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## FALLSBURG HIRES NEW DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY

The Fallsburg Central School District is pleased to welcome D. Jane Tingley as new Director of Technology, replacing John Evans, who became Superintendent of the Roscoe Central School District. Ms. Tingley has a wealth of experience in classroom teaching, instructional technology, and professional development. She has New York State Certifications as a School District Administrator, Elementary N-6, and Basic Assistive Technology Services. Born in England, she earned a Bachelor's of Education with Honors in Mathematics and Education from Chester College of Higher Education in Chester, England, where she met her future husband Brian Tingley, now a middle school science teacher at Tri-Valley Central School District. (Contd. Pg. 3)



## TRI-VALLEY THEATER CLUB PRESENTS JANE AUSTEN'S EMMA

Grahamsville, NY - The Tri Valley Theater Club presented Jane Austen's Emma on Friday, January 22 and Saturday, January 23, at the Tri Valley Central School auditorium.



The story is about Emma, (played by Senior, Skylar Musa), a wealthy young woman scheming to play matchmaker to her new friend Harriet (played by Junior, Sara McCauliff) to the town's unsuspecting bachelors. The story takes place in rural England in the 1800's. While trying to run the lives and loves of the people around her and being a bad matchmaker, she overlooks their true feelings for each other and ignores her own. The story is one of Jane Austen's funniest novels, mixing comedy and romance. It also highlights the satire of that time about the limited opportunities available to women. (Contd. Pg. 3)

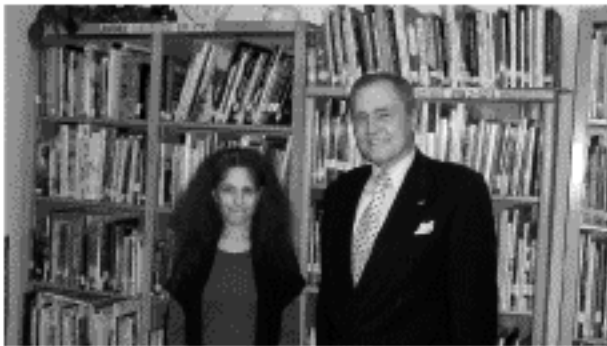
## SC SHERIFF MICHAEL SCHIFF TAKES OATH AT SWEARING IN CEREMONY



Sullivan County Clerk Dan Briggs administers the oath of office to Sheriff Michael Schiff. The Sheriff's wife, Chrissy Schiff is by his side.

Sheriff Michael Schiff was sworn in on January 5, 2010, for his second term as the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of Sullivan County. The ceremony was performed by Sullivan County Clerk Dan Briggs. Schiff is the 46th Sheriff to serve since the county was founded in 1809. Dan Briggs also administered the oath of office to Schiff's 2nd in command, Undersheriff Eric Chaboty. Schiff intends to continue moving the Sheriff's Office forward over the next four years with his community oriented programs that have been the hallmark of his administration.

## BONACIC VISITS LIBRARY AND TOWN CLERK IN ROSENDALE



On January 27, 2010 Senator John Bonacic visited the Town of Rosendale Library to discuss the Governor's proposed budget and its impact on libraries. Senator is pictured with Susan Horowitz at the Rosendale Library



Senator Bonacic also met that day, with Joan Jordan, Town Clerk of the Town of Rosendale to discuss the Governor's proposed budget and the impact it will have on local taxpayers. Senator is pictured with Town Clerk Joan Jordan and staff.

## AUERBACH LAUNCHES RE-ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach kicked off his 2010 re-election campaign to a standing room only crowd at Le Canard-Enchaine Restaurant in Kingston last week.



Auerbach, who became Ulster County's first comptroller under the new charter form of government, is completing his first term. He has established his office as both the fiscal and moral conscience of county government and the people's "independent watchdog" over efficiency and effectiveness.

Comptroller Auerbach told the overflow crowd of supporters, including Sheriff Paul Van Blaricum, County Executive Michael Hein and Congressman Maurice Hinchey that he is committed to "pull back the curtain and ensure that government is both open and transparent.

## CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION TO OPEN DOORS TO THE FUTURE

On Wednesday, February 10, 2010, the Career and Technical Education Program (CTE) at Sullivan County BOCES will host an Open House for prospective students and their parents. Multiple sessions will be offered: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM; noon to 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All sessions will be held at the Ruben Pollack Education Center on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, in the Special Education Cafeteria.

The Open House will showcase the current vocational and career preparation programs available to all Sullivan County high school students entering eleventh or twelfth grade in the '10-'11 school year. (Contd. Pg. 6)

## FALLSBURG FOOD SERVICES HONORED FOR SUMMER PROGRAM



Left to right are Jennifer Simms, Bonnie Gildersleeve, Director Brenda O'Neill, Cindy Burger, and Rose Marie Froehlich.

For as long as there has been a summer school program, the Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) Food Services Department has provided healthy meals for the attending students. In September of 2009, the New York State Department of Education performed an audit of the program and was so impressed that they recommended the organizers and providers of the program to the Nutrition Consortium of NYS for special recognition (Contd. Pg. 6)

## NY FarmNet/FarmLink TO OFFER RETIREMENT PLANNING PROGRAM SERIES

The New York FarmLink Program will be offering a 3-part planning program series on retirement, estate, and farm succession issues. The series will offer farmers strategies for developing and implementing a plan (Contd. Pg. 7)

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Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501.

As always, thank you for your support.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER :** He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Psalm 91:1

**OBITUARY**

**Annabelle S. Roberts** of Grahamsville, passed away on Saturday, January 30, 2010, peacefully at home. She was 62.

The daughter of Gordon and Iris Lybolt Sheely, she was born December 15, 1947 in Summitville, NY.

Annabelle was very active in her community; she was a retired Tri-Valley Central School District employee, a member of the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary in Ellenville Post III. When Annabelle's children were younger, she played an active role in their extracurricular activities; she was a den mother of the Cub Scouts and Brownies; Little League and she was always willing to lend a helping hand. Annabelle love Bingo and would play as often as possible. As one of her hobbies, she enjoyed baking and making candy. She was also a member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Woodbourne.

A family statement reads: "She touched many lives and those of us who were lucky enough to know her, will deeply miss her."

Annabelle leaves behind her loving husband, Alan at home; her daughter, Rebecca Ronk and her husband, Kevin of Hyde Park; two sons, Corey and his girlfriend, DeAnna of Granville, and Adam and his fiancée, Heather of Hudson Falls. She is further survived by her mother, Iris; sisters, Joan of Summitville, Barbara and her husband, Ernest, Sandra and her husband, John, both of Napanoch; brother, Eugene and his wife, Terri of Napanoch; two granddaughters, Madison and Makenna Ronk; niece, Susette Walton and her husband, Doug; two grandnieces, Megan and Kristen Walton, along with several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father, Gordon Sheely; sister, Joy McComb and brother, Howard Sheely.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, February 2nd at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Woodbourne, Fr. Lynch officiating. Interment followed at the Fantinekill Cemetery, Ellenville.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Annabelle's name may be made to an organization of one's choice.

**DAYS OF YORE.....**  
**Today's History**

**February 1, 1950** - The annual meeting of the Accord Farmers' Cooperative was held at Accord last Wednesday with a dinner and business meeting. Mr. Van Furman was elected one of the directors for three years. Mr. and Mrs. Stoddard Porter and Mr. Thorvald Carlsen also attended from Grahamsville.

Mrs. Earl Sheeley is busy helping her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ter Bush to move to a larger house near their former residence.

Curt E. Forstmann, who became president of the Forstmann Woolen Co. at 31, died of a heart attack last week at

the age of 42. Mr. Forstmann was well known in this vicinity, having been a summer resident here.

Dear Patron,  
I have on this date purchased the business of Krum Bros, formerly owned by my father, the late Clarence Krum, and his brother, Sumner Krum. It has been with the greatest pleasure that they have served you for the past forty-three years. It has been a pleasure for me to serve you under their employ.

It is not without a deep sense of appreciation and responsibility that I make this announcement. First, an appreciation for the reputation so earnestly won by its former owners, and, secondly, an equally deep sense of responsibility to its many old friends and to my new customers.

May I, at this time pledge myself to a constant effort to deserve your continued patronage and to hope that your future visits will be pleasant when you "KUM TO KRUMS." Raymond C. Krum

**February 3, 1960** - The Grahamsville Post Office moved from its old location in the Decker building to its new office in the Chan Dayton building on the State Road. The new office opened for business on Monday morning, February 1st.

Mr. Elwood Velie, Fire Chief and Mr. Vincent Robinson, a Fire Commissioner, arrived in Grahamsville late Friday night with its new fire truck. The truck was driven here from Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Charles Cross was guest of honor at a birthday supper party held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Green, Woodbourne on Sunday evening, Jan. 24th. There were fourteen present.

Mrs. (Butch) Mickelson, the former Ruthanne Rexford, left her position at the Tri-Valley School on Friday. The faculty gave her a farewell tea on Fri. after school.

It was recently announced that Mr. Richard Slater has been promoted to Manager of the Analytical Laboratory, Allied Chemical Corporation at Solvay, NY. Mr. Slater is the son of Mr. Morris Slater of Claryville and graduated from Liberty High School in 1950. He holds degrees in chemistry from the New York Technical Inst. At Binghamton, N.Y. And at present lives with his wife and children in Baldwinsville, N.Y.

Twelve young people dressed in white robes, were united with the Church on Sun. morning at the regular services. Those taken in with the Rev. West officiating were: Beverly Smith, Beverly TerWilliger, Teresa Osterhoudt, June Curry, Diana Zanetti, Linda Strangeway, Karen Mickelson, James Lennox, Donald Osterhoudt, William Erland, Donald TerWilliger and David VanValkenburg. They were all presented with Testaments.

**February 4, 1970** - 1st Class Scout George Gruner, Troop 187 of Grahamsville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gruner of

Lackawack Hill, will be presented Scouting's Protestant God and Country Award during a special service held Sunday, Feb. 8 at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. Rev. Donald Walter will make the presentation.

