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GMUC THRIFT STORE CONTINUES RECEIVING DONATIONS

The Grahamville United Methodist Church Thrift Store will continue receiving donations of new and lightly used clothing and household items through the winter. Thank you for your continued support of this community outreach.

SLAC WINTER HOLIDAY GATHERING

The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County invites you to our Winter Holiday gathering, to be held on Friday, December 18, 2009 at the Ted Stroebe Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY. (Monticello Neighborhood Center). Refreshments will be served compliments of Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility. (Contd. Pg. 3)

TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL AGRICULTURE TEACHER SELECTED FOR EDUCATOR AWARD



Tara Berescik of Grahamsville, N.Y. is one of only six individuals nationwide who received the National Association of Agricultural Educators (NAAE) Outstanding Teacher Award on November 18th at the NAAE annual convention in Nashville, Tenn.

Outside the Tri-Valley Central School agriculture classroom is a four-foot sign with the FFA motto, 'Learning to do, doing to learn, learning to do, living to serve.' This motto serves as the foundation of Berescik's teaching philosophy.

and she strives to provide a hands-on education for her students and help them succeed in life. Berescik's curriculum includes floral design, small animal care, pre-veterinary science, environmental science, and international agriculture. (Contd. Pg. 3)

ERH PHYSICAL THERAPY DEPT TO HOST HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE



The Physical Therapy Department at Ellenville Regional Hospital is hosting a holiday open house to celebrate its success with their new facility.

The event will take place on Thursday, December 17, 2009 from 3pm-5pm and is open to current patients, former patients and for those who might need physical therapy services in the future! Light refreshments will be served.

The staff of the Physical Therapy Department extends a heartfelt thank you to the community for your support and commitment, and wishes everyone a happy and healthy (injury free!) holiday season.

Please call the Physical Therapy Department at 845 647 210-3035 if you are able to attend

JUST ENOUGH SNOW ALLOWED SANTA TO MAKE HIS JOURNEY TO GRAHAMSVILLE



While Saturday evening's snow fall caused some holiday activities to be cancelled it was just what Santa needed to make his annual holiday visit to Bi-Centennial Square in Grahamsville! Of course, he had a lot of helpers, including the Ladies Auxiliary from the Grahamsville and Neversink Fire Department and the local Girl Scout troop.

UPDATE ON STREAM MANAGEMENT PLAN DEVELOPMENT FOR UPPER RONDOUT AND NEVERSINK BASINS TO BE PROVIDED AT DECEMBER 15th MEETING

There will be a briefing on Stream Management Planning underway for the Upper Rondout Creek and Neversink River on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00pm at the Sundown Church Hall in Denning. This initiative is being led by the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District (SCSWCD) in cooperation with the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District and other local and regional partners. (Contd. Pg. 4)

THE COUP, COOPER AND CLAUS!



They have all made their seasonal rounds. Santa was not the only one visiting Winter Wonderland 2009 this past week. Bob Drown in his Plymouth Coup along with Cooper were also enjoying the festive scene at Bi-Centennial Square.

TRI-VALLEY FFA NEWS

Tri-Valley FFA has had a very busy year in 2009. Thank you to everyone who helped us host the New York State FFA Convention in May. We were very pleased with the turn out, since 1024 students were registered before the end of the three day event. (Contd. Pg. 4)

DENNING SENIORS NEWS

The Denning Seniors had their annual Christmas celebration on Tuesday, December 1st, at the Sundown Community Hall. It was a festive and happy occasion with a delicious luncheon of turkey and ham and all the trimmings prepared by all of our wonderful cooks. We also had a lot of fun and laughs with a grab bag gift exchange and lively conversation.

Happy and healthy and blessed holidays to all!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT AT GRAHAMSVILLE UMC

The children and youth of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church will present a Christmas Pageant, "The Birth of Jesus" during 10:30 am worship in on Christmas Sunday, December 20, 2009. Co-directors Ann Bivins and Gretchen Fischer will direct over a dozen children and youth, in this special presentation. All are welcome to attend.

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS FOOD AND GIFT DRIVE NEWS

Thank you to all who participated in the latest food drive and delivery, which helped over 50 families in the Tri-Valley School district. Donations were received from FBLA, the 7th & 8th Grade Student Council, local churches, and many individual members of our community. Mrs. Walsh's third grade class donated delicious apple and pumpkin pies which they made during their field trip to the culinary division of Sullivan County BOCES. This extraordinary generosity is truly appreciated. (Contd. Pg. 3)

MAKING THE HOLIDAYS SAFE FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY YOUTH

Sullivan County CARECORPS Anti-Drug Coalition held a press conference on December 3 at the Government Center in Monticello to announce the Safe Holidays STOP Sticker Campaign. Coordinators of the organization are Carolyn Massey and Bob Korabik of the Recovery Center. Restricting sales of alcohol and tobacco products to underage youth in Sullivan County and promoting a Social Host Ordinance and Mandated Servers' Training Ordinance are the main environmental strategies of the coalition. The latter two regulations would educate parents and retail establishments to be responsible and not provide alcohol to underage youth in private parties in people's homes and in bars and taverns. (Contd. Pg. 10)

LIBERTY FREE THEATRE CONTINUES DOUBLE BILL -Two One Act Plays for December 10-13



The Liberty Free Theatre will present *Not Much To Say* by Paul Austin and *Final Placement* by Ara Watson December 10 - 13. Performances are Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 7:30 P.M. and Sunday at 3:00 P.M. Admission for the performance is free. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. The audience is invited to gather after the performance for food, drink, and music. The theatre is located at 109 South Main Street, Liberty. Call 292-3788 for reservations and information. The plays are not suitable for children. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER : O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.
Psalm 69:5

OBITUARY

John Marshalek, 82, of Acworth, GA, died Wednesday, November 25, 2009.

Funeral services were held on Monday, November 30 in the Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Pat Williams and Rev. Jim Chidester officiating. Burial was in the Georgia National Cemetery.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Marshalek served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II and also as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force attaining the rank of 1st Lieutenant.

He was retired from Classic Cadillac as an auto-mechanic and was a member of VFW Post #5408, the John Birch Society, the National Rifle Association and St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Marshalek of Acworth, GA; daughters, Robin Slater of Grahamsville, NY, Deborah Rasmussen of Canton, Susan Issman of Madisonville, LA, Cynthia Ferraiolo of Accord, NY and Regina Puckett of Temple; a son, Jimmy Parnell of Hiram; a sister, Lillian Merchant of Peru, IN; a brother, Thomas Marshalek of New York; 16 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Calvary Baptist Church Building Fund, 4361 Westside Drive, Acworth, GA 30101.

**DAYS OF YORE...
TODAY'S HISTORY**
December 7, 1949
Not Available

December 9, 1959

Death cast a pall of gloom over tunnel workers at Shaft 6, near DeBruce, as three of their fellow workers were killed within a week. The first accident occurred Friday night, Nov. 27th, when George Rieder, 36, of Margaretville, was drowned in the Beaverkill River. Rieder had been sought by state police and others since his demolished car was found in the Beaverkill River Sunday. He was last seen Friday night as he left a "safety party" celebrating a period of accident-free operations in the tunnel, for his home in Margaretville. The car was found near Craig-e-Clare, thoroughly demolished by the strong currents of the river which was in flood and was 4 to 5 feet above normal height. The search for the body continued until it was found nearly four and a half miles west of Roscoe, Tuesday afternoon. The swift current had carried it about 8 miles. Exactly when the accident occurred was not known. The accident which claimed the life of Michael Siska, 27, also of Margaretville took place 26,000 feet west of the Shaft and 783 feet under the ground. The young man was caught between moving concrete cars which allowed but 6 inches of space for his body. He was pronounced dead at 12:45 A.M. Wednesday, December 2nd. On Saturday, December 5th, the third accident took the Life of Donald Dambois, 30, of Kerhonkson. Mr. Dambois, who was an iron worker, was crushed by an elevator on its way down into the 783 foot tunnel. The accident happened at 10:30 A.M. Shaft 6 is part of a New York City Board

of Water Supply project under construction to channel water from Cannonsville.

Brown trout caught in the Neversink reservoir won first and third grand prizes for 1959 in the Louis A. Wehle fishing contest. A news release from contest headquarters in Rochester discloses that the 11 pound 6 1/2 ounce brown trout caught by Willard E. Smith of Napanoch won first place. Third place was won by Fred Edwards of Liberty with a nine pound 12 ounce brown.

Lucille Doherty, president of the Tri-Valley Teachers Association announced that Mr. Ross, Supervising Principal, will receive his Doctorate in February 1960.

A Christmas basket
of food or fruit
Makes a wonderful gift
for a shut-in friend,
And for the one
who "has everything",
Some special food
is the thing to send!
KUM TO KRUM'S

Justice and Mrs. Erts have sold their bungalow in Denning to Mr. Alois Poll of Brooklyn, N.Y. who had been living at the place since the beginning of deer season.

Ronald Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell, enlisted in the United States Navy, Nov. 4, 1959. He is at the Great Lakes Training Center, Illinois.

To order flowers for all occasions call Jessie B. Erath - Grahamsville 4341-local representative of Hillside Greenhouses.

December 10, 1969

THE SEASONS
By Mabel F. Hill

Cornstalks rustle
in the autumn breeze.
Leaves are falling
from the maple trees.
Summer is saying
"Good Bye".
Soon there will come
the ice and snow,
Then warm Spring winds
will follow to show
Summer will soon return.
Flowers will bloom
and birds will sing,
Old Winter still thinks
that he is King
But Summer is Queen,
I know.

Bill Gross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dewire, became engaged to Miss Gale Way of Bluepoint, Long Island, over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Big Buck Contest of the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club was won by Harold Buley, Jr. with an eight point rack.

