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LITTERPLUCK IN THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK

Sullivan County's Annual Litterpluck is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2010 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 roadways. If May 1st does not fit into your schedule you can choose another day that is convenient for you. (Contd. Pg. 8)

GILLIBRAND VISITS OPRHANAGE DURING TRIP TO HAITI



U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's visited a Port-Au-Prince orphanage during an official Congressional Delegation trip to Haiti this week with Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA) and Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC). The group assessed the impact on child welfare from the earthquake that devastated the country earlier this year. Senator Gillibrand now plans to work with her Senate colleagues on new legislation to help bolster Haiti's child welfare system. In addition to visiting the orphanage, the group also met with Haitian government officials and NGO leaders to discuss ways in which Haiti's children can be assisted. (Contd. Pg. 12)

BONACIC: RACING PLAN BEING CONTEMPLATED WOULD TAKE BITE OUT OF MONTICELLO AND YONKERS Top Republican on Senate Racing Committee says State should Scrap NYC OTB and Allow Private Operators to Compete for Simulcasting Rights

State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/I/C - Mt. Hope), today said the New York City OTB should be closed down rather than bailed out. He also said that the OTB operations in the City should be subjected to a new competitive bidding process. "New York City OTB is a giant patronage mill that has failed to increase the racing fan base. New York State needs to transform, not just tinker with the way off track betting occurs in New York City, and probably the entire State," Bonacic said. (Contd. Pg. 12)

OUT FOR TROUT!



On April 7th, while fishing in a deep hole in the river that Bob Skow claimed he knew, 'held some rather large Brown Trout,' that he had been trying to get for a couple of years the he caught the big one!

While he was fishing with his friend, George Goetchious, Bob said, "You know Geort, its' pretty warm today and the water is down to a trickle coming over the dam. We should try that hole I know on the Neversink."

It was around 5:20 pm when they arrived at the spot. Bob fished with a #5 gold and black countdown Rapala on 6 lb Trilene Xt line. Bob said, "It took only about three or four casts and I was fast into a large fish."

He yelled down the river for George to get the net. George came running and after about five minutes George was able to get under the now played fish. The two men jumped for joy when they landed the fish.

Needless to say, they will be back at the river soon looking for more of the large trout that swim in the depth of the famous Neversink River.

JAY UNGER AND MOLLY MASON IN CONCERT



Following their sold out performance in 2008, Jay Ungar & Molly Mason return to the Tusten Theatre on Saturday, May 1 at 8 p.m. If you missed them last time, be sure to order tickets early.

Delighting audiences with their timeless renditions of hard-driving Appalachian fiddle tunes, stirring Civil War classics, and sassy songs from the golden age of swing, Jay and Molly have become one of the most celebrated duos on the American acoustic music scene. (Contd. Pg. 8)

OPERATION SAFE STOP AWARENESS - DO YOUR PART - APRIL 15

Operation Safe Stop is a campaign to remind the motoring public about the dangers associated with passing a stopped school bus while its red lights are flashing. When a school bus is stopped and its red lights are flashing, it means there are children either getting on or off the bus and they may likely be walking around the area of the school bus. The dangers of this will be highlighted this year on Thursday, April 15, 2010 with additional law enforcement at and around school bus stops across the state. (Contd. Pg. 3)

NEVERSINK RENAISSANCE PLANS SPRING CLEANUP

Neversink Renaissance is planning its annual town garden clean up day for Saturday May 1st. Volunteers will gather at the Town Hall parking lot at 8:00 AM. Please be prepared with gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and hand tools. It is expected that work will end by approximately 12:00 with lunch to follow. For further information, call Dave or Phyllis Moore at 985-2746

JUNIOR/BROWNIE TROOP #213 VISITS DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY



Phil Coombe holds one-month old Isabella Rose while sister, Kaleigh is enjoys the tour.

The local Junior/Brownie Troop #213 recently took a tour of the new Daniel Pierce Library addition.

Comments from the scouts indicated their excitement about this new facility and that they are thankful to be part of a community that would include such a beautiful library facility.

"WE, THE PEOPLE: A FORUM TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY" TO COUNTER THE SUPREME COURT RULING GIVING CORPORATIONS MORE INFLUENCE OVER OUR ELECTIONS

There will be a forum to educate and mobilize people about the January Supreme Court ruling that overturned a century of law to allow unlimited corporate spending on our elections. It will be held Sunday, April 18 at 4PM at SUNY New Paltz, Lecture Center Room 100. Congressman Hinchey will give the keynote address and a panel of national experts will discuss the consequences of the Citizens United v FEC ruling and what citizens can do to mitigate its effects and to eventually overturn it. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501.
As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER : To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him.

Daniel 9:9

OBITUARY

Helen J. Misner, a homemaker and resident of Neversink, N.Y., passed away on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at Achieve Rehab & Nursing Facility in Liberty. She was 89. Helen was the daughter of the late Charles and Julia Roberts Dulaff and was born on August 21, 1920 in Kingston, NY.

She is survived by her son, Ronald Misner of Neversink and two nieces. She was predeceased by her husband, Lewis M. Misner in 1983 and a sister, Anna Penza.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 9th, the Rev. Robert Kersten officiating.

Burial was in Grahamsville Rural Cemetery immediately following the services.

Contributions may be made to the Sullivan County SPCA, 13 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill NY 12775 or to the Grahamsville First Aid Squad, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

COLLEGE NEWS

Ron and Melanie Haggerty of Grahamsville are proud to announce that their son, Colin has graduated in January from St. John's Community College in St. Augustine, FL. Colin completed 552 hours of training in the Criminal Justice Academy, graduating with a 90.4 average.

On March 25, 2010 he was sworn in at the Flagler Sheriff's Department as a Deputy Sheriff.

THANK YOU

Junior/Brownie Troop #213 would like to thank Phil Coombe and Joanne Gallagher for the tour of the new library addition.

The addition is absolutely beautiful and we recommend that everyone make the time to see it.

Thank you for all you guys do to enhance the community in which we call home.

Junior/Brownie Troop #213

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

April 12, 1950 - Ed Lewis of Claryville, Fire Observer in this section for twenty years, was back on the job April 1st in the Red Fire Tower situated on Moon Hill above the former Mark Dibble place. When the weather is crisp and bright, Mr. Lewis is on the job 24 hours a day, seven days a week, leaving his post only when a soaking downpour makes fires in the area impossible.

Tuesday night, April 4th, thirty friends and neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Allison when they walked in to help celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. The evening was spent playing cards and visiting.

A miscellaneous bridal shower was held at the Methodist Church Hall, Sundown, for Miss Gladys Tillson on

Saturday afternoon. Miss Tillson received many beautiful and useful gifts. She will be married to Mr. Floyd Van Wagner early in the summer.

Sportsmen and other residents of Delaware, Sullivan and Ulster Counties have their eyes on Albany these days, awaiting Governor Dewey's action on the Wicks bill which would prohibit any municipality from tapping the Beaverkill and Willowemoc streams for municipal water purposes. The Catskill area once had seven beautiful streams. New York City has taken five of them and only the Beaverkill and Willowemoc remain.

April 13, 1960 - Mr. Telfer, Guidance Counselor, has announced that George Spann, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spann of Sundown, has been selected as this year's candidate for the Central Hudson Scholarship program. George will attend a two week program this summer and then will be eligible to compete for a four year scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Velie celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary on Tuesday evening with a dinner at Corey's in Liberty after which they called on some friends at Liberty Loomis Hospital.

One evening last week, Mrs. Albro Brown Jr., Mrs. Floyd Curry and Mrs. Robert Mickelson were the co-hostesses at a stork shower for Mrs. William Kelly at Mrs. Brown's home.

Miss Barbara Krum of Grahamsville went to N.Y. City on Saturday to be on hand to welcome her fiancé, William Mahnken when his ship arrived from Norfolk Naval Base.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hotchkin entertained at dinner on Wed. in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Slater who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary and Clifford's birthday.

April 15, 1970 - On Thursday, April 9, 1970, a special meeting of the Grahamsville Fire Company was held for the purpose of electing firematic officers for the coming year. The results of the balloting are as follows: Fire Chief, Arnold Robinson; 1st Asst. Chief, Doug Hill; 2nd Asst. Chief, Fred Costa; Capt., Franklin Smith; Lieut. Horace Sheeley; 1st Engineer, Jim Minarski; 2nd Engineer, Herman Probst.

Ulster County Highway Dept. is building a new bridge over the Neversink Road on Denning Road near Mrs. Scofield's home. Construction is being done by James Berardi, Inc. of Kingston.

April 10, 1980 - An Eagle Court of Honor will be held on April 19, 1980 for scout Andrew Hall. Andrew will be the 27th scout to make the high rank of eagle. The ceremonies will take place at the Tri-Valley Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. Andrew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hall of Grahamsville.