Services will be held today for Radford M. Moore, 67, of Claryville, who died Sat at the Antrim Lodge in Roscoe after a sudden illness. He was born in Grahamsville on August 4, 1902 and was a lifetime resident of the Claryville area. He was a postmaster and proprietor of a general store.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mickelson, 11 years on the 7th; Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hasbrouck, 12 years on the 8th.

Mrs. John Hamilton of South Hill, and children Ellen and John Jr. went to Kings Park, L.I. On Monday and Tuesday. They visited their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamilton.

The Tri-Valley Squares will celebrate at a Valentine Party with a guest caller, Carl Hanks of Plymouth, Mass., at their new home, Tri-Valley School, on February 15th. The workshop will meet at the Grahamsville Fire Hall for that evening.

**January 31, 1980** - On January 23rd, Bus Drivers School was held at Tri-Valley School. Two classes, a daytime and an evening session was held under the instruction of Marge Denman, Director of Bus Safety.

On Tuesday morning, Ladies Aid Quilters who met on Jan. 22nd at the home of Regina Hamilton in Neversink, surprised Bertha Ackerley with a lovely cake in honor of her 82nd birthday.

Approximately 70 people attended the FFA Alumni dinner and Annual Meeting held at the Tri-Valley School cafeteria on Jan. 21st. Chairman of this third Annual Dinner Meeting was Barbara Bonnell.

On Tuesday, Roberta and Irving Marsland joined Elthea Many for lunch while en route to a Methodist Retreat being held at Grossinger's in Liberty until Thursday. Also joining them for lunch was Mrs. Phyllis Zanetti of Milanville.

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**HERE AND THERE**

As we've mentioned before, February has almost as many 'special day' celebrators as it has days. The 13 people named below will be blowing out candles between Feb. 7 - 14 (the first one may need a little help !): Edith Porter, in Neversink will be 93 on Feb. 7! Also, on Feb. 7, Supervisor Greg Goldstein and Kacie Mae Allison (daughter of Jon and Chris) - she'll be 11; we didn't ask Greg; also on Feb 7, up in Troy, Doug and Marilyn Hasbrouck can count 52 years together. On Feb. 8, our neighbor, Penny Hennessey, and Janie Buckman of Woodbourne; Feb. 9, Wendy (Smith) Hyndman out in Michigan now catches up with same-age friends Dawne and Ellen (on last week's list); that's also the two-year anniversary for Mark and Paula McCarthy. Martha Ahrens, still waiting for that broken elbow to heal, will celebrate on Feb. 10. On Feb. 11, Mickie Costa and Erica Costa - unrelated - will both add a year, which makes Erica 19; also Joshua Thomas Smith, grandson of Thomas and June, turns 21 - I think (can't read my own writing). And on Feb. 14, Don Terwilliger is a birthday Valentine (that's what Wanda calls him).

P.S: Last week I took a year away from Cheyenne Hennessey, but this week I'm giving it back to her; she's 15, not 14. .... Many happy returns to all!

Our community has been saddened this past weekend by the passing of Annabelle Roberts, who, at 62, finally lost her gallant struggle against a determined disease. (The name Annabelle surprised me; I had always heard her called Ann or Annie by friends and co-workers.) All who knew her join in extending condolences to her family and loved ones.

That's it for this week, for two reasons: 1) We have no other items of general interest to share with you (hint, hint, hint!); and 2) it's cold! Try to stay warm this week! ....(pah) ...

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy**

Anyone interested in joining an afternoon water aerobics class with Janet Carey at Fallsburg High School, please contact Eileen Minarsky at 985-7011 or Hulda Vernooy at 985-2268.

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

**TV THEATER CLUB PRESENTS JANE AUSTEN'S EMMA** (From Pg. 1)

The Tri Valley Theater Club players were true to the time and place of the play and did a wonderful job. It showed how hard they worked together as a group. Junior, Peter DiMilia (Mr. Elton), Senior, Frank Delozier (Mr. Weston), Senior, Erik Raymond (servant) and Senior, Logan Ackerly (Robert Martin) were one of the many athletes who were making either their stage debut or it was their first spoken lines in a production. Seniors, Matt Bogorad (Mr. Knightley) and Patty Singh (Miss Bates) are familiar favorites and their performances were well received. The entire cast deserved the applause they received for both performances.

**FALLSBURG HIRES NEW DIRECTOR OF TECHNOLOGY** (From Pg. 1)

Ms. Tingley will be responsible for maintaining the technology equipment, program support for educational instruction, and for professional development of the staff in keeping the District up to date on latest software, methods, and equipment. She has hands-on experience working on computers and network components. Her experience in planning and implementing major changes in her previous school district will be a great asset to Fallsburg's schools. Ms. Tingley begins her service on February 1, 2010.

**OPENING EVENT PARTY FOR SHOW BY CAROL PEPPER-COOPER AT ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

Carol Pepper-Cooper is the featured artist in Ellenville Regional Hospital's ongoing "Healing Art Gallery" program. The show, which runs until February 26th, is free and open to the public!

An Opening Night event is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 5:00-7:00pm and all are welcome! Refreshments will be served.

Carol Pepper-Cooper has been making art for the past 50 years. During that time she has used a variety of media and has produced both representational and non-objective work, from small etchings to massive stage sets. The work in this exhibit spans many years, and although it omits her more vividly imagined works, it (Next Col.)

suggests some of the distance she has traveled.

While Pepper-Cooper was growing up near Manhattan's Metropolitan Museum of Art, which she visited regularly, she was most influenced by the work of Van Gogh, Gauguin and Rembrandt. She attended Radcliffe College, Harvard University, graduating magna cum laude in English. While studying for her MFA at Pratt Institute, her mentor, George McNeil, introduced her to Abstract Expressionism and to Hans Hofmann's concept of space and the push-pull of the colors that create it. All her work is informed by that concept, often within a dream-like context. Recently she has been developing a series of paintings related to the flow of time passing, works which are haunted by the transience of all things physical...including the earth and all who live on it.

The lyrical, sinuous line characterizing Pepper-Cooper's work, along with the luminous color for which she is known, can be seen in the three, 7 foot high stained glass windows she designed for Kingston's Temple Emanuel. Pepper-Cooper has shown her work throughout the Hudson Valley, in Westchester and in New York City, winning numerous awards and citations. Her work is in collections throughout the country and in Israel.

Ellenville Regional Hospital is located on Route 209 in Ellenville. For more information about the Healing Art exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 210-3043.

**VALENTINE DESSERT PARTY AT CATSKILL ARTISTS GALLERY WITH FREE CALENDAR OFFER**

Sweets to the sweet! Come to the annual dessert party celebrating Valentine's Day on Saturday, February 13, from 2-6 p.m. at the Catskill Artists Gallery, 38 South Main Street in Liberty, and enjoy the homemade goodies.

While munching the sweets, look for that special something for your sweetie. There are unique, handmade gifts in all styles and price ranges - jewelry of every description, wooden and pottery vases, glass, paintings, sculpture, wooden jewel boxes, dazzling handbags, books, cards, and much more.

A complimentary 2010 calendar featuring beautiful line drawings by well-known local artist Ann Higgins will be given as a holiday bonus (while supplies last) to all purchasers of \$50 or more.

All of the works of art are created by hand by the six members -- Robert Friedman, Cate Gundlach, Kathy Jeffers, Buff McAllister, Helena Clare Pittman, and Hank Schneider - and some 30 consignors.

The gallery is open Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. Call 845-292-0310 for more information, or go to [www.catskillartistsgallery.com](http://www.catskillartistsgallery.com)

**SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE SEMINAR ON WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3**

Opportunities for young people to become involved in volunteer projects throughout Sullivan County are the subject of a seminar hosted by Sullivan Renaissance. The seminar will be held on Wednesday, February 3 at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Building in Ferndale.

Geared toward adult leaders and volunteers, the seminar will address several key areas:

- A simple assessment that can be done by any organization to help identify young people in the community
- Ideas to recruit and reward youth volunteers
- Sullivan Renaissance opportunities to engage youth including: grants, internships, scholarships and program ideas
- Models that have worked in other communities

"Most young people would love to participate in a community project, but often they are not asked or don't know that the projects are happening," said Sullivan Renaissance Program Officer Denise Frangipane. "Sullivan Renaissance would like to continue to promote volunteer service and help communities reach out to the next generation of leaders."

Sullivan Renaissance has several programs that are youth-focused, starting with the basic requirement that young people be included in all beautification projects. There are numerous volunteer opportunities, scholarships and paid gardening internships.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served. To register by February 1 or for more information, visit [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org) or call 845-295-2445.

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATION:**

South Fallsburg Community Center (Former Ambulance Building) Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, NY Saturday, February 13, 2010 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (leave message).

Sonny Smith, an AARP Certified Instructor, will give this 8-hour 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.

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

**SPIRALS AND SPURS**

By Peggy DeWire



"How do tree limbs know when to stop growing longer?" Fred asked me as we crossed his backyard at the end of our hike.

"Let's go over to that apple tree and find out," I said as we munched through the snow and stood looking up at it.

We noticed how the limbs grew off the trunk at an angle and how the tree had a typical round shape while a nearby pine was a triangle.

I remarked that a tree grows out of the ground in a spiral to the pre-programmed height and width of its family type. Just like your body, Fred, has genes that control how tall and how big you'll finally get.

As the tree spirals upward, every branch grows from the trunk at a fixed angle which is repeated by all smaller limbs, then twigs and lastly, leaves.

This is called the "universal spiral" which you can see in snail shells, spider webs, rams horns and the outer plates on pineapples. Can you think of more spiral things in nature?

A spiral allows growth in a mathematical ratio of 3.1416 or pi so that each whorl is related to the next in size. Artists call this expanding pattern "dynamic symmetry."

If you let your eye move up the apple tree from branch to branch, noting the angle where they leave the trunk, you'll see it's always the same and keeps the limbs growing parallel. This maintains the tree's overall shape, as pre-programmed. There's one more control I'm coming to.

The tree spiral can be distorted by poor light conditions or wind damage but new limbs always develop at the proper angle succession to expand the spiral.