December 17, 1969

At the Board of Education meeting on Tuesday night an indication of the Sullivan County Department of Public Work's willingness to examine the possibility of relocation of Moore Hill Road was tendered by Commissioner John J. McGough.

Mrs. Brooke Parker, Editor of the TOWNSMAN is ill. In her absence the Townsman is

being prepared by Mrs. John Barlow.

If anyone would like to learn to run the Press at the Townsman, volunteer, of course, please come to the Townsman Tuesday night. Tom Smith is now running the press and a night off now and then would be appreciated.

December 13, 1979

On Thursday, about 145 members of the AARP attended their annual Christmas Party at the Woodbourne Fire Hall - a roast beef dinner prepared and served by the Ulster Heights Methodist Church Ladies.

Bertha Ackerley, Connie Dill, Kathleen Rolf and Lena Slater, all members of the Claryville Quilters' Circle went to Puckahuddle on Friday where they stocked up on supplies.

I would like to thank Theresa Brenner for having a Baby Shower for me. And thanks to all who came! Sincerely, Carol LeGueux

I am pleased to announce that I have selected Mrs. Georgianna Lepke to serve as Deputy County Treasurer. I look forward to working with Mrs. Lepke and the current personnel to provide for an open, efficient, frugal and responsible treasurer's office. Richard Coombe.

THEATRE PARTY FOR SPRING

As the Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary promised, and after a long hiatus, the Auxiliary is happy to announce their theatre party for spring. It will be a bus trip to the Broadway show, *JERSEY BOYS*, a matinee performance on June 9, 2010 at the August Wilson Theatre on Broadway and W. 52nd Street, New York City

Winner of the 2006 Tony Award for Best Musical, *Jersey Boys* tells the story of how Frankie Valley and The Four Seasons went from being unknown New Jersey kids to International Pop Superstars. The show features over 30 of their hits including "Sherry", "Big Girls Don't Cry", and "Can't Take My Eyes Off You."

The price is \$150 per person, which includes an orchestra seat and round trip bus transportation. Passengers will be picked up in Kerhonkson, Ellenville, Wurtsboro and Middletown. Reservation contacts are: JoAnne Everett at (845) 647-6769 and Blossom Rozman at (845) 706-3817 (cell). Checks are to be made payable to the Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary (ERHA) and can be mailed to:

Carol Lounsbery, 15 Healthy Way, Apt. 43, Ellenville, NY 12428. There is a strong demand for this mega-hit and it would be wise to make your reservation as soon as possible. We have only 50 tickets left, so be sure to act quickly.

The Auxiliary is a supporter of the projects for the Ellenville Regional Hospital. Recently they gave a check to the hospital for \$15,000 for retrofitting the cafeteria kitchen.

HERE AND THERE

As the year starts winding down to its close, many people like to "clean the slate," so to speak, to make sure they have taken care of all obligations - business, financial, social, and/or personal - before setting out on a new year. In the case of this column, there are some items I have promised myself that I would write about, but somehow never seemed to fit them in. With only two issues to be published in 2009, it's time to try again.

The first of these items is a long-delayed pat-on-the-back to a local native son: Wayne Zanetti. One year ago, Wayne was named President of the First National Bank of Jeffersonville, and he is now completing his 1st year in that office. After commuting 64 (originally 82) miles - one way, Wayne considers the 27 miles to Jeff a short hop. We have known Wayne as a friend and neighbor, a student, a colleague, and a community leader for many years. We are proud of Wayne and his accomplishments, and we wish him many years of continued success.

The second item is also a long, over-due recognition of service. Tommy Mitchell is not a native son, but moved here with his family while still in school. After graduation, he became a correction officer, married and became a family man. In the early 1970s, he and six other men met to talk about the need for worthwhile activities for our young people, and out of that meeting the Tri-Valley Little League was born. They began with equipment bought on credit, and the use of a field - a bare field, with no amenities. During that first year, spectators brought blankets or lawn chairs to sit on while they watched their kids play ball. Coaches and officials were all volunteers, mostly the dads of the players. Over the years, the volunteers have come and gone, but Tom Mitchell is still the glue that holds the Little League together. The "city field" of today is a Yankee Field by comparison with its origin; there are stands, a refreshment booth, storage areas, and bathrooms - all made possible by the energy and persistence of one dedicated man. Thank you, Tom!

Three local couples are currently celebrating anniversaries totaling 147 years of marriage. Tom and Linda Cypert of Woodbourne exchanged vows on Dec. 5, 1964. Six years earlier, on Dec. 6, 1958, Jim and Irma Mentnech, also of Woodbourne, were married. And the next day, Dec. 7, 1958, Thomas and June Smith began their life together in Grahamsville. Congratulations to all!

If my math is correct, Ethan Terwilliger, son of Mark and Karen, will turn 16 on Dec. 13. Moving ahead to next week, Carolyn Coombe celebrates on Dec. 21; niece Kayla (Schmitz) Wilson on Dec. 22; and Wanda Cypert (somewhere in her 90s) on Dec. 25. Many Happy Returns to all!

See you next week. Be good to each other. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Happy Anniversary to Tom and Linda Cypert who celebrated on December 5th.

Belated Happy Birthday to Karl Allison who was 87 years old on December 1st. Hope your day was special!

And Happy Birthday to Christine Allison who will celebrate her birthday on December 27th.

Craig Dean is all smiles and proud to announce that he shot a 496 lb. bear on the family farm here in Neversink. Congratulations to Craig.

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

RESULTS OF 2009 YOUTH CROSS COUNTRY NATIONALS

On Saturday December 5th, six Tri-Valley School Harriers competed at the 2009 Youth Cross Country Nationals at Wide World of Sports in Orlando Florida. In the 15 year old Boys race, Tri-valley 10th grader Jim Bernstein placed 19th covering the 5K distance in 18:22.50; Autumn Bender a 6th grader placed 29th in the 11 year old division; Devon Jones a 7th grader, placed 86th in the 12 year olds. 8th graders Brendon Hasbrouck and SoWoo Chon, placed 55th and 78th in the 13 year old Division and 8th grader Justin Weintraub placed 86th in the 14 year olds. Congratulations!

THANKSGIVING/CHRISTMAS FOOD AND GIFT DRIVE NEWS (From Pg. 1)

The Tri-Valley Cares Coalition, in conjunction with the Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be collecting supplies for the next distribution, which will be held on December 21. In addition to providing a holiday meal, gifts for children will also be part of the project (contact Dana McDonald to add children to the gift list at 985-2296 ext. 5507). Specific food items needed are: Frozen turkeys, Smoked hams, Instant potatoes, Canned yams/sweet potatoes, Canned green beans, corn, peas, Cranberry sauce, Apple Sauce, Apple Juice (Next Col.)

As always, any other non-perishable foods are always welcome. Those preferring to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to TVTA Cares Coalition or Food Pantry of the United Methodist Church. Collection boxes are available by each main entrance to the school, the Grahamsville Post Office, Neversink Town Hall and at home varsity basketball games.

If you would like to have your family added to our list, or if you know of new families who have moved to the district or families that have recently lost jobs and should be added to the list, please contact Mary Zanetti at 985-2296, voice mail extension 4247, or Mary Lee Haag at 985-2455.

TVCS TEACHER (From Pg. 1)



Berescik has collaborated with other educators across the country to develop curriculum that engages students. She helped pilot a pre-veterinary science course and

a plant science curriculum with teachers from California and Florida. The students enrolled in her floral design classes have the opportunity to teach adult education classes and run their own floral design business. Berescik also led a group of her international agriculture to Ireland in 2007 and New Zealand in 2009.

"As far as her ability to provide sound, interdisciplinary instruction; she is exceptional," said Robert Worden, high school principal at Tri-Valley Central School. "Her charismatic presentation, coupled with an ability to provide material using a multi-sensory and multi-modal approach is unsurpassed."

"As a teacher, I strive to completely teach to every child in this program, not just their minds, their hands or their hearts," said Berescik. "Without making these links, the child misses out on valuable opportunities and I feel that agricultural education allows students to get the foundations necessary to be productive and competent citizens."

Each of the six regional winners received a two-year lease on a Toyota Tundra, expense paid trip to the annual convention, dinner in their honor, and plaque. Toyota sponsors the Outstanding Teacher Award as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. NAAE is the professional association for agricultural educators. The mission of NAAE is "professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service." The NAAE office is located in Lexington, Ky.

PARENTS FOR PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Liberty, NY: The Parents for Parents Support Group will meet on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 from 6:00-7:30p.m., at the Sullivan County BOCES campus, Rubin Pollack Education Center, Liberty, NY. Come to the E-Wing entrance - Follow the signs at the second driveway. The meeting will take place in room E8.

Bring your children to the support group evening and, while parents are connecting with each other and with the group facilitators, the kids will have fun with staff from Sullivan County BOCES and the Sullivan County Department of Community Services, playing games and doing crafts. This week's theme will be "A Holiday Celebration!" We will be having Holiday appetizers and desserts. There will also be live music and fun games and crafts for the children. Free transportation can be arranged with prior notice. In addition to a parent support group, a Sibling Support Group meets at the same time. This support group is for siblings between the ages of 11 and 15, of the family member with an emotional or behavioral issue. This meeting takes place in a separate room and offers youth a safe, confidential place to share feelings and engage in fun activities. You must call to register.

To register and to arrange for transportation to and from the meeting, please contact Laura Fisher (295-4040) or Sherry Eidel (295-4042), Sullivan County BOCES' Parent Educators/Resource Facilitators.

SUNY ULSTER SCHEDULES NURSING INFORMATION SESSION

Ulster County Community College will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program on Tuesday, December 15, at 3:00 p.m. in Vanderlyn Hall, room 109 on the college's Stone Ridge campus. The session will provide information (Next Col.)

on the admissions process, the program curriculum including pre-requisites and co-requisites, as well as new testing requirements. For further information and reservations, phone the Admissions Office at (800) 724-0833 or email: admissionoffice@sunyulster.edu.

