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JEFF BANK 2011 PHOTO CALENDAR CONTEST

Announcing the Jeff Bank 2011 Photo Calendar Contest - Jeff Bank is seeking photographers interested in submitting up to 4 color images (preferably depicting the four seasons) for their 2011 Calendar. Organized by the Catskill Art Society, the theme of the contest is the Four Seasons of Nature & Landscapes in Sullivan County, NY. Contest entry dates are from February 6 - April 16, 2010. All entries must have a completed application form (available at all Jeff Bank branches, online at www.jeffbank.com or by contacting Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org), a maximum of four images in digital, horizontal JPEG format with the largest file size available (preferably 16M or larger) on CD. There is a contest entry fee of \$5 payable to CAS. All entries must be delivered to CAS, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY by April 16th or send by post to CAS, PO Box 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Please note that this is not a postmark deadline.

SCDW VALENTINE CABARET "DESSERT THEATRE"

Looking for a romantic, enjoyable way to spend Valentine's Day without breaking the bank? Why not immerse yourself and the one you love in an evening or afternoon of musical entertainment and delicious desserts? The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop will be performing a weekend of Valentine Cabaret "Dessert Theatre" on February 13, 14 at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. Admission includes the show and a sumptuous assortment of desserts and is strictly "pay what you can afford!" Donations in any amount will be gladly accepted. (Contd. Pg. 3)

GUNTHER WEAR RED FOR WOMEN DAY

Aileen M. Gunther (D, C, I - Forestburgh) announced that last week the Assembly passed her resolution (K925) proclaimed Friday, February 5th, 2010 as Wear Red for Women Day in the State of New York. "Go Red for Women is the American Heart Association's national call for women by women, to take charge of their health and live stronger, healthier lives," Gunther said. "I encourage women across New York State to make heart health a top priority so they can live longer, stronger lives." (Contd. Pg. 12)

ROSCOE RECEIVES \$200,000 MAIN STREET GRANT

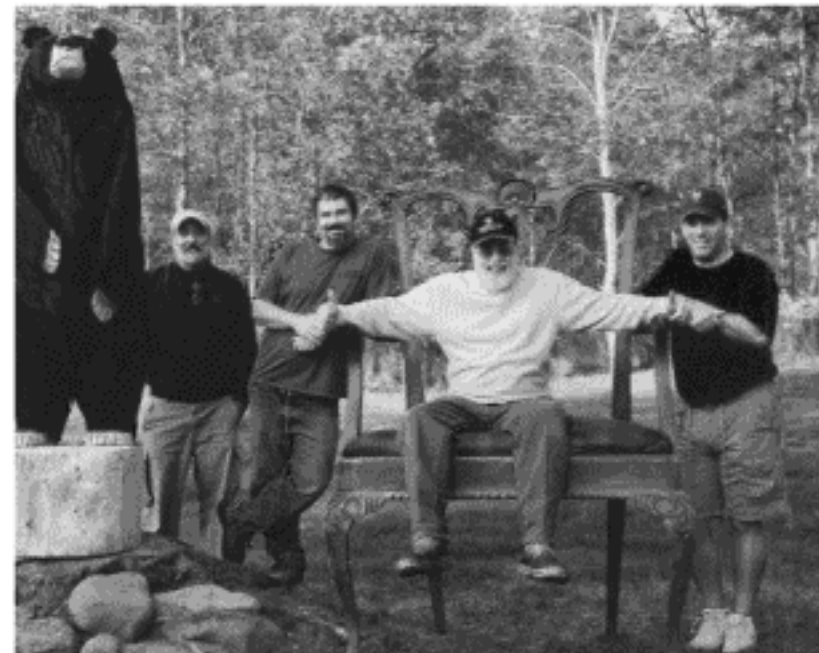
The Roscoe Rockland Chamber of Commerce is the recipient of a \$200,000 grant from the New York State Housing Trust Fund and the Office of Community Renewal. The grant is part of the agency's Main Street Program and is designed to assist communities in downtown renewal with an emphasis on façade improvements, capital improvements to businesses within the defined town center and improvements to residential units above business properties. (Contd. Pg. 4)

FRIDAY NIGHT FUN WITH TRI-VALLEY BEAR CUBS BASKETBALL



Friday evening the Bulls (Bryan Boyes, Henry Kaufman, Cody Demarmels, Brandon Worden, Robert Worden, Jr. and James Foster) played against the Rockets (Mike Beiling, Jr, Alex Markarian, John Vernooy, Thomas Macpherson, Michahel Martin, Josh Zeres and Josh Turk) played a tough game on the basketball court. Coaching the teams are Mike Beiling, Hank Boyes and Aurora Boyes and Scott Mickelson, the Referees are Janet Dymond, Sean Smith and Ashley Exner. Score keepers are Cindy Mickelson and Faith Dymond.

COUNTDOWN TO THE 2010 DEBRUCE LABOR DAY PARADE!!



Steve Dill in the Big Chair

After a two-year hiatus, the DeBruce Parade is returning, and it's going to be bigger and better than ever. Organizer Steve Dill of DeBruce has announced that the DeBruce Parade will be held on Labor Day of 2010, which this year falls on September 6. (Contd. Pg. 7)

OCCC HOSTS THE NEWS ANNUAL JURIED MEMBERS' SHOW

Do you need some color in this winter white landscape? Then mark your calendar for Sunday February 21, 2010 and join us at 1:00pm for the opening reception of the North East Watercolor Society's Annual Members Show at Orange Hall at Orange County Community College, Middletown, New York. The affair runs from 1:00 to 4:15 p.m.. (Contd. Pg. 8)

TVCS GIRLS AND BOYS INDOOR TRACK NEWS -

Girls Win OCL DIV V and Sullivan County Team Championships

The last two weeks have produced two Girls Team Championships with five National qualifiers, a few Orange County League point getters and many Season Best Performances from the 32 Varsity Girls and 22 Varsity Boys. The Girls ended the OCL Division Season with a 28-0 record defeating 2nd place arch rival Sullivan West and 3rd place MHAL rival Millbrook. (Contd. Pg. 3)

KIDS THESE DAYS!

"Kids these days!" How often have you heard (or said) that? Teenagers often get a bad rap for being disrespectful, lazy and selfish. When one of them makes the headlines, it is seldom for something positive.

But here, in the Tri-Valley District, we have been blessed with some pretty terrific kids.

On Friday afternoon, Feb. 12, until Saturday afternoon, Feb. 13, a group of teens will be taking part in "Hunger for Love". This group of a dozen or so Tri-Valley students will be participating in a 24-hour fast. The purpose of the fast is to raise money for a couple of local families in need. The students have asked community members to sponsor them in this endeavor.

If you would be interested in helping out, or if you have any questions, please contact CrossWay Assembly of God at crosswayaog@aol.com or at 845-434-8263.

Kids these days....can be a great blessing!

THE SULLIVAN COUNTY INTERNATIONAL PAGEANT IS SEEKING CONTESTANTS

The Sullivan County International Pageant is seeking contestants in five age categories: Young Miss - 5-8, Pre-Teen - 9-12, Teen - 13-18, Miss - 19-29, Mrs - 21-56. The pageant is open to all females who currently live, work or attend school in Sullivan County. All who are interested in competing are welcome to attend an informative meeting which will be held on Monday, February 15th at 6:30 pm at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon, NY. For more details, please contact Amy at 482-2187, email sullivancounty-pageant@yahoo.com or visit our website: <http://sullivancountypageant.web.officelive.com>

SULLIVAN-WAWARSING REAP ELECTS NEW OFFICERS REAP is the Sullivan-Wawarsing Rural Economic Area Partnership

The Sullivan-Wawarsing Rural Economic Area Partnership (REAP), one of five special economic development zones in the United States and two in New York, has elected new officers for 2010.

REAP seeks to stimulate economic and community development by facilitating citizens' efforts to design and implement their own community development strategies in such areas as infrastructure, recreation, housing, healthcare, cultural preservation, telecommunications, and youth activities. (Contd. Pg. 3)

LOOKING FOR FLOWER GARDENS SullivanArc and Sullivan Renaissance Host 2nd Annual Garden Tour

Beautiful flower gardens in Sullivan County will be the object of a benefit "Sullivan County Garden Tour" on July 10, 2010. Sponsored by SullivanArc and Sullivan Renaissance, the tour will feature interesting and special flower gardens throughout the county.

The two organizations are looking for home owners willing to exhibit their private gardens to a limited number of individuals as a benefit for the SullivanArc Horticulture Program. Approximately eight gardens will be selected for viewing. Volunteers will be provided to assist at each garden. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Friday.

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

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ON THE FRONT BURNER : The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord.
St. Matthew 10:24

COLLEGE NEWS

Clarissa Leverich, who is enrolled in the Masters Program at Springfield College in Springfield, Massachusetts remains on the Dean's list with a 4.0 average. Clarissa is majoring in Art Therapy and Mental Health Counseling.

The granddaughter of Jim and Pauline Leverich of Napanoch, Clarissa is a Tri-Valley graduate.

The following area residents were named to the Dean's List at SUNY Cortland for the fall 2009 semester. Honorees must earn a grade point average of 3.3 or higher on a 4.0 scale, while completing 12 or more credit hours of classes during the semester.

Christina Cevallos, a senior Early Childhood Education major from Neversink.

Bo-Scott Murphy, a junior Biology major from Grahamsville.

An area student, **Kimberly Edwards**, was named to Susquehanna University's Dean's List for the fall 2009 semester. The list recognizes students who achieve a grade point average of 3.4 or higher out of a possible 4.0 for the semester. To qualify, students must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Kimberly is majoring in elementary education, is a 2006 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is the daughter of Brian and Lori Edwards.

Congratulations to all and keep up the good work!

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

February 8, 1950 - *The Townsman* has received a press bureau release from Ed Ten Broeck, Publicity Director at Springfield College, Springfield, Mass., which states that Lee Denman is a member of the varsity wrestling team in the 136 lb. Division. This is an unusual honor for Mr. Denman in that he made the team in his sophomore. Lee is the son of Supervisor and Mrs. Bruce Denman of Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haag of Staten Island spent the weekend at their home in Sundown.

Mr. Vernon Gridley has been doing the chores and farm work for Andrew George who is recovering from an illness.

The Rev. Lloyd Bryant is making plans for the Summer Camp at Sundown. He hopes to have a station wagon for the conveyance of the camp children.

During the winter two million trout eggs have been hatched at the State Trout Hatchery at DeBruce. These fish will find their way into streams in the eastern part of New York State.

Clayton Seagers, Director of Conservation Education, New York State Dept. of Conservation, said recently that deer hunting has increased from 68,000 in 1932 to a total of 350,000 in 1948. And they wonder why so many fail to get a deer.

February 10, 1960 - Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Beverley Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Burch to Mr. Frank Carlsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Carlsen. The ceremony was per-

formed by the Rev. Howard West in the Grahamsville Methodist Church.

