it to attract mates.



They breed from March to June, and as early as March you can hear male spring peepers calling for mates. Females choose their mate based on the quality of the call. The faster and louder he sings, the more likely he us to find a mate. If a female likes the song, she joins the male and they head off to the water to mate. After mating, the females lay eggs underwater on sticks and plants. The eggs hatch into tadpoles in about twelve days and will eat algae and tiny organisms in the water. The tadpoles will change to adult spring peepers in a few weeks. As adults, they will spend the rest of the year in the woods, coming out at night to look for food.

Peepers are among the first frogs in the Catskills to call in the spring. Their chorus almost resemble the sounds of sleigh bells. They are heard not long after the ice melts on or near the wetlands.

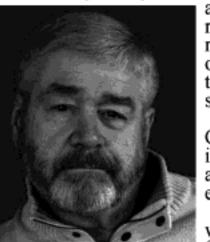
Spring peepers are to the amphibian world what robins are to the bird world. As their name implies, they begin emitting their familiar sleigh-bell-like chorus right around the beginning of spring. Many of us wait for that one night to come when in a distance we hear the chorus of "peeping" that brings hope and joy into our heart, along with knowledge that there will be a spring this year, and soon!

Household Hints

Remove bumper stickers

If those tattered old bumper stickers on your car make you feel more nauseated than nostalgic, it's time to break out the vinegar. Saturate the top and sides of the sticker with undiluted distilled vinegar and wait 10-15 minutes for the vinegar to soak through. Then use an expired credit card (or one of those promotional plastic cards that come in the mail) to scrape it off. Use more full-strength vinegar to get rid of any remaining gluey residue. Use the same technique to detach those cute decals your kids used to decorate the back windshield.

Mysterious Book Report No. 95 by John Dwaine McKenna



Secretly, every writer fantasizes about their book becoming a best seller. Whether it's fiction or non, every person pecking at a computer keyboard, or scritching away on yellow foolscap late into the night, harbors a dream of being heard; that their words and ideas will be so compelling, great masses of readers will pay attention to what they've written. It's a dream few realize. The thing is though, in spite of the odds against it, some lucky few really do win the lottery, and that keeps all the rest of us buying tickets . . . or writing more books. This week's Mysterious Book Report is about one of those rare first novels which become bestsellers. A book so well done and illuminating, it impacted and helped bring about major change to an entire federal legal system. It's hard to believe, but it actually happened last year in Germany where the novel has been a runaway best seller. After reading it I understand why.

The Collini Case, by Ferdinand Von Schirach, (Penguin/Michael Joseph, \$33.00, 190 pages, ISBN 978-0-718-15919-1) translated from the German by Anthea Bell has received rave reviews all over Europe, England and America. It should be read by every citizen and young person in America before they exercise their right to vote because it illustrates that the system can indeed work, although in ways not readily apparent, and because it shows just why all citizens should regard their government with a healthy dose of skepticism, demand absolute transparency from every level, and lastly ... beware the interests of special interests, operating hand-in-hand in secrecy with elected or appointed officials. The story begins with the murder of a respected, well-regarded businessman, the sole owner of a multi-billon euro international conglomerate

with thousands of employees. The murderer is a man named Fabrizio Collini; a retired Italian guest worker who had worked for Mercedes-Benz for thirty-four years; a man who, in all respects was just as he appeared to be . . . an honest, hard working man without a criminal past. What then, caused this man to walk into a luxury hotel and kill an eighty-two year old man, execution style with two bullets to the back of the head, and then stomp on his face until it was unrecognizable? That is the question young public defense attorney Caspar Leinen tries to answer as he attempts to defend a man who admits to the murder and refuses to talk about why he did it. As if that's not enough, the slain man is someone Leinen had grown up with, a man he almost considers his grandfather, and a man with a history. It's a courtroom drama interspersed with flashbacks of the young attorney's life, and a trial that's about to rock the entire

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Catskill Friends,

I hope all is well and spring has finally srpung in the valley. I hope to be amongst you all in one of our favorite places soon as I finish some work and

get all my flies tied.

frustration of the folks living in the valley I must shed some light on what is going on and my view points on the demands of the government to bail out be closed from Thursday April 11 folks that made decisions to build or buy in the floodplain. Rivers are always changing. They will always flood and deposit debris from the flood and rip and tear through the valley. It been doing this for many years and no restoration or government pro-gram can restrict this nor should it. Its a natural Ashokan were damaged during the process that has been going on since the dawn of storm. Aside from the area where trees time. That being said as humans we must be reponsible and thus wary of the beauty and force of mother nature. Everytime we try to control her she kicks our ass. She will always rule. That being said at this moment I am sorry that everyone has had so much loss but it is time for folks to work smarter not harder and get out of the floodplain.

incentives flood plain development to helping folks GET OUT OF THE WAY. It makes fiscal, ecologiwork on the hill trying to change this policy and it will be detoured around the forestry work.

All emotions aside, all can agree that the flooding will happen again. The pictures year after year prove it. Yes they seem devastating but it is natural. not predict our weather to come.

Sometimes we all must say goodby to the memories and thank god for them but then bow our heads SC Sheriff on Wave of Bruglaries to nature and give her the credit deserved.

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ED NOTES:

needs to change.

While I do agree that Mother Nature is unpredictable, so is human nature! While it behooves three generations, despite threats from Nature, it in polluted cities, where it is a given- 'a travesty to one's health.'

same sentiment about their homes. certain that many of us had believed that our insurance companies would share our risk, only to find out they did not! And yet, if my memory serves me right, in September 2008, the U.S. government took control of American International Group (AIG), one of the world's largest insurance companies when private lenders declined to loan money to the financially troubled firm, prompting the federal government to take control of the company and guarantee to loan it up to \$85 billion!

If I have to 'place my bet', I will put my money on Mother Nature, rather than a political decision that reflects the greed of human nature!

DEC Announces Temporary Partial Closure of Public Areas New Ashokan Reservoir Fountain for Removal of Trees Damaged by Hurricane Sandy

The New York City Department of Environmental As I look at these pictures each year and read the stration of the folks living in the valley I must near the Ashokan Reservoir Fountain, off Route 28A in the town of Olive, will through Thursday April 25 to facilitate the clean-up and removal or trees toppled or damaged by Hurricane Sandy. Hundreds of Norway Spruce and White are being removed, the public space at the Ashokan Fountain will remain open from dawn to dusk.

> Through an open bid process, DEP contracted with a private timber harvester to remove the fallen trees at no cost to the City. The harvester will pay

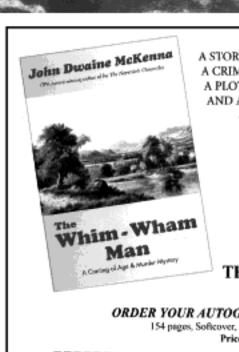
Our national flood policy needs to change from DEP for the trees which will be recycled into enough lumber to build nearly 25 homes. The project also includes clean-up work in the forest on the north shore cal, and hydrological sense to stop incentivizing this ridiculous repetitive battle that no man can win. I at Jones Cove will be accessible. However, anglers

Like all forest management undertaken by DEP, this project will employ best management practices to protect natural resources and maximize forest health. Members of the public who have questions about the Lets work to get out of the flood plain. Not even just clean-up project or accessing areas near the forestry the 100 year but the 250 year floodplain for we can work may call Forester Todd Baldwin at 845-340-7854.