Information about the Nursing program can be found at www.sunyulster.edu.

SLAC WINTER HOLIDAY GATHERING

(From Pg. 1) There will be a short meeting and then a showing of "The Wisdom of T.R. Reid" (*Sick Around the World*).

This event is free and open to all. Please join us and share your interests and concerns.

SLAC, P.O. Box 1065, South Fallsburg, NY 12779, is affiliated with the New York Statewide Senior Action Council and can be reached through the Sullivan county Office for the Aging at (845) 807-0241 or 985-7901.

PLEASE BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM FOR THE SULLIVAN COUNTY FEDERATION FOR THE HOMELESS.

ADDITIONAL NOTE: Medicare (Mis)Advantage Plans are stepping up their marketing. Beware of low cost promises as the plans may not cover you in Sullivan County.

Before you consider any of these plans, call an expert at the Office of the Aging at (845) 807-0241 for advice.

A POND IN WINTER

By Peggy DeWire
As I drove past a familiar roadside pond that cold day, I saw it was covered with ice and nothing moved. Quite a contrast to the lively place I remembered last summer with frogs and toads, turtles and dragonflies.

What was going on under the ice? How had the water changed? Was there enough food and warmth for pond life to survive in the winter?

A permanent pond has water 6-10 feet deep year round. It maintains fairly even temperatures with gradual seasonal changes. Light penetrates the shallow depths to the bottom so that plants grow from bank to bank.

The temperature of the water determines what level it occupies in the pond. A cold water layer at 39 degrees is the heaviest and drops to the bottom taking a myriad of tiny organisms down to winter safely in the mud.

A warm water layer at 32 degrees floats at surface level and freezes over, covering the pond with a blanket that keeps warmth from radiating out into the colder air above.

Enough winter sunlight filters through the ice for plants to make their own green food (photosynthesis). This ensures great plant crops of one-cell algae and diatoms harvested by small organisms which in turn feed bigger ones like frogs, turtles and fishes.

There are thousands of transparent diatoms in one glass of water. These micro-plants reproduce by the millions to form half the staple food crop in pond water.

Completing the other half are millions of one-cell animals called protozoan. They convert into protein pond water gases like oxygen and dissolved chemicals like calcium.

So pond life, eat or be eaten, still goes on in winter but at a much slower pace. Food is plentiful. Temperature stabilizes at 32 degrees. Oxygen level is maintained by the wonderful respiration exchanged between plants and animals. Plants breathe in carbon dioxide and expel oxygen while animals inhale oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide.

The animals I saw last summer around the pond are all hibernating now, their body metabolism slowed.

Frogs bury themselves in the bottom mud and breathe through their skin. Turtles cover themselves too and extract oxygen through the extra blood vessels lining their neck and from body tissues. In fact, by the end of winter, a turtle has so shrunken that it hardly fits in its shell.

Pond insects in the larva stage crawl in the detritus on the bottom or cling to plant stems where they suck sap.

I drove on thinking that life in the pond under the ice is truly as lively in winter as summer.



To all of our friends and neighbors celebrating the Festival of Lights that begins this weekend

Happy Chanukah!

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING,
OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the qualified voters of the Tri-Valley Central School District shall be held at the Tri-Valley Secondary School, Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, New York, 12740, on: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 p.m. The following proposition will be submitted for voter approval at said meeting:

PROPOSITION

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School District, is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of addition to, construction and reconstruction of the roof of the Tri-Valley Elementary School and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$700,000; and to appropriate, encumber, and expend \$700,000 from the general fund of the 2009-2010 school year.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the text of the foresaid proposition may appear on the ballot labels in the following abbreviated form:

PROPOSITION

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this special voter meeting, authorizing addition to, construction, reconstruction of the Elementary School Roof all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$700,000 to be appropriated, encumbered, and expended from the general fund of the 2009-2010 school year all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

The School District, acting as lead agency to the extent necessary for this purpose under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA"), has completed its environmental review and, on December 3, 2009, has duly determined and found the purpose to be a type II action which will not have a significant impact on the environment and is not subject to any further environmental review under SEQRA.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots to vote on the proposition may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk. Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid special district meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such special district meeting if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote (excluding Saturday and Sunday). An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of such special district meeting.

By order of the Board of Education
Dated: December 4, 2009
Tri-Valley Central School District
Grahamsville, New York
Martha Lee Ter Bush, District Clerk

12/10; 12/17; 1/7; 1/14

**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
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Will hold a Regular Board Meeting

On Thursday, December 17, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.
In the Secondary School Library Lower Level
Grahamsville Fire District

Notice of Organizational Meeting

Please take notice that the organizational meeting for the year 2010 of the **Grahamsville Fire District of the Town of Neversink**, County of Sullivan, New York, will be held on the 4th day of January, 2010, at 7:30 PM on that day at the Grahamsville Fire House, Route 55, Grahamsville, New York.

By order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Grahamsville Fire District.
Scott L. Raymond, Secretary

12/10

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 Stephen Feffer for an Area Variance at 300 Viscomi Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740. (ZBA #11-1-8.1) Mr. Feffer is requesting a variance for relief from §50-8 Setback Requirements.

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

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

12/3 & 12/10

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning Organizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at the Denning Town Hall 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725, scheduled to begin at 7 P.M. prior to the Town Board Meeting.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Joy Ann Monforte
Town Clerk

12/9/ & 12/16

**UPDATE ON STREAM MANAGEMENT
PLAN DEVELOPMENT FOR UPPER
RONDOUT AND NEVERSINK BASINS**
(From Pg. 1)

Brian Brustman, Executive Director of the SCSWCD, said: "I appreciate the chance to work with Town of Denning and Town of Neversink residents, seasonal property owners, and agency and non-profit partners, to plan for the long-term protection and enhancement of the stream environment. We are focusing on the main stream corridors and major tributaries within the Rondout and Neversink basins."

There will be a briefing on Stream Management Planning underway for the Upper Rondout Creek and Neversink River on Tuesday, December 15th at 7:00pm at the Sundown Church Hall in Denning. This initiative is being led by the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District (SCSWCD) in cooperation with the Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District and other local and regional partners.

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**HOLIDAY EVEN SCHEDULED FOR SC
GOVERNMENT CENTER**

The following holiday events will take place at the Sullivan County Government Center this month:

The annual Holiday Concerts featuring local bands and chorus groups will take place on the following dates at 12pm in the Atrium of the Government Center: December 14, Liberty Middle School Jazz Ensemble, Gary Siegel-Director; December 15 MISU (Music Institute of Sullivan & Ulster), Anastasia Solberg; December 16, Liberty High School Honors Chorus, Tim Hamblin-Director; December 17, Liberty High School Honors Band, Dan McConnell-Director; December 18, MISU (Music Institute of Sullivan & Ulster) Anastasia Solberg; December 21, Monticello High School Wind Symphony, Dr. Kevin Dirth, Aaron Rovitz; December 22, Eldred High School Band & Chorus, Justin Glodich-Director; December 23, Roscoe Central School Music

Program, Kelly Bullis-Director of Bands Roscoe Elementary School Band, Roscoe Middle School Band, Roscoe High School Band; Roscoe High School Chorus, Rachel Kleinman

The Sullivan County Legislature and the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sullivan County are inviting County staff and the public to join them in decorating the Christmas tree in the Atrium of the Government Center on Thursday, December 10, (Next Col.) 2009 at 3pm. Through a private donation, the Boys & Girls Clubs have been making ornaments in their afterschool programs to adorn the tree.

The Sullivan County Legislature and the Landfield Avenue Synagogue are inviting County staff and the public to join them for a "Ceremony of Lighting," a Chanukah ceremony that will include songs and giving of the Chanukah gelt on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at 3pm. The Synagogue will also provide free menorahs and candles to anyone in need.

TV FFA NEWS (From Pg. 1.)

We also did a very good job in the Career Development Events we competed in at the State Convention:

Sr. Extemporaneous Speaking - 1st Place - Danielle Sanok, 3rd Place - Liz Bracken

Parliamentary Procedure Team - 1st Place - Chris Whipple, Nicole Avery, Hannah Lindquist, Emily Higgins, Cathryn Dymond, Ethan Terwilliger, and Nat Tompkins (alternate)

Agriculture Communications - 1st Place - Emily Devore (7th place individual), Brendan Sanok (5th place individual), Hope Costa (1st place individual), Aurora Boyes (2nd place individual), Joy Leon (3rd place individual)

Jr. Creed Speaking - 1st Place - Christina Kackos
Food Science - 3rd Place - Cathryn Dymond, Chris Whipple, Ariel Cyr (4th place individual), and Alan Moss

Agriculture Issues - 2nd Place - Eat This, Not That Team - Danielle Sanok, Danielle Darby, Liz Bracken, Ariana Kaminski, and Laura Elberth

- 3rd Place - Bees Team - Hannah Lindquist, Emily Higgins, Chris Whipple, Brendan Sanok, Caroline Bertholf, and Sarah McCauliff

Agriculture Mechanics - Bronze Rating - Brent McKeon and Zach Connor

Senior Prepared Speaking - 4th Place - Danielle Sanok

Floriculture - 5th Place - Samantha Duquette, Michelle McNutt, Lyn Forget, Krista Devore

Junior Quiz Bowl - 1st Place Team - Christina Kackos, Jared Ratner, Kayla Yager, and Bronte Hough

Honorable Mention - Ryan Sanok, Lawrence Bracken, Bridget Kackos, and Hauk Boyes

People in Agriculture Poster - 2nd Place - Brady Rogers

Jr. Extemporaneous Speaking - 2nd Place - Kyle Rogers

Chapter Meeting - 1st Place Team - Christina Kackos, Dan Short, Ashley Exner, Kyle Rogers, Sidnye Stepanov, and Kayla Yager