Mrs. Victor Bailey's garage and a vehicle parked therein received extensive damage this weekend when an auto traveling out of control, crashed into

the side of the building, coming out the front. The driver of the vehicle received only minor injuries.

The students of the Spanish classes have been in Spain for the Easter Holidays. While in Spain they have visited Madrid, Segovia, Avila, Escorial, the Valley of the Fallen Ones and many other sites. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Quick were the chaperones of the group. Mrs. Rita Cerato and Mrs. Ardella Terwilliger were also touring with the group.

SUNY ULSTER INFORMATION SESSION FOR NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE BUILDING ADVISOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

An information session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Business Resource Center, on Ulster Avenue in Kingston. The National Sustainable Building Advisor Program, offered in nine two-day sessions over the course of nine months, is suitable for design and construction professionals, architects, tenant and developer representatives, project managers, resource conservation specialists and other building professionals.

The class meets Fridays and Saturdays, one weekend per month from October 15, 2010 to June 10, 2011. The lead instructor for this course is Cliff Cooper, MS, CIH, LEED AP, CSBA. Students will also learn from experts in various aspects of sustainable design and take field trips to regional sustainable sites.

Mr. Cooper will conduct a presentation at the June 19, information session, "How to Achieve Green, Sustainable, High Performance Buildings."

According to Ryan Snow, Manager of Professional Development for the U.S. Green Building Council, "Courses approved by USGBC's Education Provider Program have met stringent review criteria for instructional design and technical subject matter. The National Sustainable Building Advisor Program exceeded the requirements of the review and has proven to be a valuable resource to the green building community for its high-quality education curriculum."

This training prepares professionals to take the CSBA exam, which provides the nationally recognized Certified Sustainable Building Advisor designation. NaSBAP, the national provider of the SBA Course, works with SUNY Ulster to offer the course at the Business Resource Center in Kingston, NY. To register for the information session, please call 845-687-5012, or email songayla@sunyulster.edu. Other information sessions are planned for June 5, July 13, and August 17. Attendance at the earliest session is recommended. For a complete list of sustainability courses, or for more information, contact SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional Education Office at (845) 339-2025 or visit www.sunyulster.edu/sustainability.

HERE AND THERE

The sports pages of the last three issues of the Sullivan County Democrat featured their All Star lists for the 2009 fall sports, and as usual, several Tri-Valley players are named. The list for each sport was compiled from nominations made by the county's high school coaches of that sport, plus suggestions by the newspaper's staff. The following TVS players were named to the Democrat's girls' soccer team: Amanda Martin, senior; Skylar Musa, senior; Jacki Pugh, junior; and Karyn Sheeley, senior. Matt Bogorad and Ross Bonnell, both seniors, were named to the All-Star Football team - Offense; and Peter DiMilia, junior, was named to the All-Star team for Defense. Congratulations to all our All-Stars!

Three young people made their confirmation at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville this past Sunday. They are Daniel Short, son of Tami Short and Ken Short; and Amanda and Brianna TerBush, daughters of Craig and Debbie TerBush. Congratulations, and God's blessing be with you for the course you have chosen!

God's blessing was also felt at the Grahamsville Reformed Church this past Sunday, April 11, as Fred and Kathryn Robertson were cheered on their 56th wedding anniversary! They were married in the Presbyterian Church in Jeffersonville on a rainy Palm Sunday - which obviously didn't dampen their chances for a long and happy life together. Many happy returns, Fred and Kathryn!

We have a mixed bag of health reports, all of them brief. Alida Allison was hospitalized and in Achieve for a few days, but is now home. June Schmitz expected a same-day release after a surgical procedure last Friday, but a four-hour hospital delay before the surgery changed their plan. She was released Saturday morning. ... Currently, Herm Probst, Sheila Benton, John Harrop and Winnie Barner are hospitalized - Winnie at Achieve, we are told.

Our community mourns with the families of Helen Misner of Grahamsville, and George Erceg of Big Hollow Road, both of whom passed away recently. We extend our condolences to their loved ones.

Recently I was in a group that got into a discussion about optimism versus pessimism. The question was: Do you think most people - not just themselves personally, but people in general - are optimistic about what lies ahead, or pessimistic? Obviously, we did reach a conclusion on this matter in our discussion time; but later that day, as I thought about it, I remembered a quotation that I have used in this column, and wished I had thought of it earlier. Here it is again:

"It often seems that things turn out best for those who make the best of the way things turn out."

Hope things turn out well for you in the coming week. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Happy Belated Birthday to Joe Inghrim. He celebrated his day on April 9th. Best wishes all year, Joe, from your family and friends.

Enjoy this beautiful Spring weather!
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

OPERATION SAFE STOP AWARENESS

(From Pg. 1)
Did you know.....

- Being struck by a vehicle while getting onto or off of their school bus is the most common school transportation-related way children are killed.
- In New York State, averages of 50,000 stopped school busses are passed each day while loading or unloading.
- The law states that while children are being loaded or unloaded, the bus driver must activate the bus's red flashing lights, commonly called their "reds."
- Passing a school bus with its "reds" on is not only foolish and dangerous, it is illegal. Fines range from \$250 to \$1,000 and 5 points are applied to your driver's license.
- The law applies to all times a bus's "reds" are on - including on divided highways, private property and school grounds. There are no exceptions.
- You cannot be in such a hurry that you will knowingly put a child at risk. The deaths associated with passing busses with their "reds" on are 100% preventable.

MID-HUDSON REGION STOP DWI PROGRAM HONORS SIX SULLIVAN COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

County Manager David P. Fanslau, Commissioner of Public Safety Richard A. Martinkovic, and Sheriff Michael Schiff attended the Mid-Hudson region Stop-DWI coordinators awards ceremony Thursday in New Windsor, to witness six law enforcement officers from Sullivan (Next Col.)

County honored as Top Cops by the Stop-DWI program.

The honorees were: Officer Michael G. Davis of the Village of Monticello Police Department; Sergeant Scott A. McAfee of the Village of Liberty Police Department; Deputy Sean Grady and Deputy Joseph Gagliardo of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office; Trooper Brian T. Christofferson and Trooper David J. Myers of the New York State Police Troop F in Liberty.

The awards ceremony was part of the Mid-Hudson Region 27th Enforcement/Prosecution Conference of the Stop DWI New York program. The keynote address was presented by Jason Booher, Assistant Principal and Head Boys Basketball Coach of Shelby Valley High School in Pikeville, Kentucky. Mr. Booher survived the Carrollton, Kentucky school bus accident in 1988 that is the worst DWI accident in history.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS APRIL 17 & 18 AT FROST VALLEY

A New York State DEC Hunter Education Course will be offered at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville on April 17 and 18.

This class is free to the public and is required for first-time hunters to obtain a gun season hunting license. Participants must attend both days to obtain certification and only need to bring a notebook and pencil. Classes will be held from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Sunday.

With activities happening both Saturday and Sunday - from boating and archery to guided hikes and crafts - there is plenty to do for those not attending the class. Weekend packages start at \$143 per person for a family of 4. Pre-Registration is required. To register you and your family, call (845) 985-2291 or e-mail: info@frostvalley.org

For general information about the class, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/9191.html. For additional information about Frost Valley, including our lodging options and sample schedules, please visit: www.FrostValley.org. Keep up with daily happenings at Frost Valley on Twitter at twitter.com/frostvalley.

Frost Valley YMCA is located in the Catskill Mountain High Peaks. It's open every day through four seasons, welcoming school children, family, group and business retreats every week from September through June. The camp is just 2.5 hours drive from metro NY/NJ.

TRIAD'S COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOR AGING IN THE COMMUNITY PLANS COMMUNITY ACTION MEETING

TRIAD of Sullivan County has planned a meeting to discuss "Community Empowerment," a statewide concept aimed at creating livable communities for people of all ages and abilities. The grass-roots campaign aims at beginning the discussion on how to create better neighborhoods and positive living environments for New Yorkers who would like to "age in community."

The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Neversink Town Hall. All Neversink residents and seniors, interested in safe, secure communities that enhance the ability to age in place are encouraged to attend. Share your motivation, skills and talents to enhance our future community. Registration is appreciated (contact Bonnie Lewis at 292-5250 at the Cooperative Extension) but is not required. Light refreshments will be served.

The local meeting is being organized by TRIAD, an organization created over two years ago to focus on senior violence and elder abuse prevention and improving the quality of life for our older citizens. Representatives of the TRIAD steering committee (Bonnie Lewis, Priscilla Bassett, Carol Smythe and Kathi Hitt) will be present at the livable community's action meeting with ideas and programs that are currently being utilized in New York State.

"Our community has a rapidly growing aging population and TRIAD is interested in fostering a supportive community for all ages and abilities. It has been clearly documented that older New Yorkers want to live independently and age with dignity in the community, but may not be able to if needs and preferences can't be met. Neversink residents' ideas are needed to determine what specific needs must be addressed to create an age friendly community" said Bonnie Lewis, RN/Coordinator of the Caregiver Resource Center and Coordinator of TRIAD's Community Empowerment for Aging in the Community project.

