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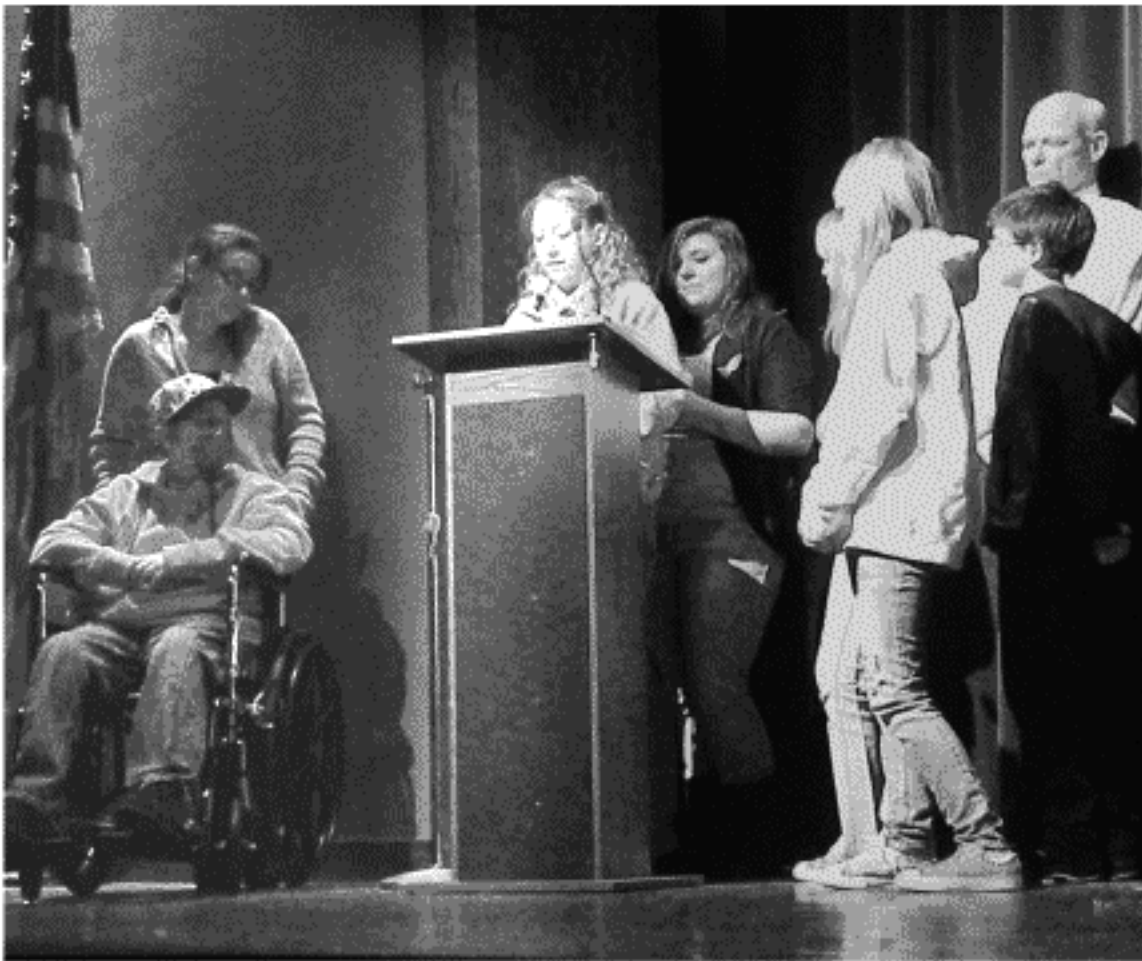
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## Tri-Valley Community Comes Together for "Dancing with the Teachers" Fundraiser



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GRAHAMSVILLE, NY- Math teacher Bill O'Morrissey, was the master of ceremonies for Dancing with the Teachers (DWTT) at Tri-Valley School. "Never in my entire life have I seen such a conglomeration of teachers willing to make fools of themselves," he said during intermission.

And while there was certainly no shortage of that this past Monday night, there was also no lack of incredibly talented students either.

DWTT was all for a good cause. Seventh grade Tri-Valley student Thomas MacPherson was recently diagnosed this past December with T-Cell Non-Hodgkins Acute Lymphoblastic Lymphoma, and his community came together to raise money to help without-of-pocket expenses. (Contd. Pg 8)

## LOCAL FAMILY WILL PARTICIPATE IN 5TH ANNUAL NATIONAL EPILEPSY WALKATHON IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Jim and Kate Kelly and their children will head to Washington D.C. on March 27th to participate in the 5th Annual National Epilepsy Walkathon. This walkathon is a fund raiser to raise money and awareness for the National Epilepsy Foundation. Epilepsy affects over 3 million Americans of all ages - more than multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, and Parkinson's disease combined. Almost 500 new cases of epilepsy are diagnosed every day in the United States. Epilepsy affects 50,000,000 people worldwide. Epilepsy is a neurological condition that from time to time produces brief disturbances in the normal electrical functions of the brain. In two-thirds of patients diagnosed with epilepsy, the cause is unknown.

Their son, Patrick Kelly, was diagnosed with Generalized Epilepsy at age 4. During his first year of schooling at Pre-Kindergarten he was having up to 4 seizures a day. He is now able to participate in all activities with his friends, from Cub Scouts to AYSO soccer to Little League. He is an active 6 yr. old who takes medication daily to control his seizures.

If you'd like to donate to this walkathon, checks made out to National Epilepsy Foundation, may be sent to Kate Kelly, P.O. Box 482, Neversink, NY 12765.

## HISTORIC PROGRESS MADE IN REFORMING MEDICAID IN NEW YORK STATE

New York spends more on Medicaid per capita than any other state in the nation, but we rank only 21st in program quality for patients. In most counties, Medicaid costs alone account for more than half of the entire county tax levy.

To reform the system, Governor Cuomo created a Medicaid Redesign Team. The Team, comprised of health care professionals, stakeholders, and legislators, was charged with reducing costs and improving patient care. The Team held open meetings throughout the state and reviewed more than 4,000 ideas from team members, outside health care professionals, and citizens.



Governor Cuomo held open meetings throughout the state to review ideas from team members, outside health care professionals and citizens.

Last week, the Team accomplished their goal, submitting an unprecedented consensus plan that meets the Governor's budget target and saves over \$2.3 billion. What's more, under the plan, one million New Yorkers will now have access to an innovative "patient-centered" medical program, making New York the national leader in providing this type of personal care. To enact the plan, the legislations was submitted to the Legislature to be included as part of the Executive Budget.

If you would like more information on this historic plan, go to: [http://governor.ny.gov/press/022411cuomoaccepts\\_medicaidredesignteam](http://governor.ny.gov/press/022411cuomoaccepts_medicaidredesignteam) and read about the Medicaid report.

**Pump up your fuel mileage - Are prices at the pump stretching your budget to the limit?** - Sprague & Killeen, Inc. offers simple strategies to increase fuel efficiency and save money on car insurance. See Page 9

## Barn Quilt Calendar 2012???

GRAHAMSVILLE, NY- Will there be a 2012 version of the Barn Quilts Calendar? Once again we appeal to our local residents to take advantage of our beautiful seasonal surroundings and begin gathering pictures to be considered for next year's calendar. Submit your digital photo's at any time to: [barnquiltsofneversink@gmail.com](mailto:barnquiltsofneversink@gmail.com).

All photos must be submitted by August 15, 2011 to be considered.

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](http://www.townofneversink.org)).

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

## ERH Announces they now offer MRI services on campus

ELLENVILLE, NY - Ellenville Regional Hospital is pleased to announce that they will now be offering MRI services right on their campus!

The MRI unit, a Philips 1.5 Tesla multi-purpose system, provides the newest in graphics and 3D imaging, with the cutting-edge imaging providing for better diagnostic capabilities. The multi-plane 3D Reconstruction allows for enhanced diagnostic information that helps to provide physicians with the information necessary to plan and implement the best possible care for their patients. (Cont. Pg. 3)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God; defend me from them that rise up against me. Psalm 59:1

**OBITUARY**

**Richard J. Bischert Sr.** passed away on February 19, 2011 in North Carolina after a long fight with pancreatic cancer.

"Dick" as he was affectionately known, was born October 10, 1940 and raised in the small rural town of Liberty. He is preceded in death by his mother Irene, his father Francis, and his older brother John.

Dick served the state of New York in the Department of Corrections as an officer and later in his career as executive director of AFSCME Council 82.

Dick is survived by his loving wife Carol; one son, Richard Bischert Jr. and wife, Ginny of Delaware, Ohio; two daughters, Kimberly Bischert of Grahamsville and JoAnne Bitjeman of Monticello; two stepdaughters, Kirsten Brancazio and husband, Jared, of Ft. Myers, Fla., and Karlene Kurowski of Greenport, NY; two sisters, Marie and Mary Ann; five grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Dick was a loving husband, father and grandfather cherished by all whose lives he touched. Often he would speak of how much joy his family brought to his life. His life is remembered by those he helped, whether a friend who needed a tool, a neighbor with a home project, or a complete stranger who broke down along the side of the road.

A memorial service was held Monday, February 21 at Moore Funeral Home with a reception following at the family's home.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that a donation be made to Lustgarten.org or the Lustgarten Foundation, 1111 Stewart Ave., Bethpage, NY 11714, a premier pancreatic cancer research organization.

There will be a memorial service in Liberty, NY, this summer. If you have an interest in attending, please contact Richard Bischert Jr., at 937-707-8670.

outdoors in my life, enjoying clean air, clean water and the mountains. When you are old, you are the same as when you were young, only worse!"

"Here, in Oregon, there is good fishing with a lot of restrictions on it. We have steel head fish and large slamon. The weather is very seasonal. It does not get too cold. We have had 4 to 5 snow falls, all very small. It melts right away. The roads have been clear."

