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TIME AND THE VALLEYS MUSEUM LOCAL NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACTS FOR NEW EXHIBITION



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - This spring, Time and the Valleys Museum will open a new museum facility in Grahamsville, New York. As part of this brand new facility, multi sensory interactive exhibitions on local history are being created. Lives of the early settlers, farming, industries and the early Native Americans will be highlighted. The Museum is currently seeking old photos, artifacts and interesting stories of the Rondout and Neversink watershed areas, and is especially in need of artifacts and information pertaining to the local Leni Lenape Native Americans.

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HINCHEY WORKING TO STOP PROPOSED JOB CORPS CUTS - Federal Program Provides Job Skills to High School Dropouts, Helps Disadvantaged New York Youths Find Work



Callicoon, NY -Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today toured the Delaware Valley Job Corps Center to call attention to and oppose proposed cuts to the federal Job Corps program. Corps is the premier federal dropout recovery program, which provides education and training to help

young people learn specific skills to develop a career, earn a high school diploma or GED, and find and keep a good job.

"It's already hard enough to find a job in this economy, but imagine what it is like for a high school dropout without any job skills to speak of," said Hinchey. "Now is the wrong time to be slashing the budget for the Job Corps program, which provides those skills. For every one of the 1.2 million teenage dropouts each year, the long-term cost to the American taxpayer is \$469,200 to cover the decreased earnings, lost tax revenues, public health care expenses, crime-related costs and increased welfare benefits. Over the next decade, American taxpayers will have to pay over \$3 trillion to cover these costs and that does not factor in the personal costs to our youth. Job Corps only costs \$26,000 per student. So we can invest in job skills training now, or pay nearly 20 times the cost of that training in welfare, public financed health care, and prison later. Cutting Job Corps makes no fiscal sense whatsoever. Taxpayers should be outraged at the proposal to cut this vital program."

In January, House Republicans voted to slash \$81 million in funding from Job Corps. This follows a \$250 million drop in funding that was being temporarily provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Now some have proposed eliminating the program altogether, which Hinchey argues would hurt the thousands of New Yorkers who can still benefit from the program. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Bernard Woma playing his authentic, handmade Ghanaian Xylophone

Jon Sennett Kicks Off Campaign for Ulster County District Attorney



Jon Sennett announced his campaign for District Attorney last Thursday on the steps of the Ulster County Courthouse and is taking his message directly to the voters of Ulster County. Committing to be the People's D.A, Sennett is backed by supporters from all over the county and from all political parties. (Contd. Pg. 12)

TEAM MEMBERS FROM ERH PATIENT SAFETY COMMITTEE TO SPEAK AT NORTHERN METROPOLI-TAN HOSPITAL ASSOC PATIENT SAFETY INSTITUTE

Steven Kelley, FACHE, President and CEO, Ashima Butler, Director of Quality and Physician Services, and Michael Stearns, RPh, Supervising Pharmacist, spoke about the Hospital's nationally recognized Medication Safety Initiative. (Contd. Pg. 3)

CATSKILL MOUNTAINKEEPER OPENS OFFICE IN WOODSTOCK HEADED BY DR. KATHLEEN NOLAN

Woodstock, New York - Catskill Mountainkeeper, the leading advocacy organization dedicated to the Catskill Mountain region and a leader in the fight to protect New York from unsafe gas drilling, as documented in the Academy Awardnominated film "Gasland," is opening a new office in Woodstock, New York and has hired Kathleen Nolan, MD, MSL, as Director for the High Peaks Region. (Contd Pg. 4)

MASTER DRUMMER BERNARD WOMA AND THE SAAKURNO DANCE TROUPE AT THE EUGENE D NESIN THEATRE



Booster Club will be presenting Master Drummer Bernard Woma and the Saakumu Dance Troupe on February 22, 2011 at 7:30 pm, in Eugene D. Nesin Theatre for the Performing Arts, St. John Street, Monticello. The award winning Bernard Woma and the Saakumu Dance Troupe is one of the leading traditional/contemporary dance and music group in Ghana, West Africa. Their music and dance range from spiritual, ceremonial, recreational genres to contemporary African dance forms. Their music and dance is joyful, expressive and highly participatory. (Contd. Pg. 3)

The Monticello Performing Arts

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Psalm 103:1

OBITUARY

Milton E. Van Keuren of Neversink passed away peacefully on February 8, 2011 after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease.

He was one of five boys and two girls born to Adella Dice and Frank Van Keuren on October 19, 1927 in his beloved Neversink Valley. Milt loved the life, the people and the land of the old village. He vividly recalled the families, where they resided and the names of their loved ones. He lived in the valley until the age of 14 when he and his father moved to Grahamsville near the site of the Grahamsville Massacre. Milton was a past Chief of the Neversink Fire Department and Ambulance Corps.

On May 9, 1953 he married the former Eileen Lynch of Staten Island. He is survived by his children: Jeanine (Dave) Drown, Diane (Donald) Terry, Thomas Van Keuren and seven grandchildren: Meghan, Sean and Kevin Drown, Sarah and Lisa Terry, Travis and Jody Van Keuren.

Abiding by Milton's wishes, there will be no services. Cremation will take place at the convenience of the family.

Donations in Milton's name can be made to the Neversink Fire Department or Ambulance

COLLEGE NEWS

John Bernstein of Grahamsville was named to the President's List at SUNY Potsdam for the fall semester. To achieve the honor, each student must have satisfactorily completed 12 numerically-graded semester hours for that that semester with a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

February 7, 1951 - Jackie Denman was interviewed January 26th on the Jimmy Blaine show on television. The program was on WJZ TV. Jackie, who is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman, is in his first year at LaGuardia Airport Aeronautical School. He was picked as an outstanding student from the school for the television interview.

Grant E. Sheely, 87 years of age, died at the home of his son at Fort Plain, N.Y. on February 2nd. Mr. Sheely was born in Grahamsville on May 3, 1863, the son of David and Liza (Van Aken) Sheely. Fifty-nine years ago he married Maude Wallace who died in 1946.

An epidemic of mumps has hit Grahamsville and vicinity. Many of its children and some of its mighty men are afflicted.

Manpower and steel shortages stand ready to lay a heavy hand on the operations of Walsh Construction Company and B. Perini and Sons who are engaged in a joint venture on the East Delaware tunnel and dependent works between Pepacton and Grahamsville.

February 8, 1961 - Mr. Peter Telfer, guidance director at Tri Valley Central School, has received work that George Spann has passed the semi-final qualifications and will be competing in the finals for a National Honor Society Scholarship when he takes another competitive exam on March 11, 1961.

afternoon, Miss Elise On Sunday Greenrose of West Nyack was the guest of honor at a bridal shower given by Mrs. Mabel Burch. Miss Greenrose will become the bride of Mr. Raymond Hornbeck of Rocky Hill on March 4th.

Birthday congratulations to Mr. William S. Grey who celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday. Mrs. Dorothy Grey had the birthday celebration on Sunday.

Anniversaries this month include Mr. and Mrs. Irving Marsland Jr., 15 years on the 16th; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti, 14 years also on the 16th.

Highway crews under Alton Knight in the Town of Neversink and Ben Conklin in the Town of Denning worked around the clock opening roads choked by the heavy snowfall estimated in different parts of the area from 12 to 20 inches. In the Town of Neversink the trouble spots were in Aden and the back of Thunder Hill where the wind piled up mountainous drifts.

February 10, 1971 - Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller and family entertained at dinner on Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs.

Bruce Fuller's 53rd wedding anniversary and Mrs. Archie Ackerley's 73rd birthday.

In a decision dated February 1, 1971, Supreme Court Justice George L. Cobb has dismissed the petition of the Board of Education of the Tri-Valley Central School in the matter of an Article 78 proceeding against BOCES. This proceeding would have refunded to Tri-Valley an amount of money charged to the school district for its proportionate share of renting classrooms for the 1967-68 school year and prohibiting further charges against the school district.

February 5, 1981 - Cynthia Sawchuk, a senior at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla., has been named to the 1981 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Miss Sawchuk, who has earned three letters in women's basketball, is President of the P.E. Majors Club. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John

Sawchuk of Grahamsville.

There was a young man from New Lebanon Famous for his baloney Words were his game, selling his fame. Talented? Yes! And he has not lost his. Now he makes and sells Krum's delicious sausage. "KUM TO KRUM'S"

TVCS Animal Lovers' Club News!!

The 5th and 6th Grade Animal Lovers' Club members have been working very hard during their lunch and recess time for the past few months. I am happy to report that all their hard work paid off!

Our "Holiday Sale" was a great success! We raised over \$700 for the S.P.C.A. of

Sullivan County!

We still have some calendars for sale that will be available in the Tri-Valley Elementary School Office. They are \$10 each. Stop by and check them out! Our pets are very cute!

Happy New Year and thank you for your

Ms. Ardizoni and The Animal Lovers' Club

COLLEGE NIGHT

College Night will be held on March 23rd at SCCC.

This will be open to all students and their parents in grades 8-11. There will be representatives from the Military and colleges running the following panels: Gaining entrance to a highly selective college; What technical or vocational college opportunities are there? The college admissions decision process: How and when to research and apply to college; How to make the most of a college visit and the freshman experience; Is a community college right for me? Financing your college education; Is college through the Armed Services a good choice for me? NCAA and life as a college athlete.

AND MILITARY VETERAN ENROLLMENT WORKSHOP

The Post 9/11 GI Bill provides 100% tuition and fee payment as well as a monthly housing stipend of \$1528 to eligible veterans enrolling in at least 7 credit hours per semester. In addition, up to \$1000 per year is available for books. SUNY Ulster has scheduled a comprehensive information session on Monday, February 28, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Business Resource Center in Kingston, to discuss higher education choices for Veterans and Active Duty Personnel. Counselors from the Admissions and Financial Aid office will be available to discuss programs of study, transfer credits, VA tuition benefits and campus support services. This event is free and open to the public.

SUNY Ulster is a Military Friendly College with flexible scheduling options and online course offerings as well as career and technical training programs in a variety of subjects. Contact the Admissions Office at 845-687-5022 or admissions@sunyulster.edu to reserve a seat or to find out about additional

workshop dates.

HERE AND THERE... Now news this week. P.A.H.