The birthday of Master Lloyd Botsford was celebrated on Sunday a week ago with a dinner at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck of Rocky Hill. Others at the party were Mr. and Mrs. Milton Botsford and two sisters of Grahamsville, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Slater and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Arielly and son of Grahamsville and Mr. and Mrs. George Knox of Liberty, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Knox on Sunday, when they celebrated Kathi Knox's first birthday.

There will be a meeting at the Tri Valley auditorium on February 15th at 7 p.m. At this meeting we plan to start up a Cub Scout Pack 87. All persons and families who are interested are invited to attend this important meeting. At least one parent should plan to come with their son to this meeting.

The New York City Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity will take over control and operation of the Pepacton reservoir system July 1 from the Board of Water Supply, which has had control of it since its idea was born in 1928. Control of the Rondout and Neversink reservoirs will be turned over March 1.

February 11, 1970 -

Bruce Erath, a senior at Tri-Valley Central School, represented the Tri-Valley Chapter of FFA at the Orange, Sullivan, Lower Ulster Sub-District Public Speaking Contest held at Rondout Valley Central School on Monday evening, February 9th. He was the unanimous choice as winner and in March, will represent the Tri-County group in the District Six competition.

Noticed in our valley that Raymond VanWagner has been very busy splitting logs for firewood, no fooling, it's fueling. Just a play on words but I think Raymond means business.

Happy birthday to Don Terwilliger on February 14th!

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Graham, 5 yrs. On Valentine's Day; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Allison, 6 yrs. The 15th; Rev. and Mrs. Donald Walter, 24 yrs. On the 16th.

Students at Tri-Valley School were given and extensive experience in modern dance by the Julliard Dance Ensemble on Monday. This program, made possible by a Title III Elementary and Secondary Educational Act, featured professional dancers from the Julliard School of Music.

Debbie Wakefield, Sharon VanValkenburg and Julie Nitschke are a committee for the bowling outing the Methodist Church youth are holding on Sunday, February 15th. The cost for each person is 60 cents a line and 25 cents for shoes.

February 7, 1980 - The Archie Ackerley's have a good reason to remember Feb. 2nd, Arch, Lois, Clinton and Yvonne proudly welcomed a new addition to the family. A boy, Archie James Jr. was born Saturday, Feb. 2 at Community General Hosp. in Harris, weighing in at

5 lbs. 12 oz.

On Friday afternoon, several folks got together and gave Mae TerBush a surprise Birthday-Remembrance party at the home of her daughter, Virginia Anderson. One of the highlights of the party was a beautiful birthday cake made and decorated by Marge DuBois.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rhyners and family of Poughkeepsie visited with Marge DuBois on Sunday, Feb. 3rd. In the afternoon, Bonnie, Pat and Jan Mentnech also came in to visit their relatives.

Congratulations to John Sheeley of Grahamsville on his nomination to the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis.

According to the N.Y. Crop Reporting Service, honey production in N.Y.S. In 1979 totaled 7 million pounds which placed 10th in the nation for honey production. Bees wax production during 1979 totaled 119,000 pounds. As Jackie Gleason used to say. "How sweet it is."

Because of the extreme cold we had on Ground Hog's Day, LOWSEY LOU, Low's Corners ground hog didn't show up.

SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS: CHOICES FOR LONG TERM CARE - A Single Point of Entry for Long Term Care

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

The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, February 17, 2010, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd Floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY. We will be joined by Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther for a discussion of State and local policies that create inefficiencies in the delivery of long term care services in Sullivan County. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public.

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

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HERE AND THERE

In recent years the members of the Grahamsville Fire Department have turned Super Bowl Sunday into a double celebration for the company by holding their annual Installation Dinner the night before, then re-gathering at the firehouse the following night for The Big Game. The event this past weekend was perhaps the best ever. The Ladies Auxiliary prepared a delicious buffet dinner, preceded by a huge selection of tempting appetizers. After enjoying the fruit, cheese, crackers, chips, dip, veggies, meatballs, etc., everyone had consumed enough for three meals; but, of course, we didn't want to hurt anybody's feelings, so we bravely munched our way through the beef/pork entrees, potatoes, two vegetables, salad and rolls before tackling an array of scrumptious homemade desserts. On Sunday afternoon, the Firemen set out what was left - there wasn't much - and filled in with five different styles of chicken wings, shrimp, more bread-and-spread combinations, and a fresh set of dessert choices. It's hard to know how much you've consumed when you wander around, pick up some finger foods, move closer to the t-v set, cheer or groan at what you see, stop to talk to someone, then start the process over again; but I can assure you, no one went away hungry.

Congratulations to Gary VanValkenburg on his retirement after many years of faithful service as Highway Superintendent for the Town of Neversink. Gary was honored at a retirement dinner held at the Neversink Fire House last Saturday evening, with many friends and co-workers there to wish him well. We join them in wishing Gary a long, happy, and healthy retirement. We also wish his successor, Preston Kelly, good luck in his new position.

Friends were happy to learn that Dottie Eckerson, who was a patient at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern during the past week, was able to return home this past weekend. Her doctors felt that her condition can be best treated by medication rather than surgery, a decision which was more than agreeable to the family. While Dottie was hospitalized, husband Charlie was well cared for by their daughters, who shared visits to Mom and care of Dad. Lots of get-well wishes are coming your way, Dottie!

Belated congratulations to Charlie and Amy (Zanetti) Hicks on the birth of their son, Vincent, on January 2. Also happy grandparenting to Keith and Pam Zanetti, and Ann Marie Hicks, and to great-grandparents Mert and Joyce Lockhart, and Phyllis Zanetti in South Carolina. ... In the same family, Kane Poje, son of Frank and Tara (Zanetti) Poje, had a cake with one candle on it for his birthday on Feb. 5. ... We have a "dry period" for special-day celebrations for the week following Valentine's Day, so I was happy to hear of one more. Mike Garigliano, a community worker and booster without equal, will take time out to have a birthday on Feb. 15. I'm not going to tell you his age, but if you know how old our son David is, just add two years to that. (During his first two years in high school, David watched Mike play center on the football team; after Mike graduated, Dave moved up to that position.) Happy Birthday, Mike!

"What we are is God's gift to us. What we become is our gift to God." (Eleanor Powell)
Have a good week. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

No news this week. Have a good week and God Bless. (Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

TRI-VALLEY FFA DINNER AND MEETING

The Tri-Valley FFA has planned a Pot Luck Dinner and Annual Meeting for Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 6:15 p.m. Snow Date is Thursday, February 25. It will be held in the High School Cafeteria. All past and present members of the FFA are invited. Anyone else is welcome to attend. Please bring a covered dish to share. Any questions, call the school at 985-2296.

TVCS INDOOR TRACK NEWS (From Pg. 1)

At the Sullivan County Championship the Girls were tied going into the final event ending up placing 2nd to Liberty in the 4X 200 Relay but defeating 2nd place Sullivan West by four points. Last Saturday at the 28 School Orange County League Championship at West Point the Girls had two OCL Champions, 1st Senior Tehnyat Khan Shot Put 35-5 1/2 and 1st Soph Dominique Darby 20 lb Weight 46-5 1/2. (Both were School Records) Other top finishers were: Junior Ashley Weintraub 3rd 1500 Walk (School Record 7:49.4), Khan 2nd 20 lb Weight 37-10, Heidi Furman 4th 20lb Weight 35-9 1/2, Senior Michelle McNutt 6th 1500 Walk 8:03.4, Junior Caroline Bertholf 10th 1500 5:21.2. (Khan-Darby-Furman-Weintraub-McNutt have qualified in there events for the High School Indoor Nationals the 2nd week of March)

The Boys finished the OCL Div V season with a

16-12 record in 5th place of 8 schools. At the Sullivan Championship the team placed 5th. Last Friday night the team finished 17th among 28 OCL Schools. Highlights of the season thus far have sprinter Brendan Moore winning the Sullivan County 55 and placing 6th at the OCL Championship. Also at the OCL Championship Junior Kyle Denman placed 4th in the 25 lb weight, Junior Matt Huebsch 7th in the weight and Junior Brian Edwards placed 9th in the Shot Put. This Sunday (Valentines Day) both Teams will compete at the Section 9 Championship at West Point.

At the Sullivan Championship at the Modified level three TV athletes were Individual Champions. Devon Jones 800, Hauk Boyes 800 and Nathaniel Bender 55 High Hurdles.

SCDW VALENTINE CABERET "DESSERT THEATRE" (From Pg. 1)

With phenomenal piano accompaniment by Leon Hilfstein of Hurleyville, the powerful performers include Marissa Cohen of Ellenville, Donna Denman of Grahamsville, Christopher DiFazio of Ellenville, Sally Gladden of Woodridge, Terri Hall of Rock Hill, Ellen Pavloff of Kerhonkson, Annmarie Paoli of Goshen, Becca Robinson of Monticello, Kimberly Schneeberger of Ellenville, Lori Schneider-Wendt of Hurleyville, Heather Strauss of Rock Hill, Harold Tighe of Kauneonga Lake and Tom Wasserman of Bethel.

Featuring a mix of songs from the turn of the last century to current Broadway hits, including ballads and standards and a few unconventional love songs as well, there'll be something for everyone to L-O-V-E! So plan on coming out to the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street in Hurleyville on Saturday, February 13th at 8:00 pm or Sunday, February 14th at 2:00 pm - for the Valentine's Weekend Cabaret Dessert Theatre - Again, admission is "pay what you can afford!" - No advance reservations are needed, but plan on arriving early for best parking behind the museum, or park along Main Street. For additional information, phone (845) 436-5336 or visit us online at www.scdw.net

REAP (From Pg. 1)

Officers of the 18 member board of directors are: President - Glenn Pontier, Program Director, Sullivan Renaissance; Vice-president - Heinrich Strauch, Executive Director, Liberty Community Development Corporation; Secretary - Laura Quigley, Executive Director, Workforce Development Board of Sullivan, Inc.; Treasurer - Terri Ward, President and CEO, Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development agency recently signed a four year extension of the Sullivan-Wawarsing REAP Zone until September 30, 2012. Congressman Maurice Hinchey originally secured these designations in 1999 in order to strengthen community development efforts and give the regions precedence in receiving federal grants and loans.

"The REAP Zone status has been an invaluable resource for the Town of Wawarsing, the Village of Ellenville and communities in Sullivan County, which have obtained millions of dollars in economic development funding they otherwise wouldn't have received," Hinchey said. "While we've seen some important successes from this program over the past decade, I look forward to the program becoming even more effective now that we have a new administration committed to rural economic development and to providing additional federal assistance for grassroots efforts such as the REAP."

The REAP Zone designation has resulted in both direct and indirect federal funding to grant applicants in the region and leveraged additional monies through state and private sources. Funding was directed toward projects that expanded educational opportunities, strengthened agricultural businesses, revitalized infrastructure and improved health care and housing.

Examples of REAP designation funding include: \$1 million federal grant for the Village of Woodridge to replace its wastewater treatment plant and make other sewer system upgrades; \$600,000 for a mobile dental clinic to provide residents in rural parts of the county with dental care; \$446,232 federal grant for the Sullivan County BOCES to install videoconferencing equipment at the BOCES site and nine schools across five school districts; and \$175,000 in federal funds for a new meat processing facility in Liberty, expected to move forward this year.