The Sullivan County hamlet of Harris is the latest area to experience a recent wave of burglaries. On April 7, 2013 at about 3:30 PM, Sheriff's Deputies responded to 19 Friedman Rd. in the Town of Thompson where entry was made via a window. Jewelry and cash were taken from the residence. On April 10, 2013 at about 1:30 PM, Deputies responded to 842 Lt. Brender Highway, just inside the Town of some that a person, like me, may choose to stay in Liberty. At that location a rear door had been forced a home that my family built and has occupied for open and jewelry was stolen. On April 11, 2013 at approximately 1:30 PM, Sheriff's Deputies responded rather puzzles me that people would choose to live to 124 Harris Rd. in the Town of Thompson and found the rear door at that location had been kicked open. Jewelry, a 12 gauge shotgun, a .22 caliber rifle, and a I would rather stay in Sundown, despite the risk sword were taken in that incident. Sheriff Mike Schiff of floods and I believe their are many who share the says it is becoming difficult for his deputies to keep up with all the crime due to depleted levels of manpower As far as the government bailing us out - I feel in the patrol division. "We are working closely with the state police and other agencies in an attempt to stretch our resources, but it is becoming increasingly hard to keep up the pace", said Schiff. The Sheriff's Office increased patrols in Neversink about two weeks ago in response to the recent spike in burglaries in that township. Since then there haven't been any additional burglaries reported. With the decreased amount of staff, Schiff is asking citizens in all parts of the county to partner with law enforcement and remain vigilant." The Homeland Security slogan applies here as well, if you see something, say something. Please dial 911 if you see any suspicious activity", said the Sheriff. "Get a good description, a license plate num-

ber and take a picture with your cell phone if possible". Any citizen with information on any of the previous burglaries is encouraged to call the Sheriff's Confidential TIPS line at 845-807-0158. You are not required to leave your name, but if you do, a detective will call you back.





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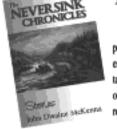
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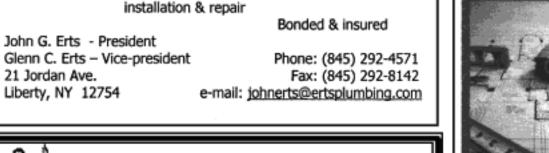
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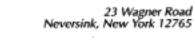
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The Lost Art of Writing

Today we type or touch a screen with a pointer finger. We speak in sound bites and capital letter initials. Paragraphing is a thing of the past. So is penmanship. Our communication is limited to a finite number of characters. We write without regard to punctuation except some previously little-used ones like @ and #. I actually had to look us the term "hashtag" to know how to use one in tweeting.

What has become of letter writing? Now I check e-mail and forgive the short missive fraught with mis-

spellings and odd emoticoms. Gone are the days when I would get a letter in the mail that I could hold in my hand and read over and over again. Now I consider a card, like a birthday card, a rarity. Even e-cards have taken over the celebrations of life.

I write in pen or pencil on a calendar or on short notes to my husband. "Went to yoga. Be back at 11:30." I am old enough to remember ink wells at P.S. 30 in Staten Island, and I won a penmanship award (along with a check for \$10.00) at my sixth grade graduation in Freeport, Long Island. I predict that penmanship or cursive will become a lost art; it is destined to follow fountain pens and typewriters into oblivion.

Gone are the conventions of grammar, syntax and vocabulary. On Facebook, interspersed with pictures of someone's lunch, cat or puppy are screens of one panel sayings using all those words that George Carlin said we weren't allowed to say.

What I fear is that our social customs are eroding and reducing themselves to repeated sound-bites. Even writers write on word processors which eliminate the erasers and cross-outs of old-fashioned writing.

Alas, we may leave behind a string of "OMG, my BFF is:) b cuz he 1 \$\$ #olivejar" without a Rosetta Stone to translate.

RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-RESERVOIR Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center 711 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401

Water has finally found it's own level in the Rock n Roll world! Ted Nugent is touring with REO Speedwagon and Styx! I suppose it should come as no surprise, as Tommy Shaw of Styx was in Damn Yankees with Nugent, but the point I'm making, is that as much as The Nuge has the Motor City Madman image, he's really more at home with bands from the Midwest who sing in high voices, like REO and Styx! The Nuge is bottom billed, and here's why.

The Nuge is a great guitar player, but in my opinion, is not a much bigger star because of the quality of his songwriting, which is not really very good, with a few notable exceptions! One of the most memorable shows I've ever seen was Damn Yankees at a private party at The China Club in Manhattan, where they performed a series of Chuck Berry, Rolling Stones, and Beatles tunes. Awesome show! I've seen The Nuge on his own, and nothing came close to that show! Why? Songwriting! He showed me he's a great guitar player, but he also showed me he's not a songwriter!

Now, "Journey to the Center of your Mind", the second Amboy Dukes single, (and their only hit), was written by Nugent and The Dukes' other guitarist, Steve Farmer, and that is a great song! It shows that Farmer and Nugent could have been a great songwriting team, in the style of Lennon and McCartney, where one brings the pop and one brings the rock, and the combination somehow results in the best of both worlds! But apparently, Farmer and Nugent couldn't get on the same wavelength, and the group broke up in 1973. Other than "Journey to the Center of your Mind", most of the Dukes material was written by Farmer!

Anyway, enough about The Nuge, who, according to his own statements, will soon be dead or in jail, as he famously stated in 2012 that if President Obama is re-elected, he will be dead or in jail within a year! Bet you didn't know that about The Nuge! I wonder if the FBI or Secret Service felt the need to investigate that! Haven't heard anything about it!

In other news, The Rolling Stones, who are great songwriters, just announced 18 more dates for their 50th Anniversary Tour. New York got theirs already, so there are no New York shows! The closest they'll come is Boston and Philadelphia! If you want tickets, you'll have to cash in your retirement account. Top price is close to \$1000 and premium packages range from \$1200 to \$2000! And that's for ONE ticket, not a pair! Having seen them at the height of their career many times, you will not ever find me paying that kind of money to see a band in the twilight of their career! But, if you've never seen them, and you've got the dough, this will probably be your last chance! How do you top a 50th anniversary tour?

Okay, I'm way past my deadline, so let's get to the live music picks, so this column can make it

into the paper this week.

Wednesday, April 17 - Tonight marks the third night of Bob Weir and Phil Lesh's nine night FUR-THER tour at The Capitol Theatre in Port Chester. Tour continues here this weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday), and next week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday).

The amazing ANA POPOVIC is at Iridium in Manhattan for a CD release party. Ana is a Yugoslavian born guitarist who has played with everyone, won dozens of awards, and is one of the most amazing female guitarists ever, and just amazing, period! You need to check her out!

Friday, April 19 - FURTHER continues, but if you can't snag a ticket to the sold out shows,

there's a lot more going on this weekend than just Further! One of the many Masters of the Telecaster, ARLEN ROTH, is at The Falcon in Marlborough, and in the city, ANA POPOVIC returns to The Iridium, and in a real blast from the past, UNCLE FLOYD makes a super rare appearance at The Cutting Room! Uncle Floyd was a wacky comedian who had his own TV show years ago. He masqueraded as a children's show, but was really aiming his show at adults, along the lines of Soupy Sales or Pee Wee Herman. But what really set Uncle Floyd's show apart, was that he had every cutting edge rock and punk band in New York on as guests! The Ramones, Madonna, Bon Jovi, and many others were guests, before they were famous, and Uncle Floyd, whose real name is Floyd Vivino, and who is guitarist Jimmy Vivino's brother, counted John Lennon and David Bowie among his many fans! I have no idea what he'll be doing at this appearance, but whatever it is, it should be worth the price of admission!

Saturday, April 20 - One of the best and unique singers around, IRIS DEMENT, is at Club Helsinki tonight! Once you hear Iris, you'll never forget her! Her voice is totally unique, in the same way Levon's is. If you're anywhere near Hudson tonight, just go to this! You won't regret it! I'm not gonna mention every FUR-THER show again, but they are playing all week, and the dates are listed in the first posting

for Wednesday, April 17.

Sunday, April 21 - The very funny KATHY GRIFFIN is at UPAC in Kingston tonight, and the very amazing JUNIOR BROWN is at City Winery. When Brown played in Woodstock a couple of years ago, every guitar player in town was in attendance, with their jaws on the floor!

Monday, April 22 - Woodstock's own CINDY CASHDOLLAR is at The Iridium with The Les Paul Trio, and the great old school soul singer, RYAN SHAW, is at The Cutting Room, both in Manhattan.

Wednesday, April 24 - FLEETWOOD MAC reunion at The Prudential Center in Newark, the fabulous RYAN MONTBLEAU BAND at The Highline Ballroom in Manhattan, and FOUR GENERATIONS OF MILES, featuring former Miles Davis sidemen, JIMMY COBB, SONNY FORTUNE, BUSTER WILLIAMS, and MIKE STERN, begins a three night run at Iridium.

Thursday, April 25 - The phenomenally versatile and talented guitarist, KAKI KING is at the very intimate Mercury Lounge in Manhattan tonight. Kaki's accomplishments are too numerous to list here, but check out her Wikipedia page or her own website for a full bio, music clips, etc.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaki King

www.kakiking.com.

