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ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD FLYER IN THE FEBRUARY 4th ISSUE

The Townsman will resume the *ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD* in the February 4th, 2010 issue.

All ads for the February *One Dollar, One Line, One Item* flyer must be received in our office by **Friday, January 29th at 3:00 pm**. You may either mail your ad along with \$1 to: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, Ny 12740, drop it in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building or email it to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com

TRI-VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION FOR 2010 SEASON

Tri-Valley Little League will be holding registration for all boys and girls ages 5-15 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Town Hall in Grahamsville. All new players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate.

The final registration date is January 30th, 2010.

If you have any questions call Tom Mitchell at 985-7419. In case of inclement weather also call 985-7449 and listen to the message.

VALENTINE PARTY FOR CAREGIVERS - SWEET TOKENS OF AFFECTION

Valentine confections and gifts of affection will be included during a valentine party for Sullivan County informal family caregivers on February 13 (snow date of February 20) from 10 - 12pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County, sponsored by the Caregiver Resource Center. (Contd. Pg. 3)

SENATOR SCHEMER VISITS ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE MIKE HEIN TAKE "CREDIT FOR SUCCESS" PROGRAM STATEWIDE Innovative Small Business Financing Initiative Travels to "Main Street" New York

United States Senator Charles SCHEMER visited Ulster County Executive Mike Hein last week to announce his plans to encourage leaders and financial institutions throughout New York State to replicate Ulster County's "Credit for Success" program in their own communities.

The "Credit for Success" model encourages banks within a region to pool funds to improve access to capital for small businesses. The voluntary program uses no public funds. The consortium model goal makes it possible for local banks to "share the risk" in order to help local "Main Street" businesses succeed - and retain and grow jobs in their communities during these difficult times. (Contd. Pg. 6)

SC LEGISLATURE HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING TO DISCUSS JAIL STATUS & NEED FOR NEW FACILITY

The Sullivan County Legislature has scheduled a Special Meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Hearing Room of the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello. The purpose of the meeting will be a discussion of the current status of the Sullivan County Jail, and the need to construct a new facility. The meeting is open to the public, and the Chairman of the New York State Commission of Correction will attend to discuss the Commission's position relative to the Sullivan County Jail. (Contd. Pg. 3)

SC CARE CORPS/COMMUNITIES THAT CARE HONORS STUDENTS



Woodbourne CYO students left to right Rochelle Luisa, Christina Neist, Kirsten Jacobsen, Olivia Castle, Emily Higgins, Caitlyn DeVito, and Grace Summa.

For the past two years, Sullivan County CareCorps/Communities that Care (SCCTC) has spearheaded the Stop Campaign designed to end the sale to underage youth of tobacco and alcohol products. Many sectors of the community including but not limited to law enforcement, faith-based groups, school districts, community action agencies, parents, and students work together by meeting with vendors throughout Sullivan County, speaking with them about the dangers of tobacco and alcohol on young people, and encouraging them to post stickers in English and Spanish that alert customers that they do not sell these products to underage children. (Contd. Pg. 8)

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CAREER IN NURSING?

On Thursday, February 4th, and Wednesday, March 3rd the Sullivan County BOCES Career and Technical Education Center will be hosting two information sessions about the BOCES LPN (Licensed Practical Nursing) Program. Potential students can choose to attend on either date, and multiple sessions are being offered to fit busy schedules: 1:00 PM to 2:00PM; 4:00 PM to 5:00PM, or 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All sessions will be held at the Ruben Pollack Education Center on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, in the Career & Tech Dining Room. (Contd. Pg. 6)

VALENTINES FOR VETS

Veterans Service Agency Announces "Valentines for Vets" program during National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week (Feb. 8-14) - The Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency is supporting the National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans Week, and will have a "Valentines for Vets" display in the lobby of the Government Center on Thursday, February 4, 10:00am - 4:00pm

Grade school children from all our local school districts will participate in this program by designing Valentine's Day cards for our hospitalized veterans.

THE WOODSONGS COFFEEHOUSE-LIVE ACOUSTIC MUSIC AT THE SC MUSEUM IN HURLEYVILLE, NY

In case you missed our grand opening (60 folks showed up and the music was great) please join us for our second coffeehouse featuring more live music, hot coffee and fresh baked goods! We will be opening again on Saturday, February 6th from 5 to 9 pm at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville, NY. (Contd. Pg. 3)

BARN QUILT 2011???

We hope you have enjoyed the 2010 Barn Quilts of Neversink Calendar. Not only has it garnered great reviews from our local residents, but mail order requests have come from many points around the country. If you have yet to pickup your copy, they are still available at the Town Hall and the Daniel Pierce Library.

Will there be a 2011 version of the Barn Quilts Calendar? Once again we appeal to our local residents to take advantage of our beautiful winter setting and begin gathering pictures to be considered for next year's calendar. Submissions may be made in print form or digitally (300 DPI or better).

To identify the location of all 65 quilts, check out the Town of Neversink's web site for a map and pictures (www.townofneversink.org).

For additional submission details, call Dave and Phyllis Moore at 985-2746.

LEARN MORE ABOUT AN EARLIER TIME IN LOCAL HISTORY

Are you interested in learning more about some of the families of our area? Do you want to get some first-hand knowledge of what South Hill (once known as South Mountain) was like in an earlier day?

Are you related to or looking for information about the following families: Galbraith, Slater (Israel), Brundage, Empt, Boker, Critcheley, Rosenkranz, Hull, Greene, Merrihew (more towards Olive Bridge)? Do you want to know what wedding present Israel Slater gave to his daughter, Bertha, and new son-in-law Paul Galbraith?

Aren't you curious what it was like on the top of South Hill where Grant and Maude Sheeley lived? Wouldn't you like to know about their family?

Neversink Historian Carol Smythe invites you to join her and a guest, Paul Galbraith, to discuss and share information about all of the above on Saturday, January 30, 2010. This history get-together will be held at Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville at 11 am. For further details, contact Carol Smythe at 985-2262 x313 or historian@neversink.org.

CARING FOR CAREGIVERS'-CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP IN GRAHAMSVILLE

Caring for Caregivers support group, hosted by the Caregiver Resource Center of Cornell Cooperative Extension, has changed meeting times to 2 pm. All free monthly meetings are held in the Grahamsville Reformed Church on Route 55 (opposite Tri-Valley Central School), on the second Thursday of the month with refreshments provided. Caring for Caregivers is intended to provide both support and new resources to assist the informal family caregiver helping an aging, ill, or disabled adult loved one or friend. The AARP curriculum "Caring for Those You Care About" will be used as a resource during all 2010 meetings and the video "Home Care: Coping With Change" will be viewed at the January 14 meeting. (Contd. Pg. 3)

CWC BOARD SCHEDULES SPECIAL MEETING JAN 28

Board President Georgianna Lepke called the meeting to discuss implications of the recent pharmaceutical disposal enforcement actions brought against Watershed health care institutions by the New York State Attorney General's office. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Friday. NO EXCEPTIONS

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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 : For whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. St. Mark 10:32

DAYS OF YORE.....

Today's History
January 25, 1950 - At the Annual Meeting of the Neversink Agricultural Society, held on Saturday evening, January 21st, at the Rod and Gun Club Hall the following officers were elected:

Robert T. Many, General Superintendent; Emmett Walter, President; Arthur Burch, Vice President; Chan Dayton, Secretary; Theron Hasbrouck, Treasurer. Mr. Hasbrouck succeeded Mr. Sumner Krum, who had held the office of Treasurer for thirty-nine years. It was voted to install lights on the Fairgrounds so that the entertainment could be extended into the evening.

The P.T.A. Card party on Monday evening netted \$28.50. Many thanks to all who helped to make it such a big success.

Miss Carol Gridley, who is attending New Paltz State Teacher's College, spent the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond George have purchased a new 1950 Chevrolet two door deluxe car.

Commissioners Rosenberg, Nathan and Gallagher have made the following awards for business damage claims against the City of New York due to the construction of the Rondout Reservoir: Leslie Sheeley \$400, Harold Coun-tryman \$400, Herbert Brooks \$300, Grand Brooks \$100 and Edwin Stratton \$350.

In a recent rifle match against the crack team from Middletown, the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club continued to upset the big city boys as Bruce Denman led the way to a smashing victory. The Grahamsville team scored as follows: Jack Denman, 189; Bruce Denman, 192; John Jonis, 189; Geo. Zeltman, 181 and Sam Anderson, 180 for a total of 931. Middletown scored 922.

January 27, 1960 - Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck of Rocky Hill was sick with the flu this past week and had a doctor. She is recovered now. Remarkable is the fact that she has not been ill, not even with a cold, since 1937 when she had the flu.

Many friends gathered at the Methodist Church Hall in Grahamsville on Monday evening to surprise Mrs. Howard West on her birthday. The dining room was filled with well-wishers. Mrs. West was presented with a purse. They sang songs and showed a film with the new projector during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Erath entertained at dinner on Sun. evening their children, Jean-ette and Donald Erath and Mr. and Mrs. Oland Erath and son Bruce. Don had just returned from his trip to California where he had a very enjoyable vacation.

The new gymnasium was filled to capacity on Fri. evening to witness the first public game played in the "Bears" new home. Although our boys played very hard, the Manor team won both games, but the TVS boys are all very good sports. Congratulations to Coach Parrow who is a good sport as well as a coach and knows how to take defeat in his

stride.
The old timers used to say, "Half your wood and half your hay should be left on Ground Hog Day!"
That winter half-way mark draws near
And weather may be cold and clear
But winter appetites are here!
SERVE HEARTY FOODS TO HUNGRY FOLKS KUM TO KRUM'S

January 28, 1970 - Five seniors have been notified of their acceptance at colleges of their choice.

Caroline Dickerman, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Richard Dickerman, has been accepted at the State University of New York at Cortland; Nancy Kracht has received word of her acceptance at the State University of New York at New Paltz; Barbara Levitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Levitz, has also been accepted at New Paltz; Stephen Schick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schick, has been accepted at the State University of New York at Cortland and Lorna Walker has received word of her acceptance at the State University of New York at Fredonia.

In the Town of Denning, Mr. Harold Van Aken, Supervisor, told me that there is approximately 1200 population. The Town of Never-sink, unofficially, 3000 population. Mr. Raffa will contact me about a more accurate count. This winter, many of us have been ill without medical aid close by. Perhaps in a short time there will be a report on the progress of obtaining a doctor for our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Visscher and their friend have returned home from their vacation in Italy. They had a wonderful trip, but both Al and Hilda were ill while there.

The misses Cheryl and Lynn Robinson entertained their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Robinson, for dinner out to celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on the 15th.

January 24, 1980 - Sullivan County Community College is proud to announce that the following students were among 212 to attain a position on the Dean's List by taking a minimum of 12 credits and achieving a 3.0 average or more during the fall, 1979 semester. We wish to congratulate the following students: Scott A. Paul of Claryville; Christopher K. Denman, Donna M. Kirk and Matthew F. Musso of Grahamsville; Rhonda L. Woods, of Woodbourne.