When formed, REAP established a collaborative, citizen-led effort to enhance economic development and enable local communities to develop and implement strategies to create long-term prosperity. The original co-chairs were Martin Handler, then Sullivan County BOCES superintendent and Joyce Salimeno of the Gersten-Hillman Agency. Former Ellenville mayor Ray Younger was vice-chair.

LOOKING FOR FLOWER GARDENS (From Pg. 1)

The two organizations are looking for home owners willing to exhibit their private gardens to a limited number of individuals as a benefit for the SullivanArc Horticulture Program. Approximately eight gardens will be selected for viewing. Volunteers will be provided to assist at each garden. The garden tour is aimed at being a fun, inspirational and educational event for garden admirers and enthusiasts, as well as a means to sooth the spirit.

Individuals interested in having their gardens considered should contact Kathleen Capozzoli at Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2452 or kcapozzoli@sullivanrenaissance.org.

Key Bank is one of the garden tour sponsors. SullivanArc is a not-for-profit agency dedicated to providing support and services to over 800 individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and to their families. Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

WHITE COLLAR DOVE

By Peggy De Wire
On a recent trip to Virginia, I saw a strange big dove that I didn't recognize and one that the folks in Grahamsville area should be on the lookout for since it's a sub-species that is spreading north.

It's a White Collar dove, a pigeon-sized sandy brown bird with a long squared tail, black wingtips, and a black and white neckband. It is much bigger than our familiar native Mourning dove, which has no neckband and a pointed tail. Both birds compete for the same food and nesting sites.

Originally from Eurasia, the White Collar (Strepto-pelia decoacta) of the pigeon/doves family Columbidae, along with a close cousin, the Ringed turtle dove who has a narrow black neckband, was semi-domesticated in Neolithic times and share a long history with humans.

In the 1970's White Collar doves were imported into the Bahamas where fifty some escaped from cages. Ten years later at least ten thousand doves populated the islands.

In the 1990's White Collars reached the U.S. mainland near Miami and spread rapidly north and west along wooded corridors. They didn't advance in an even line but in big random jumps and back filled pockets.

Birders have reported them mostly in the west but recently in Illinois and Pennsylvania around small towns and farmlands. Though technically listed as domesticated, White Collars are skittish birds that don't allow close approach but spring into the air like a small flock of noisy alarmed pigeons. Hunters can attest to their speedy and darting erratic flight.

White Collar doves are monogamous and produce two broods of eggs during a summer, usually only a pair per clutch, which incubate for two weeks.

Both parent fiercely protect their nest against owls, feral cats and squirrels.

New born fledglings are fed a gruel called pigeon milk until they're weaned to a diet of grain, berries and fruit.

Another interesting thing about doves is how they drink by dipping their beaks into water and sucking it up instead of tipping their heads back to let liquid run down their throats.

A couple of weeks later the youngsters leave the nest and when they do, the second clutch of eggs is laid and the cycle begins again.

White Collar doves don't seem to migrate any distance but rather establish year around colonies where feed is available.

So if you're out walking and hear a raspy cooing from a flock of the biggest brown doves with black and white neck rings, that you've ever seen, the you're a lucky birder to welcome to Grahamsville this newcomer, the White Collar dove.



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The Town of Denning has a vacancy on the Board of Ethics. For further information please call the Town Hall at 985-2411. Please send letter of intent to the Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

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Joy Ann Monforte
Town Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that March 1, 2010 is the final day for all Star Exemption Forms to be returned to the Assessor's Office. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's Office at (845) 985-2262 ext. 323 or 319, Monday thru Thursday 8:30 PM - 4:30 PM.

Gene Froehlich
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NEW LOCATION FOR AG DAY

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County is pleased to announce that Ag Day will be held on Monday, February 15th at the "Honesdale High School in Honesdale, PA from 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

Ag Day is a trade show and educational event that has been an ongoing program for the past 25 years. Over 55 agri-business vendors will be on hand to discuss their products and services available to the local agriculture industry. At this time the following businesses will be present: Cohecton Mills, Catskill Tractor, Delaware Valley Farm and Garden, First Pioneer Farm Credit, Narrowsburg Feed and Grain, and Fosterdale Equipment.

The educational program will feature experts from both New York and Pennsylvania. This event has been combined with both Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County and Penn State Cooperative Extension of Wayne County. This is a 2 year program that will be offered this year in Honesdale and next year here in Sullivan County.

Lunch will be available through The Red School House.

For additional information contact Cornell Cooperative Extension at (845) 292-6180.

ROSCOE RECEIVES \$200,000 MAIN STREET GRANT (From Pg. 1)

The Chamber received technical support on applying for the grant through Sullivan County's Division of Planning and the County's Department of Grants Administration. The project is a direct result of a series of community visioning meetings under the auspices of Sullivan Renaissance and Community Planner, Helen Budrock. In addition, the Chamber has also applied its \$50,000 Golden Feather award from Sullivan Renaissance to the project in order to include streetscape work into the project in the form of new and improved sidewalks and enhancements to the downtown business district.

The Grant process, similar to the successful project in Kauneonga Lake several years ago, requires the Chamber to establish design criteria and solicit applications from building owners which will then be assessed as to their readiness and viability by an independent review committee. The program requires a 75/25 match with 25% of the cost of the renovations being the (Next Col.)

responsibility of the building owner or additional funding source. The program is expected to take two years to complete. The committee has been active in developing partnerships and soliciting and applying for additional funding to assist the business owners, many of whom suffered physical losses in a series of floods in 2004, 2005 and 2006 as well as economic losses due to road closures from the Colchester flood of 2007.

Newly installed Chamber President Elaine Fetting credits her predecessor Rick Baxter with developing the project to this point and is in the process of organizing a series of public meetings, education and outreach regarding the program and its benefits to building owners in the target area. Local artist Jack Yelle prepared artistic renderings of the concepts which were displayed at a public meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at the Roscoe Central School.

Living with Grief: CANCER AND END-OF-LIFE CARE

On Wednesday, March 24 from 1:30 to 4pm the Hospice Foundation of America will again host the 17th Annual Living With Grief® Teleconference focusing on Cancer and End-of-Life Care. This free conference will be held at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County (64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty) and refreshments will be served. This conference is open to the public, family caregivers as well as professionals interested in end-of-life issues.

This year's conference examines care options related to cancer diagnoses as well as loss and grief reactions for patients, families and professional caregivers. It will also examine psychosocial aspects of cancer, pain management, and ethical issues related to the disease.

After viewing the Living with Grief®: Cancer and End-of-Life Care, families and professionals will have: improved skills to cope with the transition to hospice and palliative care from curative treatment; be more familiar with the range of physical, psychological and spiritual reactions that people who are dying of cancer may have; and how to respond to these reactions using a variety of approaches and therapies (such as pain management, reminiscence and life review, doula programs, dignity therapy, massage, music and meditation).

Professionals may earn continuing education contact hours (CEs), available through the Hospice Foundation of America for nurses, social workers, counselors, funeral directors, clergy, psychologists, physicians, EMS personnel, EAPs and nursing home administrators. There is a \$25 online processing fee per certificate, per participant. The processing fee through the mail with HFA is \$35. There is a \$10 charge per participant for each additional certificate requested.

Please contact Linda at the Cooperative Extension (292-5250) to register or for further questions.

BOCES CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION SKILLS USA STUDENTS HOST ROAST BEEF DINNER

On Wednesday evening, February 10, 2010, the SkillsUSA chapter of Career and Technical Education at BOCES will host its famous roast beef dinner in the Career & Tech Dining Room at the Ruben Pollack Education Center in Liberty.

The dinner will consist of Roast beef with gravy, baked potato, vegetable medley, roll, and dessert, all prepared by Culinary Arts students and staff. Sit down and take out dinners will be available between the hours of 3:30 P. M. and 7:00 P. M. The cost of dinner tickets is \$8.00 for adults, \$7.00 for students and seniors, and \$6 for children.

SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations.

This mouth watering and popular event will have limited quantities.

For additional information or to buy tickets, please call 295-4143.

SULLIVAN COUNTY CONTINUES RESEARCH ON JAIL OPTIONS

Sullivan County Manager David P Fanslau sent letters on January 29, 2010 to Orange County Executive Edward Diana and Ulster County Executive Mike Hein regarding the ability of their respective counties to provide guaranteed cell space for a fixed amount of inmates, both short-term and long-term.

The Sullivan County Jail has portions that date to 1909, and recently the Chairman of the New York State Commission of Correction verbally ordered a section of the circa 1909 jail closed due to "crumbling infrastructure". There may be a need to house inmates in another county's jail during the period that portions of the Sullivan County jail are deemed unusable in the short-term, as well as, (Next Col.)

an option to enter into a long-term Inter-Municipal Agreement (IMA) between counties for a fixed and known escalator in boarding fees.

"Sullivan County would need to determine the fixed contract rate for housing sentenced inmates at another county's jail, in comparison to the capital cost avoidance of constructing a cell pod at Sullivan County's potential new facility," said Fanslau.

Additionally, Fanslau has arranged for Sullivan County officials and engineers to tour the closed Woodbourne Annex located at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility to determine whether the Woodbourne Annex and property associated with the Annex would provide a solution and alternative to the needs of Sullivan County's jail situation. That tour will take place on Thursday, February 18th, as arranged by the Office of Governor Paterson.

Fanslau is also exploring options available to permit Sullivan County to engage the private sector to construct the new Sullivan County Jail, and the County would lease the facility back from the organization that constructs the facility. This arrangement would allow the County to have more attractive financing terms, as well as, it may insulate the County against any construction costs overruns. Any private sector arrangement would provide for a Project Labor Agreement to ensure that the project maintains conditions acceptable to Sullivan County.

"The County Legislature has directed me to explore all of the potential options available, and provide them with a full body of research," said Fanslau.

Fanslau added that an initial report will be made to the County Legislature in March 2010.

SULLIVAN COUNTY RESPONDS TO SOLID WASTE FEE "FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS"

Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau has released a list of Solid Waste Fee "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)" and answers. The FAQ sheet addresses the most common questions received from public inquiries in the County Manager's Office.

Fanslau said, "The County is aware that there has been confusion surrounding the new Solid Waste Fee. As we take the necessary steps to improve and perfect the new system, we must do everything in our power to clarify the existing fee to Sullivan County property owners. I would like our residents to know that we are doing everything in our power to be as transparent and responsive as possible in working through the implementation of the Solid Waste fee."

If the Solid Waste Fee were not implemented, the County would have had to raise an additional \$5.7 million through the property tax levy to pay for outstanding debt service associated with the Solid Waste System and the post-closure care costs of the closed landfill. That would have resulted in an additional 12.5% increase to the County's property tax levy in 2010 or 18.3% total, as opposed to the Solid Waste Fee of \$84.95 for residential properties and \$300 for non-residential properties.