Also tonight, in a super rare appearance, the multi-talented JOHN SIMON pulls into Joe's Pub in Manhattan! John is a songwriter, piano player, and producer, who is best known for producing The Band's first two albums, but his discography is endless. As producer, he also worked with Janis Joplin (Cheap Thrills), Leonard Cohen, Simon and Garfunkel, Blood Sweat and Tears (first album), and the great Bobby Charles! As piano player, he worked with Clapton, Muddy, Howling Wolf, Dave Mason, and more! In other capacities, he worked with Dylan, Bonnie Raitt, Dr. John, Joni Mitchell, Van Morrison, etc. Get the picture? If anyone was a sixth member of The Band, it was John! Check him out at www.johnsimonmusic.net.

Well, that wraps up another week. Have a good one!

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The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will again this year support groups and individuals who clean litter and other debris from streambanks in their

neighborhoods.

Individuals, youth and school groups, church organizations, civic and business associations, neighborhood groups and teams of friends are encouraged to scour stream and riversides for trash and to dispose of it properly. Volunteers are advised not to handle potentially hazardous debris, but instead to make public works officials aware of the location of such material.

The CWC will provide trash bags, gloves and tokens of appreciation to volunteers. Call Kim Ackerley at 845-586-1400 to arrange to get these items.

Might we suggest a cleanup in observance of Earth Day April 22? American Rivers is calling for groups to participate in the National River Cleanup effort this spring. To register your cleanup activity, participate in a photo contest, and to get more information, visit www.americanrivers.org.

Visit www.cwconline.org for details on CWC programs and activities.

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From UC Sheriff's Office

Detectives from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of Sean P. Kennedy, age 35, of 14 Ash Lane, Napanoch for the felonies of Forgery in the Second Degree and Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree. Mr. Kennedy was arrested after an investigation into a reported larceny of a vehicle and subsequent sale of that vehicle. In August, 2012, Mr. Kennedy removed a vehicle from a residence in Spring Glen and subsequently sold the vehicle to another person in February of this year. The owner of the vehicle became aware of the sale after viewing Craigslist. Mr. Kennedy was arraigned in the Town of Rochester Court and remanded to the Ulster County Jail in lieu of \$1,000.00 dollars cash bail or \$2,000.00 dollars secured property bond. He is due back in the Town of Rochester Court on Wednesday April 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Questions may be referred to Undersheriff Frank Faluotico at 845-594-8185.

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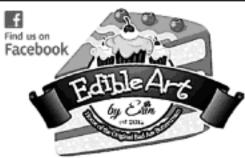
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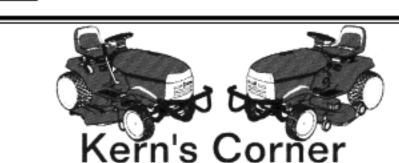
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CWC-funded project creates Watershed Video Game (From Pg. 1)

Funded by a Watershed Education Grant from the Catskill



Watershed Corporation (CWC), given in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), the project was the brainchild of Kathleen Ruiz, Associate Professor of Integrated Arts at RPI. Using motion-activated software, a player 'flows' from the streams and reservoirs in the New York City Watershed through underground aqueducts and delivery pipes to the faucets of the Big Apple.

"Flo is a unique bridge between the digital and natural worlds," explained Prof. Ruiz. "It uses simulation to cultivate empathy - a player becomes a drop of water, so an emotional connection is formed, not just a scientific one."

Flo's mini-games teach solutions to real-world problems like turbidity, agricultural pollution, stormwater runoff, excess water consumption and flooding. The latter is an issue familiar to folks at both ends of the pipe.

Background information to assure the accuracy of the game was contributed by the DEP, the Watershed Agricultural Council, Soil & Water Conservation Districts and other sources.

During the meet-up at Ashokan, students were hardly glued to computer keypads and video screens. They spent several hours

with Ashokan Education Director Kerissa Fuccillo exploring the Esopus Creek and environs. They did visual assessments of stream and riparian conditions, collected macroinvertebrates and completed water tests to make hypotheses about the relative health of the stream.

The students discussed their findings and their own relationship to water at an evening bonfire, and on Saturday hiked to Tongore Creek, wrote in their journals, and expressed themselves through art.

Observations will be uploaded to the Flo website, where anyone with access to a computer can play the game and share findings from their own watersheds. http://watershed.hass.rpi.edu

Onteora teacher Kate VanBaren said this exploration in her students' back yard was a valuable learning experience, as was the connection to peers who consume the water that flows past their school. A special component of the year-long study was a visit by a dozen Onteora students to RPI where they got a taste of the col-



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legiate experience.

Bronx Academy of Letters teacher Amber Bennett said "When the team arrived in our classroom, many students immediately connected to the game creators through their interest in gaming. But the students who came all the way up to spend time in the woods talked about how being out in nature was becoming lodged in their heart. They wrote poetry about the streams and campfires, and left asking if we could stay longer. I think many of them see our water, and our whole state, differently."

Dominique Biondi, an Ashokan Center educator, who hails from the Bronx, said she well remembers her first experience in the woods. "I felt such freedom, it was like a gate opening." That 'gate' led to a degree in wildlife science from Paul Smiths College. Biondi was an instant fan of the game named Flo: "Next time they see a stream, they will remember this day."

For more information on CWC education grants and other programs, and to read the non-profit Corporation's 2012 Annual Report, visit www.cwconline.org.

Books for Thailand (From Pg. 1) Penelope Morgan-Lohr, branch manager of the Western Sullivan Public Library's Tusten-Cochecton branch in Narrowsburg, heard about the project through Trinh's mother, Fern Lee Hagedorn. "We love our local library and when Penelope asked how our family was doing, I told her about Trinh's project," said Hagedorn. "Penelope immediately showed me several stacks of beautiful hard-covered children's books which had been taken out of circulation." Morgan-Lohr offered the books to the school in Thailand.

Nakhon Pathom, the capital city of the province, is 8,700 miles from Narrowsburg; there was concern that given the distance they would have to travel, would the books arrive in good shape? The post office in Narrowsburg advised volunteers on the safest and most economical way to ship the books. A group of volunteers from St. Paul's gathered to assemble the books into two large cartons. About 100 books, weighing over 80 lbs., were sent to Thailand with major help from Thrivent Financial for

Lutherans-Hudson Valley Chapter, a faith-based financial services organization, which covered the shipping costs.

"The Western Sullivan Public Library at Narrowsburg is thrilled to have played a part in the project," said Penelope Morgan-Lohr, branch manager. "I am so happy that St. Paul's approached us with the idea of sharing our bounty with others. We will think fondly of our Thai sisters and brothers and are 19th Annual Fiddlefest
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Trinh Hagedorn (far right, glasses) and a colleague-teacher at Sawang Wittaya School in Thailand, help their students show off the books shipped from Narrowsburg. The books will help young students from kindergarten thrugrade 6 learn English.

totally fortunate for this opportunity. And this is only a start!"

"It is wonderful to have this cooperative effort between our local public library, Thrivent, and a small congregation like ours -- St. Paul's -- to reach out to a school halfway across the globe," said the Rev. Phyllis Haynes, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church

in Narrowsburg. "For me, it is a sign of faith active in the world in response to our baptismal call."

The books have arrived in Thailand. "They were packed so well that all of the books arrived in good shape," reports Trinh Hagedorn. "Thank you all so much for helping the children of the Sawang Wittaya School in Thailand."

Join in Neversink Renaissance Beautification Efforts



The weather is warming, the leaves will start budding and it is time to start preparing our community for its beautification efforts. There are so many ways you can help!

Garden Clean-up Days: Saturday April 27th at the Town Hall and Saturday May 11th at the Daniel Pierce Library. We'll start at 8:00 AM cleaning and mulching gardens and conclude by around noon. Bring rakes, shovels, and small garden tools.

Join a Watering Team: Individuals or families are encouraged to sign up to join a hanging basket watering team. Last year over 60 folks helped to water over 190 hanging baskets. It is a fun way to encourage your kids in community

service.

Adopt a Hanging Plant: Many of our plants are sponsored by businesses and individual families. A number of our baskets still need sponsors. A \$40 donation will pay for the plant and its maintenance throughout the summer.

Adopt a Garden: Our many community gardens are lovingly cared for by groups or individuals. Several of our gardens, like the Transfer Station Garden, need a caretaker. Renaissance pays for the plants and you can provide the love.