As a public service to the community, Jan and Bill Davies of the Sundown Store, have inaugurated a paperback book and magazine exchange. Take one and leave one....No, they didn't mention anything about "Playboy"

Approximately 50 members attended the monthly Lioness meeting at the Blue Hill Lodge in Claryville recently. Guest speaker was psychologist, William W. Harris who talked about visual work, reading and eye-hand coordination in children
Fire Chief George Haag re-

ports that 2 members of the Grahamsville Fire Department are attending the Fire School at Rock Hill and 4 members are attending Fire School in Liberty.

A study by Cornell University showed that 1.7 million cords of wood were burned in NYS last year, but burning wood as fuel is the least efficient way to use it. The most efficient way is use as a building material according to Cornell.

SULLIVAN COUNTY YMCA BASKETBALL LEAGUE WEEK 1
Men 77 Millhouse Property 66

Chris Dell had 18 points and Bob Decker had a double-double with 13 points and 12 rebounds to help the Men get a victory over the Millhouse Property team. Stefen Bonneau also added 16 points in the victory.

Matt Karkos was the leading scorer for Millhouse with 15 points. Antonie Gattling had 10 points and 10 rebounds also for Millhouse in the defeat.

Millhouse Properties 77 Da Unit 49

Derek Hahn had a big game against Da Unit, Hahn had 27 points and 20 rebounds in the game for Millhouse. Antonio Gatling and Patrick Hammett each had 15 points in the game for Millhouse.

Junior Baker had 18 points in the game and Bjorn House also added 9 points for Da Unit in the game.

Men 66 Ellenville Old School 43

Chris Dell had 24 points and 10 Rebounds to help lead Men to the 23 point victory over Ellenville Old School. Stefen Bonneau was able to hit for 19 points and Bob Decker had 7 points and 9 rebounds in the game.

Paul Westbrook and Dashaun Davis each had 9 points for Ellenville in the lose.

The Dream 47 Ellenville Old School 38

The Dream is the returning Rec League Champions from last season who have moved up to the Premier League and got a win over Ellenville by 9. Tyrone Walker led the Dream with 14 Points and Deon Morgan had 11 points. Darren Ellis had 12 rebounds in the game to help the Dream get off to a good start.

Reggie Steele had 17 points for Ellenville, while Anthony Louis also added 12 points for Ellenville.

Low Profile Breakers 77 Tri Valley Unknown 44

The Defending champions Low Profile Breakers were too much for a first year team in Tri Valley Unknowns. Antonio Simmons had a triple double for the Breakers 16 points 10 assist and 12 rebounds. Mike Norman had 17 points while Jaycee Degroat added 15 for the Breakers.

Connor Hinton had a double-double with 11 points and 13 rebounds. Ryan Van Lieu had 12 points and Ian Exner also added 11 points for Tri Valley in their first game in the league. (Contd. Pg. 15)

HERE AND THERE

Take note, world: Women can be winners! The annual Professional Bowling Association Championship (not just women bowlers - all pro bowlers) was won this past weekend by a woman named Kelly (something). That's all we know about her, because we caught only the last few minutes of the match while trying to get tuned in for the Jets-Colts football game. Way to go, Kelly!

Donna Brooks called to tell us that she will be teaching two adult education classes at Sullivan County BOCES, located on the Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. The classes will be held on Friday, January 29, and Friday, February 5, both from 6-9 p.m. The subject of the Jan. 29 class will be Chicken Fricassee; on Feb. 5, Pretzel Coated Chicken. The cost will be \$27 per class. To register, call 791-4070. (Donna says there is a possibility that BOCES may sponsor more adult education classes featuring her, but located here in Grahamsville. Check the SC BOCES spring adult education booklet, which is sent to all households in the county.)

We don't make a practice of endorsing products in this column, but today we might make an exception. One of my needs on a recent shopping trip was paper towels, and on the first-aisle end-cap we found them - a huge display of big, 12-roll packages covered in an unfamiliar yellow-and-white wrapping. The brand name was not immediately visible, but I liked this statement appearing on one surface: "Help us save 1 Million Trees!" On the back, above a large bar code design, appeared the words, "PAPER FROM PAPER - NOT FROM TREES." We finally found the product name and company: "Marcal - Saving Trees since 1950" and below that, "Small Steps ... A Small, Easy Step to a Greener Earth." I tried Marcal facial tissues several years ago and they scratched my nose, but with this product I'm a real supporter! (If anyone tells me of other companies doing the same thing, I'll endorse them too!)

My list of events in our history doesn't show anything for February, but you may remember that this short month has a lot of 'special days' for local folks. During the first week the following will celebrate: 2-2, Dawne Schmitz; 2-4, Ellen (Hamilton) Salovich; 2-5, Paula Ryan; and on 2-6, Rachel Brooks, daughter of Mike and Donna, turns 7, and Andrew Raymond, son of Scott and Maria, becomes a teenager. Happy Birthday to all!

"I like trees because they seem more resigned to the way they have to live than other things do." (Willa Cather)

Have a good week. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

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

THE WOODSONGS COFFEEHOUSE (From Pg. 1)

The evening will feature old time, bluegrass and country music with an opening performance by the host band, "Little Sparrow." The featured band for February will be "Two Steps Back" from Honesdale, Pennsylvania. Two Steps back is an old time bluegrass band with a wonderful lead singer (Donna Gregor) who knows how to yodel!

Don't miss this one.

The coffeehouse is a monthly event held on the first Saturday of each month, and is made possible in part with funds from the Decentralization program for Sullivan County, a re-grant program of the New York State Council for the Arts, administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

Please come out and enjoy some great live music, Saturday, February 6th from 5-9 p.m. Admission is \$3.00.

The Sullivan County Museum is located at 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, New York.

For more information, please call (845) 434-8044 or (845) 866-0378.

CARING FOR CAREGIVERS'-CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP IN GRAHAMSVILLE (From Pg. 1)

This support group is in addition to the ongoing caregiver groups that meet in Hortonville (on the first Wednesday of the month at 10 am in the Hortonville Presbyterian Church) and in Liberty (on the last Wednesday of the month at 6pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension). These meetings also offer educational materials as well as a comfortable space to share caregiving concerns. (Next Col.)

Caregivers can call 292-5250 for further questions and do not need to make reservations if they want to attend.

VALENTINE PARTY FOR CAREGIVERS - (From Pg. 1)

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

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

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

CWC BOARD MEETING (From Pg. 1)

The next regular meeting of the Board is Tuesday, February 2 at 1 p.m. The public is welcome to attend all CWC Board and Committee meetings. A schedule and Minutes from past Board meetings can be found at www.cwconline.org.

The CWC is a non-profit organization committed to protecting water resources, encouraging environmentally friendly economic development, and supporting watershed education in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River, a region encompassing parts of five counties - Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan and Ulster.

SC LEGISLATURE HOLDS SPECIAL MEETING (From Pg. 1)

"We are very thankful that the chairman has accepted our invitation to come to Sullivan County and address the legislature and the residents on the Commission's perspective as it relates to our current and future Jail situation," said Legislature Chairman Jonathan F. Rouis.

Thomas A. Beilein was appointed Chairman of the Commission of Correction by Governor Paterson and unanimously confirmed by the New York State Senate on Aug. 8, 2008. Chairman Beilein holds the distinction of being the only former sheriff in the history of the Commission to serve as chair. His experience as the Niagara County Sheriff from 1994 to 2008 - which includes running a jail with an average daily population of 450 - is unique in the annals of Commission history.

Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff, Undersheriff Eric Chaboty, and Jail Administrator Hal Smith will attend the meeting to offer a view of the operational issues involved with the County Jail.

County Manager David P. Fanslau, M.G.A., ICMA-CM, and Deputy County Manager/Commissioner of the Division of Management and Budget Joshua A. Potosek, M.B.A., will present the fiscal impacts related to the current Jail, and the projected fiscal impacts related to constructing a new facility, and the projected fiscal impacts of not constructing a new facility. Robert A. Meyer, P.E., Commissioner of the Division of Public Works, will present a report of the structural and engineering issues of the current County Jail.

NYSCOC Chairman Beilein will answer questions related to the Sullivan County Jail, and Public Comment will be taken. To make the meeting most productive, the public is encouraged to email questions for Chairman Beilein to jailquestion@co.sullivan.ny.us. All questions will be forwarded to Chairman Beilein's staff in advance of the meeting for his review and preparation. During the meeting, post cards will be supplied for written questions to be submitted at the start of the meeting.

The citizenry of Sullivan County is also encouraged to submit public comment that will be archived in the records of the Sullivan County Legislature and transmitted to the New York State Commission of Correction and the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office. Public Comment may be emailed to jailcomment@co.sullivan.ny.us. Also, written comments may be submitted to the Clerk of the Sullivan County Legislature, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701, and also hand delivered at the meeting. There will also be an opportunity for public comment during the meeting.

The meeting will be recorded on audio tape that will be posted on the County website (www.co.sullivan.ny.us) following the conclusion of the meeting.

VALENTINES FOR VETS (From Pg. 1)

These Valentines are a great way to say thank you to the brave men and women who are hospitalized and let them know they are not forgotten.

After the cards are displayed in the Government Center lobby, they will be delivered to hospitalized veterans at local Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) medical centers, local nursing homes and adult homes.

For more information about this program or the Veterans Service Agency, please contact our office at 845-807-0233.

SC PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEETING

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will show its first slide program of the year at the Ted Strobele Recreation Center located at 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY on Tuesday, February 1st, at 1:00 p.m. The slide program is entitled "Soviet Vosk Hod Space Program," and is open to the general public as well as members.

We will have our trading session as each member is to bring in 100 stamps. Our door prizes and giveaways will take place during the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

We are trying to start a Junior Stamp Club in the Monticello area. Anyone can join by calling Art at 794-2586.

GROUND HOG DAY

By Peggy DeWire

February 2nd marks the midpoint of winter. We're halfway there! If the proverbial groundhog rouses out of hibernation and sees his shadow, folks say it predicts six more weeks of winter. Do you believe the forecast or not?



A biology professor at Pennsylvania State University, Stam Zervanos, has discovered another reason besides weather forecasting for a male groundhog to

wake up in early February: he shuffles around his several acres of territory and checks on burrows containing females. He ducks inside each one to cuddle for the night and leaves the next morning to continue the tour.

He doesn't mate on these getting-to-know-you visits, according to professor Zervanos, because no babies show up. At the end of his walk-around the male groundhog returns to his own burrow, curls up into a furry ball for another month of hibernation. He's probably thinking like Arnold Schwarzenegger: I'll be back.



Groundhogs or woodchucks wake up for good in late march to mate and then lead solitary lives. They're vegetarians and have a hard time finding early greens.

In April 2-6 babies are born naked and blind after a month gestation.

The litter matures by autumn and lives 4-5 years if it escapes hunters, hawks, foxes and coyotes.

Groundhogs (*Marmota monax*) grow to twelve pounds and two feet long. They're brownish yellow furred animals with black feet and a short tail. Their flat top skulls with eyes and ears set low are perfect for not exposing much head poking above ground. This rodent's incisors never stop growing and can become a fatal danger unless kept worn down with constant chewing. Although groundhogs mostly graze on grass, they can climb trees and swim to forage for greenery.