So, Fred, to answer your question of how branches know when to stop growing, I want you to look at this ordinary twig at the end of its own spiral. Now look back from the end bud along the twig at the winter buds arranged in a neat spiral pattern.

But what's this! An ugly stubby twig in the wrong place! It's a spur that opens its end bud, putting out leaves and flowers but no extenders! Every year that spur makes a rough bark ring on the twig and the number of rings show its age. This spur has three rings and is about two inches long, so it took three years of retarded growth to grow two inches.

Apple trees go for the spur method to hold back branches and keep the tree's symmetry.

So do cherry, birch and larch. Other trees such as tulip and oak let underbranches just die off.

Nature has two patterns for tree growth - spiral and opposite. That is, two branches twigs and leaf buds are always located exactly across from each other on the trunk.

Maple, ash and dogwood use this design to give their leaves greatest exposure to sunlight without overlapping.

Some opposite pattern trees form spurs to maintain their symmetry and compactness.

Why trees make spurs instead of long twigs at the right time and place to build the best-shaped tree remains a mystery yet.

I left Fred rushing around from pine tree to apple tree finding spurs.

He waved goodbye and thanks for showing him something to discover in his wintertime backyard.



**LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES:****PUBLIC NOTICE****RE: Amanda's Law**

The New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council has adopted a rule implementing "Amanda's Law", which mandates the installation of Carbon Monoxide Alarms in most dwellings in New York State. A copy of the regulations can be obtained from the Building Department at the Town Hall in Grahamsville. These regulations will go into effect on February 22, 2010.

John Perrella, Town of Neversink  
Code Enforcement Officer

2/4/10

TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740  
AGENDA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
February 4, 2010  
7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting  
Secondary School Library Lower Level

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. GUESTS
- B. TREASURER'S REPORT
- C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
  - 1. CSE Recommendations
  - 2. Minutes
  - 3. Building Use Forms
  - 4. Personnel
  - 5. Shared Decision Making Plan
- D. OLD BUSINESS
- E. BUSINESS REPORT
  - 1. Warrants
- F. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- G. ADJOURNMENT

**INFORMATIONAL NOTICE**

The Sullivan County Legislative Select Committee on Solid Waste Revenue Model will hold its second committee meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 9:00AM in the Legislative Committee Room, 100 North Street Monticello, NY. This meeting is open to the public.

**ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE SEEKS CENTENARIANS FOR CELEBRATION OF AGING EVENT**

Kingston, NY (January 28, 2010) - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is seeking Ulster County Centenarians (age 100 and older) who will be honored at a Celebration of Aging. The event will be coordinated by the Ulster County Office for the Aging Advisory Council and funded by Jewish Family Services, a partner and leader in aging programs.

The event/luncheon will be held at the Hillside Manor on Friday, May 7th, starting at noon, and will be FREE to the honorees, with a \$17.00 per person charge for additional guests.

Please contact Ellen Scheerer (845-340-3582) at the Ulster County Office of the Aging, by March 1st, with the name, contact information and date of birth of the prospective honoree.

**2010 SULLIVAN COUNTY LEGISLATURE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Sullivan County Legislature has fixed the following dates and times for regular monthly legislative and committee meetings for the year 2010, pursuant to the Rules of the County Legislature. All meetings will be held in the Legislative Chambers at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York, unless otherwise designated. Notice of any other or special meetings, or any changes in the schedule, will be posted on the official bulletin board in the lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center: (Please be advised that some meetings have been changed for the months of April, September and November)

**Monthly Legislative Meetings - 3rd Thursday - 2:00 P.M.**

February 18, March 18, April 29, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19,  
September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16

**Personnel Committee - 1st Thursday - 9:15 A.M.**

February 4, March 4, April 15, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5,  
September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

**Planning, Environmental Management and Real Property Committee - 1st Thursday - 10:15A.M.**

February 4, March 4, April 15, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5,  
September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

**Health and Family Services Committee - 1st Thursday - 10:45A.M.**

February 4, March 4, April 15, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5,  
September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

**Public Safety Committee - 1st Thursday - 1:00P.M.**

February 4, March 4, April 15, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5,  
September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

**Sustainability Policy Committee - 1st Thursday - 1:30PM**

February 4, March 4, April 15, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5,  
September 2, October 7, November 4, December 2

**Veterans Committee - 1st Thursday, Every Other Month - 2:30PM**

February 4, April 15, June 3, August 5, October 7, December 2

**Community and Economic Development Committee - 2nd Thursday - 9:15 A.M.**

February 11, March 11, April 22, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12,  
September 8, October 14, November 10, December 9

**Public Works Committee - 2nd Thursday - 10:15 A.M.**

February 11, March 11, April 22, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12,  
September 8, October 14, November 10, December 9

**Management and Budget Committee - 2nd Thursday - 11:00A.M.**

February 11, March 11, April 22, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12,  
September 8, October 14, November 10, December 9

**Capital Planning and Budgeting Committee - 2nd Thursday 4 times per year - 1:00P.M.**

March 11, June 10, August 12, September 8

**Government Services Committee - 2nd Thursday - 1:30P.M.**

February 11, March 11, April 22, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12,  
September 8, October 14, November 10, December 9

**Executive Committee - 2nd Thursday - 2:00P.M.**

February 11, March 11, April 22, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12,  
September 8, October 14, November 10, December 9

**PERSONAL VEHICLE USE COSTS COUNTY OVER \$340,000.00 COMPTROLLER Measure 2 Manage REPORT ON MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach released his second Measure 2 Manage Report for 2010. This one highlighting annual mileage expenses reimbursed to county employees using their personally owned vehicles while on county business.

"Over the past three years County employees have travelled over 600,000 miles a year with the county spending an average of \$347,000 in mileage reimbursements annually," said Auerbach. "A large portion of that expense is directed at two departments in the county, Social Services and Public Health," the Comptroller pointed out.

"While Ulster County owns a fleet of vehicles for use by staff, there may be an under utilization of the resources that result in the high cost of reimbursement." "We expect this data to initiate analysis by departments regarding the economy, effectiveness and efficiency of the use of County vehicles as compared to the costs of reimbursement for mileage of personally-owned vehicles," explained Auerbach.

The report data provides both the number of miles traveled and the cost of those miles to the County, by department or office, for the period January 1 - June 30, 2007, 2008 and 2009.


The report includes two spreadsheets. One reflects trends over time and comparison between departments. The second provides detail to support departmental level analysis.

Auerbach noted that in sharing this report with the County Executive and the Legislature he raised concerns regarding the lack of a Personal Vehicle Use Policy which would address issues of responsibility and authority including vehicle ownership, condition and adequacy of insurance coverage.

"We want to ensure that both the County and its employees are adequately protected, especially those who carry passengers in the line of duty. Likewise, we believe the County can better manage its expenses by instituting a Personal Vehicle Use Policy," said Auerbach.

The Measure 2 Manage series of reports are snapshots portraying the use of County resources designed to help Ulster County departments and offices manage their resources.

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Visiting students and parents will be able to meet teachers, survey facilities, and learn more about the curriculum, college articulation agreements, and the community service components of each program. CTE offers a variety of programs for students interested in preparing for college or entering the workforce. Students will have the opportunity to choose from the variety of CTE Programs being offered: Animal Science, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Automotive Technology, Auto Body, Construction/Electrical Technology, Computerized Machining & Metal working, Natural Resources, Graphic Design, Early Childhood Education, Computer Repair & Networking, Public Safety and from our multiple Healthcare programs. The majority of the CTE programs incorporate green technology into the curriculum.

A new program for the 2010-2011 school year, Broad Band Academy, will be featured. The Broad Band Academy focuses on connectivity systems and telecommunication technologies used in business and smart homes.

Successful students will obtain certificates in the areas of: telecommunications, network cabling of copper based and fiber optics systems, telephony and home entertainment systems.

Denise Sullivan, Director of Career and Technical Education, believes that opening the doors to prospective students and parents is vital to a student's decision making. "In today's economy, the areas of job growth are few, but our programs provide employability skills to equi students for any future that they choose. February is Career & Tech Education month. Come and see the many career opportunities in CTE.

Dinner is available during the evening session February 10th. SkillsUSA students are holding their famous roast beef dinner in th Career & Tech Dining Room. Sit down or take out dinners are available from 3:30 to 7 P.M. The cost of dinner tickets is \$8.00 for adults \$7.00 for students and seniors, and \$6 for children. Dinner will b prepared by CTE Culinary students and staff.

If you would like more information or have questions about the Open House or the SkillsUSA dinner please contact the Career and Technical Education Office at 295-4152.

### FALLSBURG FOOD SERVICES HONORED (Contd. Pg. 1)

This statewide anti-hunger non-profit is dedicated to alleviating hunger in New York. They believe that the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) plays a vital role in reducing child hunger when school is out. In acknowledging Fallsburg's program, the organization said, "Sponsors like you make the program a success in ensuring children have access to good nutrition during the summertime."

The Consortium will publish a "Best Practices Report" and include a write-up about the success of Fallsburg's Summer Food Service Program. This is one way that they can recognize the excellence of the program for making a difference in the lives of the community's children. Congratulations go out to Director of Food Services Ms. Brenda O'Neill and her fine staff.

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**UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS AT FALLSBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

This Friday evening beginning at 5:30 PM in the Fallsburg High School gym, Fallsburg's Boys JV Basketball team tips off against Liberty HS, followed by the Boys Varsity Team at 7 PM. Instead of an admission charge, the school will be accepting donations for Haiti Relief to the Red Cross. If the Varsity Boys win the game, they will go to Sectionals. It would be great to support the kids and provide help to the people suffering in Haiti.

February 9 is the High School Pops Concert at 7 PM in the Auditorium. This is always an upbeat performance that warms the heart and gets the toes tapping.

February 27 is the All-County Music Festival at Liberty HS, under the organization of our own John Lusk. Good rumor has it the High School Principal Michael Williams will be Directing the All-County Band!