"I miss all my good friends left behind. I can't name them all. A few have passed on, but you are all in my thoughts. To name a few: Francine; Mr. and Mrs. Ward Blade; Richard Rulli; Henry King; Our Superintendent, Gary, James, Charlie and the whole road crew; Georgie Lepke; James Morgan; Carol Smythe; Redford Moore; Kelly Desmond; Caroline Demy; Ricker Winsor; and all the rest of my many friends. I just can't list them all. Do know that I haven't forgotten any of you."

"Stay healthy and keep in touch" - George  
For those who want to send George a belated birthday greeting, or just a note to say 'hello', this is George's address: George Ratner, co/ Irene Zajac, 12572 Lower River Road, Grand Pass, Oregon 97526

Happy Birthday George!

**COLLEGE NEWS**

TVCS graduate and resident of Bradley, NY, Amanda Martin has been placed on the Dean's List for the Fall 2010 semester at the State University of New York College at Cortland. Amanda is majoring in Adolescent Ed for Math.

Congratulations Amanda!

**DAYS OF YOPE....**

**Today's History**

**February 28, 1951** - At a recent special meeting of the Town Board of Neversink at Grahamsville, Raymond Erath was appointed Justice of the Peace by unanimous vote to fill the vacancy created when Charles Huntsberger resigned. The Board now has three justices and one councilman. Mr. Erath is proprietor of the bakery in Grahamsville and a former member of the Town Board.

Fourteen ladies gathered at the Fire House in Grahamsville on Wednesday evening at a meeting called by Fernald DuBois, President of the Fire Department to discuss and organize a Ladies Auxiliary. The third Wednesday of each month was set as a meeting night and anyone interested in making this new organization a success in cordially invited.

I.E. Wilcox of Roscoe, N.Y., has the contract for clearing the right of way for the first section of the new Central Hudson high tension line from the Grahamsville hydro-electric plant to Dairyland. This section runs from the Reynolds estate at Grahamsville to the Brodhead Road.

**March 1, 1961** - Louis Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Rubenzahl of Neversink, joined the law firm of Hyman Levine of Jeffersonville as of Feb. 15th. Louis is the first graduate of Tri Valley High School to enter the legal profession.

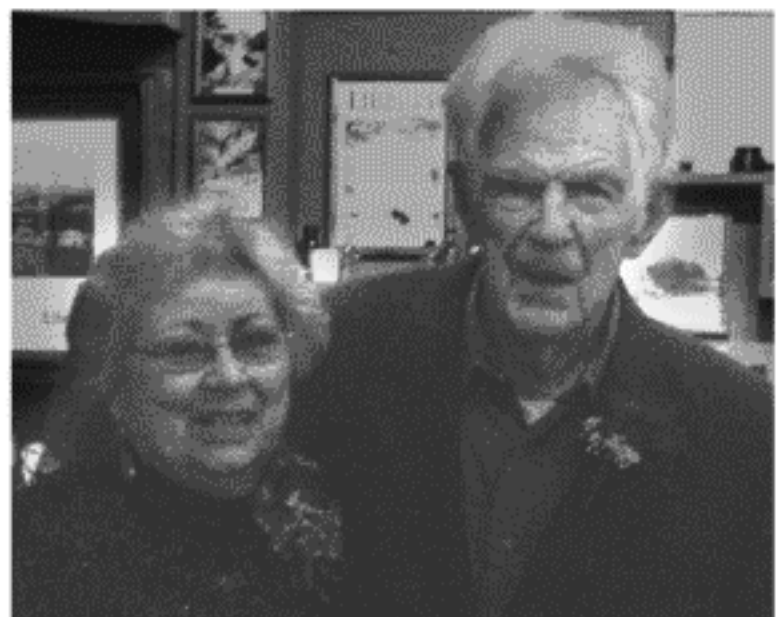
Miss Joan Roosa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Roosa of Hasbrouck, was notified Monday that she had successfully passed the State Board examination for the licensing and registration of professional nurses. The Salutatorian of the Class of '57 at Tri Valley Central School, Miss Roosa entered the nursing school at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie upon graduation.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cole of Claryville welcomed a baby son on Feb. 21st at Liberty Loomis Hospital. Mother and baby came home on Sunday.

The marriage of Patricia Terwilliger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger of Lackawack Hill and Robert Irwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Irwin of Ellenville, took place at St. Andrew's and St. Mary's Church in Ellenville on Sunday, Feb. 12th. After a short wedding trip the couple will reside in Ellenville.

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**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY**



On Friday evening, March 4th, Elise and Raymond Hornbeck celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss with family members at Albert's in Liberty.

The older generation of family members reminisced as they looked at photos of that special day fifty years ago, while the younger members, including Elise and Raymond's children and granddaughter, Emily chimed in with more current memories that added to the many chapters of Elise and Raymond's life together.

Congratulations and wishes for many more years of wedded bliss!

**George Ratner Celebrates his 100th Year Birthday!**

To those of you who remember George Ratner, a long time Neversink resident, now living on the west coast in Oregon, he has taken the opportunity of sharing the celebration of his 100th birthday by way of a phone conversation with a neighbor who still resides in the area, to send the folks back home the following message.

"As I reach my 100th year on March 5th, 2011 I think about and I thank a lot of the good people for remembering me. Now living in Oregon with a relative, Irene Zajac, I am reasonably in good health with a few bouts of arthritis. I play the keyboard regularly reminiscing the old songs. I read everything, especially history, which I enjoy a lot."

"What allows me to celebrate my 100th Birthday? Well, I have spent a lot of the time

**HERE AND THERE** - No News this week. P.A.H.

### NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

March 21st the Adult Swimming Program begins again at Fallsburg Central School. It goes for 6 weeks. There are classes Monday and Wednesday mornings, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings. For more information, call Eileen Minarsky at 985-7011 or Janet Carey at 9850-7391.

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

### DAYS OF YORE....

**Today's History** (Contd. From Pg 2)

#### March 1, 1961 (Contd.)

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Foster of Ellenville are parents of a daughter, Karen June, born at Ellenville Hospital on Feb. 15th. Paul is the son of Mrs. Edna Foster formerly of Grahamsville.

**February 24, 1971** - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nielsen of Neversink have announced the engagement of their daughter, Judith Ann, to John Sprague Elliott. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Elliott of Liberty. An April wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Agosta of Sacramento, Calif. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen, to Sgt. Gregory Parrow. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin W. Parrow of Sundown. The couple is planning a May 1st wedding.

Miss Kathy Fuller who is practice-teaching in Schenectady, spent most of the week at home with her parents, the Eugene Fullers. She was in Plattsburg two days during the week for interviews for teaching positions for the coming year.

**February 26, 1981** - Gary and Sharon Kortright are the proud parents of a baby girl born February 22, 1981. Paternal grandparents are Sherman and Vi Kortright and maternal grandparents are Leo and Alice Bertholf.

The Sherm Kortrights are home from their trip to Germany and Belgium where they visited with their son, Donald and wife and two granddaughters. Donald is stationed there in the Air Force.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Greenrose have four 8-month old Muscovy ducks and would like to know how to tell the males from the females. Any information would be greatly appreciated. If a duck answers, hang up!

### ERH Announces they now offer MRI services on campus (From Pg. 1)

With the new MRI, neurological testing can be performed on the brain, central nervous system and spine. Orthopedic studies include joint and bone scans. Other areas of study include MR Angiography (MRA), abdominal, renal, vascular (legs and carotid arteries), thyroid, and breast.

"We are pleased to be able to offer this new service at Ellenville Regional Hospital", said Richard Ligi, Director of Radiology and Cardiology. "To be able to offer this type of advanced technology without the need to travel out of the community is such a plus for our patients."

For an appointment, please call 845 647-6400 x271.

If you would like more information on MRI or other services provided by Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact the Hospital at (845)647-6400.

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

### Sullivan County TRIAD LIFE FILE



Liberty, New York -Sullivan County TRIAD, during their February meeting, presented flowers and a certificate of thanks to Kaytee Warren, Executive Director of the United Way of Sullivan County for funding TRIAD'S LIFE FILE. Thanks to their Community Impact Initiative of \$1500, over 1200 LIFE FILES were produced to benefit Sullivan County seniors. The LIFE FILE assists seniors by organizing their important estate matters (summarizing their legal, financial and insurance information) and helps them plan ahead, as well as assisting their survivors ~ acting as a central place to find vital information. Seniors can pick up a LIFE FILE and get more information on how to complete the LIFE FILE at the Office for the Aging (100 North Street, Monticello: 807-0241) and Cornell Cooperative Extension (64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty: 292-5250).

TRIAD (a partnership of senior representatives, law enforcement and senior advocates from over twenty area agencies) meets quarterly (January, April, July and October) on the last Friday of that month at Cornell Cooperative Extension. TRIAD's mission is to prevent elder abuse and works to maintain and improve the quality of life for Sullivan County senior citizens. Sullivan County residents interested in joining TRIAD are encouraged to call Cornell Cooperative Extension at 292-5250 to speak to Bonnie Lewis.

### Tri-Valley Lions: January/February Newsletter

by Lion Fran Fuller

Our Member Meeting was held on January 4th at Nardi's Restaurant in Hurleyville NY. Our guest speaker was Laurie Spaeth, who gave an informative talk on Natural Gas Drilling by fracking. She touched on some of the ramifications on our environment, human, and animal health issues, to be considered. Radon is a threat to our area where the fracking is being considered as it can cause cancer, lung issues, and many more diseases that are not even thought about for years to come. One should think very carefully before signing any lease papers for their land. It may not be in your best interest, when you find out what really is entailed with your rights to your own property once the lease is signed.

The February 3rd Meeting was held at the Daniel Pierce Library it was the first meeting to take place at the new addition. It was a wonderful evening and we all took a tour of the new wing and Museum. We all enjoyed a sensational meal by Brooks Catering. Our guest speaker, Phil Coombe Jr., spoke of the conception of the library from starting plans to its final finish, which will hopefully take place on May 1st, 2011. Mr. Coombe told us the background of all the wonderful people who gave their time, supplies, and donated money toward the cause. We ended the night with a sense of pride, looking at all a community could accomplish, with the help of people who really cared about their village, and wonderful landmark.