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Condolences to the family of Milt Van Keuren of Neversink who passed away on Tuesday, February

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

HULDA'S HUMOR (submitted by a faithful "Our Town" reader)

Love is Sharing.... An elderly couple toddled into the local McDonald's and ordered one combo meal. The wife carefully cut the sandwich in two and began to eat her half. The husband respectfully sat and watched.

The eating did not progress quickly, and so the other costomers began to notice. Finally one helpful person offered to buy the couple another meal. The offer was rejected with the explanation, "We share everything.

Eventually another could stand it no longer and made the same offer. Same rejection: "No thank

you, we share everything.

After this had gone on for what seemed to be quite a while, one bystander could no longer stand it and quizzed the man, "Then why aren't you eating? What are you waiting for?"

The reply: "The teeth."

MUSEUM SEEKING LOCAL NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACTS (From Pg. 1)

"While our collection is full of information, photos and artifacts from the 19th and 20th century, we have much less information that tells of Native life in the area." says Donna Steffens, Executive Director of the Museum. "This exciting new exhibition needs to reflect the past of everyone who lived here." The rare wooden mortar and pestle shown in the photo was originally from a Leni Lenape Native American group in Warwarsing. It was donated to the Museum by Frank Carlsen of Grahamsville, and will be an important part of our new exhibition. Standing alongside the mortar and pestle is Teri Lockhart, Town of Neversink employee who is descended from a full-blooded Seneca.

Anyone with local Native American information or artifacts to loan or donate can call 845 985-2262 x 313, write to the Museum at P.O. Box 307, Grahamsville, New York 12740, or e-mail historian@townofneversink.org. Please share what you have and add to the story of our past, so that others may learn though this exciting new exhibition! The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and

interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations. Currently located in the Neversink Town Hall, the Museum provides educational programming for the public and is actively raising funds to install exhibitions in the Museum's future home, co-located in the new addition to the Daniel Pierce Library.

MASTER DRUMMER BERNARD WOMA AND THE SAAKURNO DANCE TROUPE

He has performed for international dignitaries and presidents such as U. S. president Bill Clinton, Nelson Mandela and Queen Elizabeth II. He was recently honored as the cultural resource person for President Barack Obama's family when they visited Ghana. He is a true cultural treasure from Ghana who has toured the world as xylophonist and lead drummer of the National Dance Company of Ghana. Bernard is an extremely dynamic artist and deeply experienced educator. His recent appearances in the US include a performance with New York Philharmonic at the Avery Fisher, Lincoln Center, South Dakota Symphony Orchestra and Minnesota Orchestra, residency with the Ethos Percussion group, performances and teaching at New York's AXF: African Xylophone Festival, and various universities and colleges. The performance of his composition "Gyil Nyog Me Na" in the spring of 2006 at Zankel Hall in Carnegie Hall is a testimony of his musicianship. Bernard is the Artistic Director of Saakumu Dance Troupe and the founder and director of the Dagara Music and Arts Center in Accra, Ghana.

Tickets for this outstanding performance are priced at \$5 for adults, \$3 for students with group prices available. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at Steve's Music Center, Rock Hill, New York. The funds raised through this event will be used to bring in future programs and events in the arts for the students and community. For more

information regarding tickets, reservations, or group sales, contact Ann Trombley, Monticello Grades 6-12 Head Music Teacher at (845) 794-8840 ext. 10501 or Lori Orestano-James, Monticello High School Assistant Principal at (845) 794-8840 ext. 10921.

ERH PATIENT SAFETY COMMITTEE (From Pg. 1)

award-winning Medication Safety The Initiative was implemented just over two years ago as a collaborative effort to reduce medication errors and provide mediation reconciliation services to the community. Collaborative partners include Matthews Pharmacy, the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the Family Practice Center of Ellenville.

Medication reconciliation is the process of reviewing a patient's medication, including dosage and administration, to help to avoid medication errors such as omissions, duplications, dosing errors, drug interactions or any adverse drug events. Patient education on safe and effective medication use is also provided.

The Initiative has helped to significantly reduce the medication error rate and has serviced over 350 patients and community members since its inception.

All services provided by the Medication Safety Initiative are free and open to the public.

For information on the Medication Safety Initiative, or to make an appointment with the Pharmacist for Medication Reconciliation services, please call 845 647-6400 ext. 314.

The Ellenville Regional Hospital is a 25 bed rural critical access hospital located in Southern Ulster County. The Hospital offers a wide range of services including inpatient services, rehabilitation, emergency care, physical therapy, orthopedics, gastroenterology, cardiology, cardio-stress testing, pulmonary, pain management, ambulatory surgery, laboratory, diabetes education, oncology, clinical pharmacy services, medical nutrition therapy, hospice care, women's health including bone density, mammography, ultrasound, urogynecology and imaging including CT scan, digital X-Ray, nuclear medicine, and in the very near future MRI studies. The hospital has won numerous quality awards including four Patient Safety and Clinical Pharmacy Services Collaborative awards, one of each that was awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) in 2009 and a 2010 Quality and Patient Safety Award from the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet) Patient Safety Institute for reducing the average length of stay in the Emergency Department to less than 100 minutes.

ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

AUXILIARY 'WICKED' FUNDRAISER! The Auxiliary of Ellenville Regional Hospital has been successful in obtaining tickets to one of the most sought after shows on Broadway. And they want you to save the date.

Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary announces their theatre party fund raising effort for this year will be a bus trip to the Broadway show, WICKED on Wednesday matinee, June 22.2011, at the Gershwin Theater on Broadway and W. 51 St. New York City.

The show is based on The Wizard of Oz, the good witch and the bad witch, and has received many awards for the best musical, the dancing and the story.

The price is \$150.00 per person which covers an orchestra seat, and round trip bus transportation. Passengers will be picked up in Kerhonkson. EllenviUe. Wurtsboro and Middletown. Reservation contacts are Joanne Everett at (845) 647-6769, Carol Lounsbery at (845) 210-1431, or Blossom Rozman at (845) 706-3817 (cell). Checks are to be made payable to the Ellenville Regional Hospital Auxiliary (ERHA) and can be mailed to Carol Lounsbery at 15 Healthy Way, Apt. 43, Ellenville, New York 12428.

Because this show sells out very quickly, it is suggested that reservations be made as soon as

possible. Tickets are going fast!

The Auxiliary of Ellenville Regional Hospital is a supporter of the projects of the Hospital. Recently, they have given the Hospital a check for \$15,000.00.

SC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION ANNOUNCES ANNUAL SPRING TREE & SHRUB PROGRAM

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. The District offers a wide variety of deciduous and conifer species. Tree size and age allows for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities, from small amounts for the homeowner to large quantities for the landscaper or large parcel planter, at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings.

Landowners can choose from a wide variety of species of trees and shrubs and specialized packets such as Nut Tree, Flowering Tree & Shrub, Song Bird and Butterfly. Other items available through the program are fruit trees, ground covers, fertilizer tablets, marking flags, tree protectors and bluebird boxes. For other specific free or shrub species not mentioned above, please call us and inquire. Trees and shrubs offered through the District program can be planted for a number of purposes including Christmas tree production, timber production, wildlife habitat, windbreaks, hedges, screens, streambank and road bank stabilization, and ornamentals.

To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552 Ext. 101 and request the brochure and order blank. The application deadline is Monday, April 4, 2011. Tree pickup is Friday, April 29rd, and Saturday, April 30th, at the District Office.

MOLES AND HOLES – Peggy De Wire



When dinosaurs were wiped out on earth 60 million years ago, only small prehistoric land mammals remained. Of them, the Mole family Talpidae survived by living underground. They adjusted to darkness, heat or cold, wet or dry conditions. Fossils from the Eocene Period, about 50 million years ago, show that moles were thriving then.

Our Eastern mole (Scalopus aquaticus) now ranges from lower Canada to Florida and west to the Mississippi River. Three species live on the Pacific Coast.

Hardly ever seen above ground, a mole is a small mouse-like animal 4-6" long, weight 2-5 ounces. It has strong front feet tipped with long claws,

palms turned outward, perfect for digging. Moles have no ears and tiny pinhead size eyes that are covered with thin skin. The nose and tail are pink and naked.



A mole's pointy nose, shovel front feet and short tail have touch-sensitive hairs whose nerve endings enable a mole to tunnel along without bumping into the walls in its constant search for food to satisfy its huge appetite. Moles belong to the scientific order Insectivora which tells you what their main food is, supplemented by earthworms.

Mole fur is one of the softest animal pelts and shades from silvery gray in the north, brown to ivory in the south.

Moles dig two kinds of tunnels: a deep one down to twenty-four inches where they spend the winter and build a grass-lined nest in spring for several babies.

The little mounds of dirt on your lawn were pushed up from below as moles enlarged the nursery and deep connecting tunnels.

A shallow tunnel at grass root level makes a low winding ridge on lawns and golf courses. Moles travel along them to find food day and night, all sea-

Moles have one litter a year when several babies arrive in March in the south, May in the north.

The young grow quickly, become independent by one month old, and breed at one year. Moles can live several years if they escape enemies that dig like coyotes, foxes and feral cats, and avoid manmade dangers of traps and poison bait.

So this spring when you're furning at the moles that left those unsightly tunnels and heaps of dirt all over your lawn, just remember that the moles probably ate their weight in Japanese beetle grubs as they tunneled

across your yard.

Catskill Mountainkeeper (From Pg. 1)

Speaking about the new office in Woodstock headed by Nolan, Mountainkeeper Executive Director Ramsay Adams reiterated why it was so important to have a presence here in town. "We are you, we represent you and your focus and intense interests on the natural environment - we're here to protect and promote the region. Woodstock is the gateway to the Catskills and High Peaks and Mountainkeeper and organizations like the Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild have parallel mis-sions. We're pro-sustainable development, prolocal economy and pro-arts. Quite frankly, we belong here."

Dr. Nolan has been a staunch environmental advocate since she moved to the Catskills over 20 years ago. She brings to Mountainkeeper a keen interest in preserving the economic, environmental, and aesthetic values of pristine mountain peaks and ridgelines. She will focus on the challenges of reining in poorly designed and over-reaching development, while championing sustainable energy projects, open space preservation, advancement of recreational opportunities, and the revival of town

and village centers. "Working with Catskill Mountainkeeper keeps me at the center of the most important issues facing the Catskill region," says Nolan, in response to her appointment. "Mountainkeeper's leadership role has been proven in their defense of clean air and water through their review of hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus Shale and in their opposition to casino gambling as a shortsighted approach to economic development in rural areas. I am delighted to join Mountainkeeper as an educator and advocate on these and other critical issues facing the

Catskills region."