### RUSSIAN NIGHTS DINNER EVENT AT CAS ARTS CENTER

On Friday, February 19 from 6:30pm-9:30pm the CAS Arts Center will be hosting an evening event that will include a special menu created by Chef Rob Rayevsky of Rolling River Cafe. Dinner will be served in ceramic and antique bowls, created by our students and area potters, that guests can take home. Ticket price includes:

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- Russian Beer sampler donated by Gasko & Meyer
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- A From Russian with Love raffle with 1 chance included in your ticket price. Additional tickets will be available for purchase. Raffle items donated by local businesses.
- Screening of the film "White Nights" directed by Taylor Hackford and starring Mikhail Baryshnikov, Gregory Hines, Helen Mirren, and Isabella Rossellini.

Tickets are \$50 per person and on-sale now! Call 845-436-4227 or email at [Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org) for reservations and more info. Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists.

### FROST VALLEY YMCA PLANNING WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND

"Body, Mind and Spirit" is the theme for the eighth annual Women's Wellness Weekend at Frost

Valley YMCA in Claryville set for Friday-Sunday, March 26-28.

Among the class choices will be: yoga, nature hikes, painting workshops, pottery workshops, 'From Garden to Table' (a workshop on sustainable eating 'eating locally and seasonally'), Tai Chi, basket-making, scarf dancing, drumming and a class titled 'I Exist. Therefore, I AM!' (a guide to entrepreneurial success).

There will also be licensed massage therapists, an acupuncturist and a nutritionist on site for personal consultation.

Returning as lead facilitator for the weekend will be Priscilla Bright, MA. She is renowned as an International Healer and Transformational Guide. Her dynamic group workshops utilize emotional transformation experiences, drumming, creative arts and spiritual journeying.

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SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend FREE residents/ \$10 non-residents must be signed up no later than February 9.

#### Pizza & Egg Decorating

WHEN: Friday, March 19.

WHERE: Tri Valley High School Cafeteria 5:30 pm

DETAILS: Come have a quick dinner & decorate eggs to take home. All supplies will be provided.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$5 residents/ \$10 non-residents must be signed up no later than March 9.

#### Pizza & Stepping Stones

WHEN: Friday, May 7.

WHERE: Tri Valley High School Cafeteria 5:30 pm.

DETAILS: Come have a quick dinner & create your own cement stepping stone to take home. All supplies will be provided.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$5 residents/ \$10 non-residents must be signed up no later than April 6.

#### Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees vs Toledo Mud Hens

WHEN: Thursday, July 15.

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall at 9:30 am and return at approximately 6pm. Price includes lower level ticket, all-you-can eat hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches and as much soda and water you can drink, a Yankees Cap, Game Program & Transportation. Check them out at [www.swbyankees.com](http://www.swbyankees.com)

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$20 residents/\$35 non-residents must be paid no later than June 8.

#### Zoom Flume

WHEN: Saturday, August 7.

WHERE: Waterpark East Durham, NY

DETAILS: The school bus will leave the Town Hall at 8 am and return at approximately 6pm. Please bring money for the snack bar as no food will be provided. Save your seats now, spots go FAST!

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$10 residents/\$34 non-residents must be signed up no later than June 8.

#### Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

##### Procedure to Attend Events

One of the following **MUST BE DONE BEFORE** the cut off date:

1. COME & fill out permission slips & bring payment to the Town Hall Upstairs Parks & Recreation office between 3 pm & 6 pm on Tuesdays.
2. MAIL permission slips & payment to Parks and Rec. Dept. PO BOX 307 Grahamsville, NY 12740

Please Make Note of the following: For your convenience Permission Slips can be downloaded from our website [www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org) or picked up in the Parks and Rec. office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. Trips maybe cancelled due to a lack of sufficient participants or inclement weather. If you need to contact the director for any reason I can be reached at the Town Hall on Tuesdays between the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm; any other time please leave a voice mail at 985-2262 ext 312 or email me at [racerj12d@aol.com](mailto:racerj12d@aol.com)

#### Parks & Recreation Department Contact Information

Greg Goldstein, Town Supervisor  
Office: 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740  
Mailing: PO BOX 307 Grahamsville, NY 12740  
Website: [www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
Phone: (845) 985-2262 extension 312



themselves during this educational and revitalizing weekend.

"We welcome girlfriends, mothers, daughters and grandmothers < any women seeking a fantastic getaway!" invited Frost Valley's Forstmann Conference Director Laura Johnson.

Participants have a choice of classes and many other activities offered at Frost Valley. In addition to the workshops, visitors can also explore the night sky via Frost Valley's observatory, enjoy a maple sugar shack tour or challenge themselves on the Y-shaped climbing tower.

Women's Wellness Weekend, along with the programming, includes lodging and five healthy buffet-style meals from dinner at check-in on Friday evening through Sunday lunch.

For additional information, call (845) 985-2291, ext. 205 to register or e-mail: [reservations@frostvalley.org](mailto:reservations@frostvalley.org). Register online at:

[www.frostvalley.org/womens-wellness/index.html](http://www.frostvalley.org/womens-wellness/index.html)

Frost Valley YMCA is located at 2000 Frost Valley Road, eight miles from Claryville, NY and 14 miles from Big Indian in the Catskill Mountain High Peaks. It's open every day through four seasons, welcoming school children, family, group and business retreats every week from September through June. The camp is just 2.5 hours drive from metro NY/NJ and about 1 hour from Kingston.

**DELAWARE VALLEY OPERA CALLS FOR AUDITIONS**

Delaware Valley Opera (DVO) is holding auditions for their 2010 summer season which includes two fully staged operas with orchestra: Lee Hoiby's "A Month in the Country" and W.A. Mozart's "Cosi fan tutte." Auditions will be held by appointment on Saturdays, February 13 and February 20, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Krause Recital Hall, Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street in Narrowsburg, NY.

Mark Shulgasser will direct "A Month in the Country" and Sam Helfrich will direct "Cosi fan tutte". Kenneth Hamrick will conduct both operas.

DVO seeks a first cast and understudies in the following vocal categories: soprano, high lyric

soprano, coloratura soprano, mezzo soprano, comic high baritone/low tenor, lyric tenor, baritone and bass-baritone.

Singers receive coaching with music director Kenneth Hamrick and composer Lee Hoiby. Understudies will appear in one performance.

Rehearsal period begins July 1, 2010. Performances will be held from July 23 - August 15 at the Tusten Theatre, Narrowsburg, NY and Seelig Theatre at Sullivan County Community College in Loch Sheldrake, NY.

Those auditioning should prepare two songs/arias in contrasting style (one must be in English); a short monologue (spoken) in English; and a short monologue (spoken) in Italian. An accompanist will be provided.

To make an audition appointment call 845-252-3136 or 570-729-8440. All messages will be returned.

**HALF-PRICE FAMILY STYLE LODGING PROMOTION FEB 15-19 AT FROST VALLEY**

Visitors are invited to enjoy a Half-Price Family-Style Lodging Promotion being offered February 15-19 at Frost Valley YMCA in the Catskill Mountain High Peaks.

During this special period, guests can enjoy a half-price lodging offer on family-style accommodations. Beautiful in any season, Frost Valley is stunning in the midst of winter. Visitors have their choice of a host of outdoor and indoor activities.

Weather-permitting, the outdoor activities include: snow tubing, cross-country skiing (on miles of groomed, ski-only trails), snowshoeing (unlimited terrain on Frost Valley's 6,000 acres, including snowshoe-only trails) and Broom Ball are very popular options. For downhill ski fans, Belleayre Mountain is just 17 miles away.

When it's time to warm up, guests have the choice of inside pursuits such as arts and crafts workshops like basket making, recycled bag making, candle making, face painting, beadwork and creating model rockets. A trip to Frost Valley's observatory provides for brilliant stargazing.

Relaxing by a toasty fire is also a time-honored pursuit.

The Half-Price Family-Style Lodging Promotion provides families with a low-cost getaway in the legendary Catskill Mountains.

Frost Valley has an of other assortment lodging options, including rustic cabins, dorm-style lodges, family lodges, super lodges, the inn-style Straus Center and the state-of-the-art accommodations offered at Lakeview Lodge. There's a lodging style to suit every taste, commented Forstmann Conference Director Laura Johnson.

For additional information call 845 985-2291, e-mail: [info@frostvalley.org](mailto:info@frostvalley.org), or visit [FrostValley.org](http://FrostValley.org). Keep up with daily happenings at [fvsummerncamp.wordpress.com](http://fvsummerncamp.wordpress.com) or join Frost Valley on twitter at [twitter.com/frostvalley](http://twitter.com/frostvalley).

Frost Valley YMCA is located at 2000 Frost Valley Road, eight miles from Claryville and 14 miles from Big Indian. Celebrating its 52nd year in the valley, Frost Valley YMCA Camp and Conference Center in the Catskill Mountain High Peaks is open every day through four seasons, welcoming school children, family, group and business retreats every week from September through June. The camp is just 2.5 hours drive from metro NY/NJ and about 1 hour from Kingston.

**SULLIVAN COUNTY YMCA VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE NEWS**


Monticello Teachers Panthers defeated Poundtown 25-18, 25-13, 25-17

Spike-A-Licious defeated Kohl's 25-7, 25-13, 25-14

Wolfpack defeated Phoenix Enterprises 25-10, 25-10, 25-19

Setkillers defeated Spaffy's 25-12, 25-5, 25-12

Group fitness classes are free with a YMCA membership. Check out Zumba on Tuesday nights.



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## PIGSKINS...

### AND FLYING BUFFALOS!

From its rudimentary beginnings, football, as well as rugby and soccer, were believed to have descended from the ancient Greek game of harpaston that is mentioned frequently in classical literature. The actual "invention" of football goes back as far as the 11th century in England. During those days the football was an inflated bladder, usually from a pig. In the days

before vulcanized rubber, it was easy to obtain animal bladders, that were round and quite durable and could be inflated and used as a ball. As the years passed, some ingenious persons covered the bladder with leather for added protection. Believe it or not, this was a great improvement from the earlier English "football" that was a leather casting stuffed with hay or cork shavings.