Tool Identification - 2nd Place Team - Aric Boyes (1st Place Individual), Andrew Exner, Bradley VanAken, and Ray Thilberg

Talent - 1st Place Team - Chris Whipple, Michelle McNutt, Emily Higgins, Emily Devore, Christina Neist, Liz Bracken, Krista Devore, Aurora Boyes, Nicole Avery, Jeremy Kinney, Danielle Darby

- 2nd Place Team - Bridget Kackos and Megan Comfort

1st Place Individual - Anna Dexheimer

2nd Place Individual - Katrina Frost

3rd Place Individual - Ashley Exner

Chorus - Caroline Bertholf, Emily Higgins, Hannah Lindquist, Ariana Kaminski, Ashley Exner, Sarah Thilberg, Katie Thilberg, and Grace Ianuso

Proficiency Awards

Nursery Landscape - 1st Place - Michelle McNutt

Home and Community Development - 1st Place - Kaylie Ackerley

Agriculture Education - 2nd Place - Kaylie Ackerley

Agriculture Communications - 2nd Place - Kaylie Ackerley

Agriculture Education - 1st Place - Amber Wynkoop

Equine Science - 2nd Place - Amber Wynkoop

Small Animal Care - 3rd Place - Nicole Avery

Agriculture Communications - 4th Place - Laura Elberth

Food Science and Technology - 2nd Place - Danielle Sanok

Empire Degrees, Nicole Avery, Ariel Cyr, Krista Devore, Samantha Duquette, Cathryn Dymond, Laura Elberth, Jamie Evans, Katrina Frost, Michelle McNutt, Christina Neist

American Degrees, Kaylie Ackerley, Melissa Bonaparte, Addie Frost, (Contd. Pg. 13)



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COUNTY EXECUTIVES MEET WITH GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO DISCUSS STATE'S FISCAL CHALLENGES AND WAYS TO ADDRESS THEM

County executives from across the state convened in Albany last week for the annual business meeting of the New York State County Executives Association.

The executives talked about the need to make dramatic structural differences in order to realign the state's programs and services delivered at the county level-a system that has driven New York's property taxes to be among the highest in the nation, according to Orange County Executive Ed Diana, president of the County Executives Association.

The county executives voiced concern with the potential that state payment for local programs and services are delayed by the Governor in order to keep the state from running out of cash. The areas that would be affected by delayed payment include public health, mental health, social programs, transportation projects and public safety.

"Most of our counties do not have the reserves to absorb delayed or denied state reimbursement. In some cases they would have to borrow for short term to keep their budgets balanced for the remainder of the fiscal year," said Diana.

FALLSBURG HS PREPARES FOR MID-WINTER CONCERT

In the attached photo, Fallsburg High School Music Teacher Ms. Colleen Barber is conducting the school chorus in a rehearsal for the annual Mid-Winter Concert with the Chorus and with the Band under the direction of Mr. John Lusk. The public is cordially invited to listen to the traditional sounds of the holidays on December 10 at 7 PM in the Fallsburg High School Auditorium.

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LIBERTY FREE THEATRE (From Pg. 1)

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Tom DeFavero, Michael Frizalone, Valerie Mansi, Dana Priebe and James Sullivan comprise the cast of *Not Much To Say*. Dana Priebe and Rebecca Robbins are featured in *Final Placement*. The sets were designed by Alexis Siroc and Thomas Bosket. Lighting was designed by Jon-Jon Thomas. Paul Austin directed.

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EPIC (Contd.) evening at the Fallsburg Junior High School Cafeteria. EPIC Directors Jane Sorensen and Ruth Stratton welcomed many families and provided them with food for the mind as well in the form of materials to help their youngsters succeed in school, work on holiday decorations, and wrap toys and presents for needy children in the school district. English as a Second Language Teacher Martha Zalkin translated information for Spanish speaking families. Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz acknowledged EPIC for the great support they offer to the school and encouraged the families to enjoy the evening.

COSOR STUDENTS ARE CAUGHT BEING GOOD



For the past two years as part of the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) system, Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School has been "catching" students in the act of being good and rewarding them with a special breakfast each month. Teachers Ms. Nancy Hoover and Ms. Susana Martin receive nominations from classroom teachers for kids from pre-K to grade 6, and they organize the breakfast in the school cafeteria.



For the month of November, the following children were honored: Third grader Salvatore Plavnick with his family that came to celebrate his award left nicky, Nikola came to right are aunt Lynda Knobloch, Christ Scocozza, grandma Virginia Granados, Yacenda, grandpa Andy Henderson Lagos, Yacenda, dad Derek Plavnick, Rene Rojas, Ava Anderman, Helena Wunner, Angel Montalvo, Edita Lulanaj, Yachiara Ross, Aaron Flood, Sydney Melendez, Shashi Lilia, Larissa Fraser, Bintou Dumbuya.

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SEND YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS BY WAY OF THE TOWNSMAN

Each year *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* publishes holiday greetings to your friends, neighbors and family. This year our holiday issue will be published on December 17th. Each greeting will be approximately 2"x3". The deadline for all holiday greetings is Friday, December 11th, 2009. Please use our "Holiday Wishes" order blank when ordering your greeting. Thank you and have a wonderful Holiday Season! - Please use the order blank on the bottom of the page.



1 -Candle



2 -Sleigh



3 -Snowman



4 -Trees



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Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District, in conjunction with Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District, will host:

Update on Stream Management Planning for the Rondout Creek and Neversink River

Tuesday, December 15th 7:00pm
Sundown Church Hall
Denning

The meeting will explain the purpose and process of stream management planning (SMP) underway for these basins. The first focus of these two SMP initiatives is the Rondout. The meeting will include an introduction to the new Stream Coordinator hired for this project.

treatment services for Alzheimer's patients and expand training and support services for their families and caregivers. The Alzheimer's Treatment and Caregiver Support Act would provide grants to public and nonprofit organizations to improve patient treatment services and support services for Alzheimer's caregivers. Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA) introduced similar legislation in the House of Representatives last week.

"Alzheimer's deeply affects families across New York," said Senator Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. "In the coming years, as our aged population grows, more families will be living with this heartbreaking disease for which there is no known cure. We must do more to ensure that patients suffering from this condition are receiving the best care possible, and that Alzheimer's caregivers looking after the needs of our loved ones are receiving the highest level of assistance and the best training techniques. This legislation addresses gaping holes in the current support system for victims of Alzheimer's, and works to ensure that patients and caregivers receive the resources they deserve."

"This legislation recognizes that families and other caregivers taking care of loved ones with Alzheimer's must have the dementia care training they need to manage needed care," said Robert Egge, Vice President for Public Policy and Advocacy at the Alzheimer's Association. "The bill also provides services tailored to the unique needs of each individual with dementia, and expands community based services, especially in underserved communities, to assist families in need."

The Alzheimer's Treatment and Caregiver Support Act would provide grants to organizations that employ a comprehensive approach to care that integrates patient treatment techniques with training and support services for families and caregivers. A majority of Alzheimer's patients remain at home and cared for by family members, who look after their physical, emotional, medical, legal, and financial affairs. Caring for an Alzheimer's patient can be extremely stressful. More than 40 percent of caregivers rate the emotional stress of the disease's dementia symptoms as high or very high and about one-third suffer from depression.

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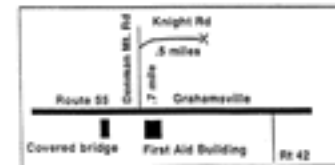
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patient can be extremely stressful - more than 40 percent of caregivers rate the emotional stress of the disease's dementia symptoms as high or very high and about one-third suffer from depression.

Programs across New York could apply for funding through the Alzheimer's Treatment and Caregiver Support Act to enhance their services. For example, Day Haven, an adult day services program for Alzheimer's patients located on Long Island, prevents patients from being confined to a nursing home. Approximately 90 percent of their participants suffer from dementia and cannot be left alone. With federal dollars, Day Haven would be able to offer more stimulating social activities program, extend their flexible hours (including weekends) to help working families, and provide emergency respite care. They could also help with offsite services including transportation, meal and nutrition needs and dementia-proofing homes.

WITH 5 MILLION AMERICANS SUFFERING FROM ALZHEIMER'S, GILLIBRAND INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE PATIENT CARE AND CAREGIVER SUPPORT

New Measure Would Improve Treatment Services For Alzheimer's Patients And Expand Training And Support Services For Their Families And Caregivers

With an estimated 5 million Americans suffering from Alzheimer's disease, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand introduced legislation that would improve



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MAKING THE HOLIDAYS SAFE FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY YOUTH (From Pg. 1)



In the group photo left to right are some of the participants and speakers: Fallsburg High School Students and Project D.R.E.A.M. Tank members Aaron Velasquez and Jose Lemus, REMIX Program student Luis Ocasio, D.R.E.A.M. Tank ambassador Matt Sze, REMIX student Jesus Mangual, Sullivan West High School student Axel Johanson, Tri Valley Student and CYO member Christina Neist, behind is Sergeant Michael Rushanski of State Police, Carolyn Massey of Recovery Center, SC CARECORPS Chairperson Larry Schafman, Judge Josephine Finn of D.R.E.A.M. Tank, Barbara Neist of CARECORPS, Judge Mark Meddaugh, CRMC Hospital CEO Steve Ruwoldt, and SC District Attorney Elect Jim Farrell. Ordinances would bring the support of law enforcement and the larger community into helping prevent the tragedies brought on by abuse of alcohol among our young people.