With her impressive resume, Nolan comes to Woodstock by way of rural Tennessee. She attended both Saint Louis University and Yale and previously worked for the Hastings Center, writing and teaching on diverse topics in bioethics. She came to the Catskills in 1989 to pursue residential training at a Zen Buddhist monastery and in 2003 she became Executive Director of Tibet Aid in Woodstock. In 2009 she founded Catskills Live! Trails and Wilderness Association. Currently, Nolan serves on the Ulster County Tourism Advisory Board, the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee and as an officer for the Catskill Heritage Alliance and the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Nolan and Adams will welcome the Woodstock community on Saturday February 26th from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM with an opening party for the new office at The Kleinert/James Arts Center (the office itself is located next door at 34 Tinker Street, 3rd floor.) Local luminaries including author and poet Will Nixon, folk-rock indie music stars Mike + Ruthy and Woodstock Film Festival's Meira Blaustein will be on hand to introduce Mountainkeeper to its new community. Partygoers will enjoy delicious tastings from Woodstock restaurants and shops and get a chance to hear about the environmental, educational and volunteer opportunities in the Woodstock office. The entire event is free and open to the public.

Visit http://catskillmountainkeeper.org/ to learn more about this independent regional non-profit 501c3 grassroots environmental organization.

Catskill Mountainkeeper is a member based advocacy organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the long-term health of the six counties of the Catskill Region. To become a member of or learn more about Catskill Mountainkeeper, please visit www.catskillmountainkeeper.org.

TO **GIVE** TOURISM **EXPERT** KEYNOTE

-Benefits of Beautification to Economic Development and Tourism

[FERNDALE] - This year's Sullivan Renaissance Winter Conference and Expo will focus on the positive effects of community beautification on economic development and tourism. The conference will be held on Saturday, February 26 at the CVI Center in

The keynote address will be delivered by Dr. Peter Tarlow, an international consultant on the positive effects of community beautification. He is an ordained rabbi; a professor in the Humanities Division of Texas A&M University; and a specialist in tourism, economic development and the impact of crime and terrorism on the fourism industry. He is the founder and president of Tourism & More, Inc. and also serves as the Executive Director of the Texas Chapter of the Travel and Tourism Research Association.

"Beautification isn't simply planting flowers or creative landscaping, but a call to develop strong community ties and enhance interpersonal communica-

tions skills," Dr. Peter Tarlow said.

Dr. Tarlow's fluency in many languages enables him to speak throughout the world. He lectures frequently on current and future trends in the tourism industry, rural tourism, economic development, the gaming industry, issues of crime and terrorism, the role of police departments in economic development, and international trade. In addition to the keynote address, Dr. Tarlow will present a workshop on "Making the Most of Your Assets."

The conference features exhibits and workshops on garden design, trees for public places, community gardens, recruiting volunteers, cultivating leaders, partnering with young people and economic development. It will also outline the new 2011 Sullivan Renaissance grant program and have applications

available.

Recipients of the 16th Annual Sullivan First Achievement Awards - to be recognized at the conference - will soon be announced. Aftendees will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite exhibit. Door prizes will be awarded at the conference conclusion.

The conference begins at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and registration. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and runs to 1:00 p.m. Workshops include:

 The Experience of Volunteering - Ellen Lutvak: What makes a person volunteer and stay with an organization from year to year? This workshop will present tried and true ways to recruit, retain and reward volunteers in your community.

Cultivating Community Leaders - Elaine Fettig, Matt Migliaccio, Matt Dorcas: Even when an organization has volunteers, resources and a plan, it still needs effective leadership. How does it find the right people to head its various committees?

- Community Gardens/CSAs - Olivia Lightle, Greg

Schwartz: Community gardens bring neighbors together, offer a gathering space, and are a source of healthy food. Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is a way for people to invest directly in local farms.

-Trees for Public Places - Tom Manza, Paul Manning:

Trees are wonderful additions to public spaces. This workshop will discuss the value and benefit of trees for gardens, parks, streetscapes and building enhancements; and which are best to use in Sullivan County. -Garden Design I - Design is FUNdamental - Mary Lewis: Identify the components of good garden design;

utilize design components to develop a garden plan; and develop a computer-assisted or free-hand garden design for a garden site design.

- Garden Design II - The Real Dirt - Mary Lewis: Identify soil nutrients and how they affect plant health; explain benefits of soil testing and how to prepare samples for testing; create a "Get Ready for Spring" check-

list and a "Bucket List" for a garden site.
- Reaching Out Through Your Windows - Alan Sorensen, Vivian Multari-Ginsberg: Beautiful storefronts can enhance Main Street's appearance, while reaching out and drawing in customers. Cost effective ways to spruce up storefronts and reduce window clut-

 Making the Most of Your Assets - Dr. Peter Tarlow: How a community can utilize its facilities to the best of its advantage and target populations that will appreciate

what they currently have.

 Youth-Adult Partnership: What Does It Take? Amanda Galigher-Speer: Learn how to view youth holistically, recruit and retain young people, support their efforts and maintain involvement - using materials from "Advancing Youth Development" curriculum.

- Dig Art! Cultivating Creativity in the Garden - Susan Dollard: Cornell Cooperative Extension project guide for educators working with youth to integrate gardening with the arts, teach ecological literacy and inspire new enthusiasm for garden-based learning.

Workshop space will be limited to the first regis-

trants. To sign up on-line, go to:

www.sullivanrenaissance.org and click on the Sullivan Renaissance Rooster at the top of the page. To obtain a workshop registration form, call Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. To send in a registration form, email to sgonzalez@sullivanrenaissance.org; fax it to 845-295-2746; or mail to Sullivan Renaissance, c/o Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754.

This is a recycling event; appropriate receptacles

will be provided for attendees.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. For more information, call 845-295-2445 visit the website or www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

LOOKING FOR FLOWER GARDENS

SullivanArc and Sullivan Renaissance Host 3rd Annual Garden Tour

[SULLIVAN COUNTY] - Now is the time of year when many individuals turn their attention to designing their gardens, ordering seeds and planning their tasks. This is also the time when SullivanArc and Sullivan Renaissance start to plan the Third Annual "Sullivan County Garden Tour" on Saturday, July 23, 2011.

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 along or near the Route 17 corridor between Liberty and Bloomingburg 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. Tickets will go on sale in April - in time to be used for Mother's

Day gifts.

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

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.

SUNY Sullivan Generals clinch regular season championship

LOCH SHELDRAKE, NY (Feb. 9, 2011) - The Paul Gerry Fieldhouse at SUNY Sullivan was rocking off the foundation Tuesday night (Feb. 8) and for good reason. With a 94-84 victory over SUNY Rockland the Sullivan Generals clinched its second consecutive Mid-Hudson Conference regular season Championship. That makes seven conference championship wins in the last 10 years. The Generals ended the 2010-2011 regular season 18-4 overall and 9-0 in the Mid-Hudson Conference.

"With a talented squad and great coaching from head coach Kevin DeVantier and assistant coach Gregg Semenetz, we knew we were going to have a good season," Chris DePew, SUNY Sullivan's Director of Athletics said. "But we ended up having a great season and we're looking forward to post season play." In Conference play, the Generals will be the #1 seed in the upcoming Mid-Hudson Conference Tournament to be held at SUNY Orange on February 18 & 19. In Regional play, the Generals continue to hold onto first place with important games this week at Hostos CC and Kingsborough CC.

The Generals are planning on being one of the eight teams to compete in the NJCAA Division III National Championships. Weather won't impact their travel plans because they won't have to go very far to compete. The NJCAA National Championships will be played at home in the Paul Gerry Field House, March 10-12. To learn more about the national championship, visit http://www.championships-sullivan.com.

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"What's Shakin' in Shandaken?" Greetings and salutations from the "Heart of the Park,"

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<u>VOTE Phoenicia "Coolest Small Town":</u> Budget Travel Magazine has nominated Phoenicia as one of the "Coolest Small Towns in America." Noting Phoenicia's proximity to the NYC Metro area and the arts colony of Woodstock, Budget Travel has recognized everything that we love about Phoenicia: arts, activities and natural splendor. A number of communities have been nominated and a group of local residents and business owners have mobilized to "Get Out the Vote." As of February 10, Phoenicia is in sixth place ahead of Borough Park, PA in a close seventh. Voting has ended and while we await the final tally I'd like to thank Max Resnick for gathering a group

committed individuals to "getting out the vote," through wonderful email reminders and word of mouth. Though Phoenicia will always be the coolest to us, being sixth in national voting is impressive! Good Job Main St., Phoenicia, NY 12464 alamocantina.com

SHARP Funds: The Town through the SHARP Committee has monies available, for qualified homeowners and business owners, for emergency relief. Whether your situation involves flood damage, or if you've lost your boiler and don't have the money for an emergency repair, contact Buffy Kibe, Director of SHARP. She can assist you in filing for repair work or flood damages. Call 688-5777 Mon.- Fri.

Parks & Recreation: The Town in an effort to create a more comprehensive approach concerning our Town Parks and recreational assets is looking to establish a standard Parks and Recreation Board. This is a change from the Ad Hoc committees that had been annually appointed. This board will not increase costs or reduce the services offered. The new law establishing this volunteer board was presented at our last

meeting and is available online. A public hearing is slated for March.

Snow Build-Up: In these weeks of what seem to be never ending snows, please keep an eye on your roof. Snow with the added weight of melt or freezing rain can collapse a roof when least expected. If you're not sure if your roof can hold the weight, it's always better to err on the side of caution and remove it. If you are uneasy with removing snow from your roof, several local contractors will provide this service for a minimal fee. In case of an emergency, please contact your local fire department and remember that a small donation is a great way to thank them. Stay safe and warm!