Once intercollegiate football began in 1869, Charles Goodyear was already on the scene, having patented vulcanization of rubber in 1844. The pig's bladder began to fade from the football field and rubber bladders began to fill the pigskin's in 1871, however, the 'football' was still a spherical shape and not the prolate spheroid, or round but pointy ball that is used today.

According to Henry Duffield, who attended a Princeton Rutgers game in 1869, it seemed that too often the game had to be stopped, the ball taken to the side line where it had to be re-inflated. Some thought was then given to a more conducive shape that would handle the stress of the game and the football evolved into a watermelon-shaped ball. By 1906 passing the 'football' became a lot easier when the rules committee ordered the watermelon-shaped ball to be slimmed down on the ends by an inch and a half. Thank goodness, the Ivy Leaguers of yesteryear ran out of wind, or the rules of today's game may be totally different!

Not long after the Civil War, colleges began organizing football games and now, over 100 years since the inception of the NCAA, the sport of college football flourishes as one of the most popular of collegiate games.

Walter Camp of New Haven, Connecticut, who attended Yale and was the chairman of the Yale football committee from 1888-1912 helped to implement the rules taking the game away from the Rugby and Soccer rules into the rules of the American Football as we know them today. Walter Camp contributed the following changes: one side retained undisputed possession of the ball, until that side gives up the ball as a result of its own violations; the line of scrimmage; 11 on a team instead of 15; created the quarter-back and center positions; forward pass; standardized the scoring system, numerical scoring; created the safety, interference, penalties, and the neutral zone; tackling as low as the knee was permitted - 1888; a touchdown increased in value to six points and field goals went down to three points - 1912

Professional football was first played soon after the demise of the Intercollegiate Football Association, around 1895. By 1920, the American Professional Football Association was formed; one year later it was reorganized and in 1922, was renamed the National Football League. A merger in 1970, 75 years after the inception of the first pro football association, combined 16 NFL teams with 10 AFL teams to comprise one league with two conferences. In the 1980's, further expansion was proposed and by the 1993-94 NFL season, approval was given for a thirty-team league.

When American football began in the late 1800's, there was also a decline of the buffalos roaming in the west. It became quite apparent the buffalo was on the verge of extinction. With the help of Teddy Roosevelt, Congress established a number of wildlife preserves for buffalos in 1905. As a result buffalos are once again flourishing and roaming in the USA. Ironically, also in 1905, President Roosevelt summoned representatives of the Big Three to the White House. They were Harvard, Yale and Princeton, the universities who first played the game and set the rules of play for football. In his best table-thumping style, Theodore Roosevelt convinced them that the rules needed to be changed to eliminate the foul play and brutality. As a result, the American Football Rules Committee was formed and football was also preserved.

Football today, now includes many other traditions. TV commercials have become a large part of the competition. Super Bowl Sunday is perhaps known as the biggest party day of the year in the United States with a lot of servings of Buffalo wings with RED hot sauce, and a WHITE, BLUE cheese dressing - what could be more American than that?

While both the football game and the buffalo are part of the US history, it is time to celebrate Super Bowl Sunday and Flying Buffalos from Buffalo, New York! Where else did you think we got those delicious Buffalo Wings from?

Have a Happy Super Bowl Sunday and may the best team win!

### VEGETARIAN HOT WINGS a/k/ Buffalo Wing-Dings

2 lbs. seitan, (wheat meat) cut into strips  
3 TB. ketchup  
2 TB. soy sauce  
2 tsp. sugar  
1/4 tsp. ground ginger  
1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper  
water  
1 TB. cornstarch

In a 12" skillet over medium high heat, brown seitan on all sides. Add ketchup, soy, sugar, ginger, crushed red pepper and 3/4 C. water. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 5-10 minutes. In a cup stir cornstarch with 2 TB. water. Gradually stir cornstarch mixture into simmering liquid in skillet. Cook until mixture thickens slightly and boils. Cover seitan with mixture and serve. Serves 6-8

(See Page 15 for traditional Hot Wings recipe)



### RENAISSANCE MERCHANT DISCOUNTS Sullivan County Chamber Invites Businesses To Offer Beautification Savings

Local businesses are being invited to support community beautification projects throughout Sullivan County by becoming part of the Sullivan Renaissance Merchant Discount Program, now in its tenth year.

Earlier this month the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce sent a letter to its members asking them to offer discounts – typically 10% to 20% or more – on products and services used to clean up and beautify communities. "This is a really good approach," said Chamber President Terri Ward. "Renaissance groups are able to stretch their resources while keeping the dollars local and at the same time merchants are able to increase their business. Everyone wins."

Sullivan Renaissance offers grants that provide community and school groups with seed money for beautification and spruce up projects. Grant amounts range up to \$5000 depending on the project. The discount program helps this money go farther, while encouraging local spending.

Merchants set the savings amounts and are given a list of participants. Project leaders are given special cards to identify that the items they are purchasing will be used for Renaissance projects. Stores are publicized in flyers, news releases and on the Sullivan Renaissance website [www.sullivanrenaissance.org].

To register for the program, individuals should contact the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce at 845-791-4200 or Sullivan Renaissance at 845-295-2452. Businesses do not need to be chamber members to participate.

### SC RENAISSANCE WINTER CONFERENCE

Individuals interested in Sullivan Renaissance should mark their calendars to reserve Saturday, February 20 for the annual Winter Conference and Expo at the CVI Building. A special workshop for volunteers under 21 will be offered along with other topics such as gardening, community development, the environment and economic development. The keynote speaker is garden expert and author C.L. Fornari "The Garden Lady."

Individuals wishing to attend the Sullivan Renaissance Winter Conference and Expo on Saturday, February 20 can now register and sign up for workshops directly on-line. Go to www.sullivanrenaissance.org and click on the 10th Anniversary Rooster at the top of the page.

This is the tenth year that volunteers have been planting flowers and cleaning up their communities around Sullivan County. The conference will outline the new 2010 Sullivan Renaissance grant program and make applications available. It will also feature exhibits and workshops on the significance of flowers in beautifying a community, community gardens, rain barrels, youth leadership and economic development.

The keynote address and two of the workshops will be led by C.L. Fornari, a gardening expert, author and professional speaker who believes that the lessons learned in the garden are relevant to work, relationships, spirituality and personal growth. All workshop space is limited to the first registrants.

The conference is located at CVI Building in Ferndale. It 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. All are welcome. There is no registration fee for this conference.

Those unable to register on-line should call the Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445 to obtain a form. Completed forms may be faxed to 845-295-2746; scanned and emailed to sgonzalez@sullivanrenaissance.org; or mailed to Sullivan Renaissance, c/o Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Additional funding has been secured by NYS Senator John J. Bonacic and Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther.

### SENATOR BONACIC PROPOSES JOB CREATION PLAN FOR SMALL BUSINESSES- Plan Would Give Tax Credits to Businesses Which Create Jobs, Enact State Spending Cap to Help Improve Overall Economic Climate

New York State Senator John J. Bonacic (R/I/C - Mt. Hope) recently announced a new plan to help create jobs for local residents and provide desperately needed relief for small business.

"Putting people back to work is the best way to help our economy improve. This plan would help create new jobs by giving small businesses financial incentives and reducing their tax burden. With

the Hudson Valley losing over 35,000 jobs last year alone, this plan is absolutely vital to our economic recovery," said Senator Bonacic.

"Despite spending billions of dollars in federal stimulus monies last year, New York lost 269,000 jobs. Obviously, what this state is doing hasn't been working."

The job creation and tax relief initiative will help local small businesses create jobs by lowering business costs and giving them financial incentives to hire new employees. In addition, the plan would provide attractive incentives for new companies to relocate to New York, bringing additional jobs for local residents.

The plan would:

**\* Provide Tax Credits for Creating New Jobs:** Give New York employers a recurring three-year tax credit of up to \$5,000 for every new job created. Credit would be equal to 100% of the withholding generated from each new job, up to a maximum of \$5,000. Credit would apply only to new jobs that expand total payroll. The credit could increase by as much as an additional \$3,000 per job if the new hires are taken from the ranks of the unemployed who are collecting state unemployment funds. This incentive would help reduce unemployment costs to the state, saving taxpayers money.

**\* Reduce Taxes on Small Businesses:** Lower the cost of doing business in New York State by providing business tax relief. The plan would create a five year moratorium on any new taxes or fees on small businesses and manufacturers and accelerate the phase-out of the 2009 personal income tax increase for small businesses. In addition, the plan eliminates the corporate franchise tax for hundreds of small businesses and manufacturers with 50 or fewer employees and less than \$2 million in net income. Reducing costs will help small businesses grow and create jobs for local residents.

**\* Cut the Red Tape:** To help reduce bureaucratic red tape on small businesses, the plan would impose a five year moratorium on new business regulations from state agencies. The plan would also create a new commission to identify and make binding recommendations about ways to streamline and/or eliminate the most costly and counter-productive regulations.

**\* Enact a Cap on State Spending:** The plan would impose a constitutional cap on state spending to help ensure the state lives within its fiscal means, which will improve the state's overall economic climate. Senator Bonacic has repeatedly called on Albany to enact a state spending cap. Governor Paterson has also advocated for a state spending cap.

Business groups were quick to weigh in with praise for the Senate Republican plan. "Small business is the engine that drives most job creation in our economy-and that will grow us out of this economic mess. Lowering New York's, second worst in the nation, business tax climate, and cost of doing business is really what small business needs to survive and grow, and that's exactly what this job creation plan will do. The proposal put forth today by the Senate Republican Conference is the right recipe for expanding our economy and deserves bipartisan support in both houses of the Legislature," said Mike Elmendorf, New York State Director of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), New York's leading small business advocacy association. Senator Bonacic is urging Governor Paterson to adopt the measure.

### HINCHEY STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) released the following statement in response to President Obama's State of the Union address.

"I stand ready to work with President Obama to help continue moving our country along the path of recovery by creating jobs, providing relief to middle class Americans, and laying the groundwork for long-term economic prosperity while also securing final passage of a comprehensive health care reform bill. The economic circumstances in this country are certainly better than they were a year ago, but far too many Americans are struggling to get by and those of us in Congress must continue to work aggressively to provide a helping hand. Through sustained investments in our country's own internal needs, though not through any particular budget

freeze, we can and will fully recover and improve the quality of life for Americans.