Chair of the CARECORPS group, Larry Schafman, welcomed parents, students, and residents as well as members of the media. He explained the importance and timeliness of this campaign as the holiday season begins. He introduced the following speakers who reinforced the message; State Trooper Sergeant Michael Rushanski, Sullivan County Undersheriff Eric Chaboty, Fallsburg Police Chief Simmie Williams, Catskill Regional Medical Center CEO Steve Ruwoldt, students Jose Lemus from Fallsburg High School and D.R.E.A.M. Tank, Christina Neist from Tri Valley High School and the Catholic Youth Organization, Judge Josephine Finn and student Matt Sze from D.R.E.A.M. Tank, Rachel Lewis from Sullivan County Youth Alliance, Sullivan County Family Court Judge Mark Meddaugh, and District Attorney Elect Jim Farrell. Also Mr. Schafman read a letter of support from Terri Ward, President/CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce.

Student volunteers are actively meeting with businesses throughout the County to place the STOP stickers in their windows and to create a consciousness of not serving alcohol or tobacco products to anyone they suspect of being under age. If you want to support the program and volunteer your service as a youngster or member of a youth group, please contact Larry Schafman at Fallsburg High School, 434-6800, ext 2213.

SC LONGBEARDS, NYS CHAPTER

First and foremost, we would like to thank all of our volunteers for the hard work they have put into our organization this past year. You know that we are small in number but big in heart. We love what we do and we know you do too!! So, thanks from the bottom of our hearts. A Big Special Thank You also goes out to Boy Scout Troop 877 members from Livingston Manor who volunteered to help park cars at the JAKES Extravaganza. It is great to see our youth volunteering their time and service, this is what makes us all keep on going! We could not continue our good work without your help and support. We would also like to thank our generous donors (in alphabetical order):

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We also thank Rob Potter and *The Sullivan County Democrat*, *The Times Herald Record* and *The Tri-Valley Townsman* for their continued coverage of our organization and its' events. We hope you know how much you are appreciated and that without you and your support, we could not achieve all that we have in 2009.

Following is a list of all of our events or benefits for 2009. The above donors have given to one, some or all of them and again we thank you:

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Early Youth Turkey Hunting Contest, Sullivan County Long Beards Annual Banquet, Women in the Outdoors Event, Annual Spring JAKES Fishing Event, Boy Scouts Camporee (Merit Badge Event), Turkey Hunters Care Turkey Giveaway (161 birds), Wheelin' Sportsman Event. (Contd. Pg. 15)

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SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

By: Greg J. Goldstein, Town of Neversink Supervisor

Christmas Reminder that the Town Hall will close at noon on December 24th and all day on the 25th for Christmas.

New Years Reminder that the Town Hall will close at noon on December 31st and all day on January 1st for New Years.

Assessor's Office Please take note that the Assessor's Office will be closed December 21, 2009 through January 4, 2010. If you need to bring in your Enhanced Star form during this time you can leave it in the Town Clerk's office. The Aged Exemption forms will be sent out January 6th and will need to be returned with the current income information by March 1, 2010.

Dept. of Motor Vehicles The DMV will be at the Town Hall from 10 AM to 2:30 PM on December 10th.

Emergency Situations Winter weather is upon us and I would like to remind everyone that if they are faced with an emergency situation (i.e. no heat, electricity, etc.) and need assistance from the Town to please call me at the Town Hall or at my home (985-0027) so that I am able to get you the help needed or at least reach out to the appropriate authorities for assistance.

Sewer Project Update We are now waiting for final approval of the project and hope to have some good news very soon. When the project has reached final completion, letters will be sent to every homeowner who is part of the extension project which will explain in detail the next steps for hook-up. **REMINDER - IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU DO NOT START THE SEWER HOOK-UP UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK.**

Stream Management Program The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District and NYC DEP, along with cooperation from the Towns of Neversink and Denning will be developing stream management plans for the upper Rondout Creek and the East and West Branches of the Neversink River. It is through this effort that they will be looking at ways to prevent damage to property of owners caused by chronic flooding, erosion problems, etc.

Transfer Station Transfer station hours will remain the same during the holidays. The 2010 annual transfer station permits will be available at the Town Clerk's Office beginning January 4, 2010. As most of you are probably aware, the County of Sullivan will be imposing a fee for the disposal of solid waste and are expected to vote on an exact fee structure on December 17th.

Tree Lighting Ceremony The 4th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony held at Bicentennial Square on Sunday, November 29th was well attended with approximately 100 people in attendance. I would like to thank everyone who participated in the tree lighting, making this annual event a success. Everyone enjoyed the official opening of the holiday season with caroling, holiday readings and refreshments.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 985-2262 ext. 301.

Anyone interested in having the Supervisor's Corner e-mailed to them, please contact Brenda Devore @ 985-2262 ext. 306 with your e-mail address. She will put you on a list to receive the column when it comes out each month.

I would like to take this time out to thank all the residents of the Town of Neversink, the employees of the Town of Neversink, all the members of the Neversink Renaissance, the museum, the library and everyone who works together to make this the greatest community in Sullivan County. Without the volunteers we would not be able to have all the activities we have and this town would not be the great place to live that it is!

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!

GUNTHER OPPOSES GOVERNOR'S PLAN TO WITHHOLD LOCAL AID FUNDS

Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther (D, C, 1 - Forestburgh) announced today that she does not support the Governor's plan to close the remaining state budget gap by withholding local aid funding to counties, towns and villages.

"Our local governments are struggling to make ends meet just as the State," said Gunther. "To withhold these funds to our local governments will create even more distress on services and employment across the state."

This past Monday, the governor said he had directed the Division of Budget to deny certification for local assistance payments already approved in this year's budget, a move that will have the effect of delaying or ultimately stopping these funds.

"Of course the Governor is attempting to deal with a serious financial crisis," said Gunther. "But moving the crisis onto local governments is not appropriate. The Assembly passed a deficit reduction measure that will shrink New York State's budget deficit by \$2.7 billion - allowing the governor to manage cash flow for the remainder of the fiscal year."

Experts agree there is no power in the executive branch to amend a budget and to refuse to expend funds that have already been appropriated. The state Court of Appeals' ruling in the 1980 case of County of Oneida vs. Berle, determined that the governor "may not override enactments which have emerged from the lawmaking process" by amending the budget or simply refusing to spend the funds specified in the budget.

ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE MIKE HEIN SECURES AN ADDITIONAL \$8.3 MILLION TO REPAVE ROUTE 28

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to announce that because Ulster County has been diligent in completing engineering and preliminary work needed to utilize over \$27 million dollars in other stimulus funding awarded to the county to date, and because of aggressive advocacy, millions of additional dollars are coming to Ulster County.

Governor Paterson has approved and certified County Executive Hein's request, made through the Ulster County Transportation Council (UCTC), for an additional \$8.26 million in federal (Next Col.)

stimulus funds to repave Route 28. The new funding will be used to resurface over 23 miles of roadway and shoulders from Route 375, in West Hurley to Route 28A, in Boiceville and from Route 214, in Phoenicia to the Delaware County line. Construction work is expected to begin in the spring of 2010.

The project was originally proposed as part of the UCTC's request for federal infrastructure funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Funding was competitive and limited and only \$2.2 million was initially allocated.

County Executive Hein recognizes the Route 28 corridor is a critical transportation link for the region and an economic lifeline for the tourism industry. He asked Governor Paterson to place this project on a priority list should any additional ARRA funding become available. He also asked the New York State Department of Transportation to include the project in its listing of ready to go infrastructure projects as ARRA close out deadlines approached.

"Route 28 is not only the gateway to the Catskills; it is the key driver of economic development for every community that it passes through. I fought hard for this additional funding and, as County Executive and Chairman of the Transportation Council, I was able to successfully advocate for the interests of the people of Ulster County," said County Executive Hein. "I would also like to recognize all the Town Supervisors, County Legislators and private sector individuals who helped promote this project. Thanks to a common vision and purpose, we will have a safer, more accessible and more prosperous Route 28 corridor."

HINCHEY STATEMENT ON COMCAST'S DEAL TO ACQUIRE NBC UNIVERSAL FROM GENERAL ELECTRIC

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), who is the founder and chairman of Congress' Future of American Media Caucus, today released the following statement regarding Comcast's deal to acquire NBC Universal from General Electric.

"Comcast's acquisition of NBC Universal would have a devastating impact on the already decreasing ability of the American people to receive unfiltered access to news, information, and entertainment programming from a wide array of sources. Given that we've already seen Comcast try to (Next Col.)

cancel the Internet when it sought to undermine network neutrality several years ago, the American people should have no faith that Comcast would allow them to have access to a wide array of television programming.

"Comcast already has significant control over content distribution and this acquisition would enable it to expand that control into content production. This would put Comcast in a powerful situation to advance its own interests by promoting and making its own content widely available while also potentially hindering the ease and access of other programming. If this acquisition goes through, it would greatly limit the diversity of programming while also serving as a dangerous precedent for other content distributors to acquire a major network and news provider.

"Today, just five companies own all of the country's broadcast networks, 90 percent of the top 50 cable networks, produce three-quarters of all prime time programming, and control 70 percent of the prime time television market share. These same companies, which own the nation's most popular newspapers and networks, also own over 85 percent of the top 20 Internet news sites. At the same time, there has also been a severe decline in the number of minority owned broadcast stations.

"A diverse media system is critical to a properly functioning democracy. Further consolidation would shortchange the wide array of ideas and content needed to keep the American people informed about their elected officials. This acquisition must be stopped."