They feed at sunrise and sunset, keeping out of sight during daylight hours. Groundhogs are forever alert to danger, racing back to their burrow sounding shrill alarm whistles that earn them the nickname "whistle pig." When spooked, they run 10 m.p.h.

A groundhog digs a burrow 10-15 feet long with a front entrance, spy holes, a toilet chamber and a comfortable nest room for sleeping or a nursery.

In vacant fields these burrows are refuges and homes for other small animals who aren't master diggers. However, in pastures the holes are dangerous to cows and horses. Around farms and gardens groundhogs do considerable damage to green crops.

I think superstition or not, a bright spot in winter is February 2nd, Groundhog Day. And when you have a famous celebrity like Punxatawney Phil et al, the paparazzi will never let you forget.

LEGAL NOTICE:

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Section 276, Town Law, on the application of the Archie T. Dean Jr. for the purpose of a 3 Lot Subdivision located on Myers & Mutton Hill Roads and Drake Road, Neversink, NY (SBL #36A-1-11.1)

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, N.Y. on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Claryville Fire District Board of Commissioners monthly meetings for the year 2010 will be held on the fourth Tuesday of the Month with the exception of October 19, (Public Hearing followed by Regular Meeting), and December 9, (Elections followed by Regular Meeting). Meetings will start at 7:00PM, and will be held at the Claryville Fire Department Community Hall, Denning Rd., Claryville, New York.

By Order of the Board of Commissioners,
Claryville Fire District
Anne-Marie Kremer, Secretary
January 23, 2010

1/29/10

**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL
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FROM SC SHERIFF'S OFFICE

On Tuesday January 12, 2010, at about 4:45 PM, Deputies from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office were called to BOCES on Ferndale Loomis Rd. in Liberty to investigate a break in at the electronics lab. The BOCES staff reported that someone had pried open a locked cabinet and stole 11 IPODs, valued at over \$1000 dollars. Two hours later, the investigation led Sheriff's K-9 Unit Deputy Eric Breihof to Howard Beech Rd. in Livingston Manor where he arrested Flavio Lugo, 16 of Willowemoc.

Lugo, a BOCES student, was hiding at his girlfriend's residence. The IPODs were recovered from the attic at that location. Lugo was charged with Grand Larceny and Criminal Mischief. He was arraigned before Judge Harold Bauman and sent to the Sullivan County Jail in lieu of \$7500 bail.

STATEMENT BY SENATOR JOHN J. BONACIC ON GOVERNOR PATERSON'S PROPOSED STATE BUDGET

"Four simple steps would go a long way to making life affordable against for New Yorkers: 1. A reduction in government spending; 2. Property tax reform; 3. a requirement that the Legislature needs a supermajority of 2/3 to raise any tax or fee; and, 4. initiative and referendum, to allow voters to force the consideration of the issues people care the most about.

Those actions would create a true taxpayers bill of rights. It would empower voters and limit the ability of the New York City based political leaders, who presently control the entire agenda.

"Governor Paterson appears to be making, hard and unpopular choices. It is no secret that last year's budget, negotiated in complete secrecy by the New York City Democrats who

are running State government, was a disaster. It raised spending \$16 billion when middle class families were cutting back on their budgets. It was condemned by virtually every paper in the State as being out of balance. It left us with an immediate deficit that was only cured last month."

"While the Governor's tough choices are necessary, they must be spread out evenly. I am concerned that while the Governor is proposing to cut school aid statewide by 5%, many Hudson Valley Districts would lose considerably more. The biggest loser may be a hit TV show, but I do not want it applying to school aid in my communities and will fight to make the budget fairer. For example, (Next Col.)

Goshen, Pine Bush, Highland Falls, Andes, Delhi, and Downsville would all see aid reductions of more than 10% under the Governor's plan. We need to balance the reductions better, and hopefully if the economy picks up, eliminate the cuts entirely."

"I applaud the Governor's moratorium on land purchases. Clearly the State should not be buying more land if it cannot properly manage the land it now owns. I also applaud his call to overhaul Empire State Development. Anyone who has tried to start a business in New York, knows that agency needs a complete makeover."

"The budget leaves us with a lot of work. My hope is, this year, the Legislature will function in a non-partisan way, and in a way which makes life more affordable for all New Yorkers - not just those from New York City."

FREE WORKSHOP LOOKING AT STEPS TO TAKE WHEN A FAMILY INCOME DROPS

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County is offering a workshop on steps to take when your income is reduced.

January 28th, 2010- 12:00 -3:00pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County- Unemployment isn't just a financial strain; it can affect the entire family. Minimize the stress of job loss with tips discussed in this workshop. Learn how to take action so you and your family can ease the burden of job loss as much as possible. Presenters Sean Welsh and Susan Dollard.

A light lunch will be served.

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

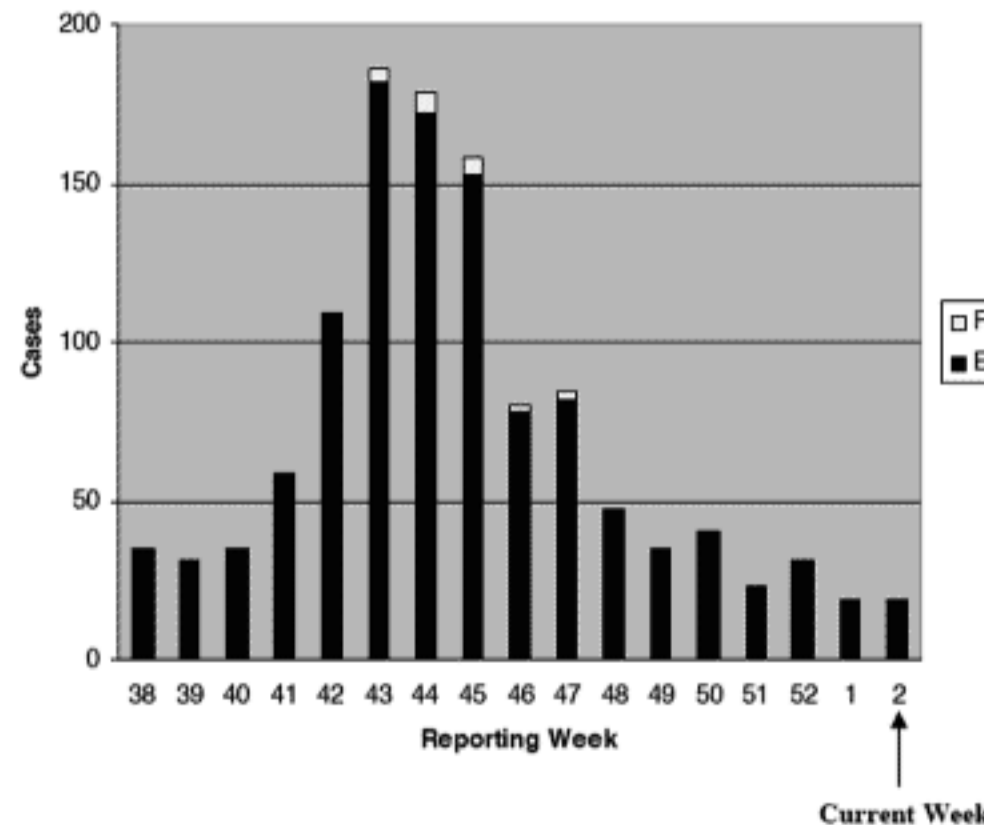
For more information contact: Sean Welsh, Consumer Educator, Gerald J. Skoda Education Center, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty NY 12754 Phone 1 877-292-5250, Fax 845-292-2154.

ULSTER COUNTY H1N1 UPDATE

Ulster County Health Department Seasonal and H1N1 Influenza Advisory Update 1/22/10 Influenza Monitoring:

*Ulster County Epidemiology: Ulster County Hospital Emergency Departments reported that the number of patients seen with influenza like illness last week has remained stable, as compared to the week ending 1/08/10. (See Figure 1) School absenteeism rates have decreased slightly, as compared to the week ending 1/08/10. It should be noted that these absenteeism rates are still within the expected range for cold and flu season.

*The most recent Ulster County H1N1 data is available for the week ending January 16, 2010.



Ulster County Weekly Update Status of Prevention Efforts:

Flu Vaccination Information:

Hospitals Will Again Offer Flu Vaccine to Newborns' Caregivers and Older Patients: On January 15, 2010, Governor Paterson announced that the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is reestablishing the requirement that hospitals make the H1N1 flu vaccine available to caregivers of newborns in intensive care and hospital patients who are 65 years of age or older. Below is a summary of the press release:

· Due to a limited vaccine supply in November of 2009, State Health Commissioner Richard F. Daines, M.D., waived the requirement that hospitals offer influenza vaccinations to parents and other caregivers of newborns being treated in neonatal intensive care units and to patients who are 65 years of age and older;

· Now that there is an ample supply of H1N1 vaccine, the requirement for hospitals to offer vaccine to newborns' caregivers and older patients has been reinstated.

· Governor Paterson also issued a reminder for everyone to get vaccinated, stating: "If people do not act now to get vaccinated, a third wave of this dangerous virus becomes more likely. There is plenty of H1N1 flu vaccine available from health care providers, county health departments, pharmacies and pharmacies-withinsupermarkets, and I encourage all New Yorkers to take the opportunity to get vaccinated."

H1N1 Influenza Vaccine: The Ulster County Health Department plans to offer free H1N1 vaccinations at five locations throughout the county during January and February.

No appointments are necessary. Clinics are open to all New Yorkers six months and older who want the vaccine. The clinic schedule is as follows:

Saturday, January 23, 2010 - Trudy Resnick Farber Building 50 Center Street, **Ellenville**, NY 12428; 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 30, 2010 St. John's Episcopal Church 207 Albany Avenue, **Kingston**, NY 12401 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 3, 2010 VFW Post 8645 101 Route 208, **New Paltz**, NY 12561 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 6, 2010 Saugerties Senior Center 207 Market Street, **Saugerties**, NY 12477 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 Town of Olive American Legion Hall 26-28 Mountain Road, **Shokan**, NY 12481 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.


For weather-related clinic cancellations, please listen to your local radio stations. You can also find out more about clinic cancellations by calling the Ulster County Health Department Flu Hotline at 845-340-3093. Seasonal Influenza Vaccine: The Ulster County Health Department (UCHD) is offering seasonal influenza vaccinations to adults 18 years and older at the Health Department's regularly scheduled immunization clinics. Appointments are necessary. Please call the District Office nearest you to schedule an appointment.- Kingston: 340-3070; Ellenville: 647-2343; New Paltz: 883-6155; Saugerties: 246-2621

For those not eligible for Medicare Part B coverage, there will be a \$20.00 charge for influenza vaccination, payable at the clinic. Senior citizens who have Medicare Part B benefits will be able to obtain their vaccinations through Medicare. The recipient must be entitled to Part B coverage on the date of service, Medicare Part B must be the primary insurance coverage, and the Medicare Card must be presented on the date of service.