Board Meetings: Town Bd. - First Mon./ month; Planning Bd. - Second Wed./month; ZBA - Third

Warmest regards...Robert A. Stanley, Supervisor, Town of Shandaken

the Olive Branch

FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN -Paula Rhodes

Good morning my friends, I hope ya'll had a good week.. I am so going to try and get this silly rambling in on time this week. I have even started it early. Let's see what happened last time I started early? Oh, that's right my computer lost it! But, being the ever optimistic person that I am I will

So, it is going to be a gorgeous weekend and I hope I see Queen Karen and we can dance. No that won't happen because I have to take the precious little boy home. Oh, why do they have to grow up? I want to cry every time he says, "Granma, I'm Pop pop's Best Buddy," and Gary melts! He simply melts. Sylvia and I were sitting in the store last night and he was running around. He has been here for a week. We went to his birthday party and brought him home. Every time we get here my daughter and son-in-law get nervous. They wait for us to say we aren't bringing him home! Little do they know we want to bring him home! We love having them but we just love it when they go home. Last time we tried keeping both he and his little sister. Ok, first poor Gary can't sit down because as soon as he does both want to get in his lap! Grayson just doesn't want anyone in his 'Best Buddies' lap except him! So, the screaming begins.

Sooooo don't fool yourself the old saying the best part of being a grandparent in you can give them back. Anyway, Silvia and I said, "Isn't he going to eat

super?" And I say, "I don't know, he is his Pop pop's buddy! " All I am good for is wiping butts! Silvia having had no children thought that was the funniest thing she'd heard! But, I thought about it. My husband is without question the most wonderful Pop pop in the world. He is a chef and says to me nightly, "What would you like for dinner?" When the grandchildren are here, if he stops, they will run into him and he loves it. He stops and explains what he is doing and they drag the step ladder out of the closet and "help". And he loves every minute of it. He makes tents and let you sleep in them and he puts a little TV in your bedroom when mean old grandma wants to watch the news, so you can watch your movies. My children call and ask him more cooking questions than me. He is adored by his grandchildren! And he is adored by me! So this all was for one purpose. Happy Valentine Day to my Wonderful Husband and to everyone else. I know it was Monday; better late than never! The Dixie Chicken

Town of Olive Board Meeting Short & Sweet

-Cindy Johansen

Olive's Board met on February 8 to discuss several topics that took care of town business.

Caitlyn Barringer was officially accepted by the Town Board as a new member of the Olive Fire Department.

Auditing of the bills included payments made from the General Fund in the amount \$180,180.89; from the Highway Department in the amount of \$26,601.33; Fire Department Payment # 1 in the amount of \$118,505.46 and Special Wastewater Voucher # 01 (of

four) in the amount of \$25,208.95.

The Ashokan Watershed Conference has been scheduled for April 9th from 9 AM to 2 PM at a place yet to be announced. Michael Courtney from the Cornell Cooperative Extension will be addressing the town about this event with more information as location is solidified.

There was unanimous passing of Resolution # 2, which was required due to the recent Highway Department contract that went into effect the beginning of the year. The town elected to provide additional pension benefits per Section 41-J of the Retirement and Social Security Law. No explana-

tion or additional information was provided con-

cerning the Highway Contract or the cost of the additional benefits being provided.

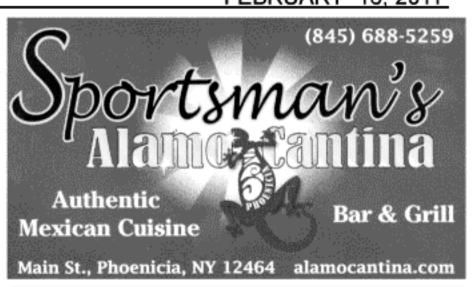
Gene Sorbellini, Recreation Director, received an e-mail concerning a training program being used for coaches, athletes and parents concerning concussions. After review and discussion of this material, it was decided that the Recreation Department would implement this training program for the day camp councilors and pool staff with training materials being donated by the Onteora Athletic Department. It was also announced that the Recreation Committee is changing their meeting time and place to the Second Thursday of each month, at 7 PM at the Olive Meeting Hall on Bostock Road. They had been meeting the second Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall on Mountain Road. February's meeting has been canceled and the Committee will meet next on March 10th. The public is welcome to attend.

Registration for Olive/Hurley Little League is underway. Please contact any member of the Olive Recreation Department for information on how to sign up. In-person sign up was offered on February 5th but on-line registration is still available. The league will support T-ball, girls soft ball and boys little league. There was some interest expressed to organize a local Little League Organization, but there was not enough participants to be able to fulfill the requirements.

Youth basketball season is underway with games played on Thursday evenings at the Onteora Gym. 56 children from throughout the area are involved with the games with 24 being from Olive. Please

come out and cheer on the teams! A request for information concerning the fees for the Senior Recreation programs being offered in Olive resulted in a response from Judith Boggess essentially reporting that the majority of the \$5000 budgeted are for salaries for those providing the Yogo and Weights & Balance classes, which run for 15 weeks in the spring and 15 weeks each fall and the Art Classes, which run for 38 weeks. Each of the participants pay a fee and are responsible for bringing their own equipment and/or supplies.

No real surprise that the Highway Department has been plowing snow for the past month. 2100 tons of sand and salt have been used so far this season for Olive Highways. It was noted that sand that has been provided for residents is being used/abused by those who are selling sanding services while getting the sand for free. It was also noted that residents outside Olive have been helping themselves to







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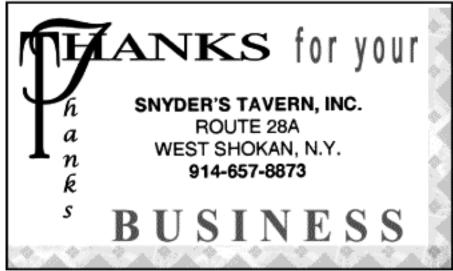
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the "free" sand that has been placed outside the locked area for resident use. It was suggested that Olive Police be aware of the issues and if they see someone there, to make sure they are local residents. All agreed that this service is well received by most residents who would otherwise not be able to navigate their properties in the icy conditions we have seen this winter.

Olive Police Department reported a total of 97 calls

for the month of January, 2011.

In December, it was announced that the State had granted the Town of Olive's request for monies to develop a "Pocket Park" in Shokan for travelers along the Route 28 Corridor. Questions remain about liability for the town - if they would be required to clean up, mow lawns, remove trash, etc. Helen Chase has spearheaded this project - and it has been asked that she carry it through, at which time, more information will become available and the Town will then have the opportunity to either accept or reject the money and the park. Supervisor Leifeld noted that he's been told it would amount to a couple of picnic tables and a kiosk that would give travelers a place to stop along the route, similar to other locations along 28 that are already in place. It was generally agreed that if it was not going to cost the Town manpower and materials, it might not be a bad idea - but more information is needed.

All pertinent business of the town concluded - the Board adjourned it's meeting. Next Audit Meeting will be March 7 and regular Board Meeting will be March 8 both at 7:30 PM at the Town Meeting Hall on Bostock

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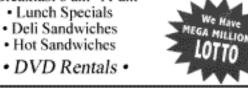
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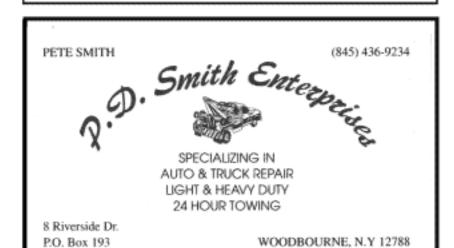
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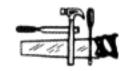
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RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES

 Fred Perry, Owner of Reservoir Music Center, 3179 Route 28, Shokan, NY 12481. 845-657-6127.

As promised last week, I'm starting this week's column with a reprint of a letter that my friend, Bar Scott, a fairly successful musician who lives in Woodstock, wrote a while back, which lays out the pitfalls of being a musician. I find it particularly ironic that in an area that is known worldwide for music, there's almost nowhere to play, and it's almost impossible to make any money at it. This letter was written about our local situation, but it's the same almost everywhere, especially in this country. Why is it that Europeans, Asians, and South Americans appreciate and support American music more than we do here at home? I mean, what's up with that? It's pitiful! Well people, you know what they say, use it or lose it! Here's the letter:

I got an email from someone last week in advance of a show I was doing this past Saturday night at the Colony. He was expressing his disappointment that he wouldn't be able to be at the show and wished me luck. The last phrase of his email said: "Have fun and make a lot of money." "Hah," I thought to myself, "wouldn't that be something?" It wasn't the fun part I was chuckling about; it was the making lots of money part. I spent a lot of time that day thinking





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about the fact that most people don't know how musicians make a living, so I thought I'd take a minute and use Saturday night's show - a suc-cess, I think, both musically and atten-dance wise - as an example.

Here goes: My concert at the Colony had a \$10 ticket attached to it. 60 people paid to get in, which equals \$600. Great.! Off the top, the Colony pays the person who takes tickets \$20, which leaves \$580. Then the Colony and I split the rest: \$290 for them (to cover the mort-gage, heat, staff etc) \$290 for me. My \$290 covered \$75 for my pianist (underpaid in my opinion, but the best I. could do); \$50 for my assistant (who sells CDs, does sound, helps me load and unload my gear and drives two hours each way to do so ¬also underpaid); and, finally, \$175 for the ad that I put in. Wood9tockTimes. (Contd. Pg. 8)



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DAVID TRESTYN - DALE DONOVAN - Props. GRAHAMSVILLE, N.Y. 12740 RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES (From Pg. 7) My pay? A loss of \$30. We musicians call it "pay-ing to play." I did sell a lot of CDs - \$260 worth, so that's good, but here's the catch: investors own my records, so for every-one that I sell, I send them \$10. I sold 22 CDs, so I'll send the five people who gave me the money to make those CDs \$220. That means that I made \$40 on CD sales. But I lost \$30 on the income from the door, so in the end, I made \$10 at my show on Saturday night. It used to be that I lost a lot of money at my shows, so at least it's get-ting better year after year. This is why it is so important for you to go out and support the musi-cians that you love. Your dollars at the door make it possible, literally, for them to keep doing what they're doing. The math that I've just described is typical for me at a local gig. The only time I do much better is when another musician hires me and I'm guaranteed a fee for showing up and singing what they've asked me to sing. In that scenario, the other artist is taking the same risk that I took Saturday night. It's a game that we all play, and I for one, am willing to do it over and over again be-cause I love what I do and because I feel strongly that it's what I'm on this earth to do. There's another side of the story, too, which I won't go into here, but that's the story of how much it costs to make a re-cording in the first place. If you're inter-ested in that, I've written an article about it that's posted on my web site. You'll find it at barscott.com under the "Articles that Bar Has Written" link on the home page. '
Thank you everybody, for making my musical

Thank you everybody, for making my musical life possible.

