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### FFA ALUMNI DINNER RESCHEDULED

The FFA Alumni Dinner has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 17th, at 6 p.m. in the Tri-Valley Middle School Cafeteria.

### NEW FITNESS ROOM OPENS TO COMMUNITY AT TVCS

Tri Valley Central School's Fitness Room opened last month as part of an on going program to help students and staff adopt good physical activity habits that are key to good health. The district equipped and transformed two rooms to a Fitness Room. One room has new bicycles, elliptical and rowing machines, treadmills and resistance training equipment. In addition, a second room was transformed into the weight room with universal equipment, free weights and a power lifting area. (Contd. Pg 3)

### SIX-YEAR-OLD RAISES MORE THAN \$7,000 FOR FROST VALLEY CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS



*Samantha Houghtaling, a six-year-old super fundraiser for day camp scholarships at Frost Valley YMCA, receives a high-five from Environmental Education Director Bob Eddings*

Most kids love the opportunity to attend summer day camp. While six-year-old Grahamsville resident Samantha Houghtaling enjoys camp, her real pleasure is helping send others to camp.

During the past three years, Samantha has raised more than \$5,000 for Frost Valley YMCA's "Camperships" that cover the costs of day camp for students who cannot afford the program. This year, Samantha is on track to raise an additional \$2,000. (Contd. Pg. 8)

### SULLIVAN COUNTY LONGBEARDS 3RD ANNUAL FREE YOUTH WEEK-END TURKEY HUNT CONTEST

The Sullivan County Longbeards will sponsor their 3rd Annual Free Youth Weekend Turkey Hunt Contest on April 24th and 25th. This contest is open to youth ages 12-16 and is free for SCLB Extreme Jakes only, however, membership may be purchased at the weigh in station for \$10.00. (Contd. Pg 8)

### CHA JOINS HOME DISTRICT LEGISLATORS IN OPPOSING PRO-RESORT RESOLUTION BEFORE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

The Catskill Heritage Alliance today announced its opposition to a resolution before the Ulster County Legislature supporting the construction of Crossroads Ventures LLC's proposed Belleayre Resort. Also opposing the resolution were both legislators representing Ulster County's District 2 where the project would be sited, as well as other members of the Legislature. (Contd. Pg. 12)

### CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON SECOND PHASE OF ELLENVILLE SENIOR APARTMENTS



On March 8, 2010, construction began on the second phase of the Ellenville Senior Apartments, a partnership between Warwick Properties Inc. and Regional Hospital. The first phase of the complex, located at 15 Healthy Way in Ellenville, next to Ellenville Regional Hospital, was completed in September of 2008. The Phase 2 building, which consists of 44 apartments, is expected to be ready for occupancy in the fall of 2010. (Contd. Pg. 8)

### A SIGN OF SPRING!



When you see Bob Drown riding around in his old Plymouth, it is a sure sign of spring!

Bob tells us, "Since we had a beautiful late winter day on Sunday, we decided to fire up the old Plymouth and go for a ride. This were taken up on Thunder Hill.

### RETURN 2010 CENSUS FORMS

County Manager David P Fanslau issued the following statement on the 2010 census process: "Sullivan County residents are currently receiving forms for the 2010 census from the federal government," said Fanslau.

"It is essential that ALL Sullivan County residents are counted in the 2010 census. The census data is used to determine eligibility for grants from the federal government, appropriate representation in the U.S. Congress, and a host of other uses that will benefit Sullivan County for the next decade," said Fanslau.

"The failure to be counted in the 2010 census will shortchange Sullivan County, and may be the difference in whether federal funding is received in Sullivan County, or sent elsewhere in New York State or the country," added Fanslau.

"The 2010 census forms require that all persons are counted at the address where they reside as of April 1, 2010. On behalf of the County Legislature, I implore each and every resident to complete and return the 2010 census forms that they have received as soon as possible," concluded Fanslau.

### GUNTHER ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR SULLIVAN COUNTY LIBRARIES

Aileen M. Gunther (D, C, I - Forestburgh) announced today that four libraries in Sullivan County have been awarded over \$190,000 in public library construction grants. The grant funds are from \$14 million in capital funds for public library construction provided in the 2009 State Budget.

"These grants will enable these libraries to complete vital projects to better serve the public," said Gunther. "Libraries are important centers for community life and have become even more essential during these difficult economic times as more and more people use libraries for job searches, resume writing, and borrowing books, music and movies."

The following libraries are receiving grants:

**Daniel Pierce Library** \$178,512 Substantial renovation of 1981 addition; construction of new 3,000 square foot connector between original building and 1981 addition; purchase of three new circulation terminals, 18 workstations, and supporting networking equipment. (Contd. Pg. 12)

### SENATOR BONACIC MEETS WITH PRISCILLA BASSETT



On March 9, 2010 Priscilla Bassett from the Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County visited Senator Bonacic in Albany. Here, Senator Bonacic is pictured with her after discussing budget concerns as related to seniors.

### SC MANAGER ORDERED FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF-STAFF FOR PFC. JASON KROPAT

County Manager David P Fanslau ordered flags at all County facilities to be flown at half-staff through Tuesday, March 16, 2010. "The flags will be flown at half-staff at all Sullivan County facilities through Tuesday, March 16, 2010, in honor and memoriam of the service to the Country by Private First Class Jason Kropat," said Fanslau.