These are just a few of the ways you can help to make our town beautiful. If you feel you can be of support, please call Dave and Phyllis Moore at 985-2746 for more details.

A Journal Worth Reading

Pastor Bob Kersten and Pastor Susan Woodworth recently participated in another Volunteer in Mission trip to Ecuador through the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church. During their first VIM trip to Ecuador in 2012, they fell in love with the country and the people and were delighted to be able to return in March of this year. Sue kept a journal on their trip, which follows.

VIM Ecuador 2013 Journal - By Susan Woodworth

Wed. March 6, 2013 - Settling In

This morning, it felt like we had all settled into some routine and norm as a team, swinging well with the rhythms of the week. It always amazes me how quickly that

really happens, in a newly forming community.

The day brought lots of rain and humidity, followed by bright sun and heat. We did more work with cement blocks, sand, mortar, and oodles of children! Bishop Cevallos came to spend time with us, and we all worked as support team/gophers for the El Carmenites. I took a turn sending sand up to the 2nd floor in buckets - a job that requires close attention, and one in which a rhythm quickly develops, working in synch with the pulley-puller up at the top (Steph was fantastic! And she doesn't want



to go bowling again tonight!) As our relationships deepen, and our days are so fully immersed in this culture, we all are appreciating the stretching of our bodies and our spirits, through the work we are

The high point of my day came about half way through VBS, when one of the young mothers (who works in the Amigos de Jesus pro-gram that the church offers to the community) was holding a bottle for her maybe 10 month old daughter (who was look-ing overtired), realized she was needed in the

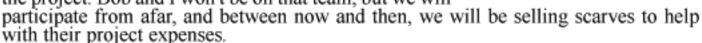
snack distribution for the 165 children, motioned to me, and asked if I would stay with her daughter, Hennessey. NOT a problem! Hennessey was surprisingly compliant, and snuggled right in, also holding onto a few pieces of broken cracker. After about 20 minutes of snuggling, while still drinking from her bottle, she reached her hand up to my lips and fed me the last piece of her cracker, then smiled, while still drinking. Twas a most precious and

tender moment for me!

In the two photos - the first that gives a wonderful-ly complete picture of our worksite - the sand pile, 2nd

story, the front of the church, and the UM cross and flame - which Lynne and Oscar began freshening up today! The second photo is of Henessey and me.

Tomorrow is another work day, and our final day of VBS. On Friday, we will do major clean-up of the work-site, wrapping up the work for now. Our NY Annual Conference, in fact our very own Catskill Hudson District, is sending another team down to El Carmen in October 2013, to work on the next phase of the project. Bob and I won't be on that team, but we will the project. Bob and I won't be on that team, but we will



Thursday, March 7 - Day 7, Final Night in Santo Domingo

Today, we worked and sweated, and appreciated seeing the fruits of our labor from this week. The 2nd floor has formed, the colors of the United Methodist cross and flame are refreshed and bright, 200 children with broad smiles and big hearts went home from the VBS closing each with small packets of goodies (pencils, rulers, etc) and we have work left to do tomorrow, cleaning up all the construction debris. Tonight, we are toast.

Tomorrow we load the bus, travel to El Carmen for clean-up of the work site, and lunch, then we head to the Pacific coast @ Mompiche for a full day of rest and reflection on Saturday. Early Sunday, we will come back to Santo Domingo, for worship in the UM church, before returning to the Conference Center in Quito Sunday night.

Friday, March 8, 2013 - Life's Symphony - Days 8, 9, 10

Since Thursday morning, I have had a full-body sense of participating in a magnificent symphony of life here in Ecuador, one that has played for thousands of years. It is one that flows through seasons of living and dying, of gain and loss, of peace and discord, of rain and sun, mud and sand, heavy cement blocks, and bright red paint. It

is lived again in the cycles of old becoming new.

On Friday (the most humid day so far), we worked and then ate lunch. As we prepared to pray with the Vivas family, and say our farewells, Pastor Vivas's daughter Devora stood up. She held in her hands some beautiful, hand embroidered change purses. Her Mom, Irlanda, had made these specifically for us before she died, as a gift of thanks, and Devora's younger sister had embroidered them. As Devora walked around the table, giving each of us one of these purses, there were many tears and hugs of gratitude. We then circled the family and prayed for their strength and comfort, that they might be surrounded with God's grace and love as they find ways to live their lives now without their beloved wife/mother/grandmother.

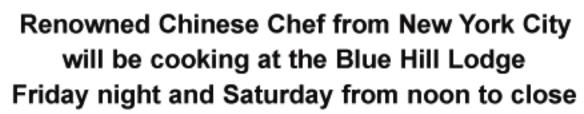
The next VIM team to Ecuador (October 2013) hopes to help finish this construction project, and will also purchase a water-filtration system for the church, providing safe

drinking water for the first time.

We left El Carmen, and headed west to Mompiche, on the Pacific coast - 3 hours through high, rolling mountains, rich farmland, banana and palm plantations. We arrived in Mompiche and probably looked SO like tourists, awestruck by the simplicity of this dirt-road, remote fishing village. (Imagine here Ecuadorian/reggae music coming from every corner.) The beach stretches for a couple of miles in front of the village, and the local fishermen and their boats were wrapping up the day's work, mending nets, hauling in fish, already prepping for tomorrow. The surf was high and thunderous, water temp in the 80's. Talk about another world! The pace is s - 1 - o r than anything

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We ate dinner (and all of our meals in Mompiche) at "Gloria's" a local restaurant (thatched roof canopy and tables in front of Gloria's home) where only fresh fish is served, along with rice (of course), lentils, and delectable pureed fresh fruit juices. Her children played in the dirt around us, swung on hammocks and helped serve us the food. A single horse walked casually down the street. Ducks and chickens ambled nearby. Dogs sleepily sauntered from one side of the road to the

In Mompiche, we spent time in the surf, and also enjoyed a 3 hour boat tour along the ocean's edge, in a small boat (fits 12) with 75 hp motor. We stopped at Jupiter Island, for shell-seeking, rode back into the mangrove area (a swamp-like -habitat for many exotic birds, etc.) and bounced like crazy on the HUGE waves of the

We left Mompiche early Sunday morning for the 5 hour drive to Santo Domingo. Pastor Vivas had asked for one of the women in our group to preach in worship today, and I was voted to be the one. Sonia, one of our Spanish-speak-

ing team members, interpreted for me, and all went well! We are now back in Quito, after a very very long travel day. Tomorrow, most of the team will go to the Equator. Bob and I are seizing the opportunity to go to Romerillos with Dakin and Sara (from GBGM) to visit Pastora Blanca and Becky. We'll come back mid-afternoon, re-pack, and wrap everything up Monday night, with closing worship led by the Bishop. We'll head to the airport Tuesday morn-

ing, to fly homeward @ 2:45pm, scheduled to arrive in NYC @ 1:45am on

Wednesday.

Final days in Ecuador/Homeward Bound - Mon, Tues, March 12-13

We are so weary today (Monday). We're ready to head home, and return to our familiar routines. The bonus of the whole trip was our trip to Romerillos today, to visit Pastora Blanca and Becky, the missionary living in the apartment on which we helped begin construction last year. Seeing Becky's lovely space in this apartment was so heartwarming and fulfilling. Pastora Blanca's vision has come to fruition, and we feel so blessed to have been a part of

We are at the airport in Quito now, ready to check in and head

We will spend many weeks unpacking and processing this experiences. But for now, I think I am out of words! Hasto luego and love, Sue and Bob



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SEPARATE SEALED BID proposals will be received by the District Clerk until 2:00 PM prevailing time on Friday, April 19, 2013 at the Administration Building, 34 Moore Hill Rd, Grahamsville, New York 12740 (845) 985-2296 at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

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BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD Joy Ann Monforte.

Town of Denning, Town Clerk

April 10, 2013

NOTICE:

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DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

At 6:30 pm there will be an Audit Committee Meeting in the Secondary School Library Lower Level

Litterpluck in the Town of Neversink

Sullivan County's Annual Litterpluck is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2013 and you can help to clean up the Town of Neversink. All school and community groups, as well as private citizens are urged to participate.