For more information about this local meeting, call (Bonnie Lewis, 292-5250 or bj125@cornell.edu). For more information about the Community Empowerment Initiative, visit www.aging.ny.gov/empoweringcommunities

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXT SC 4-H PROGRAM "ANNUAL SPRING HORSE TACK & SUPPLY AUCTION"

This is an OPEN CONSIGNMENT Auction, so gently used tack and supplies and show clothing will be accepted between 5-6pm. Don Maney is bringing a truckload of new supplies. We had a great turnout in December for this and had a blast. Everyone was really happy with the products and the low prices. Commission is 10% with proceeds benefiting the 4-H Horse Programs-shows, clinics, educational events, etc.

Please spread the word and come support our kids!

New York State Horse Council members will be there to let the equine community of Sullivan County know that they are here for the future of the horse in New York State and Sullivan County. If you are interested please stop by for more information or the contact person info is below for Sullivan County.

Shannon Budnik
NY State Horse Council
Mid Hudson Regional Direct-or
visit website at:
www.nyshc.org

or call for info 1-845-436-7669 (PONY)
Keep an eye out for the future Sullivan County Horse Council Chapter!

LONG TERM CARE COUNCIL MEETING

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information on long term care services in Sullivan County.

The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, April 21, 2010, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd Floor) at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public.

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

SHADBUSH

By Peggy DeWire



Take a drive around Grahamsville in early spring and you'll surely see here and there in the bare woods small trees covered with white feathery flowers. It is a Shadbush or Shadblow, named by early eastern pioneers because it blooms about the same time that shad return to swim upstream in tidal rivers to spawn.

Of the twenty species of Shadbush (Amelanchier) in America, two are well defined. The Atlantic (A. Canadensis) and the Pacific (A. ainifolia).

They differ in flower, leaf shape and size of berry-like fruit.



Both belong to the rose family but each adapted to its own region either east of the Rockies or west of the Rockies. Most are western and shrubby; a few eastern species are small trees.

Shadbush have fine cut, saw-toothed, glossy leaves somewhat like small pear leaves and grayish-brown bark. Clusters of white long-petaled flowers open in April before the leaves are out.

The pioneers who named Shadbush prized the brownish red wood for handles, canes and fishing rods.

The fruit is a delicious blue-purple berry ripening in June but they are so few in number - a pint a tree - that you must best the birds to them. I tie a ribbon on a blooming Shadbush to identify where to return for the berries.

This was a favorite food of Indians as well as many American songbirds and wildlife. Deer and elk browse on the twigs.

Here's hoping you'll find a Shadbush berry - one of the yummiest and least known Native American treats - this June.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES:**NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT****LEGAL NOTICE TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Neversink Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners adopted a resolution at a special meeting held on March 17, 2010 to withdraw an amount not to exceed \$100,000. from the Capital Reserve Account for Equipment for the purchase of a Custom Brush Truck and related equipment.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the withdrawal not to exceed \$100,000. is subject to permissive referendum as required by Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and the aforesaid resolution of the Neversink Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, adopted at its March 17, 2010 meeting, shall not take effect until 30 days following the publication of this legal notice.

Kim J. Moore
Neversink Fire District Secretary
Dated: March 19, 2010

3/25; 4/1; 4/8; 4/15/10

**NOTICE:
CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF
ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION
DATA (Pursuant to Section 501 of the
Real Property Tax Law)**

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel, and which will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Denning, which will be filed on or about May 1st, 2010. The information may be reviewed in the Assessor's Office at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, New York, 12725 during regular business hours. An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the Assessor at 845-626-4342.

Michael B. Sommer
Sole Assessor for the Town of Denning
4/8/10; 4/15/10

NOTICE

The Town of Neversink will be accepting applications for Lifeguard positions at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pool for the 2010 season.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants must include copies of all current certifications, length of time available to work and any needed time off when submitting their applications. (Photocopies of certifications can be made at the Town Hall when the application is brought in.)

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR
RECEIVING APPLICATIONS WILL BE 4:30
PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010.**

Pool Director for the season will be Janet Carey. For further information please call Town Hall at 985-2262, ext. 303 or Mrs. Carey at 985-7391. You can also e-mail Mrs. Carey at: jcarey1789@aol.com.

Town of Neversink Summer Swim Program Director, Janet Carey is also requesting applicants for WSI Instructors. Please contact Mrs. Carey at 985-7391 or e-mail her at: jcarey1789@aol.com for details.

3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of Walter and Michael Garigliano for an Area Variance on Hastings Court Extension, Grahamsville, NY 12740. (ZBA #26-1-6.1 & 6.5) Messrs. Garigliano are requesting a variance for relief from §50-10(c) (2) steep slope lot size increase.

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF
APPEALS
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
VERN LINDQUIST, CHAIRMAN 4/15/10

INVITATION TO BID

The Richard & Phillip Coombe farm, South Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY, Town of Neversink is seeking bids for the construction of an access road and 3 gravel heavy use area's to be funded by the New York City Watershed Agricultural Council. This project involves, but is not limited to the following estimated items: site preparation; 40'x160' HUAP; 40'x310' HUAP; 40'x310' HUAP; fencing; concrete J bunk, waterway; water facilities, access road and seeding. Due to the size and complexity of this project the City of New York will require prospective bidders to file and be VENDEX approved. Prospective bidders will receive a bid package which contains a bid sheet with instructions to bidders, sample contract, plans and specifications. Bid packages may be obtained by contacting Elaine Poulin at the Watershed Program Office, 44 West Street, Walton, NY 13856 or by calling 607-865-7090 ext. 209. Prospective bidders must attend a group site showing at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 21, 2010 at the Richard & Phillip Coombe farmstead. Sealed bids must be clearly marked "Richard & Phillip Coombe Bid" and will be accepted on behalf of the landowner at the Watershed Agricultural Program Office at 44 West Street, Walton, NY until 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 where they will be publicly opened and read. Small and minority owned businesses are encouraged to apply. The Watershed Agricultural Council, Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 4/15/10

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE OF ADOPTION**

WHEREAS, notice of Public Hearing was duly given, and said hearing duly held in the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York on the 10th day of March, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time to consider the adoption of Local Law No. 1 of 2010 entitled "A Local Law Amending Chapter 50 of the Code of the Town of Neversink to Guide the Construction and Operation of Renewable Energy Systems" amending various sections of Chapter 50 of the Code of the Town of Neversink entitled 'Zoning' which guides the construction and operation of Renewable Energy Systems, including solar, geothermal and wind, in the Town of Neversink, subject to reasonable conditions that will protect the public health, safety and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that after due consideration and deliberation, the Town Board of the Town of Neversink duly adopted said Local Law on March 24, 2010 and said Local Law was duly filed with the New York State Secretary of State on March 30, 2010.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: April 5, 2010 4/15/10

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing, pursuant to Section 267, Town Law, on the application of William and Jeanette Davies, for the purpose of review of an application for a Use Variance located at 7430 State Route 42, Grahamsville, NY 12740. The Davies' are requesting a variance for the reestablishment of the Gas Station and Service Garage.

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF
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VERN LINDQUIST, CHAIRMAN 4/15/10

**IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANUP!!!
THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK WILL BE CONDUCTING THEIR ANNUAL SPRING
CLEANUP PROGRAM ON:****April 21, 24, 28 & May 1, 2010****THE PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS:**

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2. Three Pick-up loads per household. (Permit Cards will be punched for each load.)
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REMINDER: Scrap metal and large recyclable items can be taken any time throughout the year. Because of the high volume of traffic during Spring Cleanup time, the Town Board requests that these items be brought at a time other than during Spring Cleanup.

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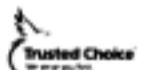
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SC MAN CHARGED WITH SEXUAL ABUSE



On March 25, 2010, The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office was notified by the Village of Liberty Police Department that they had received a report of a child being sexually abused by a teacher who works at the Light and Life Christian Academy in Liberty. Sheriff's Detectives quickly established that the suspect was in contact with the victim via text messages on her

cell phone and by instant messaging on Facebook. In the course of communicating with the victim, the subject asked to come to her residence.

In a scene out of Chris Hansen's NBC date line program, "To Catch a Predator", Sheriff's Detectives set up a sting at the victim's residence. On April 1, 2010 at about 3:37 PM the suspect, Joshua DiMeo, age 20, of Liberty, went to the victim's house and knocked on the door. He was greeted by detectives and taken into custody. The victim and her family were not home at the time. Several minutes later, Sheriff's Deputies and the Village of Liberty Police executed a search warrant at DiMeo's residence located at 112 Carrier Street. Computers, cellphones, and a digital camera was seized.

Joshua DiMeo is a physical education teacher at the Light and Life Christian Academy.