Additional Ways to Find Vaccine: If your provider has not ordered H1N1 vaccine, and does not plan to order H1N1 vaccine, call the Ulster County Health Department Flu Hotline at 845-340-3093 or log onto www.UlsterCountyNY.gov/health to get updated information about when vaccination clinics for the general public will be held. You can also check

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SENATOR SCHUMER VISITS ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE MIKE HEIN TAKE "CREDIT FOR SUCCESS" PROGRAM STATEWIDE (From Pg. 1)

Senator Schumer has long been an advocate of small businesses in New York and he has been particularly concerned with the problem of good, small businesses being denied access to the credit they need. He was attracted to the Ulster County model which makes a direct connection between local lending and small business entities and can be implemented quickly and easily in any community in the State.

"I'd like to thank County Executive Mike Hein for bringing forward this innovative idea and for his generosity in sharing it. Small business will be at the tip of the shovel that digs out of this down economy, but only if we can get them the resources we need, and prevent the credit crunch from strangling their efforts to expand," said Schumer.

County Executive Hein said, "I applaud Senator Schumer for fighting for small businesses and for expanding the reach of this innovative program. This is really about saving jobs. When small businesses can access capital, hardworking people stay employed."

The original Ulster County Banking Consortium, formed in November of 2009, at the urging of County Executive Hein. It brought together seven regional banks and primary lenders, including Catskill Hudson Savings Bank, Rondout Savings Bank, Sawyer Savings Bank, TD Bank, Ulster Savings Bank and Walden Savings Bank, along with the New York State Business Development Corporation (NYBDC), a private bank owned entity. NYBDC plays a dual role in the Consortium as lender and as fund administrator. The Consortium quickly grew to eight members and \$1.35 billion in capital when Provident Bank and Empire State Bank joined. The Consortium makes loans, from \$25,000 to \$150,000, to eligible businesses that have been denied loans under conventional lending guidelines.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CAREER IN NURSING? (From Pg. 1)

Each session will include an overview of the LPN Program admission process. Learn about the application requirements, admission testing, financial aid resources and other program information. The nursing faculty will also explain the program curriculum, competencies and clinical rotations. Career advancement opportunities and college articulation information will also be presented.

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Project D.R.E.A.M. Tank left to right Zariina Padu, Liiza Koradis, and Jana Koradis

On January 8 the SCCTC acknowledged the many students leading the way in this campaign with a dinner and awards at Nardi's Frankie & Johnny's Restaurant in Hurleyville. Students organized by Woodbourne Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), Project D.R.E.A.M. Tank, and Hudson River Healthcare's REMIX Program shared their positive experiences of enrolling the support of retailers all over the county. Tri-Valley High School student and member of the CYO group, Christina Neist, reprised her talk from the CareCorps press conference in early December. She eloquently spoke of the dangers of alcohol and drugs that have affected her peers.

SCCTC Chair Larry Schafman of Fallsburg Central School District ran the evening's program and gave an overview of the mission of the organization and the role of each sector involved. Besides the STOP Campaign, the group is dedicated to creating a responsible server program to train bartenders and others who dispense alcoholic beverages in recognizing underage youth and protecting them from the dangers of alcohol. Another concern is to establish a social host ordinance county-wide to place responsibility on people that serve alcohol to underage youth in private parties and the drinkers end up in accidents causing anything from damage to loss of life.

Carolyn Massey, Project Director of SCCTC, presented certificates of appreciation to over twenty students. On hand to share in the presentation were Izetta Briggs-Bolling, CEO of the Recovery Center, Bob Korabik, Rural Health Network Coordinator, Travis Hartman, Detective in Town of Fallsburg Police Department, Marta Mangual of Project REMIX, Patricia Ocasio of Hudson River Healthcare, Linda Simmons, Secretary of SCCTC, and Barbara Durbak of the SCCTC Executive Board and Woodbourne CYO. If you or your organization is interested in participating in this community effort, please contact

FROST VALLEY YMCA UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday-Sunday, January 29-31, 2010: Scouting Teen Girls Weekend at Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville. Scouts can choose the recognitions they wish to earn, including interest project awards, participation patches, charms, and leadership awards, such as the Girl Scout Silver and Girl Scout Gold Awards, Leader-in-Training, Counselor-in-Training, etc. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.frostvalley.org.

Sunday-Friday, Jan. 31-Feb. 5, 2010: Winter Sports Versus Wild in the Catskills.

Cross-country ski and snowshoe amidst the pristine 'forever wild' Catskill Forest Preserve while learning basic survival in the winter wilderness in the tradition of Bear Grylls and Tom Brown. Held at Frost Valley YMCA's Straus Center Inn, Claryville, NY. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Information/registration: (800) 454-5768 or visit: www.elderhostel.org. Frost Valley YMCA camp and conference center is located in the heart of the Catskill Mountain high peaks.

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DELAWARE VALLEY ARTS ALLIANCE LAUNCHES THE "ARTS ALIVE DRIVE"

In response to the drastic cuts to the arts over the past two years, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) is launching "Arts Alive Drive," a yearlong \$100,000 fundraising effort to sustain the arts, a core asset to our region. Starting now and ending at DVAA's 35th Anniversary Gala in March of 2011, the Arts Alive Drive has many components that include the traditional raffles, donation boxes, and a 5K walk. DVAA is also introducing a new concept: dozens of simultaneous house parties held on April 10 under the banner "Savor the Arts."

"We need community participation for all aspects of the Arts Alive Drive," says Delaware Valley Arts Alliance Board President Robin McClernon. "But right now we're asking the community to use their creativity and cooking skills to host dozens of simultaneous individual dinners and gatherings on Saturday, April 10 for the benefit of DVAA."

"Savor the Arts" parties will be held in Sullivan County, the Upper Delaware River Valley, New York City, and wherever DVAA friends might find themselves on April 10. The party can be anything from barbecued beans and beer to a champagne and caviar event. It can be hosted in your home, place of business, a restaurant, or even at a public space. Your guests would know in advance that it is a fundraiser. You can set a suggested donation price or ask guests to contribute what they can. Then on Sunday, April 11, everyone's guests will be invited to a gratis brunch, open house and silent auction at the Delaware Arts Center in Narrowsburg.

"We already have 14 commitments," says Executive Director Elaine Giguere, "and the possibilities are endless. While these events can be very simple, we have one very creative party committed that will serve pasta on a handmade glass plate that guests can take home."

Call DVAA at (845) 252-7576 for details on how to create and host a party.

CAS ARTS CENTER NEW EXHIBITION, SHIFTING PERSPECTIVES

The Catskill Art Society proudly presents Shifting Perspectives, a new exhibition featuring the work of artists Christine Gedeon and Joel Edwards at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. This exhibition explores the concept of progression through line and the invention of new pictorial spaces. From a similar starting point that is precise and hard-edged, both artists arrive at work that creates a visual balance between organic and graphic, spontaneous and planned. Gedeon interprets topographical landscapes using a sewing machine, fabric and paint on raw canvas through an improvisational approach. Edwards, a Livingston Manor resident, applies and removes paint to create a textured surface within an orderly abstract, geometric composition. Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursday - Saturday from 11am-6pm, Sunday 11am-3pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

On February 6, 2010 1pm - Artists' Talk CAS will host an Artists' Talk for its new exhibition, Shifting Perspectives, at 1pm on Saturday, February 6. This event is free and open to the public.

February 6, 2010 2-4pm - Opening Reception -CAS will host an opening reception for its new exhibition, Shifting Perspectives. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

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.

UP IN THE AIR - FEB 5-10 AT CineArt IN CALLICOON

Golden Globe-winner for Best Screenplay, *Up in the Air* stars George Clooney as a corporate downsizing expert whose solitary life on the road is in jeopardy when a young Cornell grad (Anna Kendrick) proposes a more efficient way to lay off workers: by computer. Vera Farmiga and Jason Bateman round out the cast.

Claudia Puig of USA Today says "Artfully blending a breezy, blithe spirit with a darker social satire, *Up in the Air* has one of the year's sharpest scripts and an exceptional ensemble cast."

Up in the Air is rated R and will screen nightly at 7:30 p.m. Friday, February 5-Wednesday, February 10, and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Callicoon Theater, 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. (Next Col.)

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MARGARETVILLE'S WELLNESS COMMITTEE LEADS COMMUNITY-WIDE GO RED FOR WOMEN DAY

The Wellness Committee of the Margaretville Hospital and Mountainside Residential Care Facility is encouraging everyone to circle February 10 in red on the calendar. That is the day the Committee is organizing a Wear Red Day in cooperation with the American Heart Association's national event.

By promoting a Wear Red for Women day, the Wellness Committee hopes to raise awareness about the causes and indications of cardiovascular disease and give women and men throughout our community a way to show their dedication and support for co-workers, friends and family who are taking steps to prevent their risk for the disease.

While the national date for Go Red For Women is February 5, the American Heart Association encourages organizations to choose any day in February for their event. The Wellness Committee selected Wednesday, February 10 to coincide with an education program they are sponsoring on Women and Heart Disease that evening at the Purcell Center in Margaretville. The one-hour discussion program will begin at 5 p.m. and will be given by Dr. Aneta Dimova, an Internal Medicine physician practicing in Margaretville and Kingston. The lecture is free to the public.

The Central Catskill Chamber of Commerce works in partnership with the Wellness Committee and is helping to promote the Wear Red for Women event among Chamber membership. Sue Ihlo, owner and operator of The Cheese Barrel on Main Street in Margaretville is preparing for a big celebration on February 10. She has said that she and her staff will wear red and that the menu will feature a heart healthy tomato soup that day. The Wellness Committee is hoping all the businesses, civic organizations and schools throughout the area will follow Ms. Ihlo's example and make as much of a display of red as possible.

Heart disease is a matter of choice and the Auxiliary's Wellness Committee plans to launch an informational campaign through January and February on the ways that personal choices can turn into lifesaving actions. Too many women die each year because they are unaware of this vital statistic: One in three women suffers in silence, and almost one woman dies every minute of (Contd. Pg. 9)

this largely preventable disease. The Committee believes that asking everyone to wear red on February 10 will bring a voice to this silent killer by opening a dialogue on heart disease.

For more information on ways to participate in Wear Red For Women Day, visit the Margaretville Auxiliary's web site at www.MargaretvilleAux.org.

LEW GARDNER ELECTED TO WRITE NEXT CHAPTER AT ASK

The Arts Society of Kingston, ASK, is proud to announce Lew Gardner as the new president of its Board of Directors. The former president, Katharine L. McKenna, has stepped down after 4 years, and will now serve as vice-president.

"I have suggested that the board elect Lew Gardner as president because of his knowledge and involvement in the performing arts," McKenna said at December's board meeting. "A focus on the performing arts will be a major theme in the next chapter at ASK."

Renovations continue on the second floor of the Arts Center at 97 Broadway, where a 99-seat state-of-the-art performance space is planned.

Before stepping down McKenna had one goal, to take ASK to the next level. Literally. In order to get to the next level, or upstairs, the building would need a new fire escape or external stairway. She made this the focus of her November 2009 President's Circle Reception with a funding goal of \$40,000.