Sullivan County has transformed the Solid Waste System into an exportation system, after the County landfill reached capacity in December 2009. There remains a nearly \$36 million outstanding debt associated with the landfill and solid waste system that requires an annual \$4.5 million payment through 2022, as well as, a \$1.2 million post-closure care costs of the landfill for at least a thirty year period. The Solid Waste Fee was developed to pay for these costs and prevent their subsidy from the property tax levy.


In past years (1994 - 2004), when the County was actively involved with importation of Solid Waste, a debt-service reserve was not established to fund the full debt associated with the Solid Waste System.

DEADLINE TO PAY TAXES

Sullivan County Treasurer, Ira J. Cohen, would like to remind property owners who received a County tax foreclosure notice during November 2009, the deadline to pay is February 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Payments postmarked February 8, 2010, will be accepted. Unless the unpaid delinquent taxes are paid in full, or an installment payment plan is agreed upon, the property will be foreclosed and slated for sale at public auction. For information about the installment plan, and any other questions regarding this foreclosure should be directed to the County Treasurer's Office at 845-807-0200.

The Treasurer's Office will accept payment in the form of cash, certified bank check, money orders, and MasterCard or Visa credit card. Certified bank checks and money orders should be made payable to the "Sullivan County Treasurer." Personal checks will not be accepted.

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ECONOMY SHOWING HOPEFUL SIGNS, BUT STILL NO INDICATONS OF SUSTAINED RECOVERY OR EMPLOYMENT GROWTH-NYSAC's Economy Watch Breaks Down the Latest Numbers

The January 2010 edition of the NYSAC Economy Watch continues to show hopeful signs of economic recovery but private sector jobs continue to decline. Of significant note, our unemployment numbers increased in every county but one, as employers began to reduce seasonal holiday hires.

The New York State Business Barometer, the Index of Coincident Economic Indicators (ICEI), fell for the 5th consecutive month. The Index has now fallen 14 of the last 15 months.

"New York has historically entered periods of recession later than the nation, but usually remains in economic decline almost twice as long as the rest of the country," said NYSAC President Tom Santulli. "Unfortunately it appears that this trend is holding up in this recession. While we may have hit bottom, we haven't started to climb out of this slump yet."

The Chemung County Executive renewed NYSAC's call for stronger strategic statewide economic development plan that fosters job creation and plays to the unique strengths of each of New York's regions.

The number of Private Sector jobs in New York declined by 0.1% from the previous month according to the monthly employment report of the New York State Department of Labor, Division of Research & Statistics. New York's private sector jobs have declined by 2.1% from a year ago.

In a sign of optimism, the real estate market appears to have stabilized in New York, with modest sustained growth in sales and prices reported in the second half of 2009. The sales of single family homes, as reported by the New York State Association of Realtors Monthly Housing Survey, fell from the previous month but have grown 21% since a year ago. The median sales price of a single family home rose 8.5% since November and 3.3% overall since a year ago.

The results of the monthly Empire State Manufacturing Survey, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, exhibited improving business conditions for the state's manufacturers for the 6th consecutive month. Indices measuring new orders, shipments, prices received, and employment all increased for the month. The Future Activity Index, measuring manufacturing CEOs' projections of business conditions in the next 6 months continued to increase, exhibiting a high degree of optimism for the future by the state's manufacturers.

Consumer Confidence, an indicator measuring consumers' willingness to spend issued each month by the Siena Research Institute and the University of Michigan, increased in January rising by 2.8 points for the month. The State's overall consumer confidence, at 68.6, still lags behind the National confidence level of 74.4, but it has exhibited an overall upward trend since June of 2009.

"The focus of all federal, state and local leaders must be on creating an environment that will enable our communities to recover from this economic crisis, and re-emerge from a position of strength. We must reduce the cost of government, rein in property taxes and attract innovative businesses, especially emerging industries," said Stephen J. Acquario.

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(From Pg. 1) The parade started back in 1993, and had its beginnings as a small family event. "On Labor Day 1993, some of my family and friends were having coffee on my front porch. We were all grousing about having to go back to work. And I said, 'we had such a great weekend, everybody's kind of down, let's have a parade,'" says Dill.

So Dill and his family grabbed the flag that was hanging on the front porch, and the small group of 10 or so people lined up and walked down to the DeBruce flagpole. "My brother said the Pledge of Allegiance and made a big speech, and then we walked back to the house."

"Later, I was telling the neighbors how neat it was, and I said, "Why don't we try it next year and have a few more people."

The group grew the following year with the addition of some neighbors up the hill from Dill. And the year after that, Dill made his almost-90-year-old uncle the Grand Marshall and sat him in the "big chair" placed in the back of a truck.

Sometime along the course of the 15 years the parade has taken place, a Parade Queen was selected. Usually one of Dill's friends or someone he wants to honor, the Queen gets to ride on the back of Dill's motorcycle.

"Each year it just evolved," says Dill. "About the fourth year, Van Morrow showed up and said you need some music. So he went home and got his drum. Then he formed his own band - the Mountain Tones and now they take part. He's been such a big supporter."

For many years, the DeBruce Labor Day Parade has been a benefit for area non-profits and organizations. Beneficiaries have included flood victims, Temple Agudas Achim in Livingston Manor and the Livingston Manor Fire Department, which also takes part in the parade.

This year's parade will benefit the Livingston Manor Free Library.

Stay tuned for more information about the Countdown to the 2010 DeBruce Labor Day Parade including details on music, a book sale, entertainment, food and much, much more.

VALENTINE PARTY FOR CAREGIVERS ~ SWEET TOKENS OF AFFECTION

Valentine confections and gifts of affection will be included during a valentine party for Sullivan County informal family caregivers on February 13 (snow date of February 20) from 10 - 12pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County, sponsored by the Caregiver Resource Center.

Two activities will be presented; tokens of confection and gifts from the heart. Caregivers will learn how to make & decorate chocolate dipped pretzels and also create a beautiful valentine (such as a diorama or old-fashioned cameo valentine card) to give as a gift to your sweet heart or care receiver!

Caregiver social events encourages informal family caregivers to meet others (also assisting a family member who is ill, aging and frail, or coping with a disability) to learn from others, relax and become informed about other supportive services. New educational materials and resources will be available!

Caregiver Resource Center appreciates reservations ~ call 292-5250 and speak to Linda. Class size is limited to 20 (class will be cancelled without minimum of five registrants). Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County is located at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty.

OCCC HOSTS THE NEWS ANNUAL JURIED MEMBERS' SHOW (From Pg. 1)

Refreshments will be served, and there will be a watercolor demonstration by renowned artist Eli Rosenthal, followed by the presentation of the awards.

The show will also be open to the public until March 25. The Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and during performances in the Orange Theater. This exhibition is a Lyceum Event presented by Cultural Affairs.

We are honored to have Eli Rosenthal as our awards Juror and Demonstrator. Eli is a juried member of the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, the New Jersey Watercolor Society, the Baltimore Watercolor Society and the North East Watercolor Society. He is an award-winning advertising art director, graphic designer, sculptor and painter as

well as teaching and conducting workshops. You can visit his website at www.elirosenthal.com/.

This year with heavy hearts we dedicate this exhibition to the memory of Elaine M. Garvin, artist, teacher and friend, for her exceptional contributions, her many hours of hard work, professionalism and standards of excellence. For her dedication to NEWS as a member, Vice President, hostess, coordinator of awards, her work on the International Show, and so much more, and always with a smile, patience and encouragement for everyone. We have lost a gifted artist and friend.

For more information about the North East Watercolor Society or about the show, please visit us at www.northeastws.com/

The work of local artists, Ann Higgins and Elise Hornbeck will be shown at the NEWS Annual Juried Members' Show

SARA CONKLIN'S "LOST AND FORGOTTEN" PAINTINGS AND WORKS ON PAPER AT ALLIANCE GALLERY

"Lost and Forgotten," an exhibition of paintings and works on paper by Sara Conklin, opens at the Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg on Saturday, February 27, with a reception from 2 - 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through March 20.

"In my Lost and Forgotten series I am searching for the source of isolation I sometimes feel from myself, from others, and in society," explains Conklin, whose impressionistic paintings portray white sheep surrounded by a daunting landscape of heavy grey mountains and a maze of fields. "I use the sheep as the symbol to explore and unwind those feelings of unrest, of being uneasy with the space, but also to play with humor."

Born in Connecticut, Conklin now lives and works in New York City and Washingtonville, NY. But it is Iceland that provides her inspiration. "Iceland is a land of raw beauty and eerie energy. At it's most basic level I find that the isolated Icelandic environment captures and feeds back one's own state of mind. The lack of mental and physical clutter I experience there evokes a sense of loneliness

and isolation in me, yet gives me the opportunity to gain a new perspective on my surroundings and myself."

Conklin's works on paper also examine the universal emotions related to human suffering, revealing her personal and artistic growth following the trauma of a broken neck and extensive therapy after a horseback riding accident. These pieces synthesize pain and healing, as Conklin realized the gift she was given was a reawakening of her creative process and artistic voice.

Currently studying with painter Andrew Lattimore, Conklin has exhibited in solo and group exhibitions across New York, Connecticut, and Massachusetts. She received her Bachelor of Arts from Springfield College, and has attended Banff Centre of the Arts, in Alberta, Canada and The Art Students League in New York City.

This exhibit, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part with funding from the Visual Arts Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

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

Sara Conklin's "Family Portrait" is part of an exhibition titled "Lost and Forgotten" opening at Alliance Gallery on Saturday, February 27.

EM PRINT NOW!

Two diverse exhibits "Music as Muse," in the main gallery, and "FEM PRINT NOW," in the members' lounge, will be on view at the Arts Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway, thru February 27th.

"FEM PRINT NOW!" is a compilation of prints by female artists, working in the New York state region. These young women have been trained in printmaking programs at the State University of New York at New Paltz, the Cooper Union School, Sarah Lawrence College and the College of St. Rose.

The exhibition includes techniques such as lithography, monotype, woodcut and digital print-

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making. "FEM PRINT NOW!" is intended to be an on-going project designed to have collaboration between local female printmakers and artists.

Participating artists include: Ann Julia Bratnick, Wendy Chan, Elizabeth Cooper, Jennifer Culkun, Erin Dinan, Phoebe Doran, Caitlin Gilbride, Melissa Mandel, Elizabeth Rozencranz, Kate Sanderson and Sophie White.

Erin Dinan, resident of Kingston, curated and conceptualized this exhibition. Dinan received her MFA in Printmaking at SUNY New Paltz.

FEBRUARY EVENTS AT FROST VALLEY YMCA

Friday-Sunday, February 19-21, 2010 A Girl Scout Winter Sports Getaway will be held from Junior Girl Scouts will participate in the following: a class on dressing for the cold and how fabrics affect warmth, cross-country skiing equipment overview and a brief lesson, a snowshoe hike with lessons on first aid for cold weather, sledding education, making snow sculptures and trying snow painting, learning all about snow and ice cutting. Scouts can complete "Frosty Fun" and "Winter Sports" badges. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org. Frost Valley YMCA camp and conference center is located in the Catskill Mountain high peaks.