DiMeo was charged with Disseminating Indecent Material to a Minor in the First Degree, a class "D" Felony, Sexual Abuse 2nd degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, both Class "A" Misdemeanors. DiMeo was arraigned before Town of Rockland Judge Peter Fineberg and remanded to the Sullivan County Jail without bail. He is Scheduled to return to court on April 13, 2010.

ASK RECEIVES DONATIONS FOR TECHNOLOGY

On Wednesday, March 31st, 2010, the Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) was advised that it was being awarded a generous grant of over twenty-seven hundred dollars. Cynthia Lowe, Director, Ulster County Community Foundation indicated that an anonymous donor to the Community Foundation of Dutchess County was interested in funding the request.

ASK originally submitted a grant request last fall to the Community Response - Ulster County grant process. The grant requested funds to improve ASK's technology infrastructure, build administrative and programmatic capacity, and increase staff efficiency and productivity. The Ulster County Community Foundation did not have the funds to award the grant but the request was circulated to donors to the Community Foundation of Dutchess County. Thanks to the affiliation between the Community Foundation of Dutchess County and the Ulster County Community Foundation and the dedication of the community, ASK is able to continue strengthening its infrastructure.

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The Catskill Watershed Corporation Board of Directors approved a number of grants at its monthly meeting April 6.

One of them will allocate \$24,750 from the Catskill Studies Fund to allow Margaretville Telephone Company to conduct market feasibility and engineering studies on extending broadband service to the Towns of Gilboa and Conesville in Schoharie County.

Five planning grants totaling \$250,000 were awarded under the final round of the CWC's Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP). They will go to the Village of Hunter to update zoning and subdivision regulations; the Town of Hunter to complete a riparian buffer protection program; the Town of Olive to complete a comprehensive plan; the Town of Roxbury to update its comprehensive plan, and the Greene County Soil & Water Conservation District to develop a Mountaintop Better Site Design Plan to address new construction and development.

Three projects proposed under the CWC's Special Education Program fund were also approved. The Bronx River Alliance will receive \$7,125 to conduct a series of lectures, hikes and field trips on various aspects of the New York City water system for educators and the general public. The Delaware County Historical Association was granted \$1,900 to collaborate with the Catskill Artisans Guild to conduct a series of outdoor talks on the region's environmental and social history. And Time and the Valleys Museum in Grahamsville will receive \$12,650 to help develop a permanent exhibition on "Water: Its Impact on the Life and Growth of the Valleys."

Funding recommendations for Round 13 of the CWC's regular education grants will come before the Board in May.

CWC programs and projects are explained on the corporation's web site: www.cwconline.org. Inquiries are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CWC's offices on upper Main Street, Margaretville, Delaware County, and over the toll-free line, 877-WAT-SHED (877-928-7433).

CORNELL COOPERATIVE OFFERS FREE ENERGY AND BUDGETING CLASSES

Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues is on April 21st at 5:30-7:30 at CCE. This workshop provides information on selecting and using credit wisely, strategies for paying down debt, obtaining and receiving a credit report, and understanding a credit score. Participants will receive free credit management tools.

Save Energy, Save Dollars - April 28th at 5:30-7:30 pm at CCE. This free workshop is open to the public. Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills. Also, learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. There will be free energy-saving materials to be provided to all participants. Please call Linda to pre-register at 845-292-5250

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WHAT TO DO WITH UNUSED, UNWANTED ELECTRONICS

Wondering what to do with your unused, unwanted electronics? Bring them to the electronics recycling event sponsored by the 4-H Youth Development Program of Sullivan County. June 18th is reserved for commercially generated e-scrap from businesses, government agencies, banks, school districts and other institutions. Organizations will be invoiced \$10 per monitor, laptop, LCD or plasma television with all other (Next Col.)

electronic equipment accepted free of charge. June 19th is open to the public for residentially-generated materials at a charge of \$10 per carload (maximum 7 items per car).

Old monitors can contain lead and other hazardous materials. In partnership with Advanced Recovery, Inc. and the Sullivan County Division of Solid Waste & Recycling, the Sullivan County 4-H Program is working to keep "E-Waste" out of landfills. Advanced Recovery is a recycling company that will collect the materials, salvage for reuse or otherwise recycle each component of your electronic equipment, so that no hazardous materials are sent to your landfills.

Both the commercial collection event on June 18th and the residential collection event on June 19th take place at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty. Please visit our website www.sullivanvance.org for more information, or call 845-292-6180. Businesses must pre-register with Bob Travers at 845-858-8809 or e-mail rtravers@advancedrecovery.com. A portion of the proceeds will be returned directly to 4-H of Sullivan County, so a successful electronics collection event benefits us all!

SPACE WALK OF THE HUDSON VALLEY TO HOST "FAMILY FUN DAY" TO BENEFIT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF TOWN OF WALLKILL, PINE BUSH & SULLIVAN COUNTY

On Saturday, April 17, 2010 Space Walk of the Hudson Valley will host a Family Fun Day to benefit The Boys & Girls Clubs of Town of Wallkill, Pine Bush & Sullivan County at the Circleville Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Circleville, NY.

Family Fun Day will include inflatable bounce houses and slides for kids of all ages. Children and adults love Space Walk of the Hudson Valley - come see why!

Scott and Sue Hamel, owners of Space Walk of the Hudson Valley are hoping to make this an annual event. According to Scott, "We love what we do - providing safe, clean, fun to the families of our community. What better way to return the favor than to team up with an organization as wonderful as the Boys and Girls Club?"

The Boys and Girls Club is planning carnival games, family activities and will be serving up hot dogs, hamburgers and other great refreshments.

Admission for this event is totally free, and all bounce house activities are also free, though donations are greatly appreciated and will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of the Town of Wallkill, Pine Bush & Sullivan County.

Boys & Girls Clubs Executive Director Alexis Eggleton, said, "Scott & Sue's son is actually a member of the Boys & Girls Club, so they know first hand how valuable our programs are for local families. The fact that they're giving back to the Club through this terrific event is so special and I know our local families appreciate their generosity, too!"

Domanie Ragni, Area Director for Orange County, said, "We host many different programs and events during the year to raise awareness of the Boys & Girls Clubs. We are very excited to be working with Space Walk and to make this community event a great success."

Space Walk of the Hudson Valley is the leader in inflatable fun! Fully licensed and insured, Space Walk provides fun, clean and safe bounce houses and slides to private parties, church and corporate events. For additional information on Space Walk of the Hudson Valley at contact The Hamels at 845-361-5437, or visit www.HereComesFun.com/HSV.

The Boys and Girls Club provides the young people of our community with fun, safe and constructive afterschool and summer camp programs in the Pine Bush, Monticello, Fallsburg and Liberty Central School Districts.

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(From Pg. 1) With their comfortable sense of fun and their love of music, they make their concerts a musical journey. Their incomparable warmth-coupled with consummate musicianship-will please audiences of all ages.

Jay and Molly have garnered legions of fans through their appearances on Great Performances, A Prairie Home Companion, their own public radio specials, and work on film soundtracks such as Brother's Keeper, Legends of the Fall, and a host of Ken Burns documentaries.

If you love American acoustic music, don't miss Jay Ungar & Molly Mason on Saturday, May 1 at 8 p.m. at Tusten Theatre, 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Tickets are \$22. DVAA members receive a \$2 discount on advance sales. (Contd. Pg. 9)

The season continues Saturday, May

15 with Laurel Massé, founding member of the acclaimed Manhattan Transfer, and Saturday, May 29 with stellar string players Tony Trischka (banjo) and Frank Vignola (guitar). The 80-year old art deco-style Tusten Theatre is located at 210 Bridge St, Narrowsburg, NY and features an eight-month schedule of cultural programming including jazz, opera, performance art, folk music, and theatre.

For more information, visit: www.ArtsAllianceSite.org. For tickets, call the theatre box office at (845) 252-7272.

100 POEMS IN 100 MINUTES at ASK

Lovers of poetry and writers of poems are invited to participate in the second annual 100 Poems in 100 Minutes event at the Arts Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway in the Rondout section of Kingston, on Friday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Presented in honor of National Poetry Month, the event will begin at 7:00 with sign-up and a reception, followed by the reading at 7:30. Readers may read their own poems or other poems from any source, but all poems must take less than a minute to read (timing will be strictly observed). Depending on the number of readers, each reader will have a number of opportunities to read. For example, if 25 readers participate, each will read 4 times.

A suggested donation of \$5 will be requested of all who attend. For further information, consult the ASK website at askforarts.org.
About ASK

The Arts Society of Kingston, a regional center for the arts, presents a diverse range of visual art exhibitions, performances, workshops, classes, and other arts-related programming for the benefit of artists, art-lovers, and the general community of the Hudson Valley. Through its initiatives, ASK provides opportunities, resources, and education for artists. In carrying out this mission, ASK enriches the quality of life, bridges cultural gaps, and increases awareness and appreciation of the arts. For more information, please visit ASKforArts.org.