Litterpluck is a great opportunity to volunteer a few hours to clean our parks and

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If April 27th does not fit into your schedule you can choose another day that is convenient for you. Clear trash bags donated by Sullivan County Division of Public Works and Solid Waste are available at the Neversink Town Hall for you to use. Once you fill with them with litter, simply take them to the Town of Neversink Transfer Station and let the attendant know you have litterpluck bags and they will take care of

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Lautenberg and Gillibrand Renews Pusf for Safe Chemicals Act to Protect Americans from Toxic Chemicals in Consumer Products

U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg (D-NJ), the leader in Congress on reforming the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), and Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) today reintroduced the "Safe Chemicals Act" to protect Americans from dangerous toxic chemicals that are found in everyday consumer products. Senators Lautenberg and Gillibrand have been working to reform TSCA and provide the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with the authority to protect Americans from harmful chemicals. The Senators are leading the push for reform in the 113th Congress. The bill already has the support of more than one-quarter of the U.S. Senate with 27 additional Senators listed as original co-sponsors.

"I was shocked to learn that in most instances, the federal government is unable to require safety testing of the chemicals used in the products my kids use every day," said Senator Gillibrand, a mother of two young boys. "It's outrageous that everything from car seats to my son's dishware could be leaching hormone disrupting or cancer causing chemicals, but the EPA is virtually powerless to regulate them. We need to do better. This legislation will give the EPA the authority to collect the data and study the chemicals in our everyday products and empower consumers with the

knowledge they need to keep our families safe." Testing by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has found more than 212 industrial chemicals in Americans' bodies, including at least six known carcinogens and dozens that are linked to cancer, birth defects, and other diseases. Many of these chemicals are found in a wide-range of consumer products including cleaners, detergents, furniture, food packaging, electronics, vinyl products, non-stick cookware, and even children's products. Research has shown that children and pregnant women are particu-

larly vulnerable to toxic chemical exposures.

The "Safe Chemicals Act of 2013" would modernize TSCA to give the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the tools it needs to collect health and safety information, screen chemicals for safety, and require risk management when chemicals cannot be proven safe. Under current law, the EPA can call for safety testing only after evidence surfaces demonstrating a chemical is dangerous. As a result, EPA has only been able to require testing for roughly 200 of the more than 84,000 chemicals currently registered in the United States, and has been able to ban only five dangerous substances since TSCA was first enacted in These shortfalls led the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to identify TSCA as a "high risk" area of the law in 2009.

The bill introduced today is identical to Lautenberg's legislation that was approved by the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee last year. That legislation included a number of significant changes from previous versions of the bill and reflected input from members of the Committee, the chemical industry, and public health officials. The legislation was also informed by a number of Congressional hearings, stakeholder meetings, and principles for reform issued by the EPA, the American Chemistry Council, and the Safer Chemicals, Healthy Families Coalition.

In the Cards - UC's Use of Credit Cards Prove to be an Effective, Cost Savings Alternative

An analysis of 357 transactions totaling \$89,392 indicates that procurement (credit) card purchases are relatively problem free and could be the basis for cost savings for future county acquisitions.

Currently fourteen units of county government carry thirty-two JP Morgan Chase Procurement Cards or "P-Cards" that have been used to purchase everything from legal reference manuals and select office supplies to electronic equipment and business travel.

Annual expenses per department/office range from \$0 to over \$18,000. The Review of Procedures for 2012 found that in the majority of cases, the internal controls wer reasonable and adequate and procedures were followed.

P-Cards are being used by a variety of local and state governments as a way to remove the cumbersome "red tape" that is associated with the normal purchasing procedures.

The U.S. Government found that while purchases under \$2,500 accounted for 85% of all expenditures it comprised only 2% of spending. As administrative costs of such small purchases often exceed the actual dollars spent, the use of P-Cards proves to be a practical, economical alternative to the use of purchase

orders. The Report can be found online at: http://www.ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller/Reviews

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FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Dear Fellow New Yorker,

When Governor Cuomo was sworn into office. he made a commitment to return integrity to state government. While we have made tremendous progress towards a more efficient and effective government, prosecuting public corruption is essential to ensuring that the government works for the people.

That's why the Governor, joined in New York City by District Attorneys from across the state, proposed new legislation today to crack down on

public corruption in New York.

The Public Trust Act will establish a new class of public corruption crimes and expand the current definitions of public corruption offenses so that prosecutors can hold accountable those who violate the public's trust. The law would also impose tougher jail sentences on individuals that misuse public funds and permanently bar those convicted of public corruption offenses from holding any elected or civil office, lobbying, contracting, receiving state funding, or doing business with the state, directly or through an organization.

We have made too much progress in rebuilding this state to allow individuals who commit public

corruption crimes to hold us back.

Together, we will continue to make government work for the people.

Sincerely,

The Office of the Governor

Assemblywoman Gunther Statement on Public Trust Act

"I applaud Governor Cuomo on the 'Public Trust Act.' Every two years, I ask the hard-working men and women of the 100th Assembly District to put their trust in me to represent them with honesty and integrity. It is a responsibility I take seriously. I believe wholeheartedly that elected officials should be held to a higher standard.

Acts of deceit and violations of the public trust by elected officials at any level of government is intolerable, unfair, and unconscionable not only to me, but to the people I am proud to represent. I look forward to working with Governor Cuomo and my colleagues in the Legislature to pass these important and timely measures."

County Reimburses Millions to Schools for Uncollected Property Taxes- UC Makes School Districts "Whole"

Ulster County has once again met its obligation to make area school districts "whole" by writing checks totaling over \$22 million and paying the taxes on more than 6,000 parcels. Of the \$546 million in total taxes levied in Ulster County, school districts continue to be the largest users of revenues derived from property taxes, accounting for 63% of the property owner's total tax bill. That total exceeds \$341 million in 2012 and dwarfs the \$79 million and \$75 million raised by county and town taxes respectively.

"While we continue to debate the 2% property tax levy cap and the fiscal stress faced by local governments, we cannot lose sight of the burden being borne by our property owners to fund education,' Comptroller Elliott Auerbach stated. "Now is the time to revisit property taxes and arrive at an inno-

vative way to underwrite our schools.'

The County, by law (New York State Real Property Tax Law: Section 1330), "on or before the first day of April" must pay to the school districts "the amount of unpaid school taxes." This is after the taxes remain unpaid subsequent to being relevied on the town and county tax bill. The report found http://www.ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller/Number

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POLITICAL SLANT - Frank Comando -

Press release April 9, 2013 & comment

ON SENATE FLOOR, REID INVOKES LAS VEGAS COURTHOUSE SHOOTING WHILE DISCUSSING GUN VIOLENCE

"The right to bear arms must be balanced with the right of all the little boys and girls in this country... to grow up safe from the threat of gun violence."

"Requiring a simple background check every time a gun is sold is just common sense.'

"I hope Republicans will stop trying to shut down debate, and start engaging on the tough issues we were sent to Washington to tackle." Washington, D.C. – Nevada Senator Harry Reid spoke on the Senate floor today regarding the importance of anti-violence legislation. Below are his remarks as prepared for delivery:

Like most Americans, I believe the Second Amendment guarantees the right to bear arms. I got my first gun when I was just a young boy. On my 12th birthday, my parents sent away for a 12gauge shotgun from the Sears catalogue. It is a beautiful gun.

But, like most Americans, I also believe the right to bear arms must be balanced with the right of all the little boys and girls in this country – whether they to live in inner city Chicago or sleepy Newtown – to grow up safe from the

threat of gun violence.

Most gun owners are good, responsible people, who love target shooting and hunting or want to protect their homes and families. But we have a responsibility to do everything in our power to keep guns out of the hands of convicted criminals and those who suffer from mental illnesses that make them a danger to themselves and others. We have a responsibility to safeguard our most vulnerable and most precious resource our children. And the terrible tragedy in Newtown was a wakeup call: we are failing.

It is long past time for a thoughtful examination of the lax laws and the culture of violence that put Newtown and Aurora, Oak Creek and Carson City on the map for such a devastating reason. I only hope Senate Republicans will allow us to have that conversation. I hope Republicans will stop trying to shut down debate, and start engaging on the tough issues we were sent to Washington to tackle.

As President Obama has said, it is impossible to prevent every senseless tragedy. But we owe it

to our children to try.