Bar Scott, Woodstock, NY

I welcome your thoughts and feedback on this situation. You can write to me c/o The Townsman, or at my email address, reservoirmusic@gmail.com

Here's this week's live music picks:

Thursday, Feb. 17 - THE DON AND BUNK SHOW featuring DON PRESTON and BUNK GARDNER, original members of THE MOTHERS OF INVENTION @ The Bearsville Theater - This should be a real treat. Frank Zappa's gone, but fortunately, some people are still carrying the torch, and who better than these two, who were there at the beginning, and stayed along for the ride through the glory years. Zappa was a one of a kind original, and Don Preston and Bunk Gardner are two of a couple dozen people in the world who

know how to play his music properly.

Saturday, Feb. 19 - Another cool show at The Bearsville Theater. It's THE BIG TAKEOVER'S CD Release Party. For those of you who haven't heard this band, they're an authentic reggae band from right here in the Hudson Valley, except for their female lead singer, who's originally from Jamaica, hence the descriptive word "authentic". Opening acts are Royal Khaos and local Onteora High School heroes. The Paper Planets.

High School heroes, The Paper Planets.

Saturday, Feb. 19 - For anybody who's going to be in the Capital region, TREY ANASTASIO from PHISH brings his solo project into the Palace Theater in Albany. For Phish fans, this is a can't miss. For anybody else, it's hit or miss, but overall, probably more hit than miss, and there's a pretty good possibility that some amazing music will be made along the way.

Sunday, Feb. 20 - THE JOHNNY MONSTER BAND returns to The Bearsville Theater. I haven't heard these guys myself, but they opened for Johnny Winter last week, and from all reports, practically stole the show, so this is probably worth the price of admission, and on a Sunday night in Woodstock, it's the only show in town.

Have a great week.

The Alexander Technique for Artists and Performers

An Introductory Group Class for the best-kept secret of successful performers and artists, The Alexander Technique, will be held at The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK), 97 Broadway, Kingston, on March 12th from 7 - 8 pm. A suggested donation of \$10.00 will be requested at the door.

The Alexander Technique is a century old method of improving posture, balance, breathing and coordination. The workshop is conducted by Victoria Quesada Moore, part-time Catskill Mountain resident and nationally certified teacher of The Alexander Technique. alextechniquevictoria.com.

Using gentle hands-on guidance together with verbal explanation and demonstration, students learn to attend to head poise and lengthening of the spine in a way that facilitates normal postural tone and de-compresses vertebrae and discs. A clinical trial in the British Medical Journal showed that Alexander Technique lessons are



effective and provide long-term benefit for chronic back pain.

HUDSON VALLEY ACOUSTIC PERFORMERS

Come hear the best of the Hudson Valley acoustic performers every third Friday of the month at The Arts Society of Kingston. This month, ASK for Music will take place on Friday, March 18th, featuring the sounds of Barbara Dempsey & Co., Mark Wixom & Elijah Tucker, and Bill Kelly. Refreshments will be served and the first performance will begin at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$5. Visit our websites: Barbara Dempsey - http://web.mac.com/bdandco/Site/Welcome.html/Bill Kelly - www.myspace.com/billkellymusic/Mark Wixom & Elijah Tucker - www.myspace.com/generousmusic/

A New Theater Improv Workshop Comes to ASK in March!

The Arts Society of Kingston will be hosting a Theater Improv Workshop at their 97 Broadway location in Kingston, NY. The four-week workshop led by Tom Caplan, will take place on Wednesday evenings from 7 - 9 pm, beginning March 2nd. The fee for this workshop is \$90.

The workshop will include exercises and games,

The workshop will include exercises and games, and will focus on short form improv. Skills will be developed and honed. Experience is welcome, but not necessary. Tom

Caplan has been teaching and performing improve since 1990. He has also used improvextensively to combat social issues, such as conflict and prejudice.

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Closing Reception for "The Covers Show'

Couldn't make it to First Saturday this month? No worries! Join Chronogram at The Arts Society of Kingston on February 26th from 6 - 8 pm, for their Closing Reception of "The Covers Show: 1993 -2011". Music will be played, refreshments will be served and great conversation will be had.

The Covers Show: 1993-2011

Since its launch in the fall of 1993, Chronogram has featured the work of hundreds of Hudson Valley artists on its cover. Unlike most publications, Chronogram does not put anything on the cover but its logo, allowing artists an unadorned canvas for their paintings, photographs, sculptures, illustra-tions, and mixed-media work.

Some of the artists Chronogram has featured on its cover include Peter Max, Martin Puryear, Dion Ogust, Steven Spacarelli, Alex Grey, Emil Alzamora, Richard Butler, Denise Orzo, Kathy Ruttenberg, Eric Bean, Laura Levine, Stuart Bigley, Devorah Sperber, Steven Kenny, Keith Haring, Jeffrey Milstein, Edie Nadelhaft, Joe Concra, Zak Bullen, and Kavin Baulsen, among more than 150 Pullen, and Kevin Paulsen, among more than 150 others.

Over 60 covers of Chronogram will be on display at ASK in February, from Jane Sander's illustration on the inaugural October/November 1993 issue to the portrait of Pete Seeger on the February 2011 cover by Woodstock photographer Fionn Reilly.

"The cover of Chronogram is proof of the artistic vitality of the Hudson Valley," says Chronogram editor Brian K. Mahoney. "Showcasing the work of a diverse variety of artists each month, from establishments." lished artists to emerging talents, is a privilege we take very seriously. I sometimes wish Chronogram was a weekly publication so we could feature 52

artists on the cover each year, instead of only 12." Launched in 1993, Chronogram's mission is to nourish and support the creative and cultural life of the Hudson Valley. Chronogram was nominated for a 2010 Independent Press Award by Utne Reader.

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As above . . .

A group of students from Rocking the Boat, a boat building and career development program in the Bronx, took time to "feel the warmth" from the winter sun during a forest ecology walk led by Ashokan Center educator Brian Joyner (right). Forty students and ten teachers and chaperones spent a frosty weekend in January learning about the Catskills and its resources, thanks to a CWC Watershed Education Grant.



Certifiably Green

Many of the 40 Watershed region lodging establishments participating in Phase 1 of the Green Lodging Certification Program attended a January 26 workshop at Belleayre Mountain to meet one another and get information from vendors of environmentally responsible materials. Dory Alport (right) of Aquabella, distributers of water saving plumbing and heating fixtures, described a "twinflush" toilet mechanism to (l. to r.) Peter Molnar of Margaretville Lodging; Eric Goettsche of the beautiful, scenic tra Thompson House, Windham; Ruth Christman of several times daily.

Christman's Windham Inn and Golf Resort, and Elizabeth Winograd-Iwinski from Copper Hood Inn and Spa, Shandaken. This "Green Concierge" program is funded by the CWC and Empire State Development, and is coordinated by Hospitality Green, a consulting firm based in Sullivan County. Participating businesses are being assisted in imple-menting environmentally sustainable practices and in promoting themselves to travelers who seek out 'green" inns and hotels.

... so below



Meanwhile, over in Stamford, John McLean of Wood Done Right, general contractor for the renovation of the Delaware Inn, adjusts the programmer for the geothermal system that is now heating the Stamford landmark. The system extracts warmth from water circulated via ten wells sunk deep underground where the temperature is a steady 56 degrees year round, and uses this renewable energy source for both heating and cooling. The inn is being rejuvenated by the CWC for re-sale to an entrepreneur who will operate it as a boutique inn, lounge and meeting center and return it to its historic place on Stamford's Main Street.

Stormwater Workshop in Hamden March 23

Planning board members, engineers, contractors and municipal officials interested in stormwater issues are invited to a free workshop sponsored by the CWC Wednesday, Mar. 23 (snow date March 24) in Hamden. "Water Rules: Stormwater Regulations Explained" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Hamden Inn. There is no charge for the workshop or the buffet lunch that follows, however, registration is required by March 16. New standards for post-construction design and maintenance of stormwater pollution prevention practices will be offered by Katharine Czajkowski, Regional Stormwater Control Specialist with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The recently finalized standards emphasize incorporating green infrastructure" to maximize natural infiltration of runoff. Joseph Damrath, Stormwater Program Supervisor with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) will discuss the stormwater rules within the NYC watershed. The event will be one of the first to be held at the rejuvenated Hamden Inn, on Route 10 in that Delaware County hamlet. Holley White, who, with Richard Giles, operates the Lucky Dog Farm and store just across the street, purchased the venerable inn and obtained a low-interest CWC Redi Loan and assistance from Delaware County Economic Development to help finance the purchase and renovation. Holly describes the effort to reopen the restaurant and bar, and eventually rooms for lodging, in this video.

FROST VALLEY YMCA 2011 GIRL SCOUTING EVENTS

Eco Challenge Weekend will be held at Frost include forest and wildlife ecology, seed planting, service projects, greenhouse skills, recycling, compost education and a nature scavenger hunt. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

Wellness Weekend at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville is an opportunity for participants to focus solely on their own needs. Guests can spend time alone communing with nature and choose from over 15 activities each day, including yoga, dance, therapeutic movement, meditation, water beautiful, scenic trails of the Catskills are offered Mountain high peaks.

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Lodging Available Year Round

Friday-Sunday, April 1-3, 2011: A Girl Scout Senior Leadership Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Senior Scouts will attend workshops on goal-setting and leadership skills. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, April 8-10, 2011: A Girl Scout Earth Day Celebration will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Activities will include recycled arts and crafts projects, composting and recycling classes, nature hikes, a greenhouse planting project, wildlife ecology and learning simple techniques for going green. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, May 20-22, 2011: A Girl Scout Horsemanship Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Scouts will participate in a riding lesson, trail riad and multiple classes to learn all about horse health and care. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, June 3-5, 2011: A Girl Scout Camping Adventure Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Activities will include outdoor camping survival skills, climbing, boating and hiking. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, Sept. 16-18, 2011: A Girl Scout Leaders in Training Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Trainings will include CEP, First-Aid and fire starting. Other leadership classes will be available. Check-in starts at 5

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 11-13, 2011: A Girl Scout Friday-Sunday, March 18-20, 2011: A Girl Scout Adventure Sports Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Scouts will Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Activities will work towards their Adventure Badge. Activities will include Mountain Boarding, the flying squirrel, low and high ropes courses and halfday hikes. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.