CONGRESSMAN HINCHEY VISITS AFGHANISTAN

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement regarding President Obama's new strategy for U.S. operations in Afghanistan. Hinchey, who is a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, spent Thanksgiving week visiting Afghanistan as part of an official congressional trip. The congressman met with General Stanley McChrystal -- the lead U.S. commander in Afghanistan and U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan Karl Eikenberry. He also spent time with U.S. troops serving in Afghanistan. (Contd. Pg. 14)

TV FFA NEWS (From Pg. 4.) Nicole Gorr, Kristine Lewis, Devin Short, Jennifer VanDenBerg, Amber Wynkoop

Sub-District Officers - Emily Devore - President, Liz Bracken - Secretary, Ethan Terwilliger - Reporter
State Officers - Laura Elberth - Vice President and Danielle Sanok - Reporter

After a very busy and productive State FFA Convention we did not slow down. Hannah Lindquist of the Tri-Valley FFA was elected the Sullivan County Dairy Princess and began speaking around the county on the important of Dairy and the impacts this industry has on the local Sullivan County economy. We also participated in numerous community service activities including Agstravaganza, Sullivan First Community Beautification, the Million Can FFA Challenge Food Drive, a local plant give away to grow local food, and more.

As the summer approached we also had a tremendous amount of work to continue to prepare for activities. The Tri-Valley FFA and FFA Alumni have been working for the past 2 years to plan an agriculturally relevant trip to the other side of the globe. On June 30, 2009, twenty five students and adults loaded up buses to begin the "walk-about" for a 2 week adventure.

"I knew what I had read about the countries," stated Laura Elberth, Tri-Valley student and New York State FFA Vice President, "but I never dreamed of the opportunities and experiences I would have. I cannot pick a favorite because each day was more action packed and truly better than the last!"

The trek took the FFAers 20 hours by plane to reach Auckland, New Zealand, the largest city of the island nation. From Auckland we immediately traveled to Rotorua, New Zealand to tour the Waitomo Caves and the Glowworm Grotto. These caves are some of the oldest in New Zealand and are lit by millions of glowworm larva. "When the lights went out in the cave, everyone went completely silent. There just were no words to describe what we saw," stated Lisa Yapple, a Tri-Valley FFA Alumni member. "It was simply amazing to see millions of tiny lights, just like stars above us as we floated along the underground river. To know that there was no other location on Earth where we could see such things was just breath taking."

The days in New Zealand continued and were filled with cultural and agricultural highlights. Traveling through the Maori Cultural Center and Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve was a smelly endeavor due to the sulfur filled thermal pits but the cultural aspects and use of the land we learned about from the native New Zealanders was amazing. For hundreds of years the traditions and culture of these tribal people has stayed the same and their love of the land and care for their resources is commendable. Finally, spending time at Te Whakarewarewatangaoteopetauaawahiao allowed us to appreciate the significance of using our own resources. The Maori people use their thermal vents to cook, heat their homes, and power much of their lives. They do not take for granted their environment and work to leave the world better for future generations.

In New Zealand we also spent much time with traditional agriculture. We learned how to shear sheep, milk cows, and train dogs at the Agrodome, discovered and worked with wildlife at the Tarlton's Underwater World, and took in the breath taking views while riding the Skyline gondola on Mt. Ngongotaha.

While New Zealand was an educational opportunity, we also took the time for fun and enjoyment. Many

FFAer's took the opportunity to Zorb, luge, bath in the thermal spas, and handle animals as well. Zorbing originating in Rotorua and is simply a giant ball, rolled down a hill, that you ride in. "It's just like a giant hamster ball," claimed Tara Berescik, trip coordinator, "You get in it, they throw in some water, and you roll down the hill! It's hysterical to see and awesome to experience! Plus there are only a handful of places in the world to have the experience."

New Zealand was an excellent start to our trip and from there we flew to Sydney, Australia. Sydney is the largest city in Australia and is also the cultural center for the country. It is surrounded by the Pacific Ocean on one side and the Blue Mountains on the other and we took total advantage of all it had to offer.

In Sydney the group toured Darling Harbour, The Gap, Mrs. Macquarie's Point, The Rocks, The Opera House, and spent an afternoon at Bondi Beach, one of the most famous surfing beaches in the world. Free time also allowed people to tour the Australian National Botanical Gardens and see the over 2000 plant species on display, take in a symphony at the Opera House, High Speed Jet Boat through Darling Harbour, watch a movie on the largest I-Max Screen in the world, visit the Japanese Friendship Garden, see the venues from the 2000 Olympics, and much more.

When asked what her favorite part of Sydney was, Kaylie Ackerley, Tri-Valley FFA Alumni member and past State FFA Officer stated: "This has changed my life! I got to play with kangaroos, pet a koala, and hold a dingo. That made my trip! The wildlife was amazing and totally different from anything I had ever seen." As an extension to the trip to Sydney, the group from Tri-Valley also went into the Blue Mountains to visit the town of Katoomba. On the way there, we stopped at the Featherdale Wildlife Park and were treated to a hands-on visit with local Australian wildlife.

After leaving Sydney we headed to Cairns in the state of Queensland. Cairns is a beautiful ocean side town nestled between the Great Barrier Reef, the agriculturally significant Tablelands and the Daintree National Park rainforest. Michelle McNutt, Danielle Sanok, and Brendan Sanok all agreed that snorkeling in the Great Barrier Reef and being able to swim with sea turtles was their favorite part of the trip.

The Northern Queensland area is known for its diversity and beauty and the people on the trip had the ability to take full advantage of all the Cairns had to offer. From shopping at the night market bazaar to hiking in the jungle to swimming in the Reef, there was something for everyone.

The trip to New Zealand and Australia was definitely a once in a lifetime experience, but everyone who traveled with the FFA would gladly go back! Just ask to see our pictures, because when asked "what did you do in Australia?" most of us just say, "It was Awesome!"

Most chapters would have stopped and rested after a trip to Australia, but not Tri-Valley. We landed on the 13th and headed to WLC in Washington, DC on the 14th! Liz Bracken, Ethan Terwilliger and Emily Devore spent the next week touring the Capitol and learning authentic leadership. For the first time in years, Ms. Berescik did not attend WLC, but that was only so that she could work with 10 other students to

prepare wedding flowers with Tri-Valley Blooms, the school business that members run to host parties and weddings for local community members. We prepared, delivered, and set-up 70 arrangements and flowers to wear for the mid-July wedding and then left the next day for Camp Oswegatchie.

With our summer going strong, thirteen members of the FFA chapter headed to Oswegatchie for a wilderness experience. The students rode horses, swam, experienced the ropes elements and made lasting friends during week 3 of camp. They are also looking forward to going back that week again next year to see their friends again.

After Camp, our summer started to wind down with both the Grahamsville Fair and the State Fair. With so many students already qualified for National FFA Convention, we focused on the fun of State Fair but still had teams compete in Meats, Nursery Landscape, Dairy Foods, Livestock Judging, Horse Judging and Landscape Construction. Our WaterGarden Landscape also took the first place blue ribbon at the fair.

With school starting, we have been working to prepare for Nationals and had a wonderful trip this year - the kids did great! It was probably the best National Convention trip I ever took and the kids were wonderful, both in behavior and in competition. They placed the following:

Parliamentary Procedure - Chris Whipple (chair), Nicole Avery (Secretary), Hannah Lindquist, Emily Higgins, Ethan Terwilliger, and Cathryn Dymond - Bronze placing team

Agriculture Communications - Ariana Kaminski (Gold Individual), Brendan Sanok (Silver Individual), Hope Costa (Silver Individual), Emily Devore (Bronze Individual), and Aurora Boyes (Bronze Individual) - Bronze placing Team

Junior Creed Speaking - Christina Kackos - Bronze Individual

Extemporaneous Speaking - Danielle Sanok - Silver Individual

Model of Innovation - Christina Neist and Liz Bracken - Top 10 in the Nation for Chapter Development

Proficiency Awards - Michelle McNutt - Top 4 in the Nation for Nursery Operation

Kaylie Ackerley - Top 4 in the Nation for Home and Community Development

National Chapter Award - Krista Devore and Nat Tompkins - 3 Star National Chapter Recipients (highest award in this area)

Laura Elberth - Served as a Committee Vice Chair and a delegate representative from the State of New York as well.

With Nationals over we are starting to work on activities for the remainder of the year. With trips and competitions to look forward to we know that it will continue to be busy and active at Tri-Valley. I actually just returned from a trip to Nashville, Tennessee where I was awarded the NAAE Region VI Outstanding Teacher Award. I receive a 2 year lease on a Toyota Tundra as part of the prize package and am more than willing to help with any activities that other chapters are having where the truck may be of use.

Without the support of our alumni we would never be able to succeed and experience so much. Thank you for all you do and please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you in the future. Tri-Valley FFA - 845-985-2296 ext 5503 or tberesci@tvcs.k12.ny.us

Submitted - Tara Berescik (advisor)



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CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

On Monday November 29, the Claryville Fire Dept. had their elections. The results are as follows: President, Terry McNamara; Vice President, Gary Frear; Secretary, Desiree Frear; Treasurer, Glen Vandenberg; Trustees, Scott Squires, Shane Cunningham, Jeff Williams, Ed Bailey.

Line Officers are as follows: Chief, Glenn Vandenberg; Asst. Chief, Tom Matthews; 2nd Asst. Chief, Mike Larison; 3rd Asst. Chief, Deb. Cunningham; Captian, Scott Squires; Lieutenant, C J McGrath; Engineers, Dale Scott, Gary Frear, Ed Bailey.

Congratulations to all and good luck.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
 Desiree Frear
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Jan. 2, 2010
 5:30 pm
 Sundown United
 Methodist Church
 at the Sundown Church Hall

Covered
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HINCHEY VISITS AFGHANISTAN (From Pg. 12)

"I was pleased to hear President Obama lay out a plan for U.S. operations in Afghanistan that will make that country more secure while also providing a timetable for the withdrawal of American troops so that we no longer have U.S. forces operating there indefinitely. The United States has been fighting in Afghanistan for more than eight years in what until now has been an operation lacking a real plan and timeline.