It's just common sense that felons who couldn't pass a background check in a gun store shouldn't be able to walk into a gun show and buy a deadly weapon. Forty percent of the guns sold in the United States each year – including many used to commit crimes – are sold legally at gun shows or through private sales, without even the most basic background check.

Three years ago, one of those guns – a shotgun purchased legally without a background check during a 2008 gun show in Kingman, Arizona – was used to shoot up the Lloyd D. George Federal Courthouse in Las Vegas, just as prospective jurors were arriving for the day. Seventy-two-year-old security guard Stanley Cooper, of Sandy Valley, Nevada, was killed instantly in the hail of gunfire.

He left behind a brother, four sons and a daughter, seven grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren. Stanley loved to spend time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved horses and spending time outdoors. And Stanley was no stranger to guns. He spent 26 years serving his community as a Las Vegas Metro Police officer.

The man who shot him, on the other hand, was a convicted felon with no right to carry a firearm. He certainly couldn't have passed a criminal background check. But the shooter never had to get one.

Requiring a simple background check every time a gun is sold is just common sense. That's why more than 90 percent of Americans - including the vast majority of gun owners – support our proposal to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and those with severe mental illnesses by instituting universal background checks.

Our legislation would also crack down on anyone who buys a gun as part of a scheme to funnel it to criminals - reducing violent crime and protecting police officers. And our bill would give schools across the country the resources to improve security and keep kids safe.

This legislation won't prevent every heinous crime. And background checks won't keep guns out of the hands of every violent madman. But we owe it to Americans to act if there's a chance to save even one life – whether that life belongs to a great-grandfather like Stanley Cooper or a small child who has barely begun to live.

TO REVIVE AND OLD STATEMENT "GIVE THEM HELL HARRY"

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

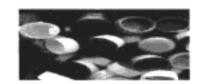
Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Annual Walk In Memory of Donald Ter Bush Saturday, May 4, 2013

Register at 8:30 am on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at the Grahamsville First Aid Squad 2.5 mile walk starts promptly at 9:00 am from the First Aid Squad Building

COME WALK WITH US!
Refreshments will be served before and after the walk

For pledge sheets, questions or to make a pledge, call 985-2927 or 436-5810

Caps for Cancer



St. Jude's Childhood Cancer Research Sponsored by:

Delaware Sullivan District Chapter Order of the Eastern Star

Please help by bringing plastic bottle caps, jar lids (examples milk, soda, water, peanut butter, coffee lids, etc.) to one of the receptacles at Cannie D's. Grahamsville Deli and the Town Hall. They will be presented to the Ogdensburg Scouts in October for sorting and recycling.

TIME & THE VALLEYS

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

timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

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Lead Pastor

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845-434-8263

year for anyone to research.

Sunday School 9:30 am

Service Times

Sunday Worship

Children's Church

Bible Study 7 pm

Bible Study 7 pm

Monday Night Home

Tuesday Night Youth Home

Friday Youth Night 7 pm

Service/

10:30 am

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SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013

WOODBOURNE FIREMEN'S FIELD Registration 9:00 AM

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KIDS UNDER 16 SHOOT FREE CALL (845) 443-3068 FOR DETAILS

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\$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO THE CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Sullivan BOCES' Animal Science Holds Open House

Where can a high school junior or senior receive hands-on training working with animals while being prepared for college and a career in the Animal Science Field?

If you are interested in working with animals, you do not want to miss the Animal Science Open House on Saturday, April 20th. The open house will be held at Stone Wall Farms, on Callicoon Center Road in Jeffersonville, New York. Doors open at 10:00 am.

Stone Wall Farms will also be holding a Free All Breed Beef Cattle Clinic at the same time.

Parents and students in grades 10 and 11 are welcome to attend to learn about the numerous opportunities the Animal Science Program provides.

Attendees will meet the current Animal Science students and get a tour of the classroom. You will also learn about the curriculum, college articulation agreements and the way high school diploma credits can be earned through the Animal Science Program.

So if you are interested in working with animals, do not miss the Animal Science Open House on April 20th. For additional information, please call the BOCES Career & Tech office at (845) 295-4152

National Library Week is April 14 -20, a time to remind the public about the contributions libraries, librarians and library workers make to their communities every day.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 28th, 2013 8AM-12PM. Pancake Breakfast, Liberty Masonic Lodge, 20 Eagle Drive, Liberty. \$7.00 Adults, \$5.00 for children 5-12, under 5 free. (845) 468-0125.

SPRING CLEANING?

Sullivan County Prenancy Support Center is looking for donations for a vard sale Fundraiser event.

Baby Clothes Toys Hats Jackets Outdoor furniture Indoor Furniture Lawn Ornaments Christmas items Kitchen items Tools

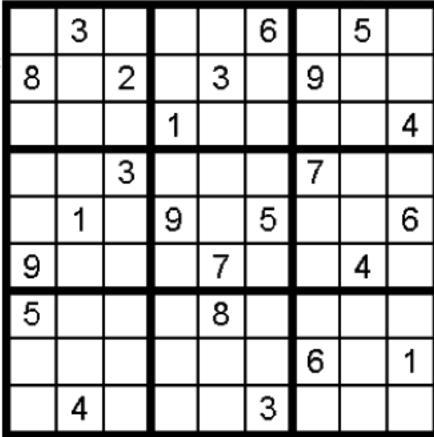
Framed art Exercise equipment Basically anything that is in fairly good condition and still has value to someone else.

The yard sale will be Memorial Weekend

Please contact Karen Gorr to arrange for pick up or drop off at 292-3749 or 985-7735.

Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center 155 North Main Street PO Box 832 Liberty, NY 12754 845-292-2224

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Covered Dish Supper

May 4, 2013-5:30 pm

May 4, 2013 Blessing of the Bikes 11 am • 1 pm

Sundown United Methodist Church at the Sundown Church Hal/



Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm Luncheon 11am-1 pm

Thrift Sale Only April 20, 2013 9 am-1 pm

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

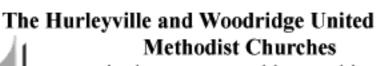
Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

Grahamsville Reformed Church Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

> Worship Service 9:30 A.M. Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

> > 845-985-7480

ADULTS \$7 National Library Week UNDER 5YRS. FREE



invite you to weekly worship: 9 am in Hurlyeville,

10:30 am in Woodridge.

For more information, call Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283



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Rev. Ninon Hutchinson

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Email:

Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship Service 10:30am 985-2283

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Claryville Road Claryville, NY 12725 845-985-2041

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Worship Services @ 10:00 am Rev. Paul Nulton John Bult, Organist

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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.

Legals/Public Notices Contd. From Pg. 10

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING,
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AT GRAHAMSVILLE
TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual budget hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Tri-Valley Central High School Upstairs Gym/Auditorium in said District at Grahamsville, New York on:

Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. (EDST)

for the purpose of presenting the budget for the 2013-2014 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days preceding the annual meeting (Beginning Tuesday, May 7, 2013).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the <u>VOTE</u> upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2013-2014 school year budget and the <u>VOTING</u> for members of the Board of Education, and <u>VOTING</u> on any other proposition to be acted upon, will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Gymnasium of the Tri-Valley Central High School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the term of three members of the Board of Education will expire on June 30, 2013. Petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before of 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 22, 2013. Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at large. The three highest vote getters will fill the three full term positions. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

The 3-year terms of the following Members of the Board of Education expire on June 30, 2013, and are to be filled at this election:

Leonard Bernstein Gary Ter Bush D. Jane Tingley

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following proposition shall also appear on the ballot for the voters consideration at the Annual Meeting:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan ad Ulster Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to reconstruct School District facilities at the District Campus, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site and athletic field improvements and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,742,000, with \$2,118,181 of said amount to be paid from Capital Fund monies and hereby authorized to be used herefor and the remaining \$3,623,819, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, if necessary due to space constraints, that the aforesaid proposition may appear on the ballot of the voting machines used at such Annual Meeting in the following abbreviated form (in which case the full text of such proposition shall be posted thereat):

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan and Ulster Counties, New York, is hereby authorized to reconstruct School District facilities at the campus, at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,742,000, with \$2,118,181 Capital Fund monies and the remaining \$3,623,819 or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said District shall be issued.