Sunday-Friday, Feb. 21-26, 2010: Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing in the Catskills (also offered Feb. 28-March 5). Spend your days exploring the limitless trail network of New York's famed 'forever wild' Catskill Forest Preserve on snowshoes, cross-country skis or on foot as the best of all worlds is combined for the winter sports enthusiast. Held at Frost Valley YMCA's Straus Center Inn, Claryville, NY. Information/registration: (800) 454-5768 or visit: www.elderhostel.org. Frost Valley YMCA camp and conference center is located in the heart of the Catskill Mountain high peaks.

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CONSUMER AND FINANCIAL ED Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County

"Save Energy, Save Dollars" is on February 16th at 5:30-7:30 pm at CCE -Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills. Also learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. There will be free energy-saving materials to be provided to all participants.

This class is free and open to the public, but you must pre-register with Linda at 845-292-5250. There must be a minimum of 10 pre-registered participants for this class to be held.

Income Tax Season Is Quickly Approaching

We are an AARP tax preparation site, with a focus on senior citizens and low income families and individuals. You may call Susan Dollard to set up an appointment at 845-292-5250

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES - DID YOU FINISH YOU DOCUMENTS

Have you always meant to start your Advanced Directives (living wills and health care proxies), but after giving them some thought set the papers aside, uncompleted? On February 23 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty, the most basic of estate plan documents are explained. Discussion of some basic forms, including My Five Wishes, and common terminology will be reviewed. Discussion will also include family and cultural issues that act as barriers to setting up advanced directives. Class presented by Bonnie Lewis. Minimum of FIVE pre-registered participants - cancelled by 1/22 if minimum not met. Light supper served and class is free. Start 2010 with this task checked off!


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THE SENTIMENTAL VALENTINE



The true origin of St. Valentine's Day appears to have deep roots that go back prior to the existence of the great city of Rome when Lupercalia was celebrated on the 15th day of February. At that time February was later in the year, thus Lupercalia was actually a spring festival. Lupercus was the protector of the flocks against wolves. It is quite likely that the Latin word 'lupus' or wolf is suggestive of the naming of the festivity. Also, to the ancient Romans, February 14th, the day before the Feast of Lupercalia, was a day set aside to honor Juno, the Queen of the Roman gods and goddesses. She was also known as the goddess of women and marriage.

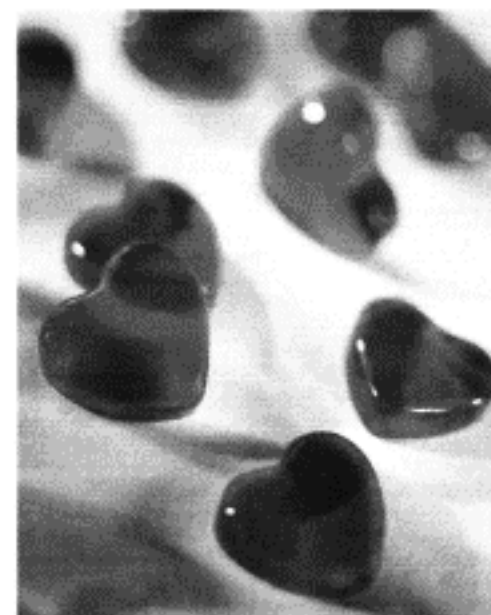
The seeds of our modern St. Valentine's Day continued to be sown by Roman soldiers who took the Lupercalia customs with them to countries they conquered and occupied. One such custom was the pairing of men with women whose names they selected from a bowl. The pairing continued for the length of the festival and sometimes beyond. As Christianity advanced through Europe the church replaced the ancient festivals with festivals more suited to the new faith. Lupercalia's pairing of men and women went against the teachings of Christianity therefore in 496 AD Pope Gelasius ended the festival of Lupercalia and replaced it with a festival honoring St. Valentine. There were at least three different Saint Valentines, all of them martyrs, associated with the date of February 14th. Who the original St. Valentine was or actually how many St. Valentines there were, still remains a mystery. Archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to Saint Valentine and the first representation of 'Saint Valentine' appeared in *The Nuremberg Chronicle*, a great illustrated book, printed in 1493.

The name "Valentine" is derived from the word valens meaning heroic (valiant). Ironically, in Norse mythology, Vali is the name of the god Odin and goddess Rindr's youngest son. Vali is fated to survive Ragnarök, (the final destiny of the gods) a series of major events, including the occurrence of various natural disasters. According to the legend, when the world resurfaces anew and fertile, the surviving gods will meet, and the world will be repopulated by two human survivors. Ragnarök is an important event in the Norse canon, and has been the subject of scholarly discourse and theory. In modern times, the Feast of Vali celebrated the death of Hothr (darkness) at the hands of Vali (the god of light) as a late winter festival relating to the triumphant return of the light of the sun over the dark days of winter. Today it is a traditional celebration of the family that includes the exchange of cards and gifts with loved ones. It is also a time for the renewal of marriage vows and an occasion for marriages.

During the medieval days of chivalry, a single's lottery was very popular among the British. The names of English maidens and bachelors were put into a box and drawn out in pairs. The couple exchanged gifts and the girl became the man's valentine for a year. This custom of drawing the names of young maidens was similar to the practice of pairing by the early Romans.

Whether it be the slips of paper bearing the names of the young women during early Roman times, the notes passed by Valentine from his death cell, or the love notes that are among the royal papers in the British Museum that the young French Duke of Orleans who was captured in battle and held prisoner in the Tower of London for many years, sent his wife, the modern Valentine's card that is sent today still remains an expression of love.

Happy Valentine's Day!



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BONACIC OPPOSES PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RATE HIKE PROPOSAL WITH CENTRAL HUDSON

State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/I/C - Mt. Hope) has filed comments with the New York Public Service Commission in opposition to the proposal by Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. to raise their rates each year for the next three years.

"New Yorkers are struggling to make ends meet. This proposed increase will raise the costs for small business and farms to operate at a time when they simply cannot afford it, and it will have a devastating impact on New Yorkers who will not be able to heat their homes" Senator Bonacic said.

GUNTHER WEAR RED FOR WOMEN DAY (From Pg. 1)

Diseases of the heart are the nation's leading cause of death. Stroke is the third leading cause of death. Cardiovascular diseases (CVDs) claim the lives of over 460,000 American females each year (about one death per minute.) Each year, of the females who die, 53% die from cardiovascular disease (CVD) as compared to 47% of men and approximately 32,500 more females than males die from stroke.

In 2010, the direct and indirect cost of cardiovascular diseases and stroke in the United States is estimated to be \$448.5 billion. Gunther informed her colleagues that more women die of cardiovascular disease than the next five leading causes of death combined, including all cancers, yet only 21% of women consider cardiovascular disease their greatest health risk.

"Women should talk to their doctors about heart disease when discussing their health," said Gunther. "Go Red for Women empowers women with the knowledge and tools they need to take charge of their health and urges women to take action now. Wear Red for Women this Friday, February 5th!" For more information see: www.goredforwomen.org/

GUNTHER: ASSEMBLY PASSES LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE DISABLED FROM ABUSE

Aileen M. Gunther (D, C, I - Forestburgh) announced the Assembly passed legislation that would make it a felony for a caregiver to endanger the welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person if the caregiver intentionally or recklessly causes physical or serious physical injury to that person or subjects that person to sexual contact without consent (A.9534). While similar legislation was vetoed by the governor in 2009, Gunther said she is hopeful the common-sense measure will be approved in 2010.

"Under existing law, caregivers who are found guilty of endangering the welfare of vulnerable elderly persons may be convicted as class E or class D felons, and, depending on the harm inflicted, be sent to prison for up to seven years," Gunther said. "However, it is only a misdemeanor to endanger the welfare of an incompetent or physically disabled person, who may be just as vulnerable as an elderly person. This legislation will correct this obvious inequity and afford the same protection to other individuals who are under the care of others and are unable to protect themselves."

Jonathan's Law (Ch. 24 of 2007) was enacted as a result of the tragic death of Jonathan Carey, a 13-year-old autistic boy who died while in the care of two health care aides employed by the state's O.D. Heck Developmental Center in Schenectady County, where Carey was a resident. Carey stopped breathing when he was allegedly restrained by one of the aides while in a van en route to a nearby shopping mall.

"We need to crack down on these types of heinous crimes," Gunther said. "Disabled people deserve to be protected from abuse, and abusers deserve to face stiff and harsh punishments."

Jonathan's Law allows parents and guardians of individuals with mental disabilities access to records pertaining to their loved ones. Further legislation requires state agencies and facilities to honor written requests by family members for patient records as far back as 2003 regarding investigations of patient abuse or maltreatment (Ch. 271 of 2007).

"I will continue fighting to ensure vulnerable people are protected from those that cause them harm," Gunther said.

GUNTHER: GOVERNOR'S VETO OF ETHICS REFORM LEGISLATION A MISTAKE

"Governor Paterson's decision to veto historic, bipartisan ethics reform flies in the face of New Yorkers who are calling for change (Next Col.)

in Albany," said Aileen Gunther, (D, C, I - Forestburgh) "This legislation (A.9544) - which passed overwhelmingly in the Assembly and Senate - is the right step forward. The measure has the support of former State Commission on Lobbying head David Grandeau, and good-government groups such as NYPIRG, the New York State League of Women Voters and Citizens Union."

The Legislature's measure is tougher than the governor's proposal in a number of ways - including a stiff new penalty for failure to file financial disclosure forms. The measure also defines 'independent expenditures' and requires public disclosure of the funding source of political communications paid for by independent expenditures. The governor's plan does not do this.

"This landmark legislation will end abuses of the system, reduce the influence of lobbyists in Albany and strengthen campaign finance filing requirements," Gunther said. "For the first time, an independent legislative investigative body will be established, as well as mandatory disclosure of legislators' income categories and sources of outside income. Vetoing this is a step backward."

The Assembly held public hearings before drafting the measure. The former head of the State Commission on Lobbying said it was right to reestablish an independent lobbying ethics body. In addition, the new independent body to investigate complaints against legislators is modeled on the House of Representatives' Office of Congressional Ethics.

NYSAC DRIVERS' SAFETY PROGRAM PROMOTES SMARTER DRIVERS AND SAFER ROADS - County Officials and Family Members Eligible for Insurance Savings and Reduced Points

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) and the New York Safety Program today announced a major program to promote driver safety in New York State.

"Each year we have more and more cars on our roadways and we have an obligation to do what we can to improve driver safety and reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents," said NYSAC President Thomas J. Santulli, Chemung County Executive. "That's why we have expanded our program so that more New York drivers have the tools to prevent needless accidents and save money on their insurance costs."

The new 6-hour defensive driving class was recently approved by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for online participation. Now county employees and their families can take the course anytime from anywhere over the World Wide Web. They have one month to complete the 6-hour class once they register. For more information or to register for the course, visit <http://www.nysac.org/nysafetyprogram.php>.

"This new program brings driver safety training into the 21st Century," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. "Through technology we have moved the mark in promoting driver safety. This Internet-based defensive driver curriculum is top notch and will serve as a model in the industry."

Participants who complete the defensive driving class are eligible for a 10% discount on collision and liability insurance for three years. In addition, for drivers who have speeding tickets within the past 18 months, the class can take up to 4 points off their DMV driving record.