SPRING WRITING WORKSHOP LED BY IRIS LITT

The Arts Society of Kingston, will offer a five-session creative writing workshop led by Iris Litt, starting Saturday, May 1st, at 97 Broadway in the Rondout section of Kingston. The ASK workshop will meet on alternate Saturdays from 1:30 to 3:30pm, on May 1, 15 and 29, June 12 and 26.

The focus will be the same as in past seasons: "Writing Poetry, Short Story, Novel, Memoir or Creative Non-fiction (and Getting It Published)". Writers of all levels, published or beginning, are welcome.

The workshop will be conducted in five sessions - \$75. Pre-registration is required. To register, please call ASK at (845) 338-0331. For more information about the workshop, contact Iris Litt at (845) 679-8256 or irislitt@aol.com.

Iris Litt's most recent book of poetry "What I Wanted to Say", is available at The Golden Notebook in Woodstock and the Bohemian Book Bin in Lake Katrine or on Amazon. Her poetry, stories and essays appear in many literary journals. She has taught creative writing at Bard College, SUNY/Ulster, Writers in the Mountains, New York Public Library, The Educational Alliance and many other Hudson Valley and New York City venues.


MAY BRINGS "VERMONT REFLECTIONS" AND "SQUARE DEAL" to ASK

The month of May brings a new solo show by Prue See entitled "Vermont Reflections" along with a members' exhibit "Square Deal" to the Arts Society of Kingston, ASK, with a shared opening reception during First Saturday on May 1st, 2010, 5 - 8 p.m. at 97 Broadway, in the Rondout district of Kingston. Both shows run through June 1st.


Vermont Reflections
This past winter, Prue See along with her husband, Peter, lived in the high farmlands of central Vermont where they took care of a 200-year-old farmhouse, 10 miles from the closest town. In the sometimes bitter cold and under deep snow, it was a landscape of reflecting light. (Contd. Pg. 12)

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CELEBRATE DA VINCI'S 518th BIRTHDAY!



It's been over 29 years since the first successful space shuttle was launched on April 12, 1981, then returned back to Earth, after orbiting the 'Big Blue Marble' 36 times, on April 14th of that same year. The Columbia was the oldest orbiter in the Shuttle fleet and was actually named after the Boston, Massachusetts based sloop captained by American, Robert Gray, who on May 11, 1792 skillfully moved past a dangerous sandbar at the mouth of a river in what is today known as the Columbia River, (also named after the ship) located at the south-eastern British Columbia, Canada by the Washington-Oregon border. The first US Navy ship to circumnavigate the globe also bore the name Columbia, as did the command module for the Apollo 11, first lunar landing mission.

Just a bit of trivia, - it has been considered that Columbia is the feminine personification of the United States, which of course had been derived from the famous Christopher Columbus!

Sadly, the Space Shuttle Columbia was launched with its crew of seven astronauts, on its final voyage on January 16th, 2003. Not far back in history, we remember that regrettable address from past President George W. Bush, confirming the Columbia and its crew were lost after the Orbiter broke away during reentry.

Even with its upsets and obstacles, science and technology have continued to move forward in leaps and bounds.

For some time it has been the general consensus that the most heavenly gifts seem to be showered on certain human beings. Whether it is conceived as supernatural, marvelous, or genius, at times they all congregate in one individual. This has been seen and acknowledged in the case of Leonardo da Vinci, who had an indefinable grace in his every effortless act and deed. His talent was so rare that he mastered any subject to which he turned his attention. He might have been noted as a scientist if he had not been so versatile!

Leonardo was and is best known as an artist; the creator of such masterpieces as the Mona Lisa, Madonna of the Rocks, and The Last Supper. Yet, Leonardo was far more than a great artist. He had one of the best scientific minds of his time. He made painstaking observations and carried out research in fields ranging from architecture and civil engineering to astronomy, anatomy and zoology to geography, geology and paleontology.

Leonardo's scientific and technical observations are found in his handwritten manuscripts, of which over 4000 pages survive. Reading the manuscripts has been an arduous task. Not only did Leonardo write in mirror-image script, from right to left, but he also used curious spellings and abbreviations, and his notes were not composed in any reasonable order. After his death DaVinci's notes were randomly sent to libraries and collections all over Europe. While portions of Leonardo's technical treatises on painting were published as early as 1651, the full extent and expertise of much of his scientific work remained obscure until the 19th century. His geological and paleontological observations and theories pointed out the way to many later breakthroughs.

When he questioned how shells came to lie at the tops of mountains, Leonardo's notes indicated there was a strikingly close explanation to the modern theory that fossils were once-living organisms that had been buried at a time before the mountains were raised. According to DaVinci's notes, "It must be presumed that in those places there were sea coasts, where all the shells were thrown up, broken, and divided. Where there is now land, there was once ocean."

It was possible, Leonardo thought, that some fossils were buried by floods. DaVinci's idea probably came from his observations of the floods of the Arno River and other rivers of northern Italy, possibly concluding these floods had been repeated, local catastrophes, not a single Great Flood.

To Leonardo da Vinci, as to modern paleontologists, fossils indicated the history of the Earth, which extends far beyond human records.

Leonardo wrote, "Since things are much more ancient than letters, it is no marvel if, in our day, no records exist of these seas having covered so many countries. But sufficient for us is the testimony of things created in the salt waters, and found again in high mountains far from the seas."

DaVinci, an Arian, was born on April 15, 1492. Happy Birthday Leonardo!

PARENT CONNECTION

There are times that I have an overwhelming urge to hold a baby. I think most women do. I love where my life is now, though. Our youngest will be going to kindergarten in September and I've accepted the fact that I will never again be pregnant. After longing for a pregnancy all of our marriage, it's quite a milestone to move to our next level of fulfillment. Miraculously, I became pregnant after 6 years of marriage and twice after that, all 6 years apart. Unless you've experienced it, no one can understand the desire to have a child when you can't. When it's something you've longed for your whole life. It's so important to have your partner as your support. I was never pressured to have a child because my husband always made me feel like whatever happened was meant to be, with or without children. That we had each other. We filled the void by caring for foster children and talking about the possibilities of adoption. Although we had a few heart-breaking experiences, our lives changed with every one. Our marriage grew and became stronger and when we had our first child, we were emotionally ready. Heather came into our life 17 years ago and she'll be graduating high school this year. Someone told me that once you have children life passes by so quickly. Boy, were they right!

My mother was always my hero. She gave me such joy growing up. She unconditionally loved us all and I never remember questioning that. It's hard to believe that you can love all of your children with the same magnitude. But, you do! I didn't really think much of my parent's age when I was younger, but I do remember hearing the age of 38 and thinking they were so old. That they didn't understand our generation and the need for the things we desired. Being 42, I will tell this younger generation that I am only now able to understand and appreciate life. I look back on the people that mentored me and helped to make me who I am today, and I compare myself with their abilities. I'm proud of myself when I help others, knowing that it is my responsibility to continue this "mentoring chain".

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BONACIC: RACING PLAN BEING CONTEMPLATED WOULD TAKE BITE OUT OF MONTICELLO AND YONKERS Top Republican on Senate Racing Committee says State should Scrap NYC OTB and Allow Private Operators to Compete for Simulcasting Rights (From Pg. 1)

Bonacic, in addition to serving as the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Racing, Wagering & Gaming also represents a harness racing track, Monticello, in his four County Senate District.

A proposal currently being discussed in Albany will stop payments to Monticello in the amount of approximately \$2 million a year. Monticello is already struggling. "If this plan were enacted, it would be a crystal clear example of New York City Democrats, who control State government, not caring about anyone but themselves. Attempting to take millions of dollars from the Catskills economy, to pay for their New York City based OTB operation, is something those of us who represent race tracks - particularly Yonkers and Monticello, must fight," Bonacic said.

An effort is being made to build consensus around a plan which would take approximately \$2 million this year in payments Monticello and its horsemen would otherwise be entitled to, and use those funds to help restructure New York City OTB.

Bonacic also said the State must make a concerted effort to increase the racing fan base of both harness and thoroughbred tracks. "The long term future of New York racing is threatened because it has become about VLTs and patronage instead of about world class racing. First, NYRA threatened to shut down the Belmont and Saratoga in an effort to have the State give them more money. Now, OTB is demanding more money, otherwise they will close down. Racing was once known as the sport of kings and as a revenue generator to help reduce taxes for hard working New Yorkers. Now racing has become a patronage mill and something hard working New Yorkers are being asked to subsidize," Bonacic said. (Next Col.)

have been forced to modify their operations or close. At Monticello, this is an ongoing process in which we have streamlined operations and have worked hard to improve our racing, gaming and entertainment products.

However, our racing viability is threatened by a proposed state plan that would, in effect, punish those who have done the right things to become more competitive and reward those who have not. Specifically, the state would take vital resources from Monticello Raceway and our horsemen and give those resources to New York City OTB.