The School District has determined this capital project to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), the implementation of which as proposed, such regulations provided, will not result in a significant environmental effect. SEQRA compliance materials are on file in the Office of the School District Clerk where they may be examined during regular business hours.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Tuesday, May 14th, 2013 and Wednesday, May 15th, 2013 in the Main Entrance Area, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 16th, 2013 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 21, 2013. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 14th, 2013) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 20th, 2013), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education Martha Lee Ter Bush, District Clerk Dated: April 1, 2013

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org (845) 985-2262 extension 312

Father's Day Brunch Cruise -Saturday, June 15 fd \$20 residents/\$39 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, April 23.

FLEA MARKET- Saturday, July 13. DETAILS: With both new and used items something for everyone. Reserve your table now. \$15 per space must be paid no later than Tuesday, June 25.

Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Yankees Baseball Game - Thursday, July 25, \$12 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, May 28.

Community Yard Sale, Crafts & Vendor Fair Saturday, July 13, 2013 t They are presently seeking vendors that include Home Party, Craft and Yard Sale Vendors. The cost is \$15.Contact Jamie Brooks at 985-2262 xt 312 to reserve your spot by May 13, 2013.

Trolley Tour-Luncheon-Entertainment-Shopping Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013. \$40 pp residents; \$59 pp non-residents.

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

Walking Club Tuesdays 6:30-7:30 Grahamsville Fairgrounds



Daniel Pierce Library hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011. Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Sunday and Monday: Closed If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

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

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

Recital Benefit for Ashley Exner

A benefit recital to support Ashley Exner's participation this summer in the Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus will be held Sunday, April 21 at 2 p.m. at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville.

The recital will also feature Keira Weyant, accompanist, and soloist Michael Sparrow, Leah Exner, Regina Hartman, Kevin Giroux and Eric Aweh.

A free-will offering will take place. Sixteen-year-old Tri-Valley Central School junior Ashley Exner this summer will sing with the Sound of America Honors Band/Chorus as they travel to Europe to perform across six different countries.

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Grahamsville United Methodist Church - Thrift Sale Only - 9 am - 1 pm

4/20/13 4/20/13 The Community Shepherds Committee will be meeting at the Daniel Pierce Library 10 a.m.

4/21/13

Claryville Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon

4/27/13 Sullivan County Annual Litterpluck Day

4/30/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm 5/1/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm

5/1/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting - Regular meeting 5/2-3/13 Rummage Sale 9am-3pm - Christ Lutheran Church 105 Center St. Ellenville 647-9054 5/4/13 Blessing of the Bikes -Sundown United Methodist Church 11 am & 1 pm (see pg. 8)

5/4/13 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall 5/4/13 Rummage Sale 10 am-3pm - Christ Lutheran Church 105 Center St. Ellenville 647-9054

5/4/13 Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall Roast Turkey Dinner 4-7 pm - 985-7480

5/7/13 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)

5/7/13 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00pm Denning Town Hall

5/8/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm 5/12/13 Claryville Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon

Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - at 7 PM - Denning Town Hall 5/14/13

5/15/13 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM 5/16/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.

5/18/13 Pot Roast Dinner - Christ Lutheran Church 105 Center St. Ellenville 4:30 - 7:00 pm 647-9054

5/20/13 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm

5/21/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm

Save the Dates!

Saturday, May 4th, 2013 for the Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk and Tag Day -- in memory of Donald Ter Bush, Charter Member and President of the Tri-Valley Lions, who passed away July 16, 2012- Sign-in 8:30-9:00 Wal at 9 am at Grahamsville !st Aid Building May 22nd, 2013 - Time and the Valleys Museum - Exhibition Opening - 4 pm-

Time and the Valleys Museum Opening Memorial Day - Labor Day, Thursday to Sunday noo June 5 - Tri-Valley Lions Rabies Clinic 6-8 pm on the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville July 14- The second annual Matthew R Bertholf Horseshoe Tournament Neversink Firehouse

July 23, 2013 Time and the Valleys Museum Old Time Fair & Chicken BBQ (2-5 pm) - Grahamsville Fairgrounds 11 am - 5 pm Annual Shawangunk Mountain Wild Blueberry & Huckleberry Festival sponsored by the EWCOC -Saturday August 10th-Vendor applications are available now. Coordinator is Dianne E Turner ("aka "Mother Blueberry")

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

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

* VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) * SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE GRAHAMSVILLE DELI LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Liberty) • J.B. MAK (Liberty) EUREKA MARKET & CAFE

LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN CANNIE D'S Joma Cafe (West Shokan) • Boiceville IGA • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's 3 GOLDENS

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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

<u>Town of Olive Planning Board</u> meets the <u>first and third Tuesdays of each month</u>. 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.

Clyde M. Barr, tour coordinator for the Sound of America noted very strongly that acceptance for membership into the performing organization, "is a distinguished honor," and "student musicians apply and are auditioned and carefully screened so that only those students who display excellent character and outstanding musical ability are chosen for membership.

Barr noted, "we believe that this individual as a member of our summer tour will be a credit to you, your community and to the United States of America."

The Sound of America Honor Band & Chorus is celebrating its 37th year in 2013 and is recognized as one of the finest and most successful European Concert Tour programs in existence.

Ashley will embark on a 23-day concert tour on June 29 for a concert tour of 22 concerts in Paris, Innsbruck, Venice, Verona and Luxembourg and several other historic European cities.

Each participant in this event is expected to pay their own expenses which are estimated to cost approximately \$8,000. She recently completed the first of her fundraising events at McDonald's in Liberty. Donations for Ashley's trip are being accepted at 845-436-8407 and email at pexner@hvc.rr.com If you wish to claim a donation through taxes you'll need to write Reference/Ashley Exner in the memo and write it out to Sound of America, otherwise you can write a check out in her name.

Ashley noted that she is able to meet anyone in person if they would like her to explain any of the details and information on her trip.

Recital information can be obtained by calling 845-436-8407.

Second Amendment Breakfast of Sullivan Co

On Saturday, April 20, 2013 at Mr. Willy's State Route 42 Monticello from 8am to Noon there will be an ALL YOU CAN EAT BREAKFAST BUFFET including bagels, lox and champagne Mimosas. Raffles and Great Food! Come out and support your 2A RIGHTS! The cost is Adults \$13 and

Law abiding citizens across NYS are under attack by Governor Cuomo's New York Safe Act. Please attend with your family, friends and neighbors to show support for a revision/repeal of the NY Safe Act. PLEASE JOIN US!

Children \$7

Proceeds will be donated to various charities including the Young Guns Youth Program of the Sullivan County Conservation Club; Sullivan County Friends of the NRA and The NYSRPA

Contact Patti at SayNo2NYSAFE@gmail.com or 845.423.8111 to RSVP or for more information

Roscoe-Rockland Garden Club Annual Flower Sale

JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY

DR. LONSTEIN'S OFFICE

MATTHEW'S PHARMACY

The Annual Roscoe-Rockland Garden Club Flower Sale will be held at Roscoe Community Center on Old Route 17 and Stewart Avenue on Friday, May 17th, Saturday, May 18th and Sunday 19th from 10:00 am -4:00 pm

Contact Pat Yelle - 607-498-4738 or:

yellejp@citlink.net

There will be a beautiful selections of annuals, perennials, hanging baskets and vegetables.

Tree Planting Maple honor to Congressman Maurice Hinchev

On Sunday, April 28th, 2013 at 2 pm at the Ashokan Center, 477 Beaverkill Road in Olivebridge, Jay Ungar and Molly Mason, the Ulster County Democratic Committee and Maurice's friends are gathering to plant three (3) young Sugar Maples at the Ashokan Center Sugar Bush as a living tribute to our Congressman, Maurice Hinchey, in celebration of his career as our Environmental Hero.

Maurice has had a full career in politics - first as a Saugerties Democratic Committee person, then as the Assemblyman who rose to lead the Environmental Conservation Committee investigating the causes of the "Love Canal", developed landmark legislation to control acid rain, investigated the dumping of toxic waste by organized crime, started the fight to get GE to clean up of the Hudson River and pay for removing over 1.3 million pounds of PCBs dumped in the river and continued that fight in the U.S Congress.

Maurice also helped develop a statewide system of cultural parks and authored legislation that created the Hudson Valley Greenway and the Hudson River Heritage Area, preserved Sterling Forest, saved the Shawangunk Ridge from development (Save the Ridge), and secured farm relief for US Apple Farmers with severe weather related crop damage. He supported and got funding for the Walkway over the Hudson, funding for agricultural research, a walkway along the Susquehanna River in Owego, and the City of Ithaca's Waterfront trail.