"Clearly, this is a win-win-win for the driver, for the public as insurance costs go down, and for those traveling on our roadways. We encourage all New Yorker's to take advantage of this new opportunity," said Santulli.

Since 1991, NYSAC and the New York Safety Program have teamed up to provide a classroom advanced driver safety program to county employees and their families.

HINCHEY, FEDERAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICIALS & LOCAL FARMERS ANNOUNCE NEW FEDERAL FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO STRENGTHEN & DEVELOP LOCAL AGRICULTURE BUSINESSES & MARKET HUDSON VALLEY BRAND FOOD PRODUCTS TO NYC

Hinchey Obtained \$350,000 from Congress to Develop AgriBusiness Corridor along Route 209

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Regional Director Willie Taylor, and (Next Col.)

local farmers today announced new federal funding to implement a comprehensive plan that will strengthen and develop the local agriculture industry and collectively market Hudson Valley branded food products to New York City.

Hinchey obtained \$350,000 from Congress as part of the fiscal year 2010 appropriations process in order to help the non-profit, Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation (HVADC), develop a "food corridor" along Route 209, running from Ellenville to Kingston. HVADC, which serves farms in Ulster, Orange, Dutchess, and Columbia counties, will serve as an agriculture incubator service that offers business assistance programming for startups; centralized costly processing and marketing services and facilities; and financing services and client networking. HVADC will use the funds Hinchey obtained to pay for a cold storage facility for local farms and to develop a food processing center for local farms. These combined efforts will dramatically reduce costs for farmers and improve their ability to sell their products to the New York City metropolitan area.

"The Route 209 agribusiness corridor holds an enormous amount of potential for local farms and agricultural businesses in the Hudson Valley," Hinchey said. "The Hudson Valley Agribusiness Development Corporation will serve as the critical link that local farmers need to get their products from the field to store shelves and restaurants throughout New York City and greater metropolitan area. The demand is there for locally grown and processed food and this agribusiness corridor will help meet that demand."

HVADC, in collaboration with Gillette Creamery, will utilize a portion of the funding Hinchey secured to provide cold storage solutions for local farmers and food processors such as Farm to Table Co-packers at Tech City and Rondout Valley Growers. Collectively, these organizations will form the heart of the Route 209 Food Cluster. The funds will be used to rent cold storage space at Gillette's old facility in Ellenville. Those funds have enabled Gillette to move to Gardiner and keep jobs that would have otherwise left Ulster County.

In conjunction with HVADC, Farm to Table Co-packers (FTC) is in the process of renovating approximately 20,000 square feet in Tech City to create a co-packing facility with kitchen rental space and an incubator facility for beginning food entrepreneurs. FTC will be located at the Kingston end of the Route 209 agribusiness corridor. The facility will be a full production kitchen inspected by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). FTC already has 16 employees that were working in another facility that it will retain and move to the Tech City building. The company also plans to add an additional nine or ten jobs. FTC will also be a vital link in the Route 209 food corridor initiative, which will link farmers to manufacturing and distribution centers.

The 209 Food Corridor will link farmers, manufacturing and distribution into a comprehensive network in order to take advantage of the regions assets. Currently, there are more than 50 farms and agriculture related ventures between Kingston and Ellenville, all of which HVADC is seeking to strengthen and promote. According to an EDA study, for every \$10,000 of federal money invested in a business incubator, as many as 69 jobs are created.

"This new effort will reduce costs to farmers because they will be sharing a centralized facility that benefits the region and supports a Hudson Valley brand," Hinchey said. "The Route 209 food corridor and Farm to Table Co-packers are just the beginning of this endeavor that holds the very real potential of greatly expanding the market that farms in the Hudson Valley serve. Farms in the Hudson Valley are located just outside of the largest metropolitan market in the world and through our sustained efforts we will enable these farms to meet the demands of that market."

As part of an overall marketing strategy to tap into the New York City metropolitan area, HVADC will work with local growers to take advantage of the growing trend in the food industry for locally grown and produced products. A recent marketing study commissioned by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets demonstrated an enormous demand among New York City consumers, restaurants, grocers, caterers, and food service institutions for locally grown foods purchased directly from farmers. The study found an estimated \$860 million worth of unmet demand for local farm products in the New York City market, creating a need for regional co-packing facilities and marketing strategies.

THREADS THAT WOVE PEEKAMOOSSE - Ed. Notes

According to Charles E. Foote's book, *The History of Ulster County New York*, originally published by W. J. Van Deusen in 1907 the Town of Denning was formed from a part of Shandaken on March 6, 1849. The name Denning was given to the town in honor of William H. Denning, who held a large tract of land within the established town limits.

While Peakamoosse was part of the land of the Kakalarimme, the Cacawolomin and Moonhaw tribes that was deeded to the white man in 1746, according to *Picturesque Ulster*, John Bush was actually the first settler in the Peekamoosse region. Some other early settlers near Peakamoosse and the headwaters of the Rondout were John McColough who built his house and a saw-mill. In 1838 A bit closer toward what is now the Sundown area was John Hill, who it is cited in *Picturesque Ulster* to be much like the 'dreamy Rip Van Winkle.' Hill also built a house and mill, but it was noted that he was not quite as proficient as McColough!

Also according to Foote, the production of poultry, maple sugar and syrup were ample during the late 1800's. He noted that there were seventy-four men from the Town of Denning enlisted for service during the Civil War.

As early as 1907 the town of Denning was considered a true watershed area with the Ronout Creek in the eastern part of the town and the Neversink in the western portion. The Rondout Creek eventually reaches the Hudson River, while the Neversink River eventually flows into the Delaware River.

The State Deer Park, a large tract of land with title held by the State of New York, hailed by the fishermen of the time, was located between the two branches of the Neversink.

In 1907 when Foote wrote his book the nearby mountains were called Hanover Mountain, Lone Mountain, Table Mountain and Mt. Peak o'Moose, which were the highest peaks in the town.

Industry in the area included saw-mills and tanneries as there was a great hemlock forest covering the hills. The first tannery was built by John Smith in 1850. It was noted by Foote that by 1907 there were only five saw-mills still in operation as the resource, hemlock bark, had been exhausted.

Hunting and fishing continued to lure many sportsman from around the world where they could, believe it or not, get comfortable accommodations near Peekamoosse. There were also many who chose to pitch their tents and get closer to nature.

By the end of the 1800's the population of the

town of Denning was a bit over 1,000 according to *Picturesque Ulster*. Contrast this with the figures from the 2000 U S Census that states the population of the Town of Denning in 2000 to be 516 people!

Even when the nearby railroad in Olive, could bring passengers within a short distance of Peekamoosse there was still the mountain road, known as the "Gulf" that had to be traveled. The grade was very steep and the roadbed was formed from loose slabs and pieces of rocks that fell from the cliffs. It was extremely narrow and winding with no protection to the deep ravine on the stream side. Despite this harrowing journey, the road that led to Peakamoosse Lake (note the spelling), still drew many people to the area. The following names were noted in *Picturesque Ulster* as early settlers here: Lemuel Winchell; Rev. John W. Hammond; John D. Ennist Charles J. Johnson; Eugene Kerr; and John S. Barnes.

In 1880 the Peakamoosse Fishing Club purchased 80 acres of land including the lake where they built a hunting cabin. By 1884 J. W. Wentworth bought the large tract of land and built his summer home, the *Wigwam* and a small chapel that was perched on a nearby cliff.

There was another church in the town, the Methodist Episcopal church located in Sundown near the Rondout Creek, which is the present Sundown Methodist Church. Services began there in 1856. In 1868 a church building costing \$2000 was built. Rev. F. N. Andrews was the first pastor. According to Foote, the society was formally incorporated in 1878.

The Sundown Methodist Church continues to enrich the community's future history. Services are held at 9:30 Sunday mornings with Pastor Bob Kersten officiating. The church hall across the street remains an active place for community to gather for church suppers, bazaars and other community events. Right next to the church, is the home of Hector and Grace Rivera. Their home was once the Sundown school house. Jim and Gail Connors, owners of the Sundown Camp and Bait Shop that is across the street from the church, still enjoy the apples from an old apple tree that stands in their backyard. The tree once supplied the students with healthy natural snacks as they were playing at recess in what was then, the school yard.

Information for this article was taken from: *A Facsimile Reprinting published in 2007 by Heritage Books, Inc. Publishing Division, 65 E Main St., Westminster Maryland 21157 from the original work The History of Ulster County New York by Charles E. Foote published by W. J. Van Deusen, Kingston, NY 1907 and Picturesque Ulster by R. Lionel De Lisser published by The Styles & Bryn Publishing Company, Kingston, NY 1896 and stories from local residents.*

FOOTNOTES TO LOCAL HISTORY (From a letter written to Inez George Gridley for The Townsman)

The following is a letter recently received from George Walter Erts, regarding our local history. It

is our pleasure to share with you, our readers.


"Your recent article in the Townsman 'Churches past and present' was very interesting and I am saving these papers with my records.

You mention and ask who joined the Mormon journey from Nauvoo, I believe that one of the local families who went West with this group was a Groo family who left the Aden vicinity and eventually reached Salt Lake City and only a few years ago a man by the name of Groo was serving as Chief of the Police Department at Salt Lake City and claimed relationship to the Groo family of the vicinity of Sullivan County. Looks like he was from a family that as we now say made good in their journey West from Sullivan County.

You mention the Sundown Methodist Church being originally affiliated with the Grahamsville-Neversink Flats charge and I agree with this, and the Sundown group was organized in 1856 and was first called the Denning Falls Charge, the house of worship was built in 1868. The early services of this group were often held in private homes and in the school house which stood where the last Sundown School House stood before being made into a home.

May I add two churches in Denning to your list?