Our winning Peace Poster entry was also the winner of the MD-20 District Convention in Rochester Unfortunately it did not win the International conference; a 13yr old from India won that prize. We thank Rachelle Osnato, a Tri-Valley student, for trying so hard, creating such a beautiful poster, and for giving our club the chance to win the Peace Poster competition. Keep up the great work.

A donation of \$100.00 was made to the WSUL/WVOS Heartache and \$250.00 donation was made to VCB(Vision Center for the Blind) on behalf of the Tri-Valley Lions Club.

Keep in Mind that the *Journey for Sight* walk is on May 7th, 2011 at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. It is also Tag Day, so when you see our Lions Club members please be generous. Thank you for your support.

### CONGRATULATIONS TRI-VALLEY LADY BEARS!

Tri-Valley Lady Bears won the Class C Championship title with a 40-27 win over No. 3 Millbrook this past Sunday, March 6, 2011.

### AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the South Fallsburg Community Center (Former Ambulance Building) on Laurel Avenue in South Fallsburg, New York on Saturday, March 26, 2011 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message).

Sonny Smith, an AARP- Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message).

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

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

### BLUE JAYS

By Peggy DeWire



I think that a Blue Jay is one of the prettiest and most familiar birds around Grahamsville. Its noisy bold ways inspired the American poet, James Whitcomb Riley, to write in "Knee Deep in June":

"Mr. Blue Jay, full of sass  
In them baseball clothes of his,

Sporting around the orchard  
Like he owned the premises"

Its southern cousin, the Florida Scrub Jay, is quieter and friendlier. Both birds are about the same 12" size, blue color and belong to the crow family (Corvidae)

However, the Scrub Jay has no pointy head crest or white patches on its wings and tail like the Blue Jay.

Jaybird plumage is actually gray but each feather has the unique ability to reflect only the blue color band of a sunbeam to the human eye. To find out if this is really so, gently hammer the next Blue Jay feather you find and watch it turn gray as you destroy its reflecting ability.

A northern Blue Jay nest, usually located in thick bushes and/or cedar trees, is woven of small sticks and lined with soft grass. It holds 4-6 dull greenish eggs speckled with brown on the large end. Nesting lasts from April to May. The parents defend their homes from people, cats, dogs and other birds (especially their archenemy, the great horned owl) by dive-bombing intruders.

A Scrub Jay's nest in Florida scrub land is a compact flat platform of small twigs lined with rootlets and feathers. Eggs are greenish with brown spots. The family is small as only 2-4 are raised each year.

Scrub Jays feed in the morning, mostly on the ground. Friendly family flocks hop around for seeds, acorns and insects. A sentinel watches for danger from a lookout on a high bush.

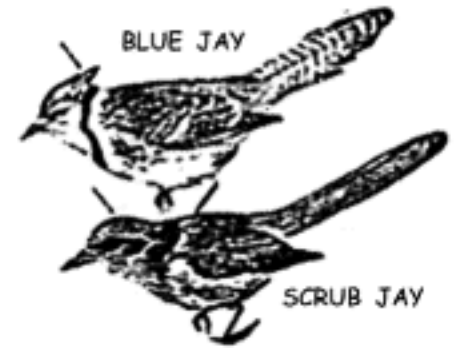
Occasionally it robs other nests of eggs and fledglings - a family trait of all jays - but this is only 1% of its diet.

Scrub Jays control harmful insects on Florida crops so well that they're protected by state law and are on the USDA honor roll.

Scrub Jays habitat has shrunk alarmingly as scrub oak lands get developed. Today you can find these native birds in widely scattered local pockets along the east coast and central sections of Florida.

I said earlier how friendly Scrub Jays are in family flocks and toward people in their home territory. I happily learned firsthand at a friend's house near Cape Canaveral when a pretty Scrub Jay flew across the backyard and took a peanut from my hand.

I hope these lovely birds will forever decorate our woodlands - sassy Mr. Blue Jay in the north and friendly Mr. Scrub Jay in the south.



February 18, 2011

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor, State of New York  
Executive Chamber, State Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Re: New York City Department of Environmental Protection  
Delaware Aquaduct Tunnel - Hamlet of Wawarsing

Dear Governor Cuomo:

During your campaign, you met in New Paltz with Mrs. Julianne Lennon, one of our Project Advisory Committee (PAC) members regarding the leaking Delaware Aquaduct tunnel in the Hamlet of Wawarsing, Ulster County, New York.

Every day 35million gallons of water leaks through this 450' section of the tunnel 700' under people's homes and under a main highway (NYS Route 209). This 35million gallons of water a day, times 365 days a year, is a huge waste of our natural resources. It is extremely frustrating for the residents of 40 homes to live in the conditions caused by the leaks in this portion of the tunnel. This problem has continued since 1992.

We have had many PAC meetings in an attempt to resolve this issue. NYCDEP Commissioner Caswell Holloway has been to Wawarsing twice and has met with the home owners and also made a "power point" presentation on his plans. The Commissioner has admitted that cracks in the tunnel wall is the major problem, causing the damage to the home owners' properties. The procedure of power-grouting concrete into the cracks in this section of the tunnel will not commence until 2019! My perspective is that this is a "band-aid" approach. The amount of time and money spent may not solve the problem. This section of the tunnel may be deficient and have to be replaced. Home owners cannot be expected to wait another many years for this problem to be corrected. Their patience will not last as their frustration continues to grow.

There is a solution to this problem, i.e., buy out the homes of those affected. The Greater Catskill Flood Remediation Program to purchase the properties affected by the water leakage - to assist these home owners - seems to be a sensible solution since the funds would be used for the same purpose as originally intended.

Senator John Bonacic introduced Senate Bill #6276 which passed 55-0. Assemblyman Kevin Cahill introduced Bill #10140 in the State Assembly. These Bills were introduced in early 2010. Bill #10140 has never come out of the Assembly Housing Committee chaired by Assemblyman Vito Lopez. Assemblyman Sheldon Silver blocked the Bill from coming to the full Assembly. I have sent 155 letters to the Assembly, urging them to pass Bill #10140 when it was presented to them (copy of my letter enclosed for your perusal). I am also enclosing copies of letters of support from Assemblywomen Teresa R. Sayward, Aileen M. Gunther and Nancy Calhoun. Senator John Bonacic will re-introduce the Bill again this year.

In order to keep you apprised, please be advised that the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Geological Survey, is conducting a study on ground water flow and fractures; in the Wawarsing area and they anticipate their studies will be completed in 2012.

Finally, when our PAC representative met with you in New Paltz, she extended an invitation to visit our area. I am also extending my invitation for you to visit and meet with the home owners. I would do whatever might be needed to expedite such a visit.

Sincerely,  
Leonard M. Distel Supervisor, Town of Wawarsing  
LMD:bas

February 25, 2011

The Honorable Leonard M. Distel, Supervisor  
Town of Wawarsing  
108 Canal Street  
P.O. Box 671  
Ellenville, New York 12428

Dear Supervisor Distel:

Thank you for inviting Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to visit and meet with the home owners near the Delaware Aquaduct Tunnel area.

As you might expect, Governor Cuomo receives a large number of invitations for events throughout New York State, and we appreciate your patience while we review your request. We will contact you as soon as a decision has been made based on the Governor's availability. If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact the Governor's Scheduling Office at 518-474-4727.

Thank you again for contacting us. Governor Cuomo appreciates hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Matthew Nelson  
Director of Scheduling

### Village of Monticello Events for Teens

On Friday, March 18th the Village of Monticello will be hosting a **Teen Dance Party** from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. Only \$1 dollar for Monticello High School Students and \$2 Dollars for all Non-Monticello High School Students. There will be a DJ and refreshments on hand. Come out to this fun and safe event and enjoy a great night in the Village of Monticello. For More information or to get involved with the dance contact the Village of Monticello Recreation Department at 845-794-2351

**Teen Basketball League** will be running each Friday Night from 6 pm to 9 pm in the Monticello Middle School. This league is for Children that are from 7th grade to 10 grade (JV and Modified age players). Each team will get a full schedule of games and a t-shirt and it is free to play. This Program is part of the Village of Monticello Youth Activities Program. For more information and to register, please contact the Village of Monticello Parks and Recreation Department at 845-794-2351

### Alta Log Homes Marking 40th Anniversary

Halcottsville, NY -Alta Log Homes is marking its 40th anniversary in the housing industry with a year-long celebration.

The Catskill Mountain log home manufacturer is a leader in innovative building techniques. A forerunner in the "green" building movement, Alta is an Energy Star partner. The company's new log homes can qualify for Energy Star and LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) certification. LEED is an internationally recognized green building method based on third-party verification.

Through its dealer network, Alta has sold homes in nearly every state. There are even homes in Japan as a result of a partnership program embarked upon about 20 years ago.

As part of its milestone celebration, Alta is offering a special opportunity to "try out" its product at Log Home Lodging. Opened in 2010, adjacent to the Alta office complex, Log Home Lodging gives visitors a perfect taste of Alta craftsmanship and quality. Anyone staying at the lodging facility this year will receive a credit for the price of their stay off the cost of a home ordered in 2011. The company will be announcing other incentives throughout the year.

## Hinchey Votes No On Republican Middle Class Tax Increase, Supports Alternative Bill to Repeal Burdensome 1099 Reporting

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today voted against a middle class tax increase put forward by Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives. The legislation in question, H.R. 4, would eliminate a 1099 reporting requirement that small businesses oppose. Hinchey said, however, that while he is supportive of the effort to stop the burdensome rule from taking effect in 2012, he also thinks that middle class families should not be forced to pick up the \$25 billion tab. Hinchey voted to pass a version of the bill that avoids tax increases on middle class families by instead repealing taxpayer-funded subsidies for large oil companies.

"Virtually everyone agrees that the 1099 reporting requirement established as a result of the health care law should be stopped and eliminated before it goes into effect," said Hinchey. "What we disagree on is how that should be paid for. I think it should be paid for by ending taxpayer subsidies for Big Oil, and the other side wants to raise taxes on middle class families."