Friday-Sunday, Dec. 9-11, 2011: A Girl Scout Friday-Sunday, March 25-27, 2011: Women's Healthier You Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Activities will include healthy cooking classes, natural facials, yoga, Pilates and hiking. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, info@frostvalley.org or visit: e-mail: www.FrostValley.org. Frost Valley YMCA camp color painting and pottery. Guided hikes in the and conference center is located in the Catskill



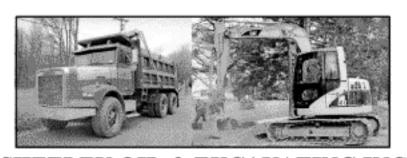
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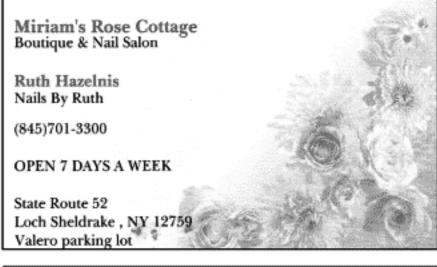
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"The gas industry has shown us again and again that fracking cannot be done safely, and that there is no good answer for what to do with the massive quantities of highly-toxic wastewater created in the process. In passing this ban, the City of Buffalo sent a message to cities and towns across New York that the threat posed by fracking is real, and that nothing short of a ban will protect us," said Claire Sandberg, Campaign Director of Frack Action.

Buffalo Bans Fracking in Groundbreaking

Vote First Ban on Fracking in New York;

(BUFFALO, NY)-Citizens and clean water advocates heralded the Buffalo Common

Council's move to become the first city in New

York State-and the second major city nation-

wide-to ban hydraulic fracturing for natural gas. The Common Council passed "Buffalo's Community Protection from Natural Gas

Extraction Ordinance" today by a 9-0 vote, following months of citizen lobbying by Frack

victims of fracking in New York joined Buffalo Common Coucilmembers and former New York

State Senator Antoine Thompson in praising the ban. Thompson was the sponsor of the statewide

Buffalo, which sits atop areas of the Marcellus and Utica Shale formations, follows

in the footsteps of Pittsburgh, PA, which passed a similar ban in November 2010. The Buffalo

law prohibits drillers from fracking for gas in Buffalo, and also bars the disposal of drilling

wastewater or other production wastes within

zeroes in on what has proved a contentious issue for the gas industry in Pennsylvania: what to do

with the millions of gallons of wastewater gen-

erated by the process, which can contain car-cinogens, volatile organic compounds, and even radioactive material. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection came

under fire last month when the Associated Press

reported that the DEP authorized the discharge of at least 3.6 million barrels of fracking

wastewater into rivers and streams across the

state with minimal to no treatment. According

to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation documents, wastewater from vertical fracking wells in New York has already been accepted by

The Buffalo ordinance was drafted by the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund, with additional aid from the Community

Environmental Defense Council. Frack Action

Buffalo gathered 1,650 signatures in support of

The bill's sponsor, Buffalo Common Councilmember Joseph Golombek (D) told the Buffalo News, "When it comes to the safety of our residents and protecting our environment,

we do have a responsibility."
"Buffalo is leading the way," said Rita Yelda,

a student at Buffalo State and Organizer with

Frack Action Buffalo. "And we urge other cities

and towns to pass similar bans. We want to tell

Buffalo water treatment facilities.

the ordinance over several months.

The inclusion of drilling wastes sets the Buffalo legislation apart from Pittsburgh's, and

At a a press conference following the vote,

Action Buffalo, a local grassroots group.

moratorium on fracking passed in August.

Legislation Also Targets Wastewater

In December, former Governor David Paterson signed an Executive Order imposing a timeout on high-volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing until June. Executive Order #41 bars new horizontal drilling in New York and called for a revised draft of the heavily-critized draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (dSGEIS). The Executive Order followed two landslide bipartisan votes by the Senate and Assembly in support a moratorium. Environmental groups praised Paterson for imposing the nation's first statewide moratorium on fracking, but criticized the Order for failing to include vertical gas wells, which are already in use in Western NY. A revised dSGEIS will be released on or around on or around June 1, 2011, and be followed by a new round of public comment.

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Hinchey Working To Stop Proposed Job Corps Cuts (From Pg. 1)

According to an independent economic analysis, for every dollar invested, Job Corps stimulates an additional \$1.91 in economic activity. Every year, the program generates \$144 million in economic activity in New York and creates over 1,700 jobs. There are six Job Corps centers located in New York.

"Some may want to cut this program, but I'm hopeful that will not happen," said Hinchey. "We're going to fight to keep it in place, and I hope that more New Yorkers in Sullivan County, throughout the Catskills and elsewhere, will realize just how life changing Job Corps can be. If you're a high school dropout or if you know a young adult who is in need of additional skills training, you need to look into this program. My office can help with the application process, and if you qualify, the program is free of charge."

At Delaware Valley Job Corps, students receive the skills needed to succeed in today's workforce - at no cost to them or their families. Participants in the program live on campus in Callicoon, New York while receiving training in trade fields including: advanced manufacturing; business technologies; carpentry; culinary arts; facilities maintenance; material handling; medical office support; security; automotive repair; construction; and, electrician support. Those who are interested in the program can learn more by visiting http://delawarevalley.jobcorps.gov or by calling (800) 733-JOBS today.

Jon Sennett Kicks Off Campaign for UC D. A. (From Pg. 1)

With a deep commitment to public integrity, rule of law and fighting crime at all levels, Sennett said, "We need a D.A. who will go beyond the court-house to help protect and serve our communities, to fight for safer streets and fight for safety in every home and for each individual."

Sennett states that the people of Ulster County deserve a D.A. who will work hard every day to vigorously prosecute all crimes, with a strong focus on violent crimes committed against our youth and our families. He will relentlessly fight gang-related violence and all forms of domestic abuse and crimes against seniors.

As D.A., Sennett will work with local, state & federal law enforcement, as well as other government agencies, to combat government corruption and maintain public integrity.

Jon Sennett is an attorney in Kingston with over 17 years of courtroom experience. He served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Bronx County District Attorney's Office, as a criminal prosecutor who

managed a team of twenty lawyers and helped to train both lawyers and police officers in bringing effective

law enforcement to the courtroom.

A resident of Ulster County for more than a decade Jon Sennett lives in the town of New Paltz with his wife and two children.

Sennett is dedicated, hard working and is known by friends, neighbors and fellow community members as someone who will listen to the people's demands for justice and act decisively. As D.A., Sennett will be tough on all crime, blue collar and white collar crime; the crime that is terrorizing our streets and the crime in our schools and in our government.

With public integrity and building safer communities at the top his list of priorities, Jon Sennett will take these commitments directly to the voters, visiting every town in Ulster County, meeting as many people as possible, listening to their concerns and suggestions and asking them to support this important campaign.

Jon Sennett said today, "As your District Attorney, I will work diligently with law enforcement to help translate their hard work on the streets into successful and just prosecutions in the courtroom. I am ready to serve the People of Ulster County and to restore the District Attorney's Office as a potent tool for fighting crime and building safe communities."

Jon Sennett is committed to being the People's D.A.

GILLIBRAND ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$1.3 MILLION COMING TO NEW YORK STATE TO HELP SPUR MANUFACTURING JOBS

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced a total of \$1,367,000 in federal funding for the New York State Foundation for Science Technology and Innovation (NYSTAR). These federal funds will be used by NYSTAR to help strengthen and grow New York's manufacturing industry. This funding is being allocated through the National Institute of Standards & Technology's (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program (MEP) under the U.S. Department of Commerce.

"This is a great investment for New York's manufacturing industry," Senator Gillibrand said. "New York's manufacturers powered us through the 20th century, but have been among those hardest hit by these difficult economic times. We cannot rebuild our economy without helping our manufacturers upgrade and compete in the new economy. I want to see 'Made in America' again, and this investment will help harness the power of our manufacturing tradition to rebuild and fuel the new economy - creating thousands of new, good-paying jobs right here in New York."

"I want to thank Senator Gillibrand for her continued dedication to improving the environment for manufacturing and technology companies to grow," stated Edward Reinfurt, Executive Director of the New York State Foundation for Science, Technology and Innovation (NYSTAR). "NYSTAR's Technology Acceleration Project is honored to have been selected

as one of 22 projects nationwide to receive NIST funding. We will be working to leverage the state's impressive array of prototyping and technology facilities to better serve manufacturers in their quest to develop new and more innovative products."

"This money allows us the resources to develop the MEP services in two areas, actively matching New York technology with New York Manufactures. And assisting those manufactures in designing and prototyping products made from these new technologies," said James S. Senall,

President, HTR.

"The Center for Economic Growth provides targeted technical assistance critical to helping retain and grow local manufacturers and technology businesses, from start-ups to mature companies. Senator Gillibrand's commitment to insuring that funds are available is critical to our ability continue to help companies grow and expand in upstate New York. These funds will directly benefit our manufacturing base at a time when job creation and retention is so important to rebuilding New York's economy," said F. Michael Tucker, President and CEO, Center for Economic Growth (CEG).

New York has lost more than 160,000 manufacturing jobs since 2001, or nearly one-quarter of its manufacturing base. Every comer of New York State has been crippled by manufacturing job loss. In fact, 52 of New York's 62 counties have shown significant manufacturing job loss since 2001, with the rest

only showing short-term, unsustainable gains.

In a letter from March of last year to U.S. Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Chairman Mikulski and Ranking Member Shelby, Senator Gillibrand urged for additional funding for MEP, which provides resources to help small and medium-sized businesses retool, expand or establish homegrown manufacturing operations.

MEP is the only public-private program dedicated to providing technical support and services to small and medium-sized manufacturers. It is a nationwide network of proven resources that enables manufacturers to compete globally, supports greater supply chain integration, and provides access to information, training, and technologies that improve efficiency, productivity, and profitability.

Between 2000 and 2003 in New York, a network of 10 independent non-profit organizations overseen by NYSTAR led MEP programs that helped New York manufacturers create or save 4,154 jobs, and earn \$587 million in new revenue, cost savings and capital investments. This \$1,367,000 MEP grant will also be administered by NYSTAR.

At a time when economic recovery is our number one priority, Senator Gillibrand will continue to fight for additional investments like this, which would help make New York a leader in the manufacturing industry, creating thousands of new jobs across the state.