Mr. DeLisser tells us that in 1852 Rev. John W. Hammond settled in Peekamoosse (then called the Devils Pulpit) but I find that Rev. Hammond purchased his property in 1858 when he bought 240 acres of land being parts of lot 23 Chambers survey located on the Northwest side of the Rondout stream far above the buildings now standing at Peekamoosse... Soon after his coming to Peekamoosse through his efforts a small chapel was erected near the Hill sawmill, close to the Rondout Stream and across the road from the home of Richard Kerr. (Mr. DeLisser calls Richard Kerr Eugene Kerr. Richard or Dick Kerr was the father of Eugene). Here church was held, also Sunday School and I believe funerals were held from this church. I was able to find a lady who actually attended services at this church. By 1920 this church was in need of repairs. I was also able to locate a lady who has one of the Prayer Chairs that stood on the raise back of the Altar of this church which is now torn down. Rev. Hammond came from the Town of Mohawk in Herkimer County and for a long time was the pastor of the Shokan R.D. Church where he was still preaching in 1870. From this I imagine that this chapel was an R.D. Church. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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

Ismael Berrios
 Lead Pastor
 P. O. Box 480
 507 Hasbrouck Drive
 Woodbourne, NY 12788
 845-434-8263
 Email: crosswayaog@aol.com
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Sundown United Methodist Church
 Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

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 The Little Church with the Big Heart
Sundays, 3 pm: Communion
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
 Coffee hour follows service
 All are welcome!
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Claryville Reformed Church

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

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


CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.
 ALL YOU CAN EAT

PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, Feb. 14
 Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon
 ADULTS \$7
 CHILDREN UNDER 12, \$\$,
 UNDER 5 YRS. FREE
\$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO USMC SGT EDDIE RYAN


Saturday
Feb. 20, 2010
 9 am- 2 pm

GRAHAMSVILLE REFORMED CHURCH
ROAST PORK DINNER
March 6, 2010 Saturday
 4 - 7 pm
 Menu: Roast pork, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce, assorted desserts & beverages.
 Adult: \$10. Child 5-10: \$5, under 4 free
 Thank you for your continued support!
 For more information: 845-985-7480

Grahamsville Reformed Church
 Sunday School 9 A.M.
 Worship Service 10 A.M.
 Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper
 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month
 Looking for a Lifeguard?
 Ours walks on water!
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor


Feb. 6, 2010
5:30 pm
Covered Dish Supper
Sundown United Methodist Church
 at the Sundown Church Hall

FOOTNOTES TO LOCAL HISTORY (From Pg. 13) I tried to get some information from the present Shokan Church but they tell me their records were destroyed by fire in 1920.

Mr. DeLisser states that in 1884 J. W. Wentworth bought a large tract of land in Peekamose and built his home the Wigwam and the small church which still stands on the rocks near the Peekamose Lake, which was built in 1880 by Will Jones for the Peekamose Club. This was a Catholic Chapel and was dedicated in 1893 by Archbishop Corrigan, a very close friend to Mr. and Mrs. Wentworth. Mr. Wentworth was a stock broker and Archbishop Corrigan was a frequent visitor at the Wentworth home and Mr. Wentworth erected a private telegraph line from their home the Wigwam to the old Shokan Railroad Station so that both he and Rev. Corrigan could be in contact with their N.Y. City offices. Mrs. Wentworth was the operator.

It might be of interest to you that Archbishop Corrigan visited Red Hill about the 1893 period and conducted confirmation services on a class of young Catholic people. These services were held at the home of Mathias Joseph Erts and his wife Anna Maria Priem Erts. Rev. Corrigan was guest of the Erts family at their Red Hill home.

Quite some time ago you had an article in the *Townsman* asking what was a fulling mill and the wife answered saying she thought it was a mill where the cloth was shrunk. We have recently read an article telling that in the old method of weaving the cloth was stiff and hard and that some grease was added to make the cloth soft and easy to handle. This cloth was then run through the fulling mill, where it passed through fullers earth which removed the grease soils in handling, softened, cleaned and shrunk.

Sincerely,
George W. Erts

P.S. At the meeting held at the YMCA a few nights ago the Ulster and Delaware Railroad was discussed and I found the following which is very interesting.

On Saturday May 28, 1871 the last Stage Coach left Kingston for Delhi. On Monday, May 30, 1871 the first train on the Rondout and Oswego Railroad left Rondout or Kingston for Mt. Tremper. By September of 1871 the Delhi Stage was meeting the train at Arkville. This railroad later became the Ulster and Delaware R.R.

I also found the following: At the height of the industry, it was estimated that 60 million hoops a year came out of the Catskills. It was estimated that 8,000 to 9,000 hoop shavers were engaged in the making of hoops. This was about ten years after the hemlocks were cut for the tanning industry.

W. A. Briggs of Claryville was called the hoop king. I found this in an old newspaper."

GILLIBRAND INTRODUCES SOLAR ENERGY LEGISLATION New York Already Home To Nearly 75,000 Jobs Associated With Solar Manufacturing And Installation

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand introduced legislation this week to encourage the installation of 10 million solar systems on the rooftops of homes and businesses over the next decade. According to the New York State Department of Labor report from 2009, New York has nearly 75,000 jobs associated with solar manufacturing and installation in more than 7,000 New York companies. Based on average wages, New York's solar industry payroll is approximately \$4.8 billion dollars.

"Developing new, clean, homegrown sources of energy is a vital part of our economic recovery," Senator Gillibrand said. "This legislation would make solar panel installation more accessible and affordable for New Yorkers - helping to cut emissions, improve our environment, lower our energy bills, and create good-paying green jobs right here at home."

The 10 Million Solar Roofs and 10 Million Gallons of Solar Hot Water Act would provide consumers and businesses with rebates of \$3 per watt for systems up to 4 megawatts. This would help consumers overcome a key barrier to expanded solar deployment. Solar energy requires significant upfront expenditures for systems that are otherwise cost-effective over time. This rebate program would complement existing federal and state incentives.

In order to apply consumers would need to meet certain energy efficiency requirements. The rebates could cover up to half of the installed cost to the consumer, after all other applicable incentives are applied. If fully funded over a ten year period, this legislation could deploy up to 30 gigawatts of solar PV, and (Next Col.)

create 750,000 jobs.

President Obama's budget for next year requested \$2.4 billion for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. The requested 5 percent boost overall included a 22 percent increase for solar power.

A recent report shows that solar power could help make every state more energy independent if solar units were installed on available rooftop space, because every state can meet 10 percent or more of its electricity needs just through rooftop solar. Moreover, because solar energy creates more jobs per megawatt than other energy sources. Senator Gillibrand's bill could create hundreds of thousands of jobs over the next ten years in the solar industry. According to a study by the University of California at Berkley, solar energy creates more jobs per megawatt than any other energy technology - 33 jobs in manufacturing, installation and maintenance.

This measure is patterned after successful state programs promoting solar energy in New Jersey and California, where energy prices have fallen as the number of solar units increased.

HINCHEY LEADS HOUSE EFFORT URGING DOJ & FCC TO BLOCK COMCAST'S ACQUISITION OF NBC UNIVERSAL

Washington, DC -- On the day when Comcast and NBC Universal executives testified before House and Senate subcommittees, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today led six other House members in calling on U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder and Federal Communications Commission Chairman (FCC) Julius Genachowski to block Comcast Corporation's plan to acquire NBC Universal. The House members today sent letters to Holder and Genachowski, laying out a wide array of concerns about how the deal would limit public access to independent sources of information while further weakening localism, diversity, and competition across the country.

"If Comcast successfully acquires NBC Universal, the American people will be faced with more media consolidation, fewer independent sources of information, and higher cable bills. The media conglomerate that would be created under this proposed deal would control content production and content distribution at an unprecedented level and it would stifle the growing trend of accessing premium content online regardless of one's broadband provider," said Hinchey, the founder and chairman of the congressional Future of American Media Caucus. "This merger would further limit the American people's access to a wide array of information and broadcast content that is inherently necessary for a properly functioning democracy. The Comcast-NBC Universal deal must be blocked for the good of the American people."

HINCHEY LEADING EFFORT IN CONGRESS TO CONVINCING OBAMA ADMINISTRATION TO REVERSE PLAN AND CONTINUE HOMEOWNERSHIP ASSISTANCE; URGES EXTENSION OF PROGRAMS RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING MORTGAGE RATES LOW, MAKING HOMEOWNERSHIP MORE ATTAINABLE

With the strength of the housing market linked directly to overall economic prosperity, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) is leading the effort in Congress to convince the Obama administration and Federal Reserve to reverse course and continue several key programs due to soon expire or change that are critical to keeping mortgage rates low and making homeownership more attainable. In a letter sent to President Obama and Federal Reserve Chairman Bernanke yesterday, Hinchey laid out a series of steps the administration should take -- some in partnership with Congress -- to prevent the housing market from becoming dramatically worse in a sudden fashion. Hinchey today also called on the Joint Economic Committee (JEC), of which he is a senior member, to hold hearings on the various home ownership programs that are in jeopardy of expiring.

"While we're seeing signs that the economy is beginning to turn around, it's extremely important that the housing market is handled with great care and that there aren't any sudden changes in policy that could lead to a second economic collapse," Hinchey said. "I'm leading the effort in Congress to convince the Obama administration and the Federal Reserve to adapt to (Next Col.)

the facts on the ground and modify their plans to terminate the various federal programs that have helped stabilize the housing market, kept mortgage rates low and provided extra tax relief and incentives to homebuyers. The abrupt termination of these programs could unravel much of the progress we've made in stabilizing the economy. We have a good opportunity to further stabilize and strengthen the housing market in the Hudson Valley and across New York while also continuing to provide strong incentives that will encourage people to buy homes."

The Treasury Department and the Federal Reserve have announced that next month they plan to stop buying mortgage-backed securities - a collection of mortgages grouped together as a tradable security. Such a move would mean that mortgage rates, which are at record lows, including an average of 5 percent on a 30 year fixed-rate mortgage in the Hudson Valley, would likely start to steadily rise. Hinchey noted that increased rates would make it more difficult for new buyers to be able to afford a home while also forcing prices to drop even further. In their letter, Hinchey and Congressman Elijah Cummings (D-MD), who is also a member of the JEC, urged President Obama and Chairman Bernanke to continue the purchasing of mortgage-backed securities in order to keep rates low.

Hinchey noted that the \$8,000 federal tax credit for first-time homebuyers and the new \$6,500 federal tax credit for non-first-time homebuyers who have been in their current residence at least five years, are both set to expire on April 30, 2010. The congressman voted for both the initial homebuyer tax credit, which applied only to first time homebuyers, as well as a second bill that extended the program through April and added the tax credit for existing homeowners. With the housing market still fragile, Hinchey is cosponsoring legislation in the House to extend the first-time homebuyers tax credit through the end of 2010.

Hinchey Leading Effort in Congress to Convince Obama Administration to Reverse Plan and Continue Homeownership Assistance; Urges Extension of Programs Responsible for Keeping Mortgage Rates Low, Making Homeownership More Attainable

Hinchey discussed his efforts to strengthen and further stabilize the housing market at the home of Marc and Kristen Lupino in Port Ewen, New York. The Lupino family was recently able to purchase their first home due to mortgage rates that were kept low through federal intervention, as well as because of the federal homebuyers' tax credit that Hinchey is working to extend. The Lupinos participated in the Rural Ulster Preservation Company's (RUPCO) First-Time Home Buyers education program, which is funded with federal HOME funds -- the largest federal block grant program to State and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing.

The Lupinos also participated in the First-Time Home Buyers Club through the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York. That program provides 1 to 4 match funds in order to help people afford a down payment. In order to be eligible for the program they participated in a down payment savings plan for nearly a year. They also received federal HOME rehab assistance, which allowed them to make energy efficiency upgrades to their new home to help lower their monthly energy bills.

With many banks requiring at least 20 percent down to purchase a home, Hinchey noted the Federal Housing Administration's (FHA) mortgage-backed program that requires a down payment of 3.5 percent, has become a critical program that has helped many New Yorkers purchase a home. The FHA is due to soon reduce the amount of money that home sellers can contribute to the buyers' closings costs. That reduction will go from 6 percent of a home's sale price to 3 percent. The FHA is also due to increase its upfront mortgage insurance fee from 1.75 percent to 2.25 percent of the loan.