Such action is simply unfair. It will cost jobs at our track and only result in further overall decline in the racing industry. We urge state lawmakers to reconsider this ill-advised approach

GILLIBRAND VISITS OPRHANAGE DURING TRIP TO HAITI (From Pg. 1)

Senator Gillibrand met with President René Préval, First Lady Elisabeth Delatour Préval and other governmental officials to discuss the challenges Haiti is facing. Senator Gillibrand also toured the Rose Mina Orphanage to see firsthand how the earthquake has impacted Haiti's youth.

Senator Gillibrand plans to work with Haitian leaders as they increase access to education for all of Haiti's children, improve conditions in Haiti's orphanages, with the ultimate goal of keeping families together. In the Senate, she plans to work with her colleagues to increase support for public education, register all children, and improve the adoption process to ensure that children may be reunited with families, and when that is not possible, may be adopted by qualified families.

Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, was devastated by a magnitude 7.0 earthquake on January 12. The powerful earthquake destroyed schools, hospitals, and much of Port-Au-Prince's infrastructure, leading to the loss of over 230,000 lives and displacing over 1.3 million people from their homes. Many of those affected are young children who have been separated from their families. (Next Col.)

The New York Times today reports that New York City OTB is proposing to close down about 66% of the City's OTB operations but only reduce the size of the New York City OTB workforce by about 46%. "If you only have 1/3 of the facilities, you should only have 1/3 of the employees. Closing down 66% of the OTB facilities while still keeping more than half the employees of that operation, all while taking revenue from upstate, confirms my belief that patronage, rather than sound business operations, are at the heart of New York City OTB's operations," Bonacic said.

STATEMENT BY JOSEPH D'AMATO, CEO OF EMPIRE RESORTS/MONTICELLO CASINO AND RACEWAY, REGARDING THE NYC OTB BAILOUT PROPOSAL

The New York harness horse racing industry has been in transition for decades. Unlike New York City OTB, tracks

Haiti has a very young population. Prior to the earthquake it was estimated that 65 percent of the population was under the age of 25, and 40 percent was under the age of 14. It was also estimated that over 300,000 children were unaccompanied by their parents, with about 50,000 living in orphanages. Only 20 percent of Haiti's school children attended public schools. With the earthquake's recent devastation, the number of vulnerable children in Port-Au-Prince has risen drastically.

Prior to the Earthquake, many children were sent to unregulated orphanages, not because they did not have parents, but because their families were too poor to give them shelter, food and education. Thus about 80 percent of the children in "orphanages" had families. Only a small number of orphanages were regulated by IBESR, Haiti's children's welfare agency. Since the humanitarian parole of almost 1,000 orphans who joined families in the U.S., due to the devastation caused by the earthquake, the already slow adoption process has been virtually stopped.

PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR! Comptroller's Staff Go Out Into the Field to Monitor Payroll Process

On Friday, April 9, 2010 Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach and a team of examiners and auditors initiated what he is calling the "present and accounted for" payroll verification process to ensure that County paychecks are ending up in the hands of the intended employees.

"With nearly two thousand employees and dozens of remote locations this procedure will both verify and validate that the weekly and bi-weekly paychecks are accounted for. As part of the Comptroller's duty to certify payroll, we needed to ensure that everyone receiving a County paycheck is present and accounted for," said Auerbach.

The payroll pay-out verification begins with the Highway and Bridges Division of the Department of Public Works (DPW). The procedure involves the Comptroller's staff distributing paychecks or pay advices to the DPW sub-stations across the county. Employees will be required to show their County identification card and sign for their pay.

"We have enlisted the support of the CSEA leadership and the DPW management team, as well as pre-visiting a number of the sub-stations to meet and talk with members of the crew," said Auerbach, "they all understand why we need to implement this process and appreciate our efforts to be as accommodating as possible."

The Comptroller intends to conduct his "present and accounted for" payroll pay-out across all County departments and verify that every individual receiving a salary is indeed a current employee.

"We all have heard the stories of ghost employees," said Auerbach, "while I don't expect to find any, my cracker-jack team of "ghost busters" will out one if it exists."

Most Ulster County employees are paid bi-weekly except in the DPW where staff are paid weekly. Employees receive either a paycheck or a 'direct deposit' pay advice statement.

MAY BRINGS "VERMONT REFLECTIONS" AND "SQUARE DEAL" to ASK (From Pg. 9)

"In this exhibition, through paintings and some writing, I hope to convey some sense of this place - only 150 miles from the Hudson Valley, but another world."

Born and raised in England, Prue See studied painting at the Ruskin Art School in Oxford and Chelsea Art School in London, before moving to the U.S. She lived and exhibited her work in various parts of the country and then moved to Woodstock in 1993. Solo exhibitions of her work in this area have included the Woodstock Artists Association and Museum; Omega Institute of Holistic Studies, Rhinebeck; Emily Hoysradt Gallery, Kingston; and Half Moon Gallery, Saugerties. She has also participated in numerous group shows. See's work has also been published as book illustrations, cards and calendars, and she is the recipient of several awards and artists residency grants.

Square Deal

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"WE, THE PEOPLE: A FORUM TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY" (From Pg. 1)

President Obama said the 5 to 4 ruling "strikes at our democracy itself" and that he could "not think of anything more devastating to the public interest."

"A massive, bi-partisan grassroots movement is needed to counter this threat to our democracy and it looks like it is beginning in New Paltz," said Barbara Upton, one of the organizers. She noted that the forum appears to be one of the first of its kind in the country.

A recent ABC/Washington Post Poll found that 76% of Republicans, 81% of Independents and 85% of Democrats oppose the January Supreme Court decision.

Congressman Hinchey will focus his remarks on the growing dominance of corporations and the need to restore voters as the center of the electoral process.

The panelists are: Margery F. Baker, executive vice-president of People for the American Way; John Bonifaz, legal director of Voter Action and director of Free Speech for People (a consortium of public interest organizations including Public Citizen, Voter Action and the Center for Corporate Policy) and Joan Mandle, executive director of Democracy Matters. All three organizations are dedicated to strengthening our democracy and ensuring that the voice of the people is not silenced.

Another organizer, Lin Sakai said that under the ruling, even foreign corporations will be able to spend unlimited sums to support or defeat candidates.

"By saying that corporations have the same free speech rights as humans, this decision allows multinational corporations to reward those who toe the corporate line and to spend hundreds of millions in attack ads against those who favor legislation that benefits the people," she said.

There will be video clips from the "Defending Democracy Street Rally" held the previous week, literature, buttons and actions steps people can take. The forum is free and open to the public.

The event is being dedicated to the memory of Granny D who walked over 3,500 miles for election reform when she was 90 years old and who died recently at the age of 100. One of her last public statements decried the Court's ruling.

Sponsoring organizations are the Hudson Valley Progressive Coalition, Democracy Matters of SUNY New Paltz, Ulster County MoveOn Council, and Ulster County Democrats.

GOLDEN HILL REMOVES WATER RESTRICTIONS FOR LEGIONELLA OUTBREAK

Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck, Ulster County's Public Health Director, announced today that three rounds of tests of the hot water at the Golden Hill Health Care Center (GHHCC), following hot water flush treatment, have shown significant decline in the presence of Legionella bacteria. Following treatment, the GHHCC domestic hot water system has met the recommendation for water quality set by the New York State Department of Health and the facility has been cleared to remove water restrictions for the general population. Restrictions will remain in place for a few residents deemed to be at increased risk due to their medical conditions.

Preventive measures to protect the 280 residents, staff and visitors of GHHCC, including shower and bath restrictions and the use of bottled instead of tap water for drinking, have been in place since the Legionella outbreak of January 13, 2010. GHHCC will continue routine testing and short-term disinfection of the hot water system as needed. The facility is planning to install a long-term disinfection system in the next few weeks.

ROMAN POLANSKI'S THE GHOST WRITER AT CineArt IN CALLICOON

Ewan McGregor and Pierce Brosnan star in Roman Polanski's critically acclaimed political thriller *The Ghost Writer*. McGregor is the Ghost, a writer hired to pen the memoirs of the unseated British prime minister (Brosnan) now living in a Cape Cod beach house after being



accused of war crimes back home. Olivia Williams and Kim Cattrall costar.

Roger Ebert of the Chicago SunTimes says "This movie is the work of a man who knows how to direct a thriller. Smooth, calm, confident, it builds suspense instead of depending on shock (Next Col.)

and action."

The Ghost Writer is rated PG-13 and will screen nightly at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 30-Thursdays, May 6, and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Callicoon Theater, 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY.

Admission is \$9. Mondays and matinees \$6.

CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art films. A percentage of the profits and \$1 per person from ticket sales benefit the programs and services of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County. For more information, call (845) 887-4460.

ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS 2009 CWC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Despite challenging economic conditions, the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) continued to make strides with its environmental protection, business assistance and education programs during 2009.

The year's accomplishments were itemized at the CWC's Annual Meeting April 6 in Margaretville. The report may be read online at www.cwconline.org (Publications), or by calling 845-586-1400 to request a copy.