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Press Release

BONACIC: DEC'S INACTION IN SHANDAKEN PUTS PEOPLE AND SMALL BUSINESS AT RISK

February 12, 2011 State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope) is condemning the failure of the NYS DEC to approve emergency flood remediation measures in Phoenicia. In December, Bonacic, along with representatives of Ulster County Executive Michael Hein, met with officials from the DEC, DEP, and Town of Shandaken on the need for emergency repairs to the Stony Clove Creek, in Phoenicia. The area has been subject to two major floods in recent months. At that time, the DEP agreed to pay engineering services to design a solution and the Town agreed to implement the solution. The sole job of the State DEC was to approve the solution - and the DEC agreed to act fast.

SENATOR BONACIC RELEASES STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR CUOMO'S BUDGET PROPOS-

AL "The classic budget rhetoric wars of the past will fail this year - and I suggest the special interests tone down their rhetoric and stand as partners in finding solutions, rather than take out advertisements, which merely fight for the status quo." "This year, taxpayers have said enough! Taxpayers have said:

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BONACIC: TAX CAP LEGISLATION PASSES

SENATE State Senator John Bonacic (R/C/I - Mt. Hope) today said the State Senate has passed legislation (S.2706), which would enact Governor Andrew Cuomo's school property tax cap legislation for schools and local governments. In addition, the Senate passed legislation (S.2707) to ban new unfunded mandates.

"Governor Cuomo heard statewide what we in the Hudson Valley and Catskills have known for years property taxes are chasing people from our State. The special interests may oppose a property tax cap, but overwhelmingly, when asked, taxpayers support it"

support it."

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Jonathan Sennett Candidate for Ulster County DA officially announced his campaign, last week in Kingston.For his announcement go to: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2bf8ZlhD1 s

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GILLIBRAND, BORDER STATE SENATORS URGE FEDS TO DEPLOY MILITARY-GRADE RADAR TO COMBAT INCREASED AIRBORNE DRUG SMUGGLING ACROSS US-CANADA BORDER

Washington, DC- With recent reports showing incidents of drug smuggling along the northern border increasing, U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Herb Kohl (D-WI), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Bob Casey (D-PA), Jon Tester (D-MT), and Charles E. Schumer (D-NY) urged federal authorities to deploy tried and tested, military-grade radar technology to combat the illegal smuggling of drugs into the United States from Canada. In a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, the senators urged the two federal agencies to deploy proven military radar technology to stop drug smugglers who use small aircrafts along the northern border.

"It is a fact. Vast drug networks along our northern border are exacerbating the gang-related violence in many communities across the state," Sen. Gillibrand said. "This problem must be fought at its source. We need a commitment by Secretaries Napolitano and Gates to work with local communities along the border to make sure they have the resources to solve this problem and keep communities across the state safe from drugrelated violence. With the right leadership and priorities, I'm confident we can put the resources we need on the ground to keep New York communi-

ties safe and drug-free."

"Federal and local law enforcement officials in Wisconsin who are charged with disrupting the flow of drugs through our state agree that northern border smuggling is a growing problem," Sen. Kohl said. "We hear about the path of illegal drugs from Chicago and the spread of meth from our western borders, but securing our northern border is too often overlooked. We hope this strategy will be an effective part of our state law enforcement's strategy."

"This is about using all available resources to prevent drug smuggling on our northern borders," Sen. Brown said. "We have the technology to prevent drug smuggling from low-flying aircraft, now we need to use it."

"Drug trafficking into Pennsylvania that is feeding crime and gang activity must be stopped," Sen. Casey said. "A multi-pronged attack is required to catch drug smugglers or terrorists before they can cross the border over Lake Erie into Pennsylvania or other northern states.

"An investigation that I asked for revealed that Customs and Border Protection has control over just one percent of the northern border. That's not acceptable. We need to use every effective and affordable tool to do better," Sen. Tester, a member of the Senate Homeland Security Committee said. "Folks on the ground in Montana understand the need to bolster border security, to keep our communities safe from illegal drugs, illegal immigration and terrorism."

These shocking reports make it clear that we have a long way to go when it comes to securing our northern border and keeping drugs out of New York,' Sen. Schumer said. "But it's not all bad news. Fortunately, we have militarygrade radar technology that has already proven effective in detecting low-fly-ing planes that are chock full of illegal drugs and bound for the U.S. from Canada. The Department of Homeland Security and Defense Department need to work together to immediately bring these military-grade radars to the front lines in the fight to keep drugs from crossing the northern border into the U.S."

The senators pointed to the success of Operation Outlook, a pilot program

run between 2005 to 2008 involving cooperation between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Defense (DOD), which used sophisticated military radar technology along the Spokane, WA sector of the northern border to catch low-flying aircraft that would otherwise not have been caught with the current technology used by DHS.

According to the Border Patrol, Operation Outlook "successfully identified air-related smuggling trends and patterns and organizations active in cross-border criminal activities" along the Spokane sector. The senators are urging the feds to

resume and expand the program.

The senators also urged that radar technology be included in the northern border counter-narcotics strategy currently being developed by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP). The office is required to develop such a strategy as part of the Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy Act, passed by congress last year.

The increases in illegal drug smuggling across the U.S.-Canada border represent a real and serious threat. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) released a report in November 2010 signaling that "cross-border use of low-fly-ing aircraft to smuggle drugs has been much higher than indicated by the number of drug seizures." In addition, a recent report from Hearst Newspapers indicates that "drug gangs ratcheted up shipments" of illegal drugs over the border during the last decade.

Given the success of Operation Outlook, and given the alarming increase in smuggling activity along the U.S.-Canada border, the senators wrote that they "stand ready to help with any legislation necessary to further... [the] mission of protecting America.

2011 Ag Day for Sullivan and Wayne Counties

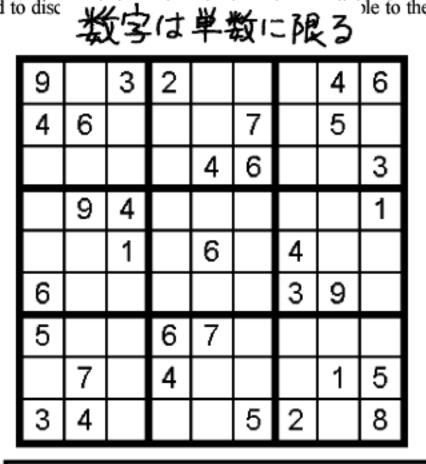
Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County is pleased to announce that Ag Day will be held on Monday, February 21st at the Delaware Valley Youth Center in Callicoon, NY from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. This event is cosponsored with Pennsylvania State University Cooperative Extension, Wayne County to better service our regions producers.

Ag Day is a trade show and educational event that has been an ongoing program celebrating its 25th Anniversary in 2011. Over 30 agribusinesses and non-profit organizations will be on hand to disc

local dairy and livestock industry. Dr. Jud Heinrichs, Pennsylvania University, Department of Animal Science, will join the event covering Calf Care and Quality Colostrum.

Lunch will be available through The Red School House. Producers are encouraged to register for lunch to ensure availability.

For additional information and lunch registration, contact Cindy at Cornell Cooperative Extension at (845) 292-



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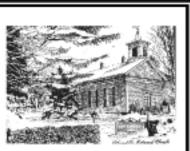
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne. Weekend Mass schedule:

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.

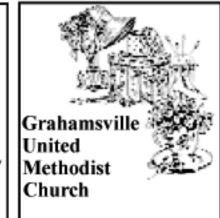


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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

STAR and the ENHANCED STAR forms are available at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725, or by mail.

ALL STAR and ENHANCED STAR applications must be RECEIVED by MARCH 1, 2011. Applications may be mailed to Assessor Michael B. Sommer at 28 Cooper Street, Accord, N.Y. 12404. For questions please call Michael B. Sommer, Town of Denning Assessor, at 626-4342 or the Town Hall at 985-2411.

Michael B. Sommer Town of Denning Assessor Jam

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning will hold a public hearing at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 prior to the regularly scheduled 7 p.m. Town Board meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. The purpose of Said hearing is for public comment of the Proposed Local Law #1 of 2011, Titled: Use of Town Dumpster and Waste Materials Law which replaces a Local Ordinance Titled: Use of Town Dumpster and Waste Materials of 1986. At SAID Hearing any and all interested person (s) will be heard either for or against. The proposed law is available for inspection in the Town Clerks Office during normal business hours.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Joy Ann Monforte Town Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the ANNUAL REPORTING OF THE PRESENCE OF WILD ANIMALS. Pursuant to this law, every person in New York State who owns, possesses or harbors a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report annually its presence on

Town of Neversink Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk Dated: February 9, 2011

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TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740 AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

February 17, 2011 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting Secondary School Library Lower Level

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- **GUESTS Senior Class Officers**
- TREASURER'S REPORT
- SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - Minutes
 - CSE Recommendations
 - Building Use Forms
- UPK Presentation
- D. OLD BUSINESS
- Building Usage Fees
- E. BUSINESS REPORT BUDGET WORKSHOP -
- PART 2 ADMINISTRATIVE
- LATE-BREAKING NEWS G.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION H. ADJOURNMENT

GILLIBRAND APPLAUDS ADMINISTRATION'S OBAMA RENEWED COMMITMENT TO DEVELOP HIGH-SPEED RAIL

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today applauded the Obama Administration's renewed commitment to high-speed rail, as Vice President Joe Biden announced a comprehensive plan to dedicate \$53 billion over six years to continued construction of a national high-speed and intercity passenger rail network. The plan includes \$8 bil-

lion to expand high-speed rail next year.

"If we're going to rebuild our economy and create new jobs across the state, we need to connect all of our communities, businesses and workers with highspeed rail," Senator Gillibrand said. "I am pleased the Administration is continuing their long term commit-ment to make passenger high-speech rail a reality throughout the country. The construction and development of high-speed rail can create new jobs immediately, and help drive New York's economic development for decades.

Last year, Senator Gillibrand helped secure \$158.3 million in high-speed rail funding for improvements to the Empire Corridor. In the FY 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Bill, Senator Gillibrand supported an additional \$2.5 billion for high-speed rail capital projects. The economic impacts for high-speed rail development in New York creates immediate construction jobs, greater economic opportunities for small business growth and tourism, and help boost our local rail man-

In his State of the Union address, President Obama announced his goal to give 80 percent of Americans access to high-speed rail within 25 years. The President's Budget for next year will include \$8 billion to expand Americans' access to high-speed passenger rail service.