Ulster County has seen a steady decline in the number of homes sold during the last few years. In 2007, 1,297 homes were sold whereas only 993 homes were sold in 2009 -- a clear sign that the housing market has significantly weakened and is in need of continued support. In 2007, 2,679 homes were sold in Orange County, but only 1,993 homes were sold last year. In 2007, 2,591 homes were sold in Dutchess County, whereas 2,327 homes were sold in the county last year.

THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312 SOUTH

PIZZA & EGG DECORATING - Mar 19@ 5:30 pm. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents. Sign up by Mar 9

SCRANTON/WILKES-BARRE Yankees vs. Toledo Mud Hens Thursday, July 15. Sign up by June 8.

ZOOM FLUME Saturday, August 7. Waterpark East Durham, NY- Sign up by June 8.

GAMES & SOCIALIZING - FREE fun every Friday afternoon 1 pm - 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Town Hall. -

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- 2/10/10 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 2/11/10 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 2/13/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church -**Spaghetti Dinner** to benefit Cabrera Family - 5-7 pm
- 2/14/10 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 2/15/10 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Presidents' Day**
- 2/16/10 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 2/16/10 Star & Square Assoc. **Roast Pork Dinner** (see ad below)
- 2/17/10 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 2/20/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 2/23/10 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Meeting 7 pm Town Hall Upstairs Mtg. Room
- 2/24/10 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 3/1/10 Time & the Valleys Museum work committee meeting 12:30 Neversink Town Hall
- 3/2/10 Town Board Meeting - Town of Denning Town Hall - 7:00 pm
- 3/3/10 Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 3/6/10 Sundown Methodist Church - **Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm** -Sundown Church Hall
- 3/6/10 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4-7 pm
- 3/9/10 Town of Denning Audit Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7:00 pm
- 3/10/10 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 3/11/10 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 3/20/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 3/24/10 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm

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://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>
 To find out what is happening at **Tri-Valley CSD:** <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

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

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| LAGUEUX HARDWARE | WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION | JAME'S NAPANOCH GROCERY |
| CANNIE D'S | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne) | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY |
| BLUE HILL LODGE | | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE |
| ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) | | PETER'S MARKET |

SULLIVAN COUNTY YMCA BASKETBALL & VOLLEYBALL

BASKETBALL:

Make it Rain 56 Bulldogs 23
 The Make it Rain team improves to 1-1 on the season with an easy victory over the Bulldogs. Tyrus Walker had 17 points for The Make it Rain team and Rob Sparks added 11 points.

Charlie Houghtaling was able to a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds for the Bulldogs.

Punisherz 56 X-Factor 20
 Punisherz stay perfect with an 36 point victory over X-Factor.

James Carr and Dashawn Williamson each had 16 points for the Punisherz, Williamson also had 8 rebounds in the game.

James Baker had 6 points to lead X-Factor with 3 pointer in the game.

Monticello Chimney 57 Liberty 51
 Monticello Chimney was able to hold off a late charge from the Liberty team to improve to 2-0 on the season.

Scott Coddington had 19 points and 4 assist for Monticello Chimney. Terrance Hulse also added 14 points with 4 three point baskets in the game.

Ivan Rivera had 16 points with 8 rebounds in the losing effort for Liberty.

Ghostriders 62 All Stars 43
 The Ghostriders used a big second half to earn the victory over the All Stars.

Robert Jahrling lead the All Stars scoring with 21 points, Michael Ballard chipped in with 15 points of his own.

Malik White had 15 points and 8 rebounds in the game for the All Stars.

Low Profile Breakers 59 The Dream 35
 Low Profile Breakers improved to 2-0 on the season with an 59-35 victory over The Dream.

Antonio Simmons led the Breakers with 14 points while Jaycee added 12 points in the winning effort.

Mike Brown had 9 points to pace The Dream's scoring in the game.

Men 83 Da Unit 53
 Men were lead by a balance offense as that saw them get out to a big lead to start and coat to the easy victory.

Julian Dawson and Chris Dell each had a double-double in the game. Dawson went for 18 points and 11 rebounds while Dell went for 18 and 10 in the game.

Ronald Grant had a good game for Da Unit

dropping 21 points in the lose.
Fallsburg Goodfellas 68 Da Unit 52

Fallsburg used a full team effort to defeat Da Unit and stay perfect on the season.

John Hinton had 17 points highlighted by three 3 pointers in the game. Brandon Mckenny had 8 points and 12 rebounds in the game.

Ronald Grant had 23 points for Da Unit while Rudy Smith also added 19 in the game.
Ellenville Old School 58 Pill Hard 48

Ellenville used a big second half to take the 10 point victory against Pill Hard.

Reggie Steele had 17 points to lead the Ellenville Team with Mike Acevedo adding 14 points to the cause.

Ronnie Totten had three 3 pointers in the game and finished with 13 points in the game for Pill Hard.
Fallsburg Goodfellas 71 Tri Valley Unknowns 30

Fallsburg was paced by nine 3 pointers in the game and they coasted to the victory over the Tri Valley Unknown.

John Hinton had 24 points and dropped 4 from behind the arch. Darius Buckner also had four 3 point baskets and finished with 14 points.

Connor Hinton had 9 points to lead Tri Valley in scoring in the losing effort.
Week 2 VOLLEYBALL SCORES
 Spaffy's defeated Phoenix Enterprises 18-25, 25-20, 25-22

Wolfpack defeated Kohl's 25-7, 25-10, 25-19
 Setkillers defeated Wolfpack Cubs 25-18, 25-17, 20-25
 Monticello Teachers defeated Spike-A-Licious 25-16, 15-25, 25-10
 Contact us at 845-794-7700 x10975 and when you mention where you saw this report you will receive a 7 day free guest pass.

STAR & SQUARE ASSOCIATES
 Liberty Lodge • Eagle Drive
 February 16, 2010
 5 pm - 7 pm
ROAST PORK • Mashed Potatoes • Veggie
 Cherry Dessert • Pie Sale
 Adults \$9 under 12 \$5.00
 Take Outs Available
 Call 796-1261

Winter Sewing Retreat
 Date: February 19th and 20th
 Location: Grahamsville Methodist Church
 Time: Friday 4:00 pm until 11:00 pm
 Saturday 7:00 am until 10:00 pm
 Cost: Suggested donation of \$45 (\$25 for building use and \$20 toward food costs)
 Meals: Friday dinner - pizza
 Saturday lunch - soup and/or chilli
 Saturday dinner - lasagna & garlic bread
 Bring: Sewing machine and quilting supplies (cutting mats and irons are supplied, electric power strips, snacks to share)
 Show & Tell on Saturday evening for those interested in sharing past projects
 Paula (985-7675) or Cheryl (985-2056)

Spaghetti Dinner
 to benefit
*The Cabrera Family**



Saturday, February 13th
 5:00 - 7:00
 at the
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 Dinner will include spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, drink, and dessert.
 Adults...\$7 Children 6-10...\$4 5 and under...free
 Take outs available.
 Call 985-7675 or 985-2283 for further information.
 *Geoff, Debbie, Joseph, & Max Cabrera lost their home and all of their belongings in a fire on Rocky Hill Road in Grahamsville on December 30th.



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

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WANTED ASAP - Hunting property, acreage with cabin preferably near state land. **BUYER WAITING!**

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BUILDING FOR RENT: In Grahamsville (Old Post Office) Rent - 985-7411.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: 2 Bedroom Apartment, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, porch. Just became available. \$500 month. 845-985-7411.

Large 3 room Apartment in the heart of Grahamsville. 2nd Floor. Tenant pays own heat. Available now. 646-331-7114 tfn

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FOR SALE

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Denning Democrats

The Town of Denning Democratic committee comment *On the Local Scene:*

UPDATE, **Gas drilling** only started a year and half ago in neighboring Pennsylvania and already there have been **horrific accidents** that have had disastrous effects. Dunkard Creek, which is on the border of Pennsylvania and West Virginia, was one of the most ecologically diverse streams in both states, containing freshwater mussels, mudpuppy salamanders, and a host of fish species from minnows to 3-foot-long muskies. Today 161 species of fish, mussels, salamanders, crayfish, and aquatic insects have been **wiped out along the creek**. While the EPA has yet to pinpoint the cause, chemical analysis shows the creek water contains extremely high total dissolved solids or **TDS and chlorides**, properties found in wastewater from **Marcellus Shale**. The state agencies are now looking at the possibility that someone has illegally dumped drilling wastewater into the creek to avoid the expense of complying with laws governing its disposal.

On the World Scene:

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad of Iran issued an order last Sunday (February 7, 2010) for the **Iranian Atomic Energy Agency** to begin enriching uranium to a higher level, an order that is likely to deepen international suspicion over the country's intentions of its **nuclear program**. For those of us with no physics background, a highly enriched form of Uranium is Plutonium U-239; this is the stuff needed to make an atomic bomb. If set loose in the atmosphere, it can give cancer to people for the next 26,000 years.

As always write all of your elected officials get involved, if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem. Have a suggestion for Denning Dems email, denningdems@yahoo.com, or call 845.985.0501

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"

This week a "Valentines Day" double treat, with an Oscar double feature at 8:00 PM the 1942 classic **Casablanca**, it is the story of an American rough and tumble arms dealer, who has turned saloon owner in North Africa, he is drawn into World War II when his lost love turns up out of the blue. This fine cast includes Humphrey Bogart, Ingrid Bergman, Paul Henreid, and Claude Rains. This film is directed by Michael Curtiz and is in Black & White, and 103 mins long. It rated TV-PG. Then at 10:00 PM, **The African Queen**, (1951) A tough skipper on the "Booze" meets a spirited non drinking missionary together they take on the Germans in Africa during World War I. Cast: Humphrey Bogart, Katharine Hepburn, Robert Morley, Peter Bull Dir: John Huston C-105 mins, TV-PG, All on TCM February 14, 2010, at 8:00 PM and 10:00 PM.



- Quiz:
- Who played Sam and sang "As Time Goes By" in "Casablanca"?
 - Who played The Rev. Samuel Sayer in "The African Queen"?

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

It's Valentines Day, February 14, and the Gnomes are spreading into Grahamsville. If you are traveling south on State Route 55 there are Gnomes on your right at Harnett Designs (845.985.2104). Take home a Gnome for Valentines Day, and cheer up your life.

In February birthday's abound: on Feb. 11, 1847, Thomas Edison's was born: on Feb. 12, 1809: Abraham Lincoln's came into this world: then on Feb. 15, 1820: Susan B. Anthony made her splash, to keep things going: and leaning toward the mysterious, on Feb. 18, 1930 the Planet Pluto was discovered. February is most certainly an interesting month and it's not over.

One more, once again for a great supporter of the "Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman"- make your reservations at White Wolf for Valentine's Day. Come and enjoy dining with a touch of class. Get busy and call 845.647.4200. Check out their ad in this issue.

Remember, there are many people in love this year, and you don't miss out on the chance to express your love, you know, to your wife, lover, friend, or your significant other. It is well worth the call. Make your reservation early.

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Happy Valentine's Day!