A matching grant of \$12,500 from Markertek of Saugerties has been met with \$2,890 from the President's Circle membership, \$5,000 from the Community Development Block Grant administered by the City of Kingston, and \$5,000 from an anonymous donor through the Community Foundation of Dutchess County. These funds make a total of \$25,390 raised for the exterior stairway.

The fire escape will allow the use of the second floor for classes, small group activities, and performances. The renovation of the building with the end goal of a 99-seat state-of-the-art theater and classroom is still ongoing. Walters-Storyk Design Group based in Highland has drawn up building plans. Previous Community Block Grants administered by the City of Kingston have given the foyer a face-lift and funded the insulation of office and gallery spaces. (Next Col.)

Lew Gardner, formerly the vice president of ASK, is an actor and writer whose plays have been performed throughout the United States and published in collections including the forthcoming Best American Short Plays 2008-2009. He has founded and helped manage arts organizations in New York City, New Jersey and the Hudson Valley. At ASK, he has organized literary and theatrical events including the Visualit exhibition of art and poetry and the popular annual event 100 Poems in 100 Minutes.

Gardner has worked in publishing and in non-profit management and public relations for such organizations as the New Jersey Historical Society and the American Red Cross. He has taught at Marist College, New York University and the City University of New York. Currently he conducts a writing workshop in Woodstock.

A well-known figure in the regional art community, Katharine McKenna is a resident of Woodstock and was a co-founder of the Arts Society in 1995. She is currently on the Board of Trustees at Pratt Institute. She holds memberships with the Woodstock Artists Association and the Woodstock Byrdcliffe Guild.

McKenna has participated in the Artist-In-Residency Program at the Museum of Northern Arizona, Flagstaff, AZ, where she completed 12 paintings that were exhibited at the museum, December 2008 thru May 2009. Her oil "Little Colorado River I" was chosen to be included in the museum's permanent collection. She has also exhibited 24 of her paintings at the Booth Western Art Museum, Cartersville, GA, where "Wind River Canyon, WY" was chosen for the museum's permanent collection. She has participated in the annual auctions "Expanded Horizons," Yellowstone Art Museum, Billings, MT, and the "Annual Buffalo Bill Cody Show and Sale," Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Cody, WY. She is listed on AskArt.com, and has exhibited in a variety of galleries across the United States and in Germany and Africa. Her work is also included in many corporate and private collections.

Attached image: Lew Gardner and Katharine L. McKenna sit and discuss renovations at the ASK Arts Center at 97 Broadway, Kingston. Image available at a higher resolution.

About ASK

The Arts Society of Kingston, a regional center for the arts, presents a diverse range of (Next Col.)


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

TESTIMONY FOR LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON HUDSON RIVER VALLEY SPECIAL RESOURC STUDY ACT PREPARED BY CONGRESSMAN HINCHEY

The following is Congressman Maurice Hinchey's (D-NY) prepared testimony for today's House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands legislative hearing on H.R. 4003, the Hudson River Valley Special Resource Study Act. Hinchey authored the bill, which would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct a study on whether the Hudson River Valley should become a unit of the National Park system.

In order to become part of the National Park System, a congressionally-authorized NPS study must be conducted. Hinchey's legislation would authorize such a study from Fort Edward in Washington County down through Westchester County. If the NPS's study finds that the Hudson River Valley would be a good fit as part of the National Park System then subsequent legislation would be needed to make that designation. Hinchey said he would immediately introduce the necessary legislation.

Hinchey's bill outlines specific guidelines to ensure that the NPS study recognizes the realities of the Hudson River Valley. These guidelines require the NPS to closely examine park unit models, in particular national river and recreation areas, as well as other landscape protection models, that encompass large areas of non-federal lands within their designated boundaries; foster public and private collaborative arrangements for achieving NPS objectives, and protect and respect the rights of private land owners. No forced land acquisition activities would be permitted. (Contd. Pg. 14)



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IS IT SPRING YET?

Our American folk-calendar keeps the tradition of Groundhog's Day, as the day to predict the coming weather. If the Groundhog sees his shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter.

Groundhog Day, celebrated across the United States and Canada, on February 2, is purely a North American tradition.

It is based on a belief that on this day (February 2) the groundhog, or woodchuck, comes out of hole after winter hibernation to look for its shadow. If the shadow is seen, it's a sunny day with the groundhog foretelling 'six more weeks of bad weather' and thus a lingering winter.

But how did a groundhog become the symbol for a holiday that was once marked by a candle procession? The ancient Romans celebrated in a way similar to our Groundhog Day in early February, only a hedgehog was their official prophet of the weather divination, a tradition that eventually became attached as folklore, to Candlemas Day.

Candlemas, a Christian festival held on February 2nd, is the feast commemorating Mary's purification and the presentation of Christ in the Temple. The celebration was marked by a blessing of candles and a procession. The ties between purification rituals and the month of February also reflect back to an ancient era. The name, "February," derives from Latin, Februa means "expulatory offerings". The februa, a pagan Roman purification ritual, took place in February. February 2nd is also the halfway mark between the winter solstice and the spring equinox, marking midwinter and the noticeable beginning of the return of the sun and longer days. This was also the time of the year when the ancients of northern Europe believed Brigid (Bre-ed) acted as a midwife to Spring with the sun being closest to earth at this time of the year, although in the northern hemisphere we generally do not feel it.

Other names such as Nos Gwyl Fair (Welsh) Imbolc and Oimeic (Celtic). 'Imbolc' were given to this special day.

In Ireland, this holiday is called 'Là Fhèill Brìghde nan coinnlean' or 'The Feast Day of Brìghde' of the candles. Bìghde or Bridget of Kildare was the Celtic goddess of fire, the hearth, smithy, fields, poetry, and childbirth who they believed gave blessings to women who were about to marry. Women still bear her name, Bride, on their wedding day.

The Western term "Candlemas" (or Candle Mass) also referred to the practice of the blessing of beeswax candles on February 2nd. The candles would be used throughout the year, some of which were distributed to the faithful for use in the home

According to the old English saying:

If Candlemas be fair and bright,
Winter has another flight.
If Candlemas brings clouds and rain,
Winter will not come again.

Gradually the traditions of Candlemas became associated with different folklores. The Germans added the Roman folk tradition of the hedgehog, who if frightened by his shadow on Candlemas would foretell that winter would last another six weeks. This belief was brought to America during the 18th Century by the German settlers.

With the combined effort of Clymer H. Freas, a newspaper editor, and W. Smith, an American Congressman and newspaper publisher they organized and popularized a yearly festival in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, that was populated predominantly by German settlers, however hedgehogs were not native to Pennsylvania so they had to seek another weather forecaster.

The Delaware Indians who had first settled in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, considered groundhogs honorable ancestors. According to their original creation beliefs, their forebears began life as animals in "Mother Earth" and emerged centuries later to hunt and live as men. The name Punxsutawney comes from the Native Americans. The name "ponksad-uteneey" means "the town of the sandflies." The name woodchuck also comes from the Native American legend of "Wojak, the Groundhog," who was considered by them to be their ancestral grandfather.

European settlers who came to North America kept the German tradition alive, but substituted the American native groundhog for their European hedgehog.

Ironically, today in North America, almost everyone in the general public has heard of "Groundhog Day," while mention of "Candlemas Day" would generally draw expressions of puzzlement!

However, for many people worldwide, Candlemas, February 2, is still celebrated. A particular odor from an older era still lingers on. It is not just the scent of lighted candles, but also the fragrance of pancakes being cooked for family and friends.

The legend goes that a medieval housewife, in the midst of cooking pancakes, rushed off to church, skillet still in hand, when she heard the "shriving bell" summoning her to confession. Today, women carry a skillet containing a pancake that must be flipped three times during the race vying to see who will be first to complete the course. This tradition is also practiced on Shrove Tuesday. But why a pancake? Because it's a golden disc that is reminiscent of the sun. The tradition of pancakes is a symbol that survives from an ancient myth dealing with the solar wheel.

The Danish call it Candlemas, kyndelmisse, kærtemisse or Kjørnes Knud; in Swedish it is kyndelsmässodagen, to the Finnish it's kynttilänpäivä, and in Latin festum candelabrum or missa candelarum; all a celebration of light

Whether it is a hedgehog, a candle, a pancake, or the old familiar Punxsutawney Phil, the most important thing to remember on February 2nd is that it is the time of year that reminds us of the return of light and life that always comes with spring!

HINCHEY STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PARTIAL RELEASE ON EMERGENCY HOME HEATING AID

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) yesterday released the following statement regarding President Obama's decision to release \$490 million in emergency contingency funds as part of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). In December 2009, Hinchey helped Congress pass a bill, which included \$4.5 billion nationally for LIHEAP's regular budget. The measure also included \$590 million in emergency contingency funds, which are only allocated at the president's discretion. Hinchey recently joined more than 100 of his House colleagues in formally calling on the White House to release the additional contingency funds now in order to help more people stay warm. With the aid released yesterday, New York has thus far received \$520 million in LIHEAP funding this year.

"I applaud the president for acting swiftly to release \$490 million of the \$590 million available in LIHEAP contingency funds. While I'm very grateful that President Obama worked with Congress and the states to provide this much-needed assistance, I strongly urge the president to release the remaining \$100 million in remaining LIHEAP contingency funds now. The economic downturn has been extremely challenging for families in New York and across the country who continue to struggle to make ends meet. The remaining LIHEAP funding would go a long way toward helping many low-income New Yorkers stay warm this winter."

HINCHEY HAILS PRESIDENT OBAMA'S PROPOSAL TO BREAK UP BIG BANKS; PRESSES CONGRESS TO APPROVE HIS BILL TO RESTORE GLASS-STEAGALL ACT

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), the author of the Glass-Steagall Restoration Act, today hailed President Obama's proposal to prevent commercial banks from owning, investing or sponsoring a hedge fund or a private equity fund, or engaging in proprietary trading operations. The congressman, who will be formally calling on the House to hold hearings on his legislation, said the president's proposed restrictions would help protect Americans who have deposits in large banks, break up parts of oversized financial institutions, and help avoid future financial collapses.

"For far too long, big banks have been allowed to get away with making risky bets with money deposited by hard-working Americans," said Hinchey, who is a senior member of the Joint Economic Committee. "These banks have been able to rely on federal protections for depositors as cover for what has at times amounted to a bad gambling habit. President Obama is right to be very critical of these practices that have unnecessarily exposed the American people and our economy to substantial risks. In the midst of the Great Depression, Congress passed the Glass-Steagall Act to prevent banks from mixing commercial lending with investment activities. As time passed, Congress mistakenly relaxed those restrictions and the greed that subsequently ensued contributed to the financial collapse that began in 2008. Now is the time for Congress to act and put those safeguards back in place so that the American people are protected from greedy Wall Street firms."

The Glass-Steagall Act was repealed in 1999 by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, which Hinchey strongly opposed and voted against. That bill paved the way for the establishment of super-sized banks that serve as both commercial lending institutions and investment companies. Today, just four huge financial institutions hold half the mortgages in America, issue nearly two-thirds of credit cards, and control about 40 percent of all bank deposits in the U.S. In addition, the face value of over-the-counter derivatives at commercial banks has grown to \$290 trillion, 95 percent of which are held at just five financial institutions.