In January, Hinchey signed onto alternative legislation that would repeal a provision that in 2012 will require businesses to send IRS Form 1099s for every business-to-business transaction of \$600 or more for both property and services. The Small Business Tax Relief Act of 2011, H.R. 417, would help small businesses which say the requirement needlessly complicates the tax filing process without offering a foreseeable benefit.

"Employers in our part of New York and across the country should be in the job creating business - not the paperwork business," said Hinchey. "The health care law made a lot of important improvements but we need to continually work for smart changes that everyone can agree on. This new requirement won't improve our health care system and it needs to be eliminated. That's what I'm working hard to do, and I'm hopeful that we'll get bipartisan support."

President Obama highlighted the new 1099s filing requirement in his State of the Union address, noting that it would place an "unnecessary bookkeeping burden on small businesses." The expanded reporting requirement is not currently in place and is not scheduled to take effect until 2012. The provision was included in the Affordable Care Act to raise revenue by reducing the "tax gap," or the amount of income that goes unreported by large corporations, by requiring more comprehensive reporting of purchases of property and services.

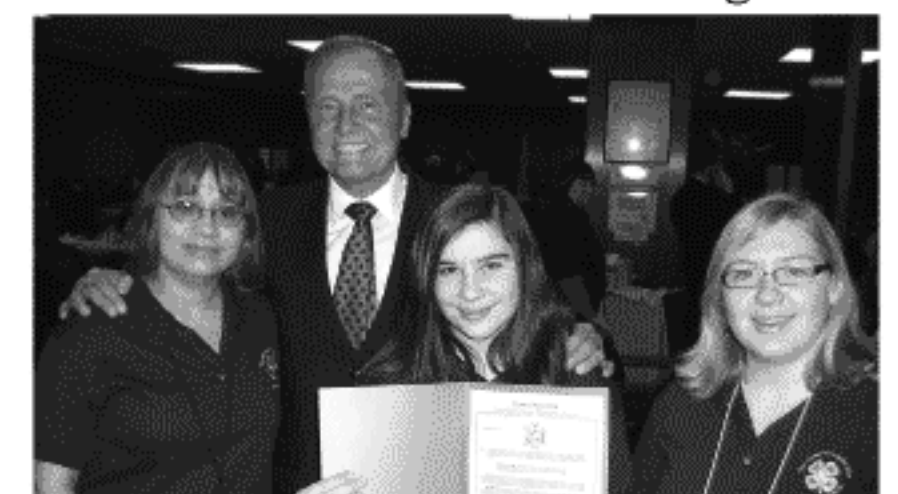
## Carol Spinelli Named to Coldwell Banker® International Diamond Society

Margaretville, NY - Carol Spinelli of Bovina Center, a sales associate/representative with Coldwell Banker Timberland Properties, has earned membership in the company's International Diamond Society. The Diamond Society level is achieved by only the top five percent of the approximately 96,600 sales associates/representatives worldwide in the Coldwell Banker system.

Carol has been with Coldwell Banker Timberland Properties since 2002. She has been a member of the International Diamond Society since 2008. She also ranked number one among agents in Gross Commissions earned for Coldwell Banker Timberland Properties during 2010.

Coldwell Banker Timberland Properties has been serving the Catskill Region since 1971 and has offices in Margaretville, Delhi and Stamford. For additional information, call 845 586-3321 or visit [TimberlandProperties.net](http://TimberlandProperties.net).

## Senator Bonacic Meets with Sullivan Co 4-H Delegates



On March 1, 2011 delegates from Sullivan County 4-H visited Senator Bonacic in Albany. Senator Bonacic is pictured with them after presenting the delegates with a Resolution in support of 4-H. From left to right: Community Educator Marylin Russell, Senator Bonacic, Erica Olsen and Elizabeth Bracken.

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**"What's Shakin' in Shandaken?"**

Greetings and salutations from the "Heart of the Park,"

As always, everyone is welcome to visit the Town of Shandaken website (shandaken.us) to get up-to-date information on events and activity within the Town and region.

**Phoenicia Floods:** We are still awaiting word on our last attempt at a permit to remove the gravel bar in the Stony Clove. In the mean time the Town is applying for two grants to assist us in both finding a longer-term solution to the issues at the confluence of the Stony Clove and Esopus Creeks which we will include modifications that we hope to expedite within the coming year. The second grant would help us evaluate flooding issues on a broader base throughout the Town and possibly help reduce the cost of flood insurance for Town residents through credits that can be obtained to lower our community rating by updating flood mapping. We have heard that we may be hearing from NYS-DEC on our permit within the coming days.

**Ambulance:** The Town is seeking bids for an ambulance to replace its oldest unit. All bids are due and will be opened at a public meeting designated at our March 7 meeting. For more information or specifications please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (845) 688-5004.

**Health Center:** We are saddened by the loss of services from Maverick West in Phoenicia. They are opening their new offices in Boiceville and we wish them the best of luck. In the interim the Town of Shandaken owned building is vacant, we are open to possibilities for the future of this space, but ideally would love to continue offering medical services from this facility. If you are a medical practitioner or work in a related field and are looking for space, please contact my office (688-7165) at your earliest convenience.

**Beautification:** As we turn the corner toward spring it is time to warm up those dormant green thumbs. What better way to welcome visitors to our area and put a smile on residents faces than helping to beautify our hamlets with fresh flowers and decorations? There are several groups throughout the Town that could always use a hand, be it for initial plantings, fundraising or simply helping brainstorm some new ideas to help enhance the natural beauty and splendor of our hamlets. If you are interested in assisting in beautification efforts in your hamlet, please contact my office any weekday and we can direct you to the proper organization in your area.

**Triathlon:** The 18th Annual Pine Hill Arms Triathlon returns to Shandaken on Sat., March 19. The annual Ski-Bike-Run Event takes place between Belleayre Mountain in Highmount and the Hamlet of Pine Hill. Competitors start at 1pm by skiing a 1.2mile run from the top of Belleayre to the lower lodge where they embark on a 13 mile bike ride through Highmount and Pine Hill only to return to Belleayre where they start a 3+ mile run to the finish line on Main St. Pine Hill. Individuals and teams are welcome to compete. There are a multitude of categories to win and several age groups. The event annually draws more than 150 competitors and is a unique warm-up for some nationally recognized Tri-athletes. Whether standing on the deck at Belleayre's Overlook lodge to view the skiers or waiting on Main St. for the finish, this event is fun for competitors and spectators of all ages. Go to [pinehillarms.com](http://pinehillarms.com) for more details.

**Meetings: Town Bd.** - First Mon./month; **Planning Bd.** - Second Wed./month; **ZBA** - Third Wed./month  
**Warmest regards...Robert A. Stanley, Supervisor, Town of Shandaken**

**The Olive Branch**

**FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN** -Paula Rhodes

Hello my friends,

I am not so sure this rambling will ever make it to the newspaper but, I really need to write it. And if it does I want to thank Linda for printing it.

Everyone knows I applied to Catskill Watershed Corporation for financing to buy the property my store is in. or if you don't, you do now. For those of you who don't know what CWC is, it is the corporation created to distribute the money New York City gives them. It is not a bank it was created to invest money in our communities. When they built the reservoirs not only were families displaced but the towns' businesses were lost. So CWC was created to "Promote Environmentally Responsible Businesses In The Catskill Watershed Region". That is the definition of my business.

There are actually four commercial rental spaces on this property. It is a very good business and for almost two years, the store alone has afforded a very comfortable life for my husband and me. I have been able to put a little money away in preparation of the purchase.

I meet with two paid professionals from CWC last year and was told what I would need to start the loan process. They have bent over backwards to help me through the process and when I tried to thank them they both said it was their job! And they encouraged me not to give up. No it is more than a job and we all know it.

I am not asking for a grant, but a loan and the reason it is so important I get it from them is because they are not a bank they invest in the region and can offer a much better interest rate. My building has been open since 1926 and the rental revenue will pay all notes, taxes, insurance and have a little left over. Then there would be the revenue from the store and my craft service business. So, I know this is a good investment.

SOOOO I with the help from the community and friends, did a business plan and the current owner offered to carry the 10% CWC told me I would need. I saved the money for the closing cost and thought I was on my way.

I was presented to the loan committee and because one of the members heard a rumor there was a problem with my septic system and they were concerned about my not having enough operating capital my application was tabled.

So, I started working with DEP, an engineer and the man that emptied the septic to "get my septic certified" and saving more "working capital".

On March 3, 2011 with my application, the fact that I had indeed run the store profitably for 19 months, the Inn completely renovated and ready to start generating income and my DEP Certificate in hand, I went back to CWC and was re-presented to the loan commit-

tee. They turned me down. Barb, told me they were concerned I didn't have enough working capital and like the other restaurants they had invested in I would fail! OK, I AM NOT A RESTAURANT. I have about 12 seats that my friends sit around at and drink coffee and solve the woes of the world, BUT 95% or more of the food I sell is taken home and heated! Actually a lot of that is breakfast sandwiches and muffins.

Oh yea not enough working capital. I have almost \$10,000.00 saved for working capital. As I said I was in a state of shock and am still crying but, that really isn't my point here. My point is:

They did not think my business was worthy of financing. Who are 'They'? Who are the people that sat around a table and decided I wasn't worthy enough? I don't think I know any of them so how could they pass that judgment? So I think I will introduce myself to them. Maybe if they actually know me I will have a better chance. Or maybe I should just walk away and say, "Oh well, the loan committee knows best!" Have you stopped laughing yet? You know that's not going to happen.

I will save more money and I will go back. I will in the mean time start to research "other options". And I will begin to do the environmentally responsible updates I can. Yes, I have already been told by more than one person that I really shouldn't "p" off the loan committee off! Ok, as I said I am going to introduce myself to each and every member of the CWC loan committee and explain to them how good my business is and how much our community wants us and supports us. I also might carry a copy of the CWC mission statement. When I do I will apologize for p- -ing them off but, they p- -ed me and a lot of my friends off by telling us the only business in our little community isn't worthy of their financing!