"Having visited Afghanistan just last week, it's clear to me that security there needs to be greatly improved so that the Taliban does not retake control of that country and again provide a safe haven for al Qaeda. I agree with President Obama that a U.S. presence is needed to stabilize the country and help train Afghan security forces so that they -- not U.S. forces -- can protect their own country for the long-term. The focus of our engagement in Afghanistan must be to quickly increase the number and quality of Afghan defense forces and I believe President Obama shares that focus.

"When I first traveled to Afghanistan in December of 2001, Hamid Karzai expressed to me that the most significant contribution that the United States could make in Afghanistan was improved security. With proper security, the nation could effectively focus on its internal needs and better address the threat posed by the Taliban and al Qaeda. Unfortunately, the Bush administration abandoned any effective strategy in Afghanistan and instead chose to invade and occupy Iraq, a nation that we know had nothing to do with the attacks of September 11. As a result of this failed strategy, we are now left to confront the festering problems of an insecure and volatile Afghanistan and the potential of it again falling into the hands of the Taliban.

"The U.S. didn't have to be in this position. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee released a report on Monday that details how U.S. forces had Osama bin Laden cornered in the mountains of Tora Bora in December 2001, but lost him because their plea for additional forces to seal the perimeter and close in on him was denied by senior Bush administration officials. This Senate report, a history of the events put together by the United States Special Operations Command, as well as my experiences on trips to Afghanistan and the information available to me as a member of Congress, has led me to understand that the previous administration knew it could capture bin Laden at Tora Bora, but failed to do so because it would have made it more difficult to justify its pre-determined plans to invade Iraq. The facts support this argument and it underscores how shifting attention to Iraq instead of remaining focused on Afghanistan has led us to the circumstances we are confronting today.

"If we were to walk away now, it would be a waste of the last eight years. Afghanistan is where the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks originated from and it is in our national security interest to ensure that the circumstances in Afghanistan that led to those attacks can never occur again."

Note: A copy of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee report reference in Hinchey's statement can be found here:

http://foreign.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/Tora_Bora_Report.pdf

PUBLIC HEALTH LEADERS ENDORSE NEW GILLIBRAND LEGISLATION TO COMBAT CHILDHOOD ASTHMA

Top health authorities in New York and across the country are endorsing legislation authored by U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand that would provide \$100 million to help schools develop asthma management plans, and make inhalers and spacers available at school when needed. The Asthma in Schools Act, which will be introduced this week, is part of Senator Gillibrand's comprehensive plan to provide tools needed to fight childhood asthma. According to estimates by Senator Gillibrand's office, more than 370,000 children in New York suffer from asthma. Between 2005 and 2007, more than 40,000 New York children were hospitalized for asthma-related causes.

"All New York children deserve the opportunity to grow up strong, healthy and successful. But too many of our children suffering with asthma do not have access to inhalers and other kinds of care they need. My own child has suffered from asthma, so I know how terrifying it is for a child to not be able to breathe. We have a moral obligation to the children of this state to ensure their health and well-being. My plan will put more inhalers in schools, train more teachers and health professionals to be experts in asthma, and give more families the resources they need to care for their children's asthma," said Senator Gillibrand.

"On any given school day, the highest prevalence of childhood asthma is in the classrooms of our

schools. This bill will provide needed funding to schools to implement a comprehensive school asthma management program to control asthma. When their asthma is controlled, children can learn and function at their maximum potential," said New York State Health Commissioner Richard F. Daines.

"Senator Gillibrand's legislation will help families, schools and health care providers coordinate services for children with asthma. Children all over America stand to benefit," said New York City Health Commissioner, Dr. Thomas Farley.

"This legislation will provide grants to schools or local health departments in areas with high asthma prevalence to ensure children with asthma are properly managing their disease. At the heart of this effort will be the development of asthma management plans. Asthma management plans are critical in helping children with asthma control their disease. This legislation will ensure that schools play an appropriate role in students' efforts to control their asthma, as well as coordinate care with the families and medical personnel. In addition, it will ensure that schools educate their staffs about asthma and develop emergency policies. Your legislation will also allow schools to purchase inhalers and spacers for students. These life-saving devices will ensure that students with asthma get the treatment they need while at school," said Charles D. Connor, President and CEO, American Lung Association.

"Nothing is more important than keeping our children healthy, in school and ready to learn. Establishing the line of communication with school staff that watch over our children and a child's physician, especially through an asthma action plan, will help to create an asthma management team that can help students and their families control this complex chronic disease," said Dr. Floyd Malveaux, Executive Director of MCAN and former Dean of the College of Medicine at Howard University.

Senator Gillibrand's comprehensive plan to help New York children suffering from asthma:

1. Create School Asthma Management Plans. Senator Gillibrand's plan will provide over \$100 million in funding to schools in low-income, high-incidence areas to develop and implement a comprehensive school asthma management policy and program.

2. Make Inhalers Available to Every Child in Need. The Federal Drug Administration requires drug makers to manufacture inhalers with a reduced impact on the environment, and completed phasing out the sale of the inhalers containing harmful propellants last year. To help schools and families afford the new inhalers they need, Senator Gillibrand's plan also allows the money to be used to purchase inhalers and spacers for children who need them, to ensure that children suffering from asthma have access to the treatment they need during the school day.

3. Train More Asthma Educators. New York only has around 100 asthma educators - experts in counseling individuals with asthma and their families on how to treat and lead healthy lives with asthma. To incentivize more health professionals to become asthma educators, Senator Gillibrand urged U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius to direct more workforce development funding to support the training of additional certified asthma educators in New York and across the country.

4. Invest in More Research and Data Collection. Medical and scientific research holds the potential to unlock new treatments for children suffering from asthma. To give scientists and laboratories the resources they need to make the next breakthrough in asthma treatment, Senator Gillibrand introduced the Asthma Act which would provide new funding for asthma research. Senator Gillibrand is also co-sponsoring legislation that will help to create standardized national data to identify where funding is needed.

WITH 850,000 NEW YORKERS OUT OF WORK, GILLIBRAND CALLS FOR TAX CREDIT FOR BUSINESSES THAT CREATE NEW JOBS

With the U.S. nearly two years into the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression and nearly 850,000 New Yorkers out of work, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today called for a tax credit for businesses that create new jobs. Ahead of Thursday's White House Job Summit, Senator Gillibrand is spearheading a letter with her colleagues in the Senate urging President Obama to propose a job creation tax credit as part of ongoing economic recovery efforts. The Economic Policy Institute (EPI) estimates that a job creation tax credit could create more than five million new jobs in two years.

"Families across New York have been hit hard by this economic crisis, leaving thousands without jobs and reduced income to pay bills and put food on the table," Senator Gillibrand said. "The job creation tax credit would encourage businesses to begin hiring immediately instead of waiting for the economy to stabilize further - a delay which puts the recovery itself at

risk. It would create millions of new jobs at a time when unemployment is continuing to rise and nearly 850,000 New Yorkers are out work. Giving the private sector an incentive to create jobs is a good way to strengthen the economy, providing jobs for those hit hardest by this recession."

Senator Gillibrand believes that the job creation tax credit, with appropriate safeguards, is one of the most efficient ways to create a large number of jobs quickly. It would address what is perhaps the most persistent and harmful aspect of the economic downturn, namely unemployment. Such a measure not only is an efficient way to create a large number of jobs quickly, but also bolsters long-term economic recovery investments from high speed real and health care information technology to rural broadband and a smart energy grid.

Additionally, Senator Gillibrand believes that any proposal should provide funds for enforcement and impose significant penalties against companies that attempt to engage in sham hires in order to claim a tax credit to which they are not entitled.

While the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has created or saved more than 40,000 jobs in New York already, the job market is traditionally the last part of the economy to recover from a recession.

Unemployment started rising in the spring of 2007 and has now more than doubled to 10.2 percent nationwide. The underemployment rate, which includes people who are working part-time but want full-time work, is 17 percent, or 26.6 million people. Right now, the U.S. is experiencing an alarming rate of long-term unemployment - 5.4 million people have been jobless for more than six months, representing 3.5 percent of the workforce.

Since the recession began in December 2007, 8 million jobs have been lost, but with population increases, 127,000 jobs must be created each month just to keep unemployment from rising. To date, 10.7 million jobs must be created to get unemployment back to where it was before the recession started. In addition, high unemployment affects those with jobs too, since many workers are facing furloughs, reduced hours, and losses in benefits. Gallup reports that a third of workers fear their wages will be reduced and a survey by Hart Research Associated found that 44 percent of households have already experienced job loss or cuts to pay or hours.

In the Southern Tier 28,600 people are unemployed - approximately 8.6 percent of the labor force, and in the Hudson Valley 86,000 people are unemployed - approximately 7.6 percent of the labor force.

Specifically, the job creation tax credit proposal from EPI would give businesses a credit of 15 percent of expanded payroll costs in 2010, creating nearly 3 million jobs, and 10 percent in 2011, creating more than 2 million jobs, generating an economic return of more than \$2 per dollar of cost. The job creation tax credit would target businesses across economic sectors, regardless of size or profitability. Providing a larger credit the first year would incentive firms to begin hiring immediately. In addition, employers would receive the tax credit as part of their quarterly report to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Since the credits in this proposal are based on payroll increases from the fiscal quarter prior to the adoption of the credit, it removes the incentive to fire and re-hire employees, characterizing them as new hires.

In her letter to President Obama, Senator Gillibrand and her colleagues are writing, "We commend your leadership in holding a White House conference to address the situation of the millions of Americans who are struggling to find employment. We must take additional, immediate steps to create jobs. As you convene our nation's economic leaders to address the nation's growing unemployment, we write to urge you to include a jobs tax credit for businesses that create jobs in any package of proposals coming out of that conference. A jobs tax credit provides an effective way to rapidly generate job growth, and we strongly encourage you to include a jobs tax credit as part of any package you propose to turn our economy around and put Americans back to work."