SC AARP DRIVER SAFETY PRO-GRAM IN SOUTH FALLSBURG

AARP Driver Safety Program will be conducted at the South Fallsburg Community Center (Former Ambulance Building) Laurel Avenue South Fallsburg, New York - Saturday, February 19, 2011 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM SNOW DATE - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26,

2011. To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). Sonny Smith, an AARP-Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations.

Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance. For information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-8922

(Leave Message).

The fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sonny Smith. Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (R&SVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the

Aging.

CONGRESSMAN LAYS OUT ALTERNATIVE VISION TO BALANCE TARGETED DEFICIT CUTS WITH JOB CREATING INVESTMENTS

On Monday, February 14, 2011 at 11:30am, just hours before returning to Washington to oppose the Republican budget scheme that crushes job creation and endangers fragile economic recovery efforts without reducing the deficit, Congressman Maurice Hinchey detailed an alternative vision that pairs targeted deficit cuts with job creating investments.

The event took place at SUNY Ulster Community College Business Resource Center located in Kingston, NY. The building is located in the Ulster County Office Complex which houses the Office of the Aging and Ulster County Social Services, which both administer several federal programs that would be cut.

Hinchey made the case against the Republican plan, stressing the impact it would have on Hudson Valley families who are still struggling in a difficult Unlike the Republican proposal, Hinchey's alternative would reduce the deficit without cutting vital economic investments and essential services Ulster County residents rely on.

GILLIBRAND STATEMENT ON EGYPT: AN INCREDIBLE MOMENT FOR FREEDOM AND LIBERTY

Washington, D.C. - As Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak resigns the presidency, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement:

q"Today, the world is witnessing an incredible moment for freedom and liberty as President Mubarak leaves office. Now Egypt's leaders must emerge and take concerted steps that will result in a stable, orderly transition to a real democratic society that fosters prosperity for its people and peace with its neighbors. My hope is that the situation remains nonviolent and stability returns to the country."

TOWN OF NEVERSINK RESIDENTS The NYS Ag & Markets Law requires that all dogs 4 mos. & older must be licensed.

During January and February 2011, the Town of Neversink will be conducting a Census of all dogs & puppies or before April 1, of each year with the Town harbored within the Town. Each resident will receive a letter/form in their 2011 property tax bill in January. If the Clerk where the animal is kept. A list of the common names of animals to be reported is available at the Town Clerk's Office. Failure to file as required will subject you to penalties under the law.

In the Town Clerk's Office animal is kept. A list of the property taxes are paid by a bank/mortgage company, those residents will receive their letter/form with their receipt of payment in February. If you are a landlord please pass the letter/form on to all your tenants who reside on your property. All residents of the Town of Neversink are required to fill out the affidavit as to whether any dogs are harbored at the residence. If your dog is not licensed, you will be required to do so. Fees are \$2.50 if spayed/neutered plus a one-time \$5 penalty. Violations shall be subject to a fine, not to be less than \$25.00 per dog. You will need proof of rabies vaccination & spay/neutering.
For information call Town Clerk Lisa Garigliano at 985-2262 x307



Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department www.townofneversink.org (845) 985-2262 extension 312

Create Your Own Scrapbook & PIZZA Friday, March 18; \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than March 1. Tie Dve Tee Shirts & PIZZA Friday, April 29. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be

paid no later than April 5.

Mount Airy Lodge Casino Wednesday,
May 11- \$25 Per Person includes Motorcoach transportation and \$35 in Free Play or \$40 Per Person includes transportation,\$35 in Free Play and the Show "American Homicidal" Please bring an additional \$15 to eat lunch with, must be paid no later than March 29.

Healthy Home-Made "Cooking" Class Saturday, May 21. \$15 Per Person must be paid no later than March 29.

Museum of Natural History Saturday.

June 4. \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents
must be paid no later than April 26. ALBI CONCERT & HOT DOG LUAU Sunday, July 17.

The Buddy Holly Story Forestburgh Playhouse July 27. \$30 residents/\$46 nonresidents must be paid no later than June 28. ZOOM FLUME Saturday, August 6. \$10 residents/\$34 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.

Rhinebeck Fair Thursday, August 25, \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28 this includes admission & transportation.

Pumpkin Decorating & Pizza Friday, October 28. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than October 4.

Army Football Game West Point DATE & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than TBA this includes admission & transportation.

<u>Transportation to NYC</u> Saturday, December 3. \$20 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

Call Parks & Recreation at (845) 985-2262 Ext 312 for more information

2/16/11 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.

2/19/11 Thrift Sale -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm Winterlude 2011 - 4:00 to 6:00 PM at The Arts Upstairs, 60 Main Street, Phoenicia. 2/20/11

2/21/11 TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY - President's Day

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Dept. 7 pm Neversink Town Hall 2/22/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm - (subject to cancellation due to inclement weather) 3/2/11

First Friday Group -Daniel Pierce Library -1:00 pm - Book for discussion Flights of Passage:

3/4/11 Reflections of a World War II Aviator, by Samuel Hynes

Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall

3/7/11 Town of Olive Audit Meeting - 7:30 pm 3/8/11 Town of Olive Board Meeting - 7:30 pm Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting 3/9/11

3/5/11

3/10/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.

3/15/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm -(subject to cancellation due to inclement weather)

3/16/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM

Save the Date!

9/17 & 9/18 -Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual Tractor Show -Grahamsville Fairgrounds

GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN every FRIDAY afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall. Town of Denning Message Board: http://www.denning.us

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

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AL-ANON MEETINGS

Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty http://www.al-anon.alateen.org

Ice Dams A Major Problem for Homeowners This Winter

Drive through almost any residential neighborhood this winter and you cannot help but notice the number of houses with massive icicles hanging from roof edges. While this may create a beautiful wintry

scene, ice buildup on roof edges can create some very ugly problems for home-"Ice dams often lead to snow melt water leaking into a house and causing extensive damage" says Sean Welsh of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County. This winter's weather has set up perfect conditions for the formation of ice dams. "When moderate to heavy snow is combined with several days where daytime temperatures stay between 15 and 29 degrees, you have ideal con-

ditions for creating ice build-up on house roof edges"

says Welsh.

Ice dams occur when heat and warm air escape from the living areas of a home into unheated attics. The escaping heat and warm air build up in the attic and increase the temperature enough so that the snow on the roof above the attic space begins to melt. The melt water flows down the roof until it comes to the overhang at the roof edge. Since there is no escaping heat under the overhang, the melt water freezes and creates a thick layer of ice. This layer of ice creates a dam behind which a puddle of water from newly melted snow forms. Eventually this water works its way under roof shingles and into the house.

Few homeowners are aware that ice build-up on roof edges is a symptom of poor construction practices.

"Warm air leaking out of the house and into the unheated attic, inadequate levels of attic insulation and insufficient attic ventilation are the root causes of roof ice dams" says Welsh. While these issues are most often seen in older drafty homes with poor insulation levels, they are not uncommon in newly built homes.

What should you do if your house is showing signs of excessive ice buildup on roof edges? Welsh says there are two issues that need to be addressed.

 In the short term, the roof may need to be cleared of snow and the buildup of ice may need to be removed from the roof edge to prevent snow-melt water from backing up into the interior of the house.

Many roofing contractors provide this service. Working on a snow and ice covered roof is very risky, so homeowners should be certain the firm they hire is experienced in doing this type of work and fully insured.

2) At some point the underlying causes of the problem need to addressed. While this does not need to be done immediately, the homeowner may want to have those problems identified and fixed before the next winter season arrives in order to avoid future ice damming problems. This will usually require the services of a home improvement contractor that understands basic building science and how to apply that basic knowledge to address building performance problems such as excessive ice buildup. Contractors accredited by the Building Performance Institute have the knowledge and needed diagnostic equipment to find and fix the problems that cause ice dams.

The best way to avoid ice dam problems in newly constructed homes is to purchase an ENERGY STAR labeled home. ENERGY STAR home builders pay attention to good construction practices that ensure a home will not have ice damming problems. ENERGY STAR labeled homes will also be more comfortable and less expensive to heat and cool.

If you would like more information on ice dams you can obtain a free copy of the Cornell University Housing Fact Sheet, Causes and Cures of Attic Condensation and Roof Ice Damming Problems by web address.: this http://www.human.cornell.edu/dea/outreach/loader.cfm ?csModule=security/getfile&PageID=47813

If you would like to obtain a list of contractors in your area that are accredited by the Building Performance Institute go to:

http://www.getenergysmart.org/Resources/FindPartner. aspx?t=4 and in the resource to find window select, "Home Performance Contractors" then click on your county on the resource locator map.

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia Inherit The Wind (1960)

In the twenties, a schoolteacher creates a national furor when he breaks the law against teaching evolution. Cast: Spencer Tracy, Fredric March, Gene Kelly, and Dick York Dir. Stanley Kramer BW-128 mins, TV-PG, On TCM Saturday Morning at 9:15 am February 19, 2011.

Ouiz:

A. Who played E. K. Hornbeck? **B.** What famous "Mash" actor played the judge in this film?

What's going on in the Gnome GneighborhoodTM this week?

TRI- VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE PIZZA TRIVIA CONTEST - No correct answer. The correct answer; Babe Ruth played himself, as did Bill Dickey.

Parksville - Fundraiser: Monday February 28th, 2011 "The Hearty Winter February Thaw!" sponsored by the PPC to help support the revitalization of the Parksville community Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Location: Rolling River Cafe, 25 Cooley Road, Parksville, NY- A Silent Auction and a Raffle will be held. Delicious food and drink - borscht, pelmeni & vareniki! Cover fee \$12, plus cash bar. Participating Sponsors: Catskill Mountain Gold, Flour Power Bakery, Hamish & Henry Booksellers, Illing Engineering Services, Just Breathe Yoga, Sophia Morgan, Plunk, Willow & Brown, and more.

Parksville is a hamlet of the Town of Liberty, which is locally known as "the heart of the Catskills." The Town of Liberty was created from the Town of Lumberland in 1807 and was settled mostly by families from Connecticut and other eastern states. Around 1800 settlers arrived in Parksville. Lemuel Martin and Eber Hall are attributed as being the first settlers. William Parks and his family arrived shortly after and started to build mills and improve the area. Martin wanted to call it Martinsville but the settlers revered Parks more, and hence the name Parksville.

Have a great week!

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Daniel Pierce Library
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Closed Sundays and Mondays

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

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Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman 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.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org

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