So, hang on my friends the process begins and I will buy my business and I will be successful because I am home and I will fight for my home!

Come see me and if you know a member of the loan committee at CWC bring them by and introduce them to me or if by some chance the members of the loan committee happen to be in the area stop by and say 'hi' and see whose life you hold in your hands and have some alligator jambalaya!

Have a good week my friends.  
 The Dixie Chicken

**RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES**

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

Hi folks. Well, Spring is just around the corner, and I'm a happy man. I hope you all had a great week and are now ready to go out and spend some money supporting local live music. Speaking of which, last week, I profiled The Organiks, and last night, almost at the last minute, I found out that

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# BUSINESS

The Bruce Katz Band was going to be playing up in Tannersville. Now Bruce is the keyboard player in The Organiks, so naturally, I drove up there to catch the show, and I was happy I did. The band rocked right out of the gate, breaking in their new guitar player, Jimmy Bennett, an old favorite of mine from The Alexis Suter Band and The Bennett Brothers, and the beautiful thing was, it was almost an Organiks gig, as my favorite drummer, Randy Ciarlante, was sitting in on drums. Well, it was a couple of hours of pure delight! I'm telling you folks, make it a point to catch these guys. They're always great.

To those of you who went out to the Dave Mason show at The Bearsville Theater, only to find that it had been rescheduled, I'm sorry. I should have warned you that Dave is notoriously unreliable, and it might have been a good idea to check with the venue first. But, I will repeat what I've said before. This guy is a major league talent as a songwriter and guitar player, so it's worth putting up with his shenanigans. When he finally does show up, everyone's gonna be happy. The show has been rescheduled, and as soon as the new date is announced, you'll read it here first.

As of this writing, the musical pickings are a tad slim in our local area for this week, but tonight, March 10, does kick off the first show of a sixteen show run with The Allman Brothers at The Beacon Theater in Manhattan and also is the first night of five shows by Further (basically, The Grateful Dead) at the Best Buy Theater in Manhattan, with three more nights to follow at Radio City Music Hall later in the month. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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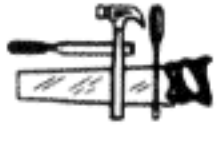
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**RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES** (From Pg. 6  
Lucinda Williams also drops in to Webster Hall on West 11th Street for two shows over the weekend, so maybe this might be a good weekend to head down to the city, where winter is already completely over, and pick up on The Dead, The Allmans, and Lucinda, all in one weekend. That's a lineup that's pretty hard to beat! For those of you who can't make it to the city, there is one spectacular musical event going on in our area this weekend. On Friday, March 11, Blue Chicken and Myles 'Mojo' Mancuso will be at The Falcon in Marlboro, a short drive, and very easy to get to. For those of you with a short memory, Blue Chicken, who were my pick of the week a few weeks ago, is a band made up of members of Levon Helm's Band with the addition of Sid Maginnes, the guitar player from The David Letterman Show, and Randy Ciarlante on drums. Opening for Blue Chicken will be Miles 'Mojo' Mancuso, the 16 year old guitar wunderkind who is a fixture at Keegan Ales and many other venues in our area. This kid has a beautiful career ahead of him. He's like catching Kenny Wayne Shepard or Jonny Lang when they were still kids, before they hit the big time. A great double bill.  
Alright, it's gonna be short and sweet this week. I got a lot o' rockin' to catch up on! See ya!

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**Town Board** meets every second Tuesday of each month. Both meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY.  
**Town of Olive Planning Board** meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

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### Two-Session Workshop in Adobe Photoshop Lightroom

Join instructor Deb Schwarz for a two-session workshop in Adobe Photoshop Lightroom, April 22nd and 29th from 6 - 9 pm. The workshop will be held at The Art Society of Kingston (ASK) located at 97 Broadway, in the Rondout district of Kingston. The cost for the 2-session workshop is \$150.

"Lightroom" is an intuitive application, useful for optimizing your digital files in a straightforward nondestructive manner without getting into the complex world of layers and channels. It further has file management capability that is helpful in 'wrangling' your images into a customized database.

This workshop will introduce photographers to the user interface and get you started with developing a workflow, focusing on the tools used for processing images.

Local photographer, Deb Schwarz offers a fun approach to editing digital images. Please bring your laptops with the current (version 3) and updated version of Lightroom installed on your computer, along with some images (RAW preferred, but jpegs will work) saved to your desktop or a personal device. The only prerequisite is basic computer skills that include file maintenance.

Deb Schwarz resides in the Hudson Valley. Her images have been published in calendars and regional magazines and she has participated in group and solo shows.

**"Inspired Landscapes" on view at CWC office** MARGARETVILLE, March 1, 2011 - "Inspired Landscapes," an exhibition of oil paintings by George Ballantine of Andes, is on view through April 29 at the offices of the Catskill Watershed Corporation, 905 Main Street, Margaretville.

The exhibit can be seen weekdays from 8 to 4:30. George Ballantine describes his work as "poems in paint." A native of Andes, his fascination with the Catskills runs deep: many of his ancestors lived and worked in Andes and the landscapes on exhibit at the CWC depict the farm fields, woods and streams surrounding Andes in various seasons and light.

He studied art at the Art Students League in New York City, as well as voice at Julliard. Ballantine's work has also been exhibited in Saint Thomas, New Mexico, New York City, and in various locations in upstate New York, as well as at 61 Main Street Gallery in Andes. The work on view at the CWC was created over the past two years by the 89-year-old artist. (Next Col.)

Besides painting and sculpting in clay and wood, Ballantine has also devoted his artist's spirit and craft to sculpting earth. He created what is now called Ballantine Park, a public park in the hamlet of Andes. With its streamside path, stone benches and plantings of specimen trees, he shaped a place of serene beauty on a two-acre site containing the ruins of an abandoned grist mill.

He earned a living for many years building roads, ponds, and helping to construct other sites in the area, including the Pepacton Reservoir of the New York City water system.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. For more information, go to [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org), or call toll-free 877-928-7433; or 845-586-1400

### SC 4-Her's Make a Great Showing at the Regional Horsebowl/Hippology Competition

Six members of Sullivan County 4-H horse program participated in the regional horsebowl/hippology competition on Saturday, February 26, 2011, in Middletown, NY. Along with Sullivan County there were multiple teams representing Orange, Ulster, Dutchess and Rockland Counties. In hippology, team members competed in the following eight areas: tack identification, horse judging, horse reproduction knowledge, identification and treatment of horse injury and illness, foaling knowledge, horse training knowledge, problem solving/public speaking, and a written test on general horse knowledge. Teams are usually made up of 3-4 members each. All Sullivan County members who competed are members of the 4-H Fetlocks. The following are the teams and their results:

Sullivan County Junior Novice Team #1 - Placed 3rd overall as a team: Ashlynn Ratner, Emily Carey and Erin Denman

Sullivan County Junior Novice Team #2 - Placed 4th overall as a team despite having only 2 members: Bridget Kackos and Alora Carey

Mixed County Senior Team - Placed 1st overall as a team: Steven Vogler (Sullivan County had only one member for this age group. Steven teamed up with 4-H members from Ulster and Orange Co. to compete)

Hippology Individual Placing for Junior Novice Division (only top 10 recognized); 3rd Place - Bridget Kackos; 6th Place - Ashlynn Ratner; 10th Place - Emily Carey

For horsebowl, members competed as a team in a quizbowl type of situation and had to "buzz in" on general horse knowledge questions. The following are the teams and their results:

Sullivan County Junior Novice Team #1 - 6th Place as a team; Alora Carey, Erin Denman, Ashlynn Ratner, and Bridget Kackos

Mixed County Junior Novice Team - (Next Col.)



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3rd Place as a team; Emily Carey and 3 others from Orange and Ulster Counties

Mixed County Senior Team - 2nd Place Team; Steven Vogler and 3 others from Orange and Ulster Counties

Horsebowl Individual Placing for Junior Novice (only top 10 recognized)

10th place individual - Alora Carey  
Congratulations to all on a great competition

### Village of Monticello Flag Football

The Village of Monticello is running our Spring Flag Football Season starting the weekend of May 7th and 8th and running until June 26th and giving each team at least 12 games regular season and 1 playoff game for each team.

Team fees are \$100 a team for an 5-man team or \$300 a team for an 8-man team and all players that are on a 8-man roster can play 5-man for FREE, plus referee fees that are due before each game begins.

All Checks are made out to the Village of Monticello and can be dropped off at the Village hall anytime before the season. The League plays two different styles of Flag Football we play a new 5 on 5 league on Saturday afternoons and our long standing 8 on 8 league on Saturday Afternoons.

This league is well recognized in all Flag Football Circles in the United States as many teams in this league have competed on the national level and have shown the ability to dominate not just compete.

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### Dancing With the Teachers (From Pg. 1)

His mother Sue Ann Smith was overwhelmed as well. "I don't know what to say ... we're really thankful for the help and support." The funds will be used to help with traveling to and from Westchester for treatment every week.



Judges April Kackos, Connie Elberth and Kevin Giroux all of whom were totally totally unqualified to judge dancers, said that there were four categories: Most in Sync, Best Dance Techniques, Most Original and Best in Show.



The 17 acts included performances by The Dance Emporium of Middletown; the 5th, 7th and 8th grades; an alphabet soup of school organizations: the FBLA, the FCCLA, the FFA; the Tri-Valley Bears Football team, and the Best in Show winners: The Art Club.



Three teachers vied all week for the chance to get a pie in the face during intermission. And the winner was Dean of Students Derek Adams who said he got the honor because of how much the students like him.

DWTT was organized by Business Education teacher Brenda Hay and her Entertainment Marketing class. The event raised \$3,181.83 for the MacPherson family.





**Pump up your fuel mileage - Sprague & Killeen, Inc. offers simple strategies to increase fuel efficiency and save money on car insurance**

Ellenville, NY, 2/28/2011 - Are prices at the pump stretching your budget to the limit?