In December 2009, Hinchey offered an amendment to the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act that would have restored the Glass-Steagall Act as part of the broader financial regulatory reform legislation. That amendment was blocked from coming up for a vote before the full House. Following the amendment's rejection, Hinchey introduced the Glass-Steagall Restoration Act, which would statutorily require banking giants to decide whether they want to serve as a commercial bank or an investment bank and require them to cease activities in one of those areas within one year of the bill's enactment.

President Obama's proposal captures the spirit of Hinchey's legislation that aims to separate commercial and investment banking while also limiting the

excessive growth of the market share of liabilities by large financial institutions.

"President Obama's proposal would safeguard the American people from many of Wall Street's riskiest practices and I will work in Congress to help implement his proposals," Hinchey said. "I will also work to go even further and have Congress reinstate the Glass-Steagall Act in order to prevent any investment banking institutions from engaging in commercial lending at the same time."

Hinchey is also the author of the *Too Big to Fail, Too Big to Exist Act*, which would require the Secretary of the Treasury to dismantle any U.S. financial institution deemed to be so big that its potential collapse would undermine the entire U.S. economy. U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) is the author of that legislation in the Senate.

HINCHEY HELPS PASS BILL THAT ENCOURAGES INCREASED CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS- Measure Would Allow Taxpayers to Claim an Itemized Charitable Deduction on Their 2009 Tax Return Instead of Having to Wait Until Next Year

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today helped the House pass a bill to help earthquake victims in Haiti by offering an immediate tax benefit to Americans who make charitable contributions to aid relief efforts. The bipartisan legislation would allow individuals to claim any donations to the relief effort as an itemized deduction on their 2009 tax return, instead of waiting to claim it on their 2010 return.

"My thoughts and prayers remain with everyone who has been impacted by the tragic earthquake in Haiti," Hinchey said. "In the midst of this great tragedy, the American people have once again shown their compassion and generosity as they look for any way to help the people of Haiti recover. Millions of Americans have opened their hearts and their wallets to support relief efforts. The legislation we passed in the House today will make it a little easier financially for Americans to donate to relief efforts by allowing them to deduct their contributions for Haiti on their 2009 tax returns rather than having to wait another year."

The bill Hinchey helped pass in the House today will promote timely charitable giving to Haiti by enabling Americans to receive their tax deduction now rather than having to wait another year. The bill would also make clear that the many taxpayers making a charitable contribution to victims of the Haiti earthquake through a text message will be able to rely on their cell phone bill when claiming a charitable donation. In January 2005, Congress enacted similar tax provisions for individuals who made charitable contributions to victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami that occurred in late December 2004.

Hinchey said his office is ready to help any local residents impacted by last week's devastating earthquake. The congressman noted that his office remains ready to serve as a liaison between families and the State Department. Among other things, he said that he could help locate information on loved ones who were visiting Haiti and are either missing or trying to return to the United States.

"It is heartbreaking to watch the people of Haiti suffer in the aftermath of the earthquake," Hinchey said. "My office is ready and prepared to help anyone living in the area whose been impacted by this disaster."

In addition to passing the tax deduction measure, the House is scheduled to pass a resolution this week formally expressing condolences to, and solidarity with, the people of Haiti in the aftermath of the devastating earthquake of January 12, 2010.

Additional information on emergency support and relief efforts in Haiti can be found on the State Department's website at:

<http://www.state.gov/p/wha/ci/ha/earthquake/index.htm>

IN WAKE OF HAITI EARTHQUAKE, GILLIBRAND PRESSES FEDS TO HELP ORPHANED CHILDREN, PRIORITIZE ORPHANAGES IN HAITI FOR ASSISTANCE, AND ENSURE HAITIAN AMERICAN FAMILIES FLEEING ISLAND CAN LEAVE WITH THEIR CHILDREN

In the wake of last week's earthquake in Haiti, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today pressed the State Department to help orphaned children, prioritize orphanages in Haiti for assistance, and ensure Haitian-American parents fleeing the island can leave with their children. Prior to last week's disaster, there were approximately 20,000 children living in Haiti's 187 licensed orphanages, and the U.N. estimates there was a total of 380,000 orphans.

Adoption Of Orphaned Children
Over the weekend, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) announced that humanitarian parole

will be offered to children who have been legally confirmed as orphans eligible for inter-country adoption and are being adopted by U.S. citizens or have been matched to prospective adoptive parents.

In addition to the children that have been legally confirmed as eligible orphans by the Haitian government, there is a group of children that are orphaned but were not as far along in the inter-country adoption process. Senator Gillibrand urged DHS along with the State Department to work with the Haitian Government to expedite the adoptions of all potentially eligible orphans.

Keeping Haitian Families Together

Senator Gillibrand today also urged DHS Secretary Napolitano to address alarming press reports that Haitian-American parents fleeing the country are forced to choose which of their children can leave Haiti with them. Haitian-American families have a high degree of mixed citizenship within immediate families, and many families have several children, only some of whom have U.S. citizenship. To the extent Haitian-Americans are seeking to leave for the U.S. with children, spouses or other immediate family members who do not have status in the U.S., Senator Gillibrand urged DHS to allow these families to stay return to the U.S. together.

Prioritizing Children
Furthermore, in a letter to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton with 20 of her Senate colleagues in Congress, Senator Gillibrand wrote, "As you begin to construct the next phase of the United States' and international response, we urge you to consider the needs of orphan children. As you well know, these children are already among the most vulnerable and in circumstances like these, are at even greater risk. Our experience has been that a natural disaster of this magnitude can not only have serious effects on children previously orphaned, but sadly, also be the cause for additional children to find themselves displaced or orphaned."

With this in mind, the Senators requested that the State Department:

- Ensure these children are a high priority in all U.S. evacuation and relief plans.
- Coordinate with U.S. faith-based and private relief partners to help channel appropriate levels of relief to orphan children.
- Identify opportunities for temporary care and shelter within Haiti or Haiti's border countries where these children could be safely evacuated.
- Develop a coordinated exit strategy that guarantees a safe, timely removal of these Haitian orphans and delivery to their adoptive families in the U.S. Specifically, leadership is needed to authorize and lead this effort, ensure that security and support is provided for these children and the entire coordinated effort.
- Identify opportunities for orphan children to receive temporary care and shelter within the U.S.

SENATOR GILLIBRAND BLASTS MURKOWSKI AMENDMENT AS "AN ASSAULT ON THE CLEAN AIR ACT"

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, released the following statement to the record against Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski's amendment to stop the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating greenhouse gas emissions under the Clean Air Act:

"Mr. President, I rise today to speak against the proposed Amendment from the Senator from Alaska. Mr. President, this resolution of disapproval goes against good public health policy and poses a serious threat to my constituents in New York - and all Americans - undermining our ability to advance efforts to clean our air and water and leave our world a better, healthier place.

"This assault on the Clean Air Act would handcuff the Environmental Protection Agency, stripping it of its authority to regulate dangerous greenhouse gases. Mr. President, this amendment would let large scale polluters off the hook by scrapping requirements for electric generation facilities to use modern technology to reduce emissions and produce cleaner energy.

"If passed, this amendment would send a message that the United States will remain reliant on outdated and inefficient energy technologies and delay investment in new, clean technologies that would spur innovation and create good-paying, American jobs, all across this great nation.

"For my constituents in New York, this amendment stands for more air pollution in our communities, more acid rain devastating natural treasures like the Adirondacks, ever-increasing asthma rates for our children, and a failure to take action when action is long overdue.

"Mr. President, regulatory uncertainty is undermining our national interests and giving countries like China and India the ability to eclipse our nation in developing the next generation of energy technologies - that we, the United States, should be leading the way on. (Contd. Pg. 14)

CROSSWAY ASSEMBLY OF GOD IN WOODBOURN LOCAL COORDINATORS FOR CONVOY OF HOPE

CrossWay Assembly of God serves as the local coordinators for **Convoy of Hope****

Convoy of Hope is already in Port-au-Prince distributing food, water and medicine to the Earthquake victims in Haiti. You can go to www.convoyofhope.org to make a donation or you can send checks to: CrossWay Assembly of God, PO Box 480, Woodbourne, NY 12788.

Please write "Haiti disaster relief" on the memo line. If you have any questions, please contact the church at 845-434-8263 or go to:

crosswayaog@aol.com

** Ministry Watch is an organization that checks out Christian ministries and rates them on their financial ethics and transparency. Convoy of Hope was given a grade of "A" and a "100" in every category. You may visit their website at: <http://www.ministrywatch.com/profile/convoy-of-hope.aspx>.

From the December 30, 1959 Townsman MEET REV. J. MILTON HARRIS (No. 10 of a Series)

In the spring of 1936 the Rev. and Mrs. J. Milton Harris came to Lows Corners. Their son John was just finishing his first year at Oklahoma Baptist University. Richard, the young son, was starting high school. Within the next few days the Harris's expect to leave this community for Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, where their son John, now a successful business man, has prepared a home for them. In the span of years between 1936 and 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Harris have become very much a part of this community. To the newspaper reading public, which has followed the Rev. Harris's column, he is Lows Corners. (Next Col.)

It is seldom a man so identifies himself with the community he serves that he rejoices with the individual member in the small triumphs of daily life and shares, too, the worries and the disappointments that inevitably come. The Rev. J. Milton Harris is such a man. When he conducts the funeral service of an old friend, one has the impression that part of him is standing in the pulpit reading scripture, while another part compassionate and understanding, is sitting with the mourners in the benches below.

No small part of this community service has been the weekly newsletter carried by the Townsman for the past thirteen years and printed in several other county papers. Of a quaint and original turn of thought, Rev. Harris often sees below the surface of the obvious. He almost always delights his readers, but occasionally he has offended one by this unconscious invasion of privacy.

Looking back over the Lows Corners news in the Townsman, it seems to me that there were times when he touched on everyday matters with genius. When he reached back into the past to describe ways now almost forgotten, he sometimes achieved an elemental simplicity reminding this writer variously of Jesse Stuart's loving recollection of W. Hallow, of Carl Sandburg speaking tenderly of long ago times; or of Robert Frost in England far from home, creating his own New England in words.

The Rev. Harris graduated from the University of Rochester and Rochester Theological Seminary which is now Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He was ordained in 1906 and has served various pastorates for over fifty yrs. His first pastorate was at Swea City, Iowa. It was when he was preaching at the First Baptist Church of Shinglehouse, Penn., that he met Mary Grace Hendricks. This young woman had gone there to revive and reorganize the young people's work of the Honeyoye Valley Temperance Assembly, of which Mr. Harris was vice-president. Two years later at Las Vegas, New Mexico on July 19, 1915 the two were married.

The Rev. Alfkes sudden death left Lows Corners without a pastor and Rev. Harris was chosen to fill the vacancy. The first home of the Harris' was the old parsonage on land now owned by N.Y.C.