"I share the president's commitment to creating jobs and have been aggressively working to lay the foundation for new businesses and technologies in New York, particularly in the renewable energy sector, to take off and become major employers in our state. At the same time we're laying the foundation for long-term job growth, we're also working to support those individuals and families who have been hit hard by the economic downturn through a combination of policies, including extended unemployment and COBRA insurance, increased college tuition assistance, and expanded aid to help pay for child care as well as care for elderly loved ones. We also need to pass a substantial piece of health care reform legislation so that the daunting financial burden that so many Americans face in the form of skyrocketing health care is finally lifted.

"In order to accomplish all of these important things we need to ensure that the legislative process is transparent and functions properly. The U.S. Supreme Court's ruling last week that effectively allows major corporations to buy elections underscores the need for dramatic reform that will ensure the voices of the people are heard and represented, not those of the special interests. Combined with reigning in Wall Street's outrageous practices and bonus giveaways at the expense of taxpayers, we'll be taking concrete steps in Congress to end the undue influence and power that an elite few hold over honest, hard-working Americans.

"In addition to economic priorities at home, we must continue to ensure that our country is secure from threats at home and around the world. Through smart policies and sound investments in homeland security and improved relationships with other countries, we can do a much better job of keeping our country safe. With regard to military policy, I was very pleased to see the president call for the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" -- a discriminatory policy that never should have been adopted in the first place.

"The damage from reckless domestic and foreign policies of the past are still being felt today, but we would be far worse off were it not for many of the steps we've already taken. There remains an enormous amount of work to be done to help the many Americans who are still hurting. I am committed to working with President Obama and my colleagues in Congress to enact significant reforms that will make real, positive differences for the people of our country."

### HINCHEY, TSEC, & NATIONAL GUARD OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE NEW \$4 MILLION FEDERAL INVESTMENT TO CONSTRUCT SOLAR FARM AT STEWART AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE -Congressman Secured Funds to Make Local National Guard Base More Secure and Energy Efficient; ANG Project Will Serve as a Model for Military Installations across the County

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), officials from The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) and its partners, and representatives from Stewart Air National Guard (ANG) base today announced a new \$4 million dollar federal investment that will pay for the construction of a solar farm at the base. Hinchey directly secured the funds from Congress as part of the fiscal year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill, which has been signed into law.

"The Hudson Valley is leading the way on the development and practical use of solar products across our region and the country," Hinchey said. "This project demonstrates how solar energy can be used right now to make our military installations more secure, cost-effective, energy efficient, and environmentally sound. The solar farm project at Stewart Air National Guard base will serve as a model for other military installations across the country and demonstrate that on-base use of solar panels is a cost effective solution that will allow the Department of Defense -- the world's number one consumer of energy -- to become much more energy efficient and dramatically less dependent on the use of fossil fuels."

Over the life of the solar farm, the project will save taxpayer money, make Stewart ANG base more secure, and enable the facility to become more energy independent. Once completed, the solar farm at Stewart ANG base will serve as a model for other military installations across the country. Congress and the Pentagon have set new requirements that each branch of the military must purchase or generate a minimum of 25 percent of the energy they consume from renewable sources by 2025. (Contd. Pg. 14)

From the November 25, 1959 edition of *The Townsman*

**MEET CAPTAIN DONALD VAN KEUREN-U.S. AIR FORCE**

Captain Donald Van Keuren, a native of Neversink, and a son of Frank Van Keuren and the late Della Dice Van Keuren, recently returned to the United States with his wife and children after being stationed for two years in Yalova, a village about 90 miles from Istanbul, Turkey. There his wife kept house and his four daughters, Lynn, Cathy, Donna and Robin learned geography at first hand along with the children of the other 100 families at the base, known as Kara Mursel.

Things were very primitive at first. The new houses, especially built for the Americans, leaked; the floors were icy cold and there were no screens. The wind blew through the walls.

There was no school and the Van Keuren children with others were ferried across the Bosphorus very early in the morning to the school for American dependents. It was around 6 P.M. when they came home. If the weather was bad they had to stay with friends.

Mrs. Van Keuren picked up the language faster than the children because she had to shop in the native market. Vegetables were good, plentiful and cheap. The farmers brought them in by horse, donkey, oxen or buffalo. They had to be washed in chlorine water before they were cooked. Eggs were always available, but dirty. Chickens and turkeys (hindi) could be had, but were thin and scrawny.

Beef and lamb were on the market, but carcasses hung in the open, exposed to flies and dirt. The butcher would cut off a chunk using an enormous stump for his chopping block. Meat, too, had to be thoroughly cleansed and cooked before it was safe to eat it. Only occasionally were they able to get milk and then it was

processed and shipped from Iznui, a town on the Mediterranean. They had to buy all the water they used and it had to be boiled.

Laundry was always a problem, with water so scarce and not enough electric current for a washing machine.

Many of the people were dirty and hepatitis was prevalent. Some of the older women still covered their faces when passing an "Unbeliever". Clothes were very shabby and shoes were scarce among the natives.

Streets were unpaved in many places and had changed little for hundreds of years. Sanitation as we know it was unheard of in many places.

The Van Keurens family was able to take some wonderful trips although water and toilet facilities were always a major problem with four little girls.

The Van Keurens saw some of the ruined cities of Bible lands. They visited Isnui on the Mediterranean, the ancient city of Smyrna. The ancient town of Ephesus, now being reconstructed was seen. Near the town of Seljuk they visited St. John's basilica, and the prison where St. Paul had been kept. Iznik, the ancient city of Nicea, is now only another small Turkish village.

The Van Keurens are now living in Grand Forks, North Dakota, where living seems very easy after the years abroad. Capt. Van Keuren, who attended local schools as a boy, and graduated from Liberty High School, is studying at the University near the Air Force Base where he is stationed. The children are in school, of course, and Mrs. Van Keuren also manages to fit some study into her busy schedule. Attractive and a very talented soprano, she is a native of Palatine, Ill., who attended Drake University in Des Moines. Very recently she was a guest artist as the Thursday Music Club of Grand Forks started its 61st season. Newspaper reports described her as singing "with a voice of great beauty and professional experience".

Capt. Van Keuren, who enlisted when he was 18 is now 43, and has traveled widely as a career man in the Air Force, having been stationed in the Far East, North Africa, Europe, and Asia Minor.

This Thanksgiving the Van Keuren family will get together at their father's home in Unionville for the holiday. Fannie (Mrs. Arthur Knight of Wellsbridge), Robert Nelson and Milton and their families will be there. Donald will be missing but will seem to be very close because of the wonderful letters Mr. Frank Van Keuren has received from his daughter-in-law describing the everyday life of the family and the progress the four grand children are making. (I.G.G.)

**WITH DROPPING TEMPERATURES AND RISING ENERGY COSTS, GILLIBRAND CALLS ON OBAMA TO SEND ALL AVAILABLE HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE RESOURCES FOR NEW YORK - \$100 Million Yet To Be Released For LIHEAP In Cold-Climate States**

3 Million New Yorkers Rely On Heating Oil To Heat Their Homes In The Winter  
Washington, DC - With dropping temperatures and rising energy costs, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today called on President Obama to release an additional \$100 million in Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding that cold-climate states like New York need and were promised.

Last month, Senator Gillibrand helped secure \$5.1 billion for the program that helps seniors and low-income families heat their homes during the winter months. An additional \$45 million was sent to New York in LIHEAP contingency funds earlier this week.

Now, Senator Gillibrand is calling on President Obama to release the remaining \$100 million in LIHEAP funding that the Department of Health and Human Services secured for cold-climate states.

"No New York family should ever be left in the cold," Senator Gillibrand said. "But with the bad economy, job losses and rising energy costs, too many New York families struggle to heat their homes and stay warm. We need to make sure we're putting every resource available to use so that all New York families can stay warm this winter."

At the end of last year, Senator Gillibrand helped pass the Omnibus Appropriations bill for this year, including \$5.1 billion in HEAP funding - the largest amount Congress has ever allocated for the program that helps seniors and low-income families heat their homes for the winter. New York State is expected to receive more than \$475 million in HEAP grants and more than \$60 million for disaster relief and other emergencies.

An additional \$45 million in LIHEAP Contingency funds has also been secured for New York to make sure that in these extremely difficult economic times, every New York family can access the resources they need to stay warm this winter.

To take the next step, Senator Gillibrand is joining with her Senate colleagues asking President to release every remaining resource for LIHEAP now when New York families need it most. (Contd. Pg. 15)

**GRAHAMSVILLE REFORMED CHURCH**  
**ROAST PORK DINNER**  
March 6, 2010 Saturday  
4 - 7 pm

*Menu:* Roast pork, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce, assorted desserts, & beverages.

Adults: \$10, Child 5-10: \$5, under 4 free  
Thank you for your continued support!  
For more information: 845-985-2480

**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

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**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship Service  
10:30am

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Sundays, 3 pm: Communion  
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Bible Class 9:00 am  
Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
**Rev. Paul Nulton**  
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Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.  
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**CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.**  
ALL YOU CAN EAT


  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
Sunday, Feb. 14  
Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon  
ADULTS \$7  
CHILDREN UNDER 12, \$3,  
UNDER 5 YRS. FREE  
\$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO USMC  
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**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
Sunday School 9 A.M.  
Worship Service 10 A.M.

Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper  
5:30/6:30 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month

Looking for a Lifeguard?  
Ours walks on water!

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

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

## HINCHEY, TSEC, & NATIONAL GUARD OFFICIALS (From Pg. 12)

The Stewart Air National Guard base solar farm, which will be the largest solar initiative in the Hudson Valley, will create approximately 10-20 jobs during the yearlong construction build out period. TSEC will serve as the program manager to build the solar farm utilizing Applied Materials thin-film solar PV technology. Applied Materials is a global leader in building the tool sets used to manufacture solar panels. It is anticipated that the solar farm will provide a significant portion of the daylight electrical power needs for the Stewart Air National Guard facility -- roughly the amount of power needed for 100 average-sized four bedroom homes.