It may still be a few years before super-efficient vehicles - like those inspired by the Progressive Insurance Automotive X PRIZE - appear in auto dealers' showrooms. But there are things you can do today to increase your current car's fuel efficiency and help you save money on gas.

"There is good news," according to Jamie Brooks with Sprague & Killeen, Inc. in Ellenville whose agency offers insurance from well-known carriers like Progressive. "No matter what kind of car you drive, chances are you can increase your miles per gallon - and save money - by following a few simple strategies."

- Make the right choice at the pump. Are you paying an extra 10 or 20 cents per gallon for high-grade gas? Check your owner's manual and make sure it's what your car really needs. Most newer cars run best on regular gas.

- Take it easy behind the wheel. How you drive can have a big impact on your fuel economy. Jack-rabbit starts, speeds above 60 miles per hour and unnecessary idling all have a negative impact on fuel economy.

- Give your car a little TLC. Keeping your vehicle in good running condition can make a difference when it comes to fuel economy. Follow your manufacturer's service schedule. Make sure the tires are properly inflated, keep the engine tuned, and change the oil and filters regularly.

- Get the junk out of the trunk. Remove unnecessary items from your vehicle. The excess weight drags down your fuel economy.

"Besides improving fuel efficiency, there are other simple ways to save money," said Brooks. "Comparison shopping for car insurance is important. Rates from different companies can vary by hundreds of dollars. An independent insurance agent can compare products and rates from multiple insurance companies and put together a customized insurance plan for you."

Here are a few things to consider:

- Has your life situation changed? If you've recently moved, gotten married, or had a birthday, mention it to your agent. You may be eligible for discounts.

- Is your car getting older? You don't always need the same level of coverage on older cars as newer ones. If you drive an older car, an agent can advise you on what level of coverage makes sense. Raising your deductible on comprehensive or collision coverage could save you money, too.

- Do you have another type of vehicle that needs coverage? Consider a stand-alone policy for your motorcycle, boat or RV. They can be cost effective and offer specialized coverages not available when you simply add the vehicle to your homeowners policy.

Sprague & Killeen, Inc., in business since 1867, is located at 116 Canal Street. Independent agent Jamie Brooks provides expert advice and personal service and can be reached at 845-647-9100 or at [jamiebrooks@sprague-killeen.com](mailto:jamiebrooks@sprague-killeen.com).

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**With Gas Prices Expected to Skyrocket, Gillibrand Urges President to Release Oil from Strategic Petroleum Reserve**

Washington, DC - With gas prices rapidly increasing due to turmoil in the Middle East, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is urging President Obama to release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR). In the last year, gas prices in New York State have increased by 25 percent. This action would immediately stabilize gasoline prices which, according to the Energy Information Administration, were higher last month than in any February on record.

"Gasoline prices are at an all time high this month and are up \$0.71 per gallon from a year ago," Senator Gillibrand said. "Our families are already struggling in this difficult economy, and the last thing we need is rising gas prices. Releasing oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is critical to relieve this extra burden on our families here in New York and across the country."

Gas prices have climbed more than 50 cents per gallon over the past 12 months and are now above the \$3 mark. These prices are putting a significant dent in the budgets of middle class families across the country. The price of oil has risen over \$10 per barrel in the last month, a price that would cost Americans an additional \$40 billion annually, according to the Petroleum Marketers Association of America.

In a letter to the President, Senator Gillibrand wrote, "The current price spike couldn't have come at a worse time. When gas prices last peaked in July 2008, unemployment was 5.8%. Now, unemployment has been at or above 9% for 21 months. The Consumer Price Index increased 1.5% for all items in 2010, but for gasoline, the increase was 13.8%."

**Sullivan County offers Planning/Zoning Board of Appeals Training from the New York State Department of State**

Monticello, NY - County Manager David P Fanslau has announced that the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management has arranged for Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals Training from the New York State Department of State.

"On Monday, March 28th, 2011, the Division of Planning and Environmental Management is hosting 3 training sessions. Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals members can receive all 4 hours of their State Mandated training credit in one day. Additionally, Code Enforcement Officers can receive one hour of in-service credit each for two of the sessions. The event will be held in the Legislative Hearing Room at the Government Center in Monticello," said Fanslau.

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4 - 5 pm Waterfront Revitalization-At this workshop, staff will discuss how completing an LWRP(Local Waterfront Revitalization Program) can increase a community's ability to attract appropriate development and how presenting a unified vision for the waterfront increases a community's chances to obtain public and private funding for waterfront projects. (this session will be lead by a coastal resource specialist)

5 - 6:30 pm Site Plan Review-This course is an overview of the statutory authority local governments have to review site plans. It will address the scope and content of a site plan and the role of the site plan in municipal review of development projects. (Trainers: Patricia Burke and Christopher Eastman, land use training specialists) Code Enforcement Officers will receive 1 hour of In-Service Credit.


6:30 - 7 pm Break

7 - 8:30 pm Special Use Permits-Some uses require additional review and should be granted permission only if the application meets certain conditions. Scenarios in which the special use permit tool is most helpful will be discussed, along with rules local boards must follow for reviewing and approving applications for special use permits. (Trainers: Patricia Burke and Christopher Eastman, land use training specialists) Code Enforcement Officers will receive 1 hour of In-Service Credit.

This event is free, and open to the public. To reserve a spot or for further information contact the Division of Planning and Environmental Management at: (845) 807-0527 or [planning@co.sullivan.ny.us](mailto:planning@co.sullivan.ny.us).


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**NYS LOST 23 PERCENT OF ALL DAIRY FARMS IN FIVE YEARS** (From Pg. 1)

**Gillibrand Plan Would Make Dairy Pricing More Competitive for NY Producers, Prevent Cuts To MILC Program, Help Bolster NY's Milk Exports, Improve Storage Reporting Standards and Trade Price Stability**

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced a comprehensive plan to provide immediate support for New York's dairy farmers who are facing an imminent crisis. After hearing from dairy farmers at six agricultural listening sessions across New York State in preparation for the 2012 Farm Bill, Senator Gillibrand concluded that farmers cannot wait for solutions, and that steps are needed now.

The cornerstone of Senator Gillibrand's plan is overhauling the milk pricing system with fair, competitive pricing for New York dairy producers, and making the opaque pricing system more transparent in an effort to fix a system where dairy farmers often pay more to produce their products than they make from selling them. Senator Gillibrand is also working to prevent looming cuts to the MILC program, bolster New York's dairy exports, improve cold storage inventory reporting standards to stabilize dairy trading prices, and arm dairy farmers with more of the tools and information they need to thrive.

"Our dairy farmers are facing a real crisis, and we simply cannot wait until the Farm Bill to find solutions. We need to address this crisis now," Senator Gillibrand said. "New York is home to the hardest working farm families and the finest dairy products in the world, but outdated regulations, broken pricing structures and a bad economy are hurting our dairy farmers, and farming communities across the state. We need to act now to support New York's dairy farms."

In the span of just five years, New York State lost 23 percent of its dairy farms. As of 2007, New York State is home to nearly 5,700 dairy farms, down from nearly 7,400 in 2002, according to the USDA.

The county-by-county data reflect the most current data available. Since 2007, though, New York has lost even more dairy farms, with 5,400 dairy farms today.

The Hudson Valley is home to nearly 150 dairy farms as of 2007, down from more than 230 in 2002, an average decrease of 48 percent.

**Senator Gillibrand's Dairy Agenda**

**1. Prevent Cuts to MILC Program**

Senator Gillibrand is working to prevent cuts to MILC program that are set to take effect on September 2, 2012.

The MILC program was designed to be a safety net when prices fall below \$16.94 per hundred-weight. However, because of the high costs of feed and fuel, dairy farmers are not even receiving

enough income to cover the cost of staying in business. New York farmers have been forced to either take on massive debt to cover their costs or go out of business.

Starting September 2012, the MILC reimbursement rate is set to decrease from 45 percent to 35 percent of the difference between the \$16.94 trigger price and the actual Class 1 Boston price. Senator Gillibrand is working to prevent these cuts and preserve this vital safety net for New York producers.

**2. Increase Competitiveness of Dairy Pricing Measures**

Senator Gillibrand is urging the USDA to collect and publish data on alternative measures of dairy pricing, such as competitive pay pricing so that everyone can clearly see if this would be a better way to price milk. This idea has also been endorsed by Secretary Vilsack's Dairy Industry Advisory Committee and the National Milk Producers Federation. Since it was adopted in 1996, the current system of end-product pricing has contributed to increased volatility in the prices farmers receive for their milk.

A competitive pay pricing system would base the price of milk on a survey of prices paid to farmers for milk used in cheese production in a competitive market, which are counties with at least five different milk buyers. New York is one of only three states with competitive counties today. In noncompetitive areas, the existing Federal Milk Marketing Order (FMMO) system would take effect, however base prices would be established by the competitive pay pricing system.

A competitive pricing system would benefit New York because of our proximity to competitive markets, and would be a more transparent and direct way of pricing milk based on the actual prices that farmers receive.

Senator Gillibrand is urging Secretary Vilsack to collect this data retroactively to allow the comparison of prices derived under this system to end-product pricing, and determine a thorough, informed decision about the best path forward.

**3. Reduce Somatic Cell Counts**

To improve America's milk quality and bolster New York's dairy exports, Senator Gillibrand is leading the effort to limit somatic cell counts (SCC) - the most basic measure of milk quality - from the current standard of 750,000 cells/ml down to 400,000 cells/ml.

Lowering the SCC limit can benefit both producers and consumers. Milk with low SCC has a longer shelf life, better taste, and greater cheese yield. Studies have shown that for every doubling of somatic cell counts in a herd, milk production drops by 400 pounds per cow per lactation. Many cooperatives already provide incentives for farmers to produce milk under the legal SCC limit, and for the last 7 years the national average SCC count has declined. In 2008, the average SCC in the U.S. was 262,000 cells/ml, far below the legal limit of 750,000 cells/ml.