Past eighty, the Rev. Harris has not shirked any regular services at Lows Corners and Loch Sheldrake, visiting the sick and making hospital visits. He taught *Released Time* classes at Grahamsville. He drives his own car and usually finds time and strength to attend band concerts and choral recitals and various doings at the Tri Valley School with interest and enthusiasm.

At the Adirondack retreat at Kaatskill Bay for Baptist pastors and their wives which Mr. Harris has attended almost every year since he has been at Lows Corners, Mr. Harris is called affectionately, "The Bellringer". This honorary title came to him some years ago because of his enthusiasm in calling the group together. Last year his picture was included in the year book with the faculty.

There are countless revealing anecdotes about Mr. Harris that might be recalled. It was only a year or two ago, that he picked up a stranger, a big colored man, whom he found walking down the Sundown Road. He took the fellow to Greenville, and back far into the woods to an old logging road where they spent several hours before they were successful in extricating the stranger's big car from the mud. At home Mrs. Harris was almost frantic with fear for Mr. Harris's safety. Neighbors who saw the two disappear thought that a robbery or worse must be in progress. Rev. Harris showed only mild surprise when as dark came on, neighbors followed his car tracks back into that lonely place to see what fate had befallen him. (Next Col.)



WINTER HOURS FOR ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL

The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sundays, 3 pm: Communion

Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner

Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42
South Fallsburg

Info: Mother Joan LaLiberté, 845-887-4742

The role of good Samaritan was such a natural one that he saw no reason for all the fuss.

These last few days at the parsonage in Lows Corners have been very busy ones, with the telephone ringing and friends dropping in for a few words. There have been dinners, parties, and good wishes past counting.

Last week, neighbors gave Mrs. Harris a special birthday party-but my guess is one of the hardest leave-takings for both Mr. and Mrs. Harris will be closing the door on the little church and Sunday School after the last regular service.

It is hard to imagine either of them retiring. Probably there will be sermons and Sunday School lessons in South Carolina and even a few encores here next summer when the weather grows warmer again.- (Inez George Gridley)

GET YOUR FINANCIAL HOUSE IN ORDER WORKSHOP

Get Your Financial House in Order Workshop will be held, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Wednesday February 3, 2010 at 6pm

Get off to a good start in 2010! Sean Welsh, Financial and Consumer Educator, will be offering a workshop on how to take control of your finances in these tough times. Learn how to organize an efficient system for paying bills and keeping track of important papers. Setting up a home office, temporary and permanent files & budgeting will also be covered. All participants will receive organizational supplies and handouts.

The class will be February 3rd at 6:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd., Liberty, N.Y. This class is open to the public with a \$5.00 registration fee.

Pre-registration is required. Call Linda at 845-292-5250

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UNDER 5 YRS. FREE

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Sundown United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Sunday Worship Service 10:30am

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Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Bible Class 9:00 am
Worship Services @ 10:00 am
Rev. Paul Nulton
John Bult, Organist

CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)

6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne.
Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.
Daily Mass schedule:
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Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

Grahamsville Reformed Church

Sunday School 9 A.M.
Worship Service 10 A.M.

Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper
5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month

Looking for a Lifeguard?
Ours walks on water!

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor



Feb. 6, 2010

5:30 pm

Sundown United
Methodist Church

at the Sundown Church Hall

SENATOR GILLIBRAND BLASTS MURKOWSKI AMENDMENT (From Pg. 12)
 "Supporters of this amendment are essentially saying that they do not believe the worldwide scientific consensus regarding climate change, and that they don't believe greenhouse gases pose a threat to human health - despite decades of world-class science that predate it, and the clarion call from public health advocates across the country.

"Mr. President, a vote for this amendment would be a vote for more pollution and increased protection of those polluters. It would encourage a regression in the environmental progress that has been made over the last 40 years, and represents a denial of the need to create jobs and revitalize our economy with clean, renewable, American power.

"We need to pass comprehensive climate and clean energy legislation that will create jobs by spurring investment and innovation, enhance our national security by moving our nation forward on a path to energy independence, protect our air and water by reducing pollution, and decrease energy costs for American families.

"The science is clear and we cannot afford to wait. I urge my colleagues to join me in voting against this attempt to undermine action to tackle climate change and urge this body to move forward with comprehensive climate and clean energy legislation. Thank you Mr. President, and I note the absence of quorum."

SENATOR GILLIBRAND OPENING STATEMENT FOR FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HEARING ON YEMEN

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand released the following opening statement from today's Foreign Relations Committee Hearing on Yemen: Confronting Al-Qaeda, Preventing State Failure:

"I appreciate Chairman Kerry convening this critical hearing on the first full day that the Senate begins its new session. The attempted bombing of a Detroit-bound airliner on December 25 was a chilling reminder of the looming threats facing our country. I want to welcome our administration and outside experts who have come to speak to us about a key challenge facing the President, the Congress and the nation: how to address the the growth of extremists in Yemen and the conditions that have fostered a direct threat to the U.S.

"President Obama showed strong leadership in response to the Christmas terror attempt planned in Yemen, by quickly undertaking a comprehensive review and taking full responsibility for our nation's security. He and his administration made changes to strengthen passenger screening, reform the watchlists, and improve intelligence information gathering. A critical extensive review is urgently needed to continue to make the reforms necessary to keep Americans safe.

"As Secretary Clinton has said, so long as hundreds of millions of young people see no hope for improving their lives, we cannot put a stop to terrorism or defeat ideologies of violence and extremism. What we need to do is combine development with diplomatic and military strategies, and carry them out in smarter ways, relying on partnerships with benefiting countries and their indigenous civil society and development groups.

"Islamic radicalism in Yemen is not new. In 2000, the USS Cole was attacked in a Yemeni port. In 2008, the U.S. Embassy in Yemen was attacked twice. Yet, the Yemeni Government did not extradite the mastermind responsible for the attack on the USS Cole to the U.S. Jamal al Badawi, despite requests by U.S. law enforcement. Rather, he was released from local jail by Yemeni authorities. Despite these signals of growing extremism, for years we turned our attention away from Yemen.

"President Obama's team, led by Deputy National Security Adviser John Brennan, refocused the U.S. intelligence and other resources on Yemen. Brennan himself visited Yemen several times in 2009, and there were numerous other intelligence visits. The President's foreign policy team has been reviewing the situation in Yemen.

"In recent hearings and briefings about Afghanistan, I have asked what prevents Al Qaeda from moving its base to Yemen or Somalia. While I heard good answers assessing the situation in Afghanistan, I did not hear a satisfactory answer regarding what we are doing about Yemen or future Yemens. We do not have a comprehensive civilian-military program yet. "I expect to hear from the administration such a plan - one that combines both civilian and military strategy, one that draws on the knowledge of our experts on Yemen and on extremist groups, and one which ensures that we are working closely with local groups and regional leaders. At the end of this month, the U.S. (Next Col.)

will join the U.K., Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and other nations in London to plan a multilateral effort with respect to Yemen. This is critical.

"As President Obama has demonstrated, we must work on international threats through multilateral fronts. This strategy makes sense when it comes to a place like Yemen, where neighboring countries have a fuller understanding of the factors that lead to terrorism and where the local population will often more easily welcome their support than from U.S. or European-led efforts.

"The conflict, corruption and poverty in Yemen have made it a breeding ground for Al Qaeda. It is critical that we confront and prevent future Yemen-based terror attempts. But we must not stop here. I want to be sure we are evaluating all areas and properly allocating resources across the globe today to respond to tomorrow's threats.

"I also want to note that Senator Kerry issued an investigative report yesterday that contains very troubling findings about Americans going to Yemen and Somalia, where they are in some cases known to be and in other cases suspected to be joining Al Qaeda or affiliated organizations. Some of these Americans were radicalized in U.S. prisons, others in their communities, and yet others once they went abroad.

"The findings of this report and other information that has come to light in recent months demonstrates how enormously complicated the terrorist threat is. We must be vigilant, innovative and smart in addressing radicalization at home and abroad. Polls show that Al Qaeda is losing hearts and minds in Pakistan and elsewhere. We must work as much as possible with partners in other countries, and involve communities to weaken the factors that promote radicalization."

GILLIBRAND MAKES PERSONAL CALL TO NATIONAL GRID: KEEP JOBS IN NEW YORK- Company Considers Subcontracting 1,200 Northeast Jobs

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand made a personal phone call last night to the President of National Grid urging him to not outsource New York jobs as they proceed through their organizational review. Following news reports that National Grid was considering outsourcing much of its information services work, including software programming, computer networking and other functions, outsourcing as many as 1,200 jobs in the Northeast, Senator Gillibrand sent a letter on January 4 to Tom King, President of National Grid U.S.A urging him to reconsider.

"I can not emphasize enough the importance of keeping these dedicated employees on the National Grid payroll. Even outsourcing locally to subcontractors that do not provide good benefits or a living wage would have negative effects on our local economy," said Senator Gillibrand.

According to news reports, National Grid is considering outsourcing much of its information services work, including software programming, computer networking and other functions. According to the reports, one request for proposals (RFP) for outside vendors has already been issued, with possibly three more to come in the coming months. National Grid USA made nearly \$1.5 billion in profits last year, due in large part to the quality in-house workforce it relies on.

During the phone call last night, Senator Gillibrand expressed her disappointment with a company that made almost \$1.5 billion in profits last year would look for ways to increase profits at the expense of its current competent and capable employees, especially during this economic time.

Senator Gillibrand has significant concerns with subcontracting any utility's work to other companies because Northeastern customers would not want to see their neighbors lose their jobs, and their service suffer, just so that a large company can improve their bottom line. Senator Gillibrand is concerned that subcontracting leaves too much to chance. Subcontractors could be based anywhere and have employees anywhere and it is not fair to leave National Grid customers uncertain as to which company will handle their service, repair work, and online operations.

In addition, Senator Gillibrand offered to work with National Grid as they evaluate all aspects of their operation as she is working on a number of proposals to help New York companies sustain their workforces and create new jobs, and is working on new legislation that would cut taxes for businesses so they start hiring again and put New Yorkers back to work now.

Last fall, Senator Gillibrand launched her Innovation Agenda to increase America's competitiveness in the global economy, keep and attract more high-tech businesses to New York, and create more high-tech jobs in New York.

HINCHEY TESTIMONY FOR LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON HUDSON RIVER VALLEY SPECIAL RESOURCE STUDY ACT (From Pg. 9)

"Thank you Mr. Chairman for including the Hudson River Valley Special Resource Study Act, H.R. 4003, on today's agenda. This bill would authorize the National Park Service to conduct a special resource study of the Hudson River Valley to evaluate the national significance of the area; and the suitability of designating the area as a unit of the National Park System.

"This legislation is cosponsored by each of the members whose district is within the proposed study area and it has garnered strong support locally. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask unanimous consent to insert into the record a list of 21 local organizations that have endorsed this bill. The Hudson River Valley is one of the most significant river corridors in the country. The historical, natural, cultural, scenic, and recreational resources spread throughout the region are unparalleled.