UCSPCA DOG BED FUNDRAISER

The Holiday Season is here and all good winter angels are asked to please help the Ulster County SPCA raise funds to provide winter comfort for the animals as part of the shelter's Dog Bed Fundraiser.

According to Patrick Camara who started the Holiday Dog Bed Fundraiser, "This is something that makes you feel good all winter long by knowing that the dogs and cats are warm, cozy, and have full tummies as the freezing winds howl outside. This event makes a real difference in the lives of the animals at the shelter. For instance, the first bed handed out last year went to a dog that had given birth on a blanket in the shelter. It was cold and the mother kept getting up and circling the puppies to keep them warm. We gave her one of the round beds donated by PetSmart and she quickly curled up with her puppies, licked them, settled down, and finally closed her eyes. It was very satisfying to see the immediate impact of a little comfort and kindness." (Contd. Pg. 15)

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SC LONGBEARDS, NYS CHAPTER (From Pg. 10) Annual JAKES Extravaganza Event. Shooting Clinic for Youth Hunters. Youth Pheasant Hunt. Provided Seed Corn to local farmers covering approximately 50 acres for Conservation. Presented a Return of the Wild Turkey Seminar to Benjamin Cosor Students. Hosted 6 Hunter Education Classes, educating over 100 future hunters. Provided 4 local schools with Wild Turkey Education Boxes. Provided 2 Scholarships for a total of \$1250.00 to local youth. Completed an Environmental Project that consisted of placing 250 blue bird houses and 100 bat houses throughout Sullivan County.

We had a GREAT Year and we hope you did too!! We are blessed to be living in such a wonderful community, with so many wonderful caring folks. We look forward to next year and wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season. May God Bless you and your families for your generosity. To be on our email list, go to our website : www.sullivancounty-longbeards.org or contact franfrannyd@gmail.com. If you would like to become part of the Sullivan County Long Beards, we meet the last Friday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Willowemoc Baptist Church in Willowemoc except in December, or you can contact: President Butch Kortright @ 292-4325 or Event Chairman Hank D'Auria @ 439-3738.

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

The Autism Spectrum Support Group offers support and education to parents/guardians raising children with Autism, Asperger's Syndrome and other Pervasive Developmental Disorders. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 from 7:00-8:00 p.m., at the Sullivan County BOCES campus, Ruben Pollack Education Center, Liberty, NY. Come to the E-Wing entrance - Follow the signs at the second driveway.

This month's theme will be "A Holiday Celebration!" Bring your children to the support group evening and while parents are connecting and discussing the special preparations that a parent of a child with autism must make for the holidays, the



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- 12/8/09 Claryville Fire District Elections 6-9/Fire District Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12/8/09 Town of Denning Bill Audit meeting 7 pm
- 12/9/09 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 12/10/09 Dept. of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall - 10 am - 2 :30 pm
- 12/10/09 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:30 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 12/15/09 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 12/16/09 Tentative - Neversink Rondout Antique Tractor Meeting - 7:30 Neversink Fire House
- 12/16/09 Neversink Fire Dist Meeting - 7:30 pm - Public Meeing 8:00 pm
- 12/21/09 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting
- 12/24/09 Town of Neversink Holiday (1/2 day)
- 12/25/09 Town of Neversink Holiday - CHRISTMAS
- 12/31/09 Town of Neversink Holiday (1/2 day)
- 1/1/10 NEW YEAR'S DAY
- 1/2/10 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall

Happy Holidays! The New Year countdown has begun with only three weeks to go! Be sure to send your group's or organization's 2010 calendar of events to us so that we may keep our readers posted on what will be happening throughout 2010 in the Tri-Valley area.

The Townsman Staff wishes you all a Very Happy Holiday Season!

SAVE THE DATE!

14th Annual Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Sullivan County Community College

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

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

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

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

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For more information, please feel free to contact Sherry Eidel, Sullivan County BOCES' Parent Educator/Resource Facilitator at 295-4042.

UCSPCA DOG BED FUNDRAISER (From Pg. 15)

The second dog to receive a bed last year was an abused animal that had been rescued by the UCSPCA's Humane Law Division. Shelter Manager Adam Saunders said, "Her owner had kicked her repeatedly until we got the dog away from him. The animal was a mess, emaciated, shaking, cowering, and urinating whenever anyone approached her. She limped into the medical wing. We gave her one of the dog beds and she laid down on it and immediately stopped shaking".

"Last year every dog received a bed," said Brian Shapiro, Executive Director, "during one of the coldest winter weeks in January the kennel had heat issues for 24 hours, but every dog was warm. We are a non-profit organization and when the public steps up and supports something like this it really does help."

This year's goal is to fund the purchase of ten platform beds, which keep the dogs off of the cement floors, raise \$1,000 for the Emergency Medical Fund, raise \$500 dollars for the Humane Law Fund, and if possible, obtain a three-month supply of canned dog & cat food.

Patrick Camara will deliver all items to the shelter on Saturday, December 12th at 12 pm during the UCSPCA Holiday Party, at 20 Wiedy Road, Kingston, NY. If you are interested being a holiday angel and donating or getting involved please contact Patrick Camara at 845-331-5827.

Annual Holiday Tree Lighting & Celebration

Saturday December 13, 2009
 • 6pm Peter's Market •
 Seasonal Music, Visit by Santa, Tree Lighting
 • 6:30pm Napanoch Fire House •
 Photos with Santa, Arts & Crafts, Light Refreshments

ULSTER COUNTY SPCA HOLIDAY PARTY WITH SANTA PAWS

Celebrate the season with the UCSPCA at their annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 12 from 11:30PM to 3:30pm at the UCSPCA Shelter, 20 Wiedy Rd. (off Sawkill Rd.) in Kingston, NY. Festivities include Pet Pictures with Santa Paws, a jewelry sale, prizes, raffles, refreshments and entertainment. This is a family friendly event. Adoption rooms will be open to the public and donations of pet supplies for the shelter will be accepted. For more information call 331-5377 X211.

There will be another Holiday Benefit Party for the Ulster County SPCA at The Elephant Wine Bar located at 310 Wall St. in historic uptown Kingston on Saturday, December 12 from (Next Col.)

6PM -9PM. Enjoy a full menu with a wide selection of wines and specialty drinks, jazz cabaret with Nancy Tierney, auctions and holiday cheer. Celebrate the holidays and support a great cause. Donations of pet food and cleaning supplies for the shelter will be accepted. All proceeds benefit the UCSPCA. For more information call the Elephant Wine Bar at 339-9310.

The UCSPCA is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing cruelty to animals in Ulster County. Donations may be sent to UCSPCA 20 Wiedy Rd. Kingston, NY 12401.

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GOOD NEWS

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Let's remember we are at war and they need our support.

Denning Democrats

Get involved have a voice in running your town. Attend Town Meetings.

Excerpt of an e-mail from: Ulster County Democratic Chairman Julian Schreiberman... "I want to let you know that I agreed this morning to sign on to a letter from State Chairman Jay Jacobs calling for the resignation of Democratic Senator Hiram Monserrate. Sen. Monserrate led the coup against Democratic leadership in the Senate earlier this year and was recently convicted of assaulting his girlfriend."

The Town of Denning Democratic Committee, applaud and support Chairman Schreiberman on this issue.

Have a suggestion for the Dem committee? Email us at denningdems@yahoo.com, or call 845.985.0501

Democratic Committee Chair
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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"

The Rainmaker, (1956)

This is Katharine Hepburn and Lancaster at their best. Starbuck, a fake rainmaker, who restores Lizzie's faith in herself and melts the hard heart of this belittled, unmarried woman from Kansas. Starbuck is aa huckster, who while trying to save the town's crops from a devastating drought, is thrust into a tornado of events. Cast: Katharine Hepburn, Burt Lancaster, Wendell Corey. Dir: Joseph Anthony. C-121 mins, TV-G, CC, Letterbox Format. On Monday, December 14, 2009 @ 5:45 PM on TCM



Quiz:

- Name the actor who played the character Noah Curry?
- Name the actor who played Jim Curry?

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

After seeing Santa in Grahamsville on Sunday at Bicentennial Park we kicked off our holiday season with a pre-Christmas date. Adnil and I went to pick out our very own beautiful 8 foot blue spruce Christmas Tree, at the GOTSCH TREE FARM just off of Denman Mountain Road. The tree looks great in our salon.

We should not listen to rumors, but it was heard from Yrral Rellimztik, a gnome of great musical ability, that the wonderful MISU string ensemble now involved with the Ulster County College string program, as well as local string players, will be playing Dec 17th at St Johns Episcopal Church - Market St in Ellenville. See you there. It is further rumored that Carol Smith is putting together a music series at the Hurleyville Museum. The show is to be presented the first Saturday of every month, starting in January. The host band features Larry Kitsmiller, Carol Smith, Aldo Troiani, and Jesse Kitzmiller. The first show will feature artists Paul Lounsbury and Jesse Kitzmiller. Later in the evening an open jam for all in attendance. The idea is to chase away those winter blues, or sing them away, your choice. We think the admission will be around \$3.00 (not sure though) baked goods and coffee will be for sale. It's a big room - big enough for dancing, so get your dancing shoes on and get ready to party. It is also rumored the arts will abound beginning in January when Big Sky Productions will begin a production series of one-act plays. Performances will be at The Old Stone House in Hasbrouck and/or Mountindale. Carol does not have production dates yet. However, if you are interested in possibly taking part, please let her know. It is best to send an e-mail to Bigsky1952@aol.com. - Attention: Carol Montana. Make sure she has your phone number. In addition, keep a watch out for all the fun here in your *Townsmen*.

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