**4. Require Cold Storage Inventory Reporting**

Inventories of certain types of classified cheeses have the ability to significantly influence trading activity on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. However, cold storage facilities are currently not required to report their inventories of dairy products to the USDA Natural Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), and only do so on a voluntary basis, creating an environment of volatility and uncertainty for dairy trading. In fact, by February of 2009, the low point of the dairy crisis, NASS reported that Cold Storage Inventories had been inflated by approximately 9 percent.

Senator Gillibrand is introducing legislation that would make reporting to the NASS Cold Storage Report mandatory, and give the USDA the authority to audit warehouse inventories to help bring more stability to dairy trading prices.

**5. Increase Transparency and Information for Dairy Farmers**

To provide more transparency into dairy cooperatives and arm dairy farmers with more of the information they need to thrive, Senator Gillibrand is introducing the Democracy for Dairy Producers Act. The legislation would require dairy cooperatives that engage in bloc voting to provide their member farmers with written notices when votes occur that provide the following information:  
Procedures by which a producer may

- cast an individual ballot;
- Contact information for the milk marketing order information clearinghouse;
- Point of contact within the cooperative to provide members with information about upcoming bloc voting

The bill also requires each milk marketing order to establish an information clearinghouse to provide information regarding any proposed milk marketing order reforms. This information is required to be published on a website and distributed to producers through a fax list, email distribution list, or U.S. mail list, at the discretion of individual producers. Clearinghouses would be required to provide:

- Information on procedures by which a producer may cast an individual ballot;
- Due dates for each specific referendum;
- The text of each referendum question under consideration;
- A description in plain language of the question and relevant background information

**POLITICAL SLANT**

Frank Comando  
**Press release - CRREO** Actress Cynthia Nixon asks: School cuts for kids or tax cuts for millionaires? Which would YOU choose?

**The Center for Research, Regional Education, and Outreach (CRREO)**, in collaboration with the SUNY New Paltz School of Education and the New Paltz Central School District Board Legislative Action Committee is sponsored a forum on "Financing Education through Income Taxes?" on Thursday, March 24th in the New Paltz Central School District high school auditorium from 7-9 p.m. with **Assemblyman Kevin Cahill 101st A.D.**

**The Equity in Education Act (A.447)** proposes the elimination of real property taxes for the purposes of funding education. "By doing away with the school real property tax and changing to a more progressive statewide income tax, we will be able to fund our schools equitably, fairly and more affordably for all New Yorkers," said Assemblyman Cahill.

**Gerald Benjamin notes**, "There are pros and cons to shifting the tax burden of funding education from the local real property tax to a statewide income tax. This forum will include the perspectives of experts who have studied the issue of school funding and have come to varying conclusions about the efficacy of the Equity in Education Act's model."

The panel includes: Frank Mauro - Executive Director, Fiscal Policy Institute; Martin Reid - Deputy Director of Government Relations, NYS School Boards Association; and Gerald Benjamin - CRREO Director and Associate Vice President for Regional Engagement at SUNY New Paltz.

The New Paltz high school is located at 130 South Putt Corners Road. The Duzine-Lenape PTA will provide babysitting on site in Room 174. For more information, please email [tobinflk@newpaltz.edu](mailto:tobinflk@newpaltz.edu) or call (845) 257-2901.

CRREO was established in 2007 to further engage the university and its people with communities, governments, not-for-profits and businesses across our region. CRREO conducts and publicizes research on regional topics; creates and directs select institutes focusing on specific topics of regional interest; connects and partners with local governments, not-for-profits and businesses to initiate reforms and advocate for best practices; contracts to assess the performance of public and not-for-profit agencies and programs; and works to foster intergovernmental collaboration and community engagement.

**The School of Education at SUNY New Paltz** offers Bachelor's and Master's degree programs that lead to teacher certification, a Certificate of Advanced Study in education administration, and a collaborative doctorate in school leadership and policy development with SUNY Albany. The School of Education is the home of several major grants and has established clinical partnerships with many school districts and BOCES in our region. It also maintains a collaborative program in Teaching English as a Second Language with Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey.

The New Paltz Central School District Board Legislative Action Committee is designed to: inform, educate and advise the Board of Education and community concerning legislative issues and matters affecting public education; provide the community with a practical way to get involved in legislative issues relating to the school district; advocate for the school district on the federal, state, and local levels; review and monitor legislation to determine its impact on the school district; build positive relationships with legislators for the school district; make known the school district's needs to our elected officials; enlist community support for legislative issues that affect our schools; and inform and make recommendations to the Board of Education accordingly.

If you have something to say, say it here, and it must be less than 300 words, e-mail [politicalslant@yahoo.com](mailto:politicalslant@yahoo.com).

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On April 17th through 23 of 2011 five women will carry a hand-crafted vessel of water from the clean Neversink Reservoir to a place where water is endangered, Salt Springs State Park in Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania.

On Sat, April 23, the day after Earth Day there will be a final event at Salt Springs State Park at the Pavilion.

We will have a ritual libation of the water from Buttermilk Falls in the NYC watershed, the Catskill Mountains, which has been lovingly carried on foot through many communities receiving gratitude and blessings along the way with the understanding that this small amount of water symbolizes all water, everywhere. Those who wish to may bring some of this water back to their own community.

We will celebrate by feasting and entertaining one another with our creative expressions in honor of water and life and good food and fun.

We would love to have you participate and represent your community on this day.

We invite you to bring your own special sort of joy to this event.

Bring yourself and your family, a dish to pass and any form of creativity you would like to add--dancing, singing, playing an instrument, a smiling face.

Let's enjoy each other and explore the lovely Salt Springs Park on Earth Day weekend.

Do you know others who would like to join us? Please share!  
Contact me if you wish to schedule a particular performance or if you have any questions.

Blessings to YOU!  
Water is Life!  
Lynn Senick  
simplywitness@yahoo.com  
570.278.2063  
<http://www.walkaboutwater.blogspot.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/event>

**FOOD COLLECTION**  
Please continue to bring your non-perishable food items to the **Good Stuff Cafe and Country Store** in West Shokan. They are particularly looking for donations of single servings of fruit cups, fruit juice, puddings, etc. For more information call Paula at 845-657-2115.

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Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm  
Friday Youth Night 7 pm



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Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship Service 10:30am  
985-2283

**Claryville Reformed Church**



Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041

Bible Class 9:00 am  
Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
**Rev. Paul Nulton**  
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**Covered Dish Supper**

**Covered Dish Supper**  
Apr. 2, 2011  
(Jan. Covered Dish Supper Cancelled)  
**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
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Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.  
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Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

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5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

**HEARING NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held before the Town Board of the Town of Neversink on the 13th day of April, 2011 at 7:15 o'clock PM at the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 20 of the Code of the Town of Neversink concerning a building(s) and/or structure(s) situate at Flugertown Road, Town of Neversink, which building(s) and/or structure(s) has/have been deemed to be dangerous and unsafe to the public by the Town of Neversink Code Enforcement Officer. The above-described premises, also known as Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan tax map parcel Section 7, Block 1, Lot 4 is presently owned, according to the last preceding assessment roll of the Town of Neversink and by the record of the Office of the Clerk of Sullivan County by Kathleen Vetter, 36 Willowemoc Rd., Livingston Manor NY 12758, Betty Brachirol, 28 South Main St., Inman, SC 29349, Dana Brachirol, 635 Greenville Tpk., Middletown, NY 10990, Gene-Paul Vetter, 385 Wilton Rd., Greenfield Center, NY 12883, Danielle Cornish, 9 Pole Rd., Livingston Manor, NY 12758 and Scott Brachirol, 55 Prospect St., Monroe, NY 10950.

At the aforementioned time and place the members of the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hear all interested parties to consider evidence related to the Town of Neversink Code Enforcement Officer's determination as to the dangerous and/or unsafe condition of the aforementioned premises and whether the Town Board's order of 02/09/2011 to demolish said buildings(s) and/or structure(s) be affirmed, modified or vacated. 3/10/11

**NOTICE**

The Town of Neversink ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the fiscal year 2010 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The above mentioned report is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK  
TOWN OF NEVERSINK  
DATED: February 28, 2011 3/10/11

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: FILING of the ANNUAL REPORT:**

AS required by New York State Town Law § 29(10-a) the Town of Denning ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the year 2010 has been completed and filed with the New York State Office of the State Comptrollers. The report is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

Call 985-2411 for further information.  
BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD  
Joy Ann Monforte,  
Town of Denning, Town Clerk 3/10/11

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the annual reporting of the presence of wild animals. Pursuant to this law, each person owning, possessing or harboring a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report its presence to the Town Clerk on or before April 1st. A list of common names of animals to be reported is available at the Denning Town Clerk's Office, 985-2411. Failure to file as required will subject to penalties under the law.

Joy Ann Monforte  
Denning Town Clerk 3/10/11

**ATTENTION:**

**PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Tri-Valley Central School District in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2011-2012 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2011.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their request to:  
School District Clerk  
Tri-Valley Central School  
34 Moore Hill Road  
Grahamsville, NY 12740

By order of the Board of Education

Martha Lee Ter Bush  
District Clerk  
March 3, 2011 3/10; 3/24

**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

A Regular Board Meeting Budget Discussion Will Be held  
On Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.  
In the Secondary School, Lower Library Level,  
Grahamsville, New York

**SUNY Ulster Students Inducted Into Phi Theta Kappa**

Recently, 38 students from the Spring 2011 semester at Ulster County Community College were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, the international honor society for junior and community colleges.

To join Phi Theta Kappa, a student must have a cumulative average of 3.5 or higher in at least 15 credits in a two-year degree program. Members work on community projects and become eligible for special scholarships when they apply to four-year colleges.