"The Hudson River Valley's landscapes are known around the world. Their beauty inspired one of America's great artistic movements, the Hudson River School. Painters such as Thomas Cole and Frederic Church immortalized the region's scenery for generations to come. But just as importantly their works, along with the writings of Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson, inspired the American preservationist movement and, many argue, the movement to establish national parks.

"The region's natural resources are not limited to sweeping landscapes. The Hudson River is home to a rich and sensitive ecosystem that sustains more than 200 types of fish, 19 kinds of rare birds, and 140 rare plants. The upper reaches of the estuary are also flanked by extremely rare wetlands.

"There are ample recreational opportunities including hiking, canoeing, and other activities. One of the most recent additions is the Walkway Over the Hudson Bridge. Initially a rail bridge that was considered a marvel of the Industrial Revolution, it was abandoned in the 1970s following a fire. It has recently been restored and reopened this past October. It is now the longest pedestrian overpass in the country.

"From a historical perspective, the Hudson River Valley has played a central role in our nation's narrative and development. In 1609, Henry Hudson first sailed up the river that now bears his name. During the American Revolution, several of the most crucial battles and events took place in the Hudson River Valley. From the victorious Battle of Saratoga in 1777 to the loss of West Point when Benedict Arnold betrayed the colonialists, the region is filled with sites that determined the course of the war and the establishment of our nation.

"In the 19th century, the Hudson River Valley helped foster the American industrial revolution. In 1807, Robert Fulton piloted the first successful steamboat voyage up the river. Later in the century, the Hudson and its estuary, the Mohawk River, connected the country's greatest port, New York, with the west through the Erie Canal network.

"In the last century, the region was home to Franklin Delano Roosevelt at Hyde Park. Later, the region gave birth to the modern environmental movement when Con Edison was prevented from carving up Storm King Mountain for a generator project.

"Preserving and promoting the Hudson River Valley's resources has been a top priority for me dating back to my time in the New York State Assembly. While in the state legislature, I authored legislation that led to the creation of the Hudson River Valley Greenway, creating a process for voluntary regional cooperation among 264 communities within 13 counties that border the Hudson River. When I came to Congress, I authored legislation that led to the designation of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, which provides technical assistance to local communities or local managers to assist them in managing natural and historic sites of national importance. These have provided tremendous benefits to the Hudson Valley region, but it is clear that more needs to be done to protect, preserve and promote the areas unique resources.

"In 2009, we celebrated the 400th anniversary of the Henry Hudson's maiden voyage. As part of that celebration, people from all across the region are coming together to discuss how we can best preserve the many wonderful treasures that are spread throughout our area for future generations. Authorizing a special resource study is central to that process.

"Thank you again. I look forward to working with this Committee to move this important legislation forward."

THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

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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- 1/28/10 Time & the Valleys Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 1/30/10 Jubilee musicians Jam Grahamsville 1st Aid Bldg. 7:00 pm
- 2/1/10 Time & the Valleys Work Committee Meeting 12:30 pm
- 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
- 2/10/10 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 2/11/10 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 2/14/10 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
- 2/23/10 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Meeting 7 pm Town Hall Upstairs Mtg. Room
- 2/24/10 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 2/28/10 Time & the Valleys Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm

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://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>

To find out what is happening at Tri-Valley CSD: <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

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

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ADVANCE DIRECTIVES - DID YOU FINISH YOUR DOCUMENTS (Correction)

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

Please call CCE at 292-5250 to register for class.

THE 2010 EXHIBITION SEASON AT THE CAS ARTS CENTER

The CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY proudly announces our 2010 exhibition season:

- February 6 - March 14 - Shifting Perspectives, Christine Gedeon & Joel Edwards
- March 20 - April 25 - At 85, Douglas Craft & Elizabeth Harms
- May 1 - 23 - Sullivan County High School Art Show
- May 29 - June 19 - CAS Silent Auction Benefit
- June 26 - July 18 - CAS Summer Members Show
- July 24 - August 29 - Cindy Shechter & Linda Sokolowski
- September 4 - October 10 - Tillman Crane with Richard Barnett, Everardo Goyanes, Vivien Goldman, Dorothea Eiben & David Puig
- October 16 - November 21 - Utopia & Wallpaper, curated by Joel Carreiro & Brett DePalma
- November 27 - December 29 - CAS Members Show & Holiday Fair

On the opening day of each exhibition there will be an artist talk and reception that are free to the public.

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. Call (845) 436-4227

COUNTIES CALL ON STATE LAWMAKERS TO NEGOTIATE A BUDGET THAT IS FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

How state lawmakers negotiate this year's Budget will reverberate for many years to come.

"It's time to reduce spending, reform the state's local mandate structure and re-evaluate the public services we provide in New York State."

That's the message the New York Association of Counties (NYSAC) will provide to State Legislators at a budget hearing in Albany on Monday afternoon.

"For too long, our state budgets have shifted costs to property taxpayers and future generations. We have mortgaged our future with short term fixes and we are calling for that to stop," said NYSAC President Tom Santulli, Chemung County Executive. "Now is the right time to cut State spending and reduce mandates to lower the property tax burden and foster job growth in our communities. If we don't do it this year, when will we?"

Given the size of the expected \$7.4 billion fiscal gap in SFY 2010-11 and increasing gaps over the next several budget cycles, State lawmakers are faced with difficult budget-balancing decisions.

"The time for incremental change and temporarily papering over budget gaps with one-shots, temporary federal funds and unending tax increases has got to be over," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. "Governor Paterson's Executive Budget reduces state spending growth and presents a series of fundamental reforms we believe will improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of our governments."

Counties, which deliver and fund a broad range of state services at the local level, provide temporary assistance, shelter, health care, family planning, child support, employment training and long term programs for New Yorkers in need. New York is the only state in the nation that places this level of program delivery responsibility and fiscal burden on its counties.

"We are not stakeholders in these budget deliberations. We are your government partners and we are directly impacted by the decisions you make in the next eight weeks," said Orange County Executive Ed Diana, president of the NYS County Executives Association to the members of the Joint Legislative Committee.

New York counties rely heavily on two forms of revenue to fund local operations and to deliver state services locally: sales taxes and property taxes. The recession has caused deep and prolonged declines in sales tax revenue and pressure on counties to raise property taxes, cut services or layoff workers in order to keep our budgets balanced. (Contd. Next Col.)

Mr. Diana stressed the importance of reducing the cost of government as a way to revitalize our economy, foster smart development and stop businesses and young New Yorkers from fleeing the state.

"We offer to work with you to structure a spending plan that addresses our current and future needs for growing New York's economy from our communities on up," said Diana

SULLIVAN COUNTY YMCA BASKETBALL LEAGUE WEEK 1 (From Pg. 2)

Fallsburg Goodfellas 76 Pill Hard 26

Darius Buckner was the leader of the high powered Fallsburg team with 20 points in an easy win over Pill Hard. John Hinton had 16 points and Brandon Mckenny added 12 points to the 50 point victory.

Dashawn Williamson had 9 points and Kevin Garcia had 7 points to pace the Pill Hard offense.

Monticello Chimney 71 X-Factor 46

Anthony Larry had 23 points and 9 rebounds in the game as Monticello Chimney was able to put a hurting on X-Factor with a 25 point victory. Terrance Hulse added 15 points with 10 rebounds while Jeffrey Brown had 17 points and 7 rebounds also for Monticello Chimney.

James Baker had a solid game with 22 points and he had 4 three point buckets. Jason Harris also had a solid game with 13 points and 6 rebounds in the losing effort.

Punisherz 54 Bulldogs 39

The Punisherz were able to take advantage of a shorthanded Bulldog team who played the game with only 5 guys. Devin Williamson was solid in the game with 13 points and 9 rebounds, Jay Clark lead the Punisherz with 14 points and Kusar Vereen chipped in with 10 points and 7 rebounds.

Chris Smith had 14 points and made 4 3 point shots in the game. Charlie Houghtaling was big in the middle grabbing 6 rebounds with 3 blocks in the lose.

Monticello Chimney 53 Make it Rain 49

Monticello Chimney was able to hold off Make it Rain with the strong play on the inside of Anthony Larry and Wayne Fletcher who both had 15 points in the game. Josh Strang grabbed 10 rebounds in the game for Monticello Chimney.

Mike Cardo had 14 points for Make it Rain in the defeat and Tyrus Walker also added 10 points with 7 rebounds in the lose.



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ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD FLYER IN THE FEBRUARY 4th ISSUE

The Townsman will resume the **ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD** in the February 4th, 2010 issue and will continue to publish this insert the first week of each month.

All ads for the February **One Dollar, One Line, One Item** flyer must be received in our office by **Friday, January 29th at 3:00 pm**. You may either mail your ad along with \$1 to: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740, drop it in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building or email it to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com

HELP WANTED

HOUSEKEEPER needed for a full time, year round position at Frost Valley YMCA. Weekends and/or evenings may be required on occasion. Experience preferred, High School Graduate or GED equivalent. Excellent benefits package including medical, dental, life insurance and employer contributed retirement plan. Must have valid driver's license and a clean Motor Vehicle Report. Please contact Linda Campbell, Personnel Director at 845-985-2291 Ext. 254 or hr@frostvalley.org. EOE

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Denning Democrats

The Town of Denning Democratic committee asks that we help our neighbors. Last week, a catastrophic earthquake struck near Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The full extent of the damage is still being assessed, but the death toll -- already in the thousands -- is climbing fast. Help through your local Community and Religious organizations. See page 13 of this issue for a recognized local charity.

Have a suggestion for the Dem committee, email, denningdems@yahoo.com, or call 845.985.0501

Democratic Committee Chair
 Frank Comando

ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

Ans.:
 A. The "Pie"
 B. Mr. Donald Crisp, who played the character,
 Mr. Herbert Brown

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"



National Velvet (1944)

A British farm girl fights to train a difficult horse for the *Grand National Steeplechase* Race. Cast: Mickey Rooney, Elizabeth Taylor, and Donald Crisp. Dir: Clarence Brown. C-124 mins, TV-G, CC, DVS, Saturday, January 30, 2010 @ 5:30 PM on TCM
 Quiz:

- What was the name of the young girl's horse?
- What character, in this film was so wonderfully played by this great actor, producer, director who also performed in many films including "The Dawn Patrol," "How Green Was My Valley," "The Uninvited," and more than ninety-five other films?

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

Adnil's Gnotes - Well, the really "big news" is that *Adnil's Gnotes* appears as a new column in this week's issue. *Adnil's Gnotes* will give you all sorts of information on a variety of interesting and informative subjects, ideas, cooking tips, recipes, arts, crafts, the origins of our holiday's, etc. - Good Luck Adnil!

Baseball: Tri-Valley Little League signups January 30, 2010 from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM at Neversink Town Hall. Don't miss out.

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

Do you love music? Try the Jubilee Musicians Jam, on January 30, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Grahamsville First Aid building.

Didn't make your reservations yet, at White Wolf for Valentines Day- come and enjoy dining with a touch of class. Get busy, time is a wastin'. Call 845.647.4200, There are a lot of people in love this year, and you know your wife, lover, friend, or your significant other, is well worth it. Make your reservation early.

Bye,

Knarf Oodnmooc
 Gnome