"The CWC has been focused on supporting the people of the New York City Catskill-Delaware Watershed since we were established in 1997," commented CWC Board President Georgianna Lepke. "Working with many partner agencies, we have never wavered in our commitment to keeping our waters clean, for our own families and for millions of downstate users."

During 2009, the CWC

- undid the repair and replacement of 363 failed residential septic systems (up from 290 the year before), and paid half the cost of pumping and inspecting 84 newer systems

- completed eight stormwater control projects to reduce pollution caused by runoff and erosion

- completed five stream corridor protection projects designed to prevent or reduce future flooding damage to affected properties and to downstream populated areas

- completed Community Wastewater Management projects in the hamlets of Hamden and Bloomville, and made progress on five others. Three more are in the planning stages. These more effective wastewater treatment projects will result in the decommissioning of 549 on-site septic systems.

- closed on nine low-interest REDI-Loans worth \$2.6 million to help businesses in watershed towns expand or purchase facilities, diversify inventory or streamline their operations

- supported two important projects through the Catskill Studies Fund: a pilot project allowing recreational boating on the Cannonsville Reservoir and a six-site study of the use of pelletized grass as a sustainable heating source

- approved four \$250,000 grants to non-profit organizations in the Watershed whose large-scale community projects in Margaretville, Grahamsville, Tannersville and Olivebridge will demonstrate renewable energy initiatives while providing jobs and educational services

- continued to re-develop the historic Delaware Inn in Stamford as an anchor business in a pilot project to demonstrate the value of reclaiming deteriorated downtown structures

- awarded five community planning grants through the Local Technical Assistance Program

- awarded 28 Watershed Education Grants benefiting hundreds of students and teachers in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed and in New York City.

In addition, the CWC sponsored the Ninth Annual Local Government Day which drew 120 area officials and civic leaders to learn about climate change and its projected impact on the Catskills; co-sponsored the NYC Watershed Science and Technical Conference, the Ulster County Business Showcase, the Batavia Kill Stream Festival which attracted 1,000 people to Ashland, and several lectures and panel discussions on environmental topics.

The CWC also welcomed scientists, planners and policy makers from Brazil and Mexico anxious to learn about precedent-setting water protection and community preservation programs.

NYS COUNCIL ON THE ARTS, ORANGE COUNTY TOURISM AND THE COUNTY OF ORANGE present "CUMMINGS & GOINGS" - - THE E.E. CUMMINGS MUSICAL BY ADA MARGOSHES

The critically acclaimed theatre piece Cummings & Goings by composer Ada Margoshes will be performed on May 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm and May 2, 2010 at 3:00 pm at the Blooming Grove (Next Col.)

United Church of Christ, 8 Old Dominion Road, (off Route 94) Blooming Grove, NY 10914. Cummings & Goings is a staged two-act musical theatre piece featuring the poetry E. E. Cummings, set to music by composer Ada Margoshes with additional songs and orchestrations by Steve Margoshes. Cummings & Goings, performed by five singing actors and an ensemble of six musicians, is conducted by composer Ada Margoshes at the piano, staged and directed by Nina Janik. Tickets are \$15, students \$10. For tickets and further information call 845-733-4309 or visit www.cummingsandgoings.net.

This production of Cummings & Goings opened in 2009 to rave reviews and full houses. "The performances of the singer-actors radiate such intelligence, comedy and imagination that this is a must-see production for all who love poetry and theater." (Dr. James Cotter, for The Times Herald Record, April, 2009). A unique musical theatre experience, Cummings & Goings is a celebration of carefully selected E. E. Cummings' poems compiled to tell the story of a man's life-journey in 2 acts. Composer Ada Margoshes' score covers a wide range of styles, including a little jazz, a little blues, and lovely melodies and harmonies. She sets the poetry of E. E. Cummings, with its innate sense of theatre, into songs that "ring with fresh truth and beauty."

The production features five stars of theatre and opera: Emily Drennan (Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat; Swing!, Aida), Kyra Lorraine Selman (Beauty and the Beast, Rent), Julie Zivavras (Delaware Valley Opera, Opera Company of the Highlands), Elex Vann (Houston Opera's Porgy & Bess, Smokey Joe's Café, Opera Company of the Highlands), and Jonathan Victorian (Smokey Joe's Café, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Dance Theatre of Harlem).

The singing actors display with virtuosity, "tenderness and emotion" the "dramatic shifts of tone and tempo, humor and satire, and a variety of subjects from children to soldiers, losers and lovers" that is required for this piece.

Composer Ada Margoshes' other compositions include the incidental music to Harvey Fierstein's Tony Award-winning Torch Song Trilogy. Her husband Steve Margoshes, celebrated composer of FAME, The Musical and orchestrator of numerous Broadway shows including Tommy, Aida, Smokey Joe's Café, Grease, Boy George's Taboo, Beach Boy's Good Vibrations and Big River has written the orchestrations and four original songs for this work. The orchestrations for trumpet, clarinet, bassoon, electric bass, percussion and piano provide a sensitive and rich background for this event. Director Nina Janik, recipient of several Awards and Fellowships in Choreography, directed the original productions of Cummings & Goings in New York City.

The first version of Cummings & Goings, for which Ada Margoshes was awarded a CAPS Fellowship for Musical Composition, was performed at La Mama Experimental Theatre Company and later under a grant at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum and at the Village Gate, all in New York City. The E.E. Cummings Society wrote of the work "the music...reflects the high professionalism and quality of the writing and performing. With... most lovely harmony... at 'conceive a man' we felt our man Cummings had indeed been reborn from this conception."

This project is made possible in part, with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts' Decentralization Program administered by Arts in Orange. This project is also made possible in part, with public funds from Orange County Tourism and the County of Orange. For further information and press tickets, please contact Roanne Patterson at 845-733-4309. Visit www.cummingsandgoings.net.

Ada Janik Margoshes (Composer/Piano Conductor) was awarded a CAPS Fellowship for Musical Composition for her musical theatre-piece CUMMINGS & GOINGS, which was first written and performed at La Mama, E.T.C. in NYC, then performed under a grant as a summer concert at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum prior to playing at the Village Gate in NYC. Also at La Mama, she also wrote and conducted music for a number of plays including Harvey Fierstein's FUGUE IN A NURSERY, which later became part of his Broadway Tony Award-winning TORCH SONG TRILOGY. Ms. Margoshes' other compositions include (music and lyrics) STEALING, which showcased at the Circle Repertory Theatre in NYC and later at the Eugene O'Neill Theatre. She adapted the text for her original chamber-opera version of THE LITTLE PRINCE, showcased in NYC, featuring a boy soprano from the Met Opera Children's Chorus.

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Sign up by June 8.

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Sign up by June 8.

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AL-ANON MEETINGS

Every Saturday night 8:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Presbyterian Church, 81 South Main Street, Liberty

Every Monday night 7:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Presbyterian Church, 81 South Main Street, Liberty

Every Thursday night 7:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne

4 H WORKSHOPS CELEBRATE EARTH DAY ON APRIL 17th

The 4-H Youth Development Program of Sullivan County is offering a day of workshops to provide information and teach new skills to youth as well as inspire the imagination! Leaders and parents are welcome to sign up for these classes. Because enrollment will be limited, participants should register early to guarantee a seat in their preferred class. Register by calling Linda at 292-6180.

"Body Care De-tox" Caring for the earth and our bodies is the theme of this workshop. Learn awareness of the chemicals in our body care products as well as in the world at large. Instructor Ann Brown, Leader of Gaia's Girls 4-H Club will show participants how to create an all natural lotion and lip balm as well as provide recipes and information to enjoy at home. Must be 9 years or older to enroll. Two sections of this class are available: 10:00am and 1:00pm. Cost is \$5.00. Enrollment limited to 12 per class.

"Fresh Fruit and Chocolate Dip" Learn how to garnish fruit snacks for visual and taste appeal. Shawn Comfort, Eat Smart New York Educator for Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County will instruct on the health benefits of fruit and explain how he makes his homemade chocolate. Basic food safety and food preparation techniques will be covered in this class. Age 5 and above are welcome, but youth under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult. Class starts 10:00am. Cost is \$10.00. Enrollment limited to 15.

"Unique Gifts Bows from Recycled Paper" Learn new skills while reducing waste and saving money! Cheri Bodnaruik, club leader of the Glen Spey Explorers will lead participants in creating stylish, decorative paper ornaments that are environmentally friendly. Age 5 and up, under 9 must be accompanied by parent. Class starts 10:00am. Cost is \$3.00.

"Craft Smorgasbord with Karen" 4-H Resource Leader, Karen Mariner will be back with a wealth of craft materials and a positive, nurturing environment to encourage youth to explore their creativity. Participants will have the opportunity to work independently and experiment with varied materials, as well as try their hand at two demonstrated activities: creating flowers with fabric scraps and (Next Col.)

THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

- 4/14/10 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 4/15/10 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 4/20/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9-2) and Luncheon (11-1)
- 4/20/10 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 4/21/10 Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting- 1:30 pm Town Hall Grahamsville
- 4/21/10 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association
- 4/21/10 Neversink Fire Dist. Meeting 7:30 pm Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 4/22/10 Time and the Valleys Museum Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 4/25/10 Old Time Fiddlers - 2 - 6pm - Neversink Fire Hall - call 985-2923
- 4/25/10 Parksville UMC Chicken Over Biscuits Dinner - 4:30-7 pm
- 4/27/10 Claryville Fire District Meeting -7:00 pm
- 4/27/10 Townof Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting 7 pm Upstairs Meeting Room @Town Hall
- 5/1/10 Neversink Renaissance Spring Cleanup-volunteers meet atTown Hall parking lot at 8 am-985-2746
- 5/1/10 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper -Church Hall - 5:30 pm
- 5/3/10 Time and the Valleys Work Committee Meeting - 12:30 pm
- 5/4/10 Tri-Valley Lions Dinner Meeting - Frost Valley - Info 292-5839
- 5/4/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9-2) and Luncheon (11-1)
- 5/4/10 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7:00 pm
- 5/5/10 Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting- 1:30 pm Town Hall Grahamsville
- 5/5/10 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 5/6/10 First Thursday Readers -Daniel Pierce Library

SAVE THE DATE!

14th Annual Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Sullivan County Community College
July 31 - Time and the Valleys Museum Olde Time Fair

Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>
Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>
Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>
Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>
To find out what is happening at Tri-Valley CSD: <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

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| BLUE HILL LODGE | P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne) | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE |
| ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) | WILSON'S CORNER STORE | PETER'S MARKET |

chenille stems, and popsicle stick creations. All supplies will be provided. Age 5 and up are welcome. Two sections of this class are available: 10:00am and 1:00pm. Cost is \$5.00.

NYS COUNCIL ON THE ARTS (FromPg. 14)

Ms. Margoshes played keyboards in off-Broadway and Broadway shows, including SHENANDOAH, CHESS, STARLIGHT EXPRESS, and New York Shakespeare Festival's PIRATES OF PENZANCE, starring Linda Ronstadt, Kevin Kline, and Rex Smith. Locally Ms. Margoshes plays piano frequently for the Greater Newburgh Symphony Orchestra, Claudia Cummings' Opera Company of the Highlands, and the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music and Theatre Series. She enjoys directing a children's chorus at Bishop Dunn School, and her piano students regularly receive outstanding ratings at NYSSMA Festivals. Ms. Margoshes holds both Bachelor and Master of Music Degrees from the Juilliard School of Music.

Steve Margoshes (Composer/Orchestrator) is probably best known as the composer of FAME - THE MUSICAL, but he also composes extensively for symphony orchestra. He has orchestrated a dozen Broadway musicals, including THE WHO'S TOMMY, AIDA, SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE, and BIG RIVER, to name a few. He has received two Drama Desk Awards for orchestration. Due to the lasting popularity of FAME - THE MUSICAL, as evidenced by continuing performances throughout two decades, on every continent, and in 13 languages (most recently, Mandarin Chinese), it is not surprising to find Steve's recent sequel to it, FAME FOREVER, completed and premiered in Glasgow, Scotland. Locally, Steve enjoys many performances of his music. A concert version of Martin Luther King's "I HAVE A DREAM" speech brings the inspirational words of King to musical life. First performed by Bruce Hubbard at the MLK Celebration in Atlanta by invitation from Coretta Scott King, it was performed in January by Elex Vann at Newburgh's King Celebration with the composer at the piano. The Newburgh Symphony has also performed several of Steve's pieces. The Classic Choral Society has commissioned him to write MUSICIANS OF THE SUN, a new piece for

Narrator, Chorus and Orchestra, from the book by Gerald McDermott, to celebrate their 50th anniversary. Recordings of his symphonic works, (Next Col.)

including two ballets, may be found on the Albany Records label, performed by the Budapest Symphony Orchestra. Steve holds a Bachelor of Music Degree from the Juilliard School of Music. www.stevemargoshes.com

Nina Janik (Director) was dancing in Broadway shows at age nineteen. Educated at Smith College and the University of Nevada, she received her BFA, magna cum laude, from the University of the Americas in Puebla, Mexico, and her MFA in Ballet Choreography from the University of Utah. In 1979 Ms. Janik joined the faculty of the College of Fine Arts School of Dance at the University of Arizona, and in 2006 she retired with the title Professor Emerita. A director and choreographer of contemporary ballet and musical theater, Ms. Janik has worked throughout Mexico and Italy as well as the US. In 1984, she staged and directed Cummings and Goings starring Metropolitan Opera baritone Bruce Hubbard at The Village Gate in New York City. Ms. Janik was awarded the Tucson Pima Arts Council Performing Arts Fellowship in Choreography in 1996, and the Arizona Commission on the Arts Fellowship in Choreography in 1999. Nina Janik is now affiliated with La Universidad de Las Artes in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE OFFERS FREE ENERGY AND BUDGETING CLASSES

Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues is on April 21st at 5:30-7:30 at CCE. This workshop provides information on selecting and using credit wisely, strategies for paying down debt, obtaining and receiving a credit report, and understanding a credit score. Participants will receive free credit management tools.

Save Energy, Save Dollars - April 28th at 5:30-7:30 pm at CCE. This free workshop is open to the public. Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills. Also, learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. There will be free energy-saving materials to be provided to all participants. Please call Linda to pre-register at 845-292-5250



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

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Denning Democrats

On the Local Scene & On The National Scene

We the People: A Forum to Defend Democracy Sunday, April 18, 2010 4:00pm - 5:30pm SUNY New Paltz, Lecture Center 100 A forum to educate and mobilize citizens to counter the recent Supreme Court decision (Citizens United v FEC) that overturned a century of law and which now allows unlimited corporate contributions towards influencing our elections. President Obama said, "**This ruling strikes at our democracy itself**" and called it a victory for special interests at the expense of the people.

The Honorable Maurice Hinchey (NY CD22) will give the keynote. His talk will focus on the need for publicly financed elections to restore voters as the center of the electoral process.

The Benefits of the Healthcare Bill what does it mean in New York? You will find that, after a century of effort, from the beginning with Roosevelt's Social Security and a year of debate in today's world **Health Insurance Reform is now a Law in America.** However, what does it mean for NY? It means an **end to the worst Insurance company abuses.** And new rules that treat everyone fairly, in NY alone 279,798 paints with preexisting conditions will no longer be denied insurance. It means **affordable health insurance for millions of Americans,** in New York, that means Tax credits for 1.6 million people, and **Tax cuts for 249,000 small businesses,** it means that **22,000 families will be saved from bankruptcy in just one year.** It means that more Americans will have more control of their healthcare. **Setting it straight about Healthcare, check out the link and really understand why healthcare works in New York and everywhere across the country as well.**

<http://my.barackobama.com/WhatItMeans>

This is YOUR Democratic Party Have a suggestion for Denning Dems or want to work on the polls as an Election Inspector or with the committee? - call 845 985 0501 email:

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"



This week we have two of my favorite films. First it's *Manpower*, a film made in 1941, a the story of two men that endure dangerous work, while dealing with their feud, over the love of a sultry nightclub singer. With four of my favorite actors in the cast. **George Raft, Marlene Dietrich,** and the mainstay actor, **Edward**

G. Robinson, along with anchor character actor Alan Hale star in this film. Dir: Raoul Walsh BW-103 mins, TV-PG, 8:15 am on Monday April 19, 2010. Then at 10:00 am, on the same day one of my all time favorite actors, **Errol Flynn** in *They Died With Their Boots On*, a 1941 Romanticized biography of **General George Armstrong Custer** and his last stand. Cast: **Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland, Arthur Kennedy,** and **Charley Grapew** Directed by Raoul Walsh BW-140 mins, TV-PG on TCM, Monday April 19, 2010 at 10:00 am.

Quiz:

A. Name the actor who played Lt. General Winfield Scott?

B. What is the name of the actor who delivered a superb performance as the lead character in *Our Miss Brooks*?

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

Ellenville NY - One of our family traditions have been made in, and around the Ellenville July 4th Celebration. We would not miss this wonderful patriotic celebration and don't miss the **re-scheduled** date of our Fourth of July Committee's Spaghetti Dinner that will **benefit the July 4th Celebration** on **Saturday April 17, 2010, 5-7 PM,** at the **Elks Lodge,** Route 55 Napanoch, Tickets: \$7.00, children under 5 years **"Free with parent."** Furthermore, you can use your February 27th tickets! For more information: <http://ellenvillewawarsing4thofjuly.com>

There are still some wonderful buys at Grahamsville Hardware, a store that was first opened in 1869 will be closing. Our good friends Carol and Paul Legueux will be opening on Saturday's 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. All inventory is on sale and can be purchased at great savings. Carol and Paul can be reached at their home phone 845 985 7387

Please remember, the fax number for the Townsman has been changed to 845 985 0501.

Have a Great Day!

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