"The Stewart Air National Guard Solar farm will provide clean grid free power to Stewart and also serve as a catalyst toward growing the military and commercial market for the solar PV industry in New York and across the United States," said TSEC President Vincent Cozzolino.

Brigadier General Verle L. Johnston, Jr., base commander at the Stewart Air National Guard facility said, "On behalf of Stewart Air National Guard base we want to thank Congressman Hinchey for securing the funding to construct this solar farm, which allows us to generate electrical power right on the base and play a constructive role in achieving overall U.S. Air Force mandates to purchase or generate 25 percent of the energy the Air Force consumes from renewable sources by 2025."

According to a 2008 Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force report on energy strategy, about 85 percent of energy infrastructure upon which the military depends is commercially owned and 99 percent of it resides outside installation gates. Most of this capability is connected to the national grid which is aging and vulnerable to natural disasters and intentional attack. As a result, military installations are susceptible to not being able to carry out mission-critical functions in the event of a long-term grid outage. Most installation back-up generation systems are diesel-powered generators that are neither environmentally friendly nor viable long-term back-up solutions.

"This project can also serve as a model for schools, hospitals, and other buildings that are looking to become much more energy efficient and cost effective," Hinchey said. "The investments we've made in the solar energy industry in New York are paying off in significant ways, and this solar farm project at Stewart Air National Guard base is just the latest example."

Hinchey has now secured more than \$31 million in federal funds for TSEC and its partners. The congressman helped organize and create TSEC in 2007. The consortium is an industry-driven, non-profit organization that provides leadership, organization, resources, and support for the establishment of a major solar energy industry cluster in New York. The consortium has partnered with more than 70 small and large companies, including nearly a dozen that have already created 200 jobs in the Hudson Valley and collectively plan to bring more than 1,000 new jobs to upstate New York.

## GILLIBRAND FIGHTS TO EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FOR STRUGGLING NEW YORKERS

With the number of jobless claims and the cost of health insurance premiums on the rise, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today pushed for an extension to unemployment insurance benefits and the COBRA Premium Assistance Program through the end of the year. More than 850,000 New Yorkers are out of work -- with many relying on the assistance they receive from unemployment insurance benefits and the COBRA Premium Assistance Program. Without an extension, the benefits will expire on February 28, 2010.

"Unemployment benefits and the COBRA Premium Assistance Program have been vital for families across New York," Senator Gillibrand said. "For many families, these two programs have provided their sole source of income, and their only way to afford health insurance. They can't afford to be cut off now. We need to make sure we're providing assistance for those hit hardest by this recession."

Unemployment still tops double digits with over 850,000 New Yorkers out of work. In addition to losing their jobs, many of these individuals also lost health insurance coverage for themselves and their families. Across the nation, nearly 40 percent of the unemployed - more than 6.1 million people - have been out of work for six months or longer.

Unemployment benefits are a lifeline for families and individuals to meet basic needs as they look for new jobs and the COBRA Premium Assistance Program helps cover the unemployed while they are between jobs - offering families basic, (Next Col.)

affordable health insurance.

On average, a monthly healthcare premium payment to cover a family costs \$1,111 -- over 80 percent of the average unemployment check. In some states, the average unemployment check is less than the cost of a monthly health care plan premium. If the COBRA Premium Assistance Program is not extended, families across New York and across the United States will be unable to afford health care coverage.

Extending unemployment benefits would provide assistance to those who are still looking for jobs and give a lifeline to the unemployed as they battle to get back on track. The average duration of unemployment is now at 29.1 weeks -- with nearly 40 percent of the unemployed out of work for six months or longer, and with the jobless claims on the rise. Failure to extend unemployment insurance benefits and the COBRA Premium Assistance Program would set many New York families back when they can least afford it.

Senator Gillibrand joined a group of 17 Senators urging Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT) to pass legislation to make sure Americans still on the path to recovery continue getting the resources they need to get there.

## GILLIBRAND ANNOUNCES \$151 MILLION FOR HIGH-SPEED RAIL IN NEW YORK

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced that New York State is receiving \$151 million from the U.S. Department of Transportation to build new high-speed rail lines across New York.

"This is great news for New York," Senator Gillibrand said. "Building high-speed rail here will connect more commuters and businesses, create jobs immediately and help rebuild our economy for the long term. We've worked hard for a long time to bring high-speed rail to New York. This round of funding is just the first step in our efforts to secure what New York needs to achieve true high-speed rail connectivity. I will keep fighting to make sure New York gets more high speed rail funding in future rounds."

These funds are part of the initial \$8 billion passed in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Last month, Senator Gillibrand supported an additional \$2.5 billion for high-speed rail capital projects. As the President finalizes his Budget for 2011, it is anticipated that additional funds will be requested.

Senator Gillibrand is working hard to deliver New York another round of federal investments to build our high-speed rail, connect more communities across the state, create jobs and continue driving our economic recovery.

## IN MESSAGE TO PENTAGON LEADERSHIP, GILLIBRAND, FORMER JOINT CHIEFS CHAIRMAN SAY IT'S TIME TO REPEAL "DON'T ASK DON'T TELL"

### Top Military Leader Joins Broad, Growing Support To End Unjust, Harmful Policy

Washington, D.C. - Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General John Shalikashvili today joined U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's call for action to finally end "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" by issuing the following statement urging top leadership at the Department of Defense to move forward on repealing the policy:

#### STATEMENT FROM GEN. SHALIKASHVILI:

"Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts about the Policy Concerning Homosexuality in the Armed Forces. When I was Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, my support of the current policy was based on my belief that implementing a change in the rules would have been too burdensome for our troops and commanders at the time.

"The concern among many at that time, was that letting people who were openly gay serve would lower morale, harm recruitment and undermine unit cohesion. "Don't ask, don't tell" was seen as a useful measure that allowed time to pass while our culture continued to evolve. The question before us now is whether enough time has gone by to give this policy serious reconsideration. I believe that it has.

"Recently, Army Secretary John McHugh said that "The Army has a big history of taking on similar issues [with]...predictions of doom and gloom that did not play out." His conclusion echoes substantial scholarly and official military research which finds that allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly would not jeopardize readiness.

"Studies have shown that three-quarters of service members say they are personally comfortable around gays and lesbians. Two-thirds say they already know or suspect gay people in their units. This raises important questions about (Next Col.)

the assertion that openly gay service would impair the military. In fact, it shows that gays and lesbians in the military have already been accepted by the average soldier.

"Additionally, at least twenty-five foreign militaries now let gays serve openly, including our closest ally, Britain. Although we lead rather than follow these militaries, there is no evidence suggesting that our troops cannot effectively carry out the same policy change as those nations did.

"In 2008, a bi-partisan panel of retired General and Flag officers carefully reviewed this matter for a year and concluded that repeal would not pose a risk to the military's high standards of morale, discipline, cohesion, recruitment, or retention. Interestingly, an increasing number of active-duty officers who have reviewed "don't ask, don't tell" indicate that the policy, not the presence of gays, is detrimental to the armed forces' need for skilled personnel who are able to serve without compromising their integrity and, by extension, that of the armed forces as a whole.

"As a nation built on the principal of equality, we should recognize and welcome change that will build a stronger more cohesive military. It is time to repeal "don't ask, don't tell" and allow our military leaders to create policy that holds our service members to a single standard of conduct and discipline."

Aaron Belkin, Director of the Palm Center said, "General Shalikashvili has answered the lingering question of when to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." The General says now. As one of only 17 people to hold the position of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs his statement is saying that not only is now the time to repeal this law, but that it will make our military stronger. This is an endorsement of the President's goals and a signal to the Pentagon - it is time for repeal."

## GILLIBRAND: PRESIDENT'S HISTORIC CALL FOR REPEAL OF "DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL" BEGINS A NEW ERA OF EQUALITY AND JUSTICE IN AMERICA

As Obama Outlines New Way Forward For Middle Class, Gillibrand Also Renews Call For Job Tax Cut To Help Middle Class

Job Creation Tax Cut Could Create More Than One Million New Jobs

Washington, D.C. - As President Obama issues a historic call to repeal the military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy and unveils a new way forward for hard-working middle class families in his State of the Union Address, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement:

"President Obama's call to repeal 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' marks the beginning of a new era of equality and justice in America. The military's 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' policy is an unfair, outdated measure that violates the civil rights of some of our bravest, most heroic men and women. We must all join together to speak up on behalf of the brave men and women who want to serve their country.

"With unemployment above 10 percent and New York families struggling to make ends meet, now is the time for the aggressive action to create middle class jobs.

"We need solutions that will target where the need is greatest - middle and working class families struggling to keep and find jobs and small businesses in need of capital investment. Bush-era ideas of trickle-down economics and corporate giveaways with no string attached will neither help small businesses or middle class New Yorkers.

"Congress must act now to provide businesses with an incentive to hire to get our economy moving again.

"And we can't stop there. The President has laid out a broad range of proposals that will provide middle class New Yorkers with real relief by cutting taxes to make child care affordable, raising the caregiver tax credit so families can care for their elderly loved ones, and extending the tuition tax credit so more New York students can pursue their dreams and get a college education.

"It's time to focus on the middle class and those struggling in this economy by creating new jobs and putting more New Yorkers back to work right now.

"Finally, we must not give up and remain committed to passing the President's health care reforms, which would provide quality care to 2.7 million New Yorkers who don't have health insurance, cut taxes for small businesses, and lower costs for everyone else."