The following students were inducted into Phi Theta Kappa: Accord: Tanya Cutaia; Bearsville: Brandon Annabel, Carly Goodman; Eddyville: Katherine Hamberger; Ellenville: D'Layna Blauvelt, Rebecca Mortillaro; Gardiner: Sarah Armour, Marina Costa; High Falls: Brittney Donovan; Hurley: Dorothy Boice; Kerhonkson: Ethan Decker, Katie Weems; Kingston: Victoria Casciaro, Paul Chambers, Luis Cueva, Ian Dunn, Anam Khan, Amy Krempl, Gabriela Ramirez; Lake Katrine: Meghan Burgher; Napanoch: Melissa Franson, Maria Mansfield; New Paltz: Ann Slingerland; Olivebridge: Edward Rion; Pine Bush: Tina Capalbo; Plattekill: Jeffrey Lang; Port Ewen: Kirk Prosser; Red Hook: Amanda Bankowski; Rosendale: Amy Schuler; Saugerties: Trisha Livermore, Allison Quinn, Tania Faulkner; Stone Ridge: Judith Stahl; Ulster Park: Ryan Burnett; Wallkill: Donna DeCaprio; Willow: Martha Chadwick; Woodstock: Vanessa Cole, June Treloar.



**NOTICE OF PROJECT AVAILABILITY  
Request for Proposals - Agricultural Use of City Property  
March 2011**

**Description:**The New York City Bureau of Water Supply is soliciting Proposals for agricultural use of certain City-owned water supply lands. Agricultural uses considered may include: planting, cultivating and harvesting hay and row crops as well as pasturing livestock.

**Project Information:**The following locations have been identified and the City will accept proposals for the following:

Project No.	NYC PID	Former Owner	SBL (s)	Town	Road	Project Acres*
1983	5041	Land Gateways, Inc.	152-2-9.12 & 152-2-9.2	Bovina	County Route 5 & Scutt Mtn. Rd.	40
2029	2994	Spring Valley Rd. LLC	103-1-52.1, 126-2-2.1 & 126-1-1.1	Meredith & Delhi	Spring Valley Rd.	35
2030	7006	Silk	89-1-22.22	Stamford	Town Brook Rd.	12
2031	1505	Slater	25-1-14.5	Neversink	Pepacton Hollow Rd.	7
2032	3012	Marshak	232-1-5.12	Hamden	Chambers Hollow Rd.	8
2033	3417	Conkey	220-1-1.2	Middletown	Thompson Hollow Rd.	20
2034	5419	Behrer	196-1-4.2	Bovina	County Highway 6	2
2035	4442	Brownell	195-2-12.16	Delhi	NYS Rte 28	5
2036	3754	Nokhoudian	170-1-27.3	Delhi	Peakes Brook Rd.	15
2037	4144	Hejning	82-1-23.1	Meredith	Dry Brook Rd.	10
2040	4712	Goff	94-2-3.1 & 94-2-33	Ashland	NYS Rte 23 & County Highway 17	6
2043	5858	Snyder	150-1-40.2	Delhi	NYS Rte 10	15

\*Approximate

**Availability of Information:** Information about the above projects and Request for Proposal Packages are available by calling the Project Supervisor- Charles Laing at (845) 340 - 7218, or requesting via e-mail at: [claing@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:claing@dep.nyc.gov)

**Minimum Annual Payment:** The minimum annual payment shall be twenty five dollars (\$25.00) or one-hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for a five (5) year agreement.

**Requirements - Farmers Selected Shall:**

1. Maintain the required Workers Compensation and Disability Benefits Coverage (or proof they are not required to carry coverage).
2. Furnish and maintain a commercial general liability insurance policy.
3. Have demonstrated experience in farming and agricultural activities.

**Proposal Due Date:** All Proposals must be sent to the Project Supervisor via mail, at: 71 Smith Ave, Kingston, NY 12401 postmarked NO LATER THAN March 25th, 2011.

**Notice of Award:** The expected date for awarding the projects will be on or about March 31st, 2011.

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 (845) 985-2262 extension 312

**Tie Dye Tee Shirts & PIZZA** Friday, April 29. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than April 5.  
**Mount Airy Lodge Casino** Wednesday, May 11- \$25 Per Person includes Motorcoach transportation and \$35 in Free Play or \$40 Per Person includes transportation,\$35 in Free Play and the Show "American Homicidal" Please bring an additional \$15 to eat lunch with, must be paid no later than March 29.  
**Healthy Home-Made "Cooking" Class** Saturday, May 21. \$15 Per Person must be paid no later than March 29.  
**Museum of Natural History Saturday** June 4. \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than April 26.  
**ALBI CONCERT & HOT DOG LUAU** Sunday, July 17.  
**The Buddy Holly Story Forestburgh Playhouse** July 27. \$30 residents/\$46 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.  
**ZOOM FLUME** Saturday, August 6. \$10 residents/\$34 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.  
**Rhinebeck Fair** Thursday, August 25. \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28 this includes admission & transportation.  
**Pumpkin Decorating & Pizza** Friday, October 28. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than October 4.  
**Army Football Game West Point DATE & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED** \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than TBA this includes admission & transportation.  
**Transportation to NYC** Saturday, December 3. \$20 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.  
 Call Parks & Recreation at (845) 985-2262 Ext 312 for more information

3/9/11 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting  
 3/10/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.  
 3/13/11 **St Patrick's Day Parade** Hasbrouck, NY 1:00 pm - 4:34-2295  
 3/15/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm -(subject to cancellation due to inclement weather)  
 3/16/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM  
 3/19/11 **Thrift Sale** -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm  
 3/20/11 **SPRING BEGINS!**  
 3/20/11 Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - 12 noon  
 3/26/11 15th Annual Women's Conference at SUNY Sullivan. Info and to register call 845-434-5750, ext. 4377  
 3/29/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Dept. 7 pm Neversink Town Hall  
 4/2/11 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall  
 4/2/11 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Turkey Dinner - 4:00-7:00pm - 985-7480  
 4/5/11 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall - 7:00 pm  
 4/6/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting  
 4/13/11 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting  
 4/14/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.

**Save the Date!**

July 30th - Time and the Valleys Olde Time Fair and Antique Auction  
 9/17 & 9/18 -Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual Antique Tractor Show -Grahamsville Fairgrounds

**GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN** every FRIDAY afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.

**Town of Denning Message Board:** <http://www.denning.us>  
**Town of Neversink Website:** <http://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 available at the following retail stores and restaurants:**

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ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.)  
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**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

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



**Daniel Pierce Library**

**Winter hours** effective Thursday, December 2, 2010. The library will open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 8 P.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is a change from its former hours of 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday hours will remain the same. If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

Closed Sundays and Mondays

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

845-985-7233

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

**SUNY Ulster Schedules Nursing Information Session**

Ulster County Community College will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program on Thursday, March 24, at 4:00 p.m. in room 121, at the Business Resource Center, in Kingston. This session will provide information on the admissions process, the program curriculum including pre-requisites and co-requisites, as well as new testing requirements. For further information and reservations, phone the Admissions Office at (800) 724-0833 or email [admissions@sunyulster.edu](mailto:admissions@sunyulster.edu). Further information about the Nursing program can be found at [www.sunyulster.edu](http://www.sunyulster.edu).

**Our Water, Our Decision**

New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Water Supply Protection will hold The Delaware River Basin Water Resource Protection Conference, *Our Water, Our Decision* at SUNY Sullivan's Seelig Theatre on Thursday, March 10 from 8 am- 4 pm. The public is invited.

**Threats to our Forest: Defoliators and Worse**

Thursday, Mar. 17, 4:30-6:30 p.m. "Threats to Our Forest: Defoliators and Worse," panel discussion with Joshua VanBrakle, Watershed Agricultural Council; and J. Rebecca Hargrave, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Chenango County; moderator Dr. Jack Tessier, SUNY Delhi. Sponsored by Catskill Institute for the Environment. Free. Public welcome. Okun Theater, Farrell Student and Community Center, SUNY Delhi. [www.catskillinstitute.org](http://www.catskillinstitute.org); 607-746-4483.

**SUNY Ulster Workshop: Conquering Academic Anxiety**

SUNY Ulster will offer a workshop on March 16, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Business Resource Center, located along Ulster Avenue, in Kingston. Join us for an honest discussion about returning to the classroom after being away from school for five, ten or even twenty years. Listen to professionals working in our Learning Center discuss the services and support systems available to all students at SUNY Ulster. You will leave with tips and tools to help you feel more confident about your decision to return to school. An Admissions Counselor will guide you through the application process.

A seat for this free information session can be reserved by calling the Admissions Office at (845) 687-5022 or by emailing [admissions@sunyulster.edu](mailto:admissions@sunyulster.edu).

**SUNY Ulster Workshop: Affording College Costs**

SUNY Ulster will offer a workshop "Affording College Costs" on Wednesday, March 30, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Vanderlyn Hall Student Lounge on the Stone Ridge Campus. Discover opportunities for making the dream of a college degree affordable. This workshop is a must for adults thinking about pursuing a college degree and for all traditional college bound juniors and seniors and their parents.

Learn about Financial Aid, Scholarships, Transfer Options, and the Admissions process presented by college representatives. Reservations are required. Please contact the Admissions Office at 1-800-724-0833, ext. 5022 or email [admissions@sunyulster.edu](mailto:admissions@sunyulster.edu). to reserve your seat today.

**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"**



**Queen Christina (1933)**  
 My favorite Garbo flic is a romantic tale of a 17th-century Swedish queen and her romance with a Spanish diplomat. **Cast:** Greta Garbo, John Gilbert, Ian Keith, Lewis Stone Dir: Rouben Mamoulian BW-99 mins, TV-G On TCM Sunday morning March 13, 2011 at 3:45 am.

**Quiz:**

- A. Who played Don Antonio de la Prada?
- B. What play was Rouben Mamoulian's best known for?

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

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**NEVER-SINK-OLIVE** - (reprint from last week, Fracking is too important of an issue not to reprint.) On April 17th Deb Weir, and all those who wish to join will begin a 90+ mile walk from New York to Pennsylvania starting at the Neversink Reservoir and ending at Salt Springs State Park Pa. The walk is to draw attention to the need for protecting our water resources from the dangers of fracking. Link to their Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1412663347#!/pages/Walk-About-Water/116856188378005> view our 3 minute video explaining our project <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Z1feKmi7IQ> For further information call Deb Weir, 845-532-6369.

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B. Porgy" in 1927  
 A. John Gilbert

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