Maurice led the effort to establish the Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) to help attract and create solar energy related jobs in the Hudson Valley, co-authored the FRAC Act and along the way helped support the Clean Water and Clean Air Acts, and helped save the Utah Wilderness from development.



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BUILDING FOR RENT: RENT FREE FOR REPAIRS! In the center of Grahamsville (Old Post Office) Rent - 985-7411.

FOR RENT: 1 - 2 bedroom apartment 1 - 3 bedroom apartment. Call 845-985-0107.

1 Bedroom Upstairs Apt. Utilities included. 1-2 people. Good Location-Davis Lane, Grahamsville, NY -No Pets-References/ first month's rent & security. \$650.00. 1-845-796-6319 pmrtfb

Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville: 2 bdrm. Walking distance to Town Park. \$550 per month + utilities and security. No pets. 845-985-7242 p4/11

Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville: 3 bdrm, Nice cond/ Walking distance to Town Park. \$675 per month + utilities ad security. No pets. 845-985-7242

2 BR Duplex, Rt 55, Grahamsville. Nice Apt in small community. Great Layout. \$750 +utilities. Sec & References, 985-2941 bdt 4/11 rene

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

- 2 Acres residential. Rt 55, across from Fairgrounds. Private Road. \$38,000.
- 3+ BR., 2 baths, 2 acres, Tri-Valley Schools in Divine Corners, \$99,900. Owner financing w/25%
- Mini Estate Loch Sheldrake near college. 4+ BR, 2 baths. Unique.
- Handyman Special 1500 sq ft. Loch Sheldrake. New roof. New Foundation. Needs interior. \$50K Please Call Teresa 845-321-1919.

bdt4/11renew

Owner built 4 BR, 3 BA, bamboo floors, fireplace, 2 ponds, barn, generator, 19 acres. Adjoins celeb ppty. \$399k 845-647-7411

FORSALE

1995 Suzuki GSX 600 Katana Red/Black Motorcycle (845) 985-0201.

PINE LOGS 4 SALE cut, trimmed, lengths up to 20 feet. Ready to be sawed for framing lumber, or chunked for outdoor wood stoves. Call 985-2869

Authentic Native American Jewelry. Sterling silver & Turquoise. 985-7189.

White, side-by-side, Whirlpool refrigerator, ice and water in door. 25.5 cubic feet approx. 6 years old. Excellent condition. \$350.00 985-2980

YOGA/REIKI CLASSES/HEALTH

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Close to Neversink Dam on Lindholm Rd Yoga Class schedule:

Mon, Wed & Sat a.m. - Tues & Thurs p.m. Includes gentle stretches to ease and prevent back & joint pain.

Reiki energy sessions by appointment

Please call for details JOY 845 292 7870

HELP WANTED

Frost Valley YMCA is seeking a seasonal Human Resources Intern from May 28-August 16, Monday-Friday. Possess excellent communication and organizational skills. Individual should be currently enrolled in a BA or MA degree program of business with an interest in Human Resources. Knowledge of Microsoft Office. The HR Intern will support daily functions of the HR department. Send application and resume to Linda Campbell, HR. hr@frostvalley.org 845-985-2291 EOE **b**4/11;18

WANTED: Energetic young person to help with chores around our property in Claryville. After school-weekends, etc. Includes clean up, raking, mowing, trimming, digging, weekeing, painting. Good pay for good work. Own transportation. Call 985-2932. p4/18;25

> BLUE HILL LODGE & CAFE -EXPERIENCED KITCHEN HELP NEEDED PLEASE CALL (845) 985-0247 FOR MORE INFORMATION

SERVICES

Lawn Care By Victoria -

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Catskills Real Estate for Sale

NEW Bright 5 BR/3BA contemp on 3.5 acs in N'sink. \$349k NEW 4BR/3BA quiet lakefront on 1+ acres in Roscoe, \$399k NEW 2.3 ac level lot with septic designs & drilled well. \$43k NEW Luxe 3 BR home on 19 acs with Stream Club. \$775,000

- Spacious 4-5 BR/2BA turnkey colonial on 5+ level acres w/lg sep garage, porch in quiet Grahamsville n'hood. \$269,000
- Tasteful 4 BR home with sunroom, bar, fpl, formal DR, lg deck, 2 car garage, on 1.58 acres. \$239,000
- 3BR/2 BA architect-owned/renovated farmhouse with modern addition on 1.7 acres. \$349,000.
- 4BR/2.5 BA eyebrow colonial w/fpl, screened porch, sep. dining rm on 15+ acs nr State Land. \$354,000.
- Dramatic views from 108 acre property with huge meadows, woods, 1900s farmhse, barns & apple orchard. \$575k
- · HANDYMAN 3 bed/1 ba on 4.5 acres adj State land. \$50k
- 2BR/1BA authentic log cabin on 20+ acs with fpl, skylights, woods that end at the Neversink River. \$275k
- Cute 2BR seasonal cabin on 3 acs w/fpl, screened prch \$99k For our full roster of real estate listings, visit our site:

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia

TRAPEZE (Drama, 1956) An aging trapeze star and his protigi fall for the same woman. Directed

by: Carol Reed., and starring Burt Lancaster, Tony Curtis, Gina Lollobrigida, Katy Jurado, Thomas Gomez, Johnny Puleo. Moody love triangle with a European circus background; aerialist Lancaster and Curtis vie in the air and on the ground for Gina's attention. Nice aerial stuntwork by various big top professionals.

CinemaScope. See it, on TCM! Saturday April 20, 2013 at 9:15 PM, C-106 min, Rated TV-PG, Quiz: 1. Who played Max? 2. Who played Rosa?

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

GRAHAMSVILLE -

Be sure to check out the bargains at the *Grahamsville* Methodist Church Thrift Sale on April 20, 2013 from 9:00AM till 1:00PM

- CLARYVILLE -

Don't miss the Claryville Fire Department Pancake Breakfast 7:00 AM till noon.on Sunday April 21, 2013.

- SUNDOWN -

Sundown Methodist Church May 4, 2013 "Blessing of the Bikes" at 11:00AM, - 1:00PM, Covered Dish Supper 5:30 PM,

- LIBERTY -

THE GREATER LIBERTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS

FIESTA DE LA FIMILA SATURDAY MAY 4TH 2013 LAPOLT PARK North Main Street, 11AM - 7:00PM fun! fun! fun! with Traditional Latino Music, Vocalists & Dance, Latino Food, Enchiladas, Burritos, Tacos, & Much! Much! More, Including Children's Activities, Pinata Making & Breaking Contests, Soccer Camp/Lessons, Raffles, Vendors, Loads of Celebrities, and Politicians, For Vendor information call Warren (845) 323-9313, and general information (845) 292-9797. Website, Http://LibertyChamber.org/, email - http://greaterlibertychamber@yahoo.com/.

- ELLENVILLE - NAPANOCH -

4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE & NAPANOCH PUBLIC INTEREST GROUP, PRESENTS A PROGRESSIVE RAFFLE for a spring theme basket a **MOTHER'S DAY GIFT** NY LOTTERY STUFF, plus White Wolf, \$100.00 gift certificate drawing on May 6, 2013, FOR TICK-ETS- JAMES MARKET, PETERS MARKET, MATTHEWS PHARMACY, AND OTHER AREA BUSINESSES. DONT MISS SUPPORTING THIS EVENT.

- THE ROUTE 28 CORRIDER -Enjoy the fun along The route 28 corrider visit THE LÁRGEST KALEĬDOSCOPE IN CAPTIVITY, it's

at the EMERSON HOTEL! Don't miss one of the most wonderful visital experiences of life. While there pick up a Townsman, and do not forget to stop at VELSANI, and say 'Hi' to, Ivan Velillia & Gustavo Sanin, for discriminating tastes in Antique & Vintage Jewelry, on the web at http://www.velsani.net; for appointment (845) 688-5966.

- PINE HILL -

Some of the best food along the 28 corrider is at the Saturday Buffett at the COLONIAL INN in Pine hill, ask for Steve, or Heather, for great service, and a room with character for those who need an overnight stay.

> Stay safe, Knarf Odnamoc

> > Gnome

Visit the Townsman on line: *thetownsman.com*