According to a recent study by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), a tax cut for businesses that create new jobs would garner just as much economic return as spending on new infrastructure, and be more effective at creating jobs. In fact, the Economic Policy Institute estimates that Senator Gillibrand's legislation could care more than one million jobs in one year alone. (Contd. Pg. 15)

THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**  
[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312 SOUTH

**PACIFIC MUSICAL NYC -Canceled**

**FREE BOWLING** Ellenville Lanes -Feb 21 3-5 pm All families in TVCSD and Town of Neversink adults/non-residents \$10. Must sign up by Feb 9

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

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

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

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

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- 2/3/10 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 2/4/10 Daniel Pierce Library First Thursday Readers - 1:00 pm
- 2/6/10 Sundown Methodist Church -**Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 2/6-3/14/10 CAS Arts Center 48 Main St Livingstson Manor Shifting Perspectives, Christine Gedeon & Joel Edwards- Call (845) 436-4227
- 2/7/10 Woodbourne Fire Dept **Annual Pancake Breakfast** 7-12 Take outs available - 434-6763
- 2/10/10 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 2/11/10 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 2/13/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church -Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Cabrera Family - 5-7 pm
- 2/14/10 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 2/15/10 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Presidents' Day**
- 2/16/10 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 2/17/10 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 2/20/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 2/23/10 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Meeting 7 pm Town Hall Upstairs Mtg. Room
- 2/24/10 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 2/25/10 Time & the Valleys Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3/1/10 Time & the Valleys Museum work committee meeting 12:30 Neversink Town Hall
- 3/3/10 Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 3/11/10 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.

Send your group's or organization's 2010 calendar of events to us so that we may keep our readers posted on what will be happening throughout 2010 in the Tri-Valley area.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**14th Annual Women's Conference** to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at

- Sullivan County Community College
- Town of Denning Message Board:** <http://www.denning.us>
- Town of Neversink Website:** <http://townofneversink.org>
- Daniel Pierce Library** - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>
- Time and The Valleys Museum** - <http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org>
- 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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| CANNIE D'S                     | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)     | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY      |
| BLUE HILL LODGE                |                                   | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE      |
| ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) |                                   | PETER'S MARKET          |

*Spaghetti Dinner  
 to benefit  
 The Cabrera Family\**



*Saturday, February 13th  
 5:00 - 7:00  
 at the*

*Grahamsville United Methodist Church*

*Dinner will include spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, salad, drink, and dessert.*

*Adults...\$7 Children 6-10...\$4 5 and under...free*

*Take outs available.*

*Call 985-7675 or 985-2265 for further information.*

*\*Goff, Debbie, Joseph, & Max Cabrera lost their home and all of their belongings in a fire on Rocky Hill Road in Grahamsville on December 10th.*

**WITH DROPPING TEMPERATURES AND RISING ENERGY COSTS** (From Pg. 13) Senator Gillibrand has also introduced new legislation to provide low interest loans and tax credits to help cover the costs of energy, as well as providing a guidebook for families and businesses to help navigate federal grant programs and take advantage of funding available to heat and weatherize homes, schools and businesses.

The cost of heating oil in New York is the second highest in the nation at approximately \$2.46 per gallon. Approximately 3 million New Yorkers rely on heating oil to heat their homes in the winter - making New York particularly vulnerable to shortages and price hikes as a result of extremely high demand.

Nearly \$320 million was provided in nearly 1.3 million direct checks to New Yorkers to heat their homes in 2008 - an increase of nearly 415,000 from two years prior.

**GILLIBRAND** (From Pg. 14)

Specifically, Senator Gillibrand's legislation would provide businesses a tax cut worth 15 percent of the cost of a new job. Small businesses would receive an additional 5 percent, allowing them to deduct (Next Col.)

20 percent of their increased payroll costs. The tax cut would be structured based on a firm's quarterly payroll increase over the previous year, meaning companies would also have an incentive to expand part-time workers to full-time, or eliminate salary cuts instituted during the downturn. This would also provide protection against fraud by preventing employees from doing things like firing and re-hiring employees to claim the tax cut. The legislation would also contain additional protections against abuse by including protections such as limiting the tax cut claimed by any one firm to \$350,000, and exclusions for mergers or acquisition where no new jobs are actually created.

With the right safeguards, Senator Gillibrand's job creation tax cut is one of the most efficient ways to create a large number of jobs quickly. It would address what is perhaps the most persistent and harmful aspect of the economic downturn: unemployment. Such a measure not only is an efficient way to create a large number of jobs quickly, but also bolster long-term economic recovery investments -- from high-speed rail and health care information technology, to rural broadband and a smart energy grid.

*Winter Sewing Retreat*

*Date: February 19th and 20th*

*Location: Grahamsville United Methodist Church*

*Time: Friday 4:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.*

*Cost: Suggested donation of \$45 (\$25 for building use and \$20 toward food costs)*

*Meals: Friday dinner - pizza  
 Saturday lunch - soup and/or chili  
 Saturday dinner - lasagna & garlic bread*

*Bring: Sewing machine and quilting supplies  
 (cutting mats and irons are supplied),  
 electric power strips, snacks to share*

*Show & Tell on Saturday evening for those interested in sharing past projects.*

*RSVP to Paula (985-7675) or Cheryl (985-2066) by February 5th.*

**2020 GRAHAMSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 THRIFT SALES, LUNCHEONS & DINNERS**

**Thrift Sales only** - no lunch - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
 Saturdays - February 20 & March 20

**THRIFT SALES & LUNCHEONS**

Thrift Sales 9:00 am - 2:00 pm • Luncheons 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Tuesdays:**

- April 6 & 20
- May 4 & 18
- June 8 & 22
- July 6 & 20

- August 10 & 24
- September 7 & 21
- October 5 & 19
- November 2

**Dinners:** 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

- April 24
- October 23

**Christmas Craft Fair**  
 December 4



### Daniel Pierce Library

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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. 845-985-7233

**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](mailto:historian@townofneversink.org), or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

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

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### WANTED

**House wanted to Rent** - 3 bedroom, Tri-Valley School District. Good References. Call (845) 647-4093 [oglesbysee@aol.com](mailto:oglesbysee@aol.com) b-tfn

### FOR SALE

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#### Denning Democrats

The Town of Denning Democratic committee comment on the local scene;

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach kicked off his 2010 re-election campaign to a standing room only crowd at Le Canard-Enchaine Restaurant in Kingston. See the article page one. Elliott Auerbach, who has personally supported our local residents on tough issues, has not ignored our small Town of Denning, after all, we only have the power of less than 400 votes compared to the larger towns in Ulster County with the power of thousands of votes. Thanks Elliott Auerbach for your support of our Town of Denning residents, and good luck.

On the National scene, we deserve a country where our elected officials are not bought and paid for by Big Business. But last week's Supreme Court decision in the case *Citizens United vs. FEC* overturned over a century of precedent and opened the floodgates for unlimited amounts of corporate money to flow into our political system. Shockingly, the court's decision may even allow foreign corporations and large multinationals to manipulate our elections. Get involved, express your opinion, and write you elected officials. Have a suggestion for the Dem committee, email, [denningdems@yahoo.com](mailto:denningdems@yahoo.com), or call 845.985.0501

Democratic Committee Chair  
Frank Comando

### ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

B. Gene Hackman  
A. Roy Scheider  
Ans:

### TRI-VALLEY PROPERTY FOR SALE

#### CLARYVILLE:

- **NEW** Renovated 3 bed/1 bath farmhouse with creek on approx. 1 acre \$299,000; with 6.42 acres \$329,000
- **NEW** Two quiet, pretty, level 1 acre, buildable lots. \$22,500 each. (1 lot is under contract)
- **NEW** 3 bed/2 bath restored farmhouse on 1.3 acs with dramatic ultra-modern addition, fine fixtures \$395k
- **RENTAL** Elegant 4 bed/5 bath home on 150 acre estate with Neversink frontage. \$1,900/mo + utils.

#### GRAHAMSVILLE /LOCH SHELDRAKE/JEFFERSONVILLE:

- **NEW** 3 bed/1+ bath farmhouse on 1 ac with stream. Beautiful floors, deck, views. \$159,000
- **NEW** 4 bed/2.5 bath single fam. home + two 1 bed/1 bath apts in attached bldg. In quiet section of Jeffersonville Village. Short walk to school. \$249,000
- Mini-estate with indoor pool, 2 ponds, manicured grounds and 9 private acs. 4 bed/3 bath \$749,000
- Dreamy 4 BR eyebrow colonial on 15.73 acres with views & stream next to city land. \$399,000.

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### Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia" The French Connection (1971)



Two New York narcotics cops set out to bust a French drug smuggling ring **Cast:** Gene Hackman, Fernando Rey, Roy Scheider, Tony Lo Bianco Dir: William Friedkin C-104 mins, TV-MA, February 6, 2010, 10:00 PM, on TCM

#### Quiz:

A. Who played Buddy "Cloudy" Russo?

B. Who played the character "Popeye" in this film, he also

starred in "Bat 21"?

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

**Baseball:** Tri-Valley Little League, is a great way to teach your children positive values. Please support our children, if you are a business, or an individual, contact Tom Mitchell and learn how you can help. A big gnome thanks you; too, Mr. Tom Mitchell, for all the ways you have helped our community.

Did you enjoy the book "A Christmas Carol"? Well, then you need no introduction to Charles Dickens, who was born on February 7, 1812 and passed away in 1870. Did you know that there are at least one-hundred thousand other writings by Dickens? In addition, "A Christmas Carol" was based on Dickens earlier writing. The previous books were; "The Haunted Man"; "A Christmas Tree"; "What Christmas Is"; "As We Grow Old"; and "The Seven Poor Travelers." Other great works by Dickens include, "The Pickwick Papers," "Oliver Twist," and "Nicholas Nickleby," and many, many, more. Happy Birthday Charles Dickens.

To all gnome friends who wish to donate to a worthy cause and taste some great food come Saturday, February 6, 2010 at 5:30 pm to the **Sundown Church Hall**. Yes, it is time for another covered dish supper. These cooks are amazing. Bring a covered dish, and a small donation, and join the 'Immortal Cooks of Sundown.' Oh! You do not believe me? Come, become a taster, and be convinced.

One more time for a great supporter of the Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman- did you make your reservations yet, at **White Wolf for Valentines Day?** Enjoy dinning with a touch of class. Get busy "time is a wastin'." Call 845.647.4200. See their ad in this issue. Remember, there are many people in love this year and you know your wife, lover, friend, or your significant other, is well worth it. Make your Valentine reservation early.

Bye,

Knarf Oghmoe

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