"Jason was a native of Sullivan County, and a graduate of Monticello High School. The Sullivan County community is saddened by the news of Pfc. Kropat's death, while serving in the military in Afghanistan," said Fanslau.

"On behalf of the County of Sullivan, I extend deepest sympathy to Jason's family and friends. Sullivan County and America is the Home of the Free, Because of the Brave! Pfc. Jason Kropat was among our bravest, and has paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our continued freedom," concluded Fanslau.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name.  
Deuteronomy 6:13

**OBITUARY**

**Elizabeth Ann Hermann** of Neversink, died peacefully at home on Monday, March 8, 2010, surrounded by her family. She was 62.

Liz was born July 19, 1948 in Ellenville to Loretta and James Burggraf. She graduated from Ellenville High School in 1948. She attended Ulster County Community College to become an LPN and later attended Sullivan County Community College to become an RN.

She was a nurse at Ellenville Community Hospital for 31 years before transferring to Sullivan Correctional Facility until her retirement.

She married Warren Hermann in November 1972 in the Ellenville United Methodist Church. They soon settled in Grahamsville, where they raised their two sons. She was always a very family-oriented person and made her home warm and inviting to everyone.

Liz was an amazing and beloved wife, mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and friend. She was loved by all who knew her and will be sorely missed.

She leaves behind her loving husband, Warren; her son, Eric and his wife Janyce, and their children, Duane and Logan; her son, David and his wife, Alicia and their son, David; her sister, Rachel and her family; her brother, Richard and his family. Liz has five nieces and one nephew as well as several grand-nieces and grand-nephews, all of whom she loved dearly.

A Memorial service was held on Friday, March 12th at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home in Woodbourne, the Rev. Bob Kersten officiating.

**ENGAGEMENT**

Joseph and Terry J. Puccio of Woodbourne proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Savannah Jean to William R. Mendez of Livingston Manor. Savannah graduated from Tri-Valley Central School and Sullivan County VoTech in 2004.

William graduated from Livingston Manor Central School in 2001. He is the son of Maria and the late Santos Mendez, of El Salvador.

Savannah and William are both employed at The New Age Health Spa, Neversink, NY. Savannah is the head cosmetologist and William is the executive chef.

A September, 2011 wedding is planned.

**MILITARY NEWS**

**Army National Guard Announces Promotions**

Brigadier General Patrick A. Murphy, the Adjutant General for the State of New York, announced the promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capabilities for additional responsibility and leadership.

Joseph Johnson of Sundown, serving with Company A, 101st Signal Battalion, is promoted to the rank of sergeant.

**DAYS OF YORE....**

**Today's History**

**March 15, 1950** - Fire completely destroyed a brooder house with 100 month-old chicks at the Anthony Costa farm on South Hill Road on Friday night. A defective kerosene brooder stove is believed to have exploded.

The weatherman threw the book at the Town of Neversink in the past week, causing widespread damage to roads. According to Road Supt., Elmond Allison, this winter has been one of the worst in years on the roads because of alternate freezing and thawing. Snow is piled 10 to 12 feet high along the highways in places at Willowemoc, Aden and Mutton Hill.

The Lows Corners Outlet is now in 3420 feet. Last week they made 300 feet progress. This is regarded to be the top notch in tunnel digging. They hope to maintain this standard. A very large pile of iron pipe is seen on their property. The pipes are 30 feet long and 26 inches in diameter and are to provide air to the tunnel workers.

There was a mad scramble on Broadway, Monticello on Monday morning when a forty-mile an hour wind whisked \$1,450 in bills from a cigar box being carried to an automobile dealer's by a Monticello woman. Although one bill was carried 150 yards down Broadway, every one was recovered.

**March 16, 1960** - Cal Parrow, basketball coach for the Tri Valley Bears, has been selected "Best Coach" in the Western Sullivan League by the Middletown Daily Record newspaper. Sportswriters, coaches and officials of the Western Sullivan League who selected Cal Parrow as "Best Coach" only confirmed the feelings of the people of the Tri Valley area.

Effective April 1st, the plumbing, heating and electrical business of Percy and Warren Cole will be taken over by Warren. The business will be carried on as usual with the same service we have strived to render in the past.

The Grahamsville Home Demonstration Unit met on March 10 at the Fire Hall. Delicious Scandinavian cookery prepared under the direction of Mrs. Donald Buswell was enjoyed by all. Four new members were welcomed to the group.

The Rev. and Mrs. Louis Carlsen of Brewster, N.Y. came to the Lows Corners Parsonage this past Friday with a load of home furnishings. The ladies had the place in readiness and a get-acquainted luncheon prepared which a number of church officers and members shared with the new Pastor and his wife.

**March 18, 1970** - Mr. Owen Davis, coordinator of federally funded programs at Tri-Valley

Central School, attended a meeting in Washington, D.C. on Monday to discuss the forthcoming evaluation of federal programs. Tri-Valley School is one of eight hundred and twenty-six schools throughout the United States chosen for intensive review of the effect of federal funding on disadvantaged children.

Sam Anderson's snowmobile, known as a spaghetti bender, is under repair and spread all over his garage. (His wife says, "That's not all that's spread all over the garage.")

The W.S.C.S. of the Sundown Methodist Church will meet this Thursday, the 19th at the home of Mrs. Richard VanWagner. Plans will be made for Church and Church Hall interior decoration.

At a meeting of the Sullivan County S.P.C.A., held in Monticello on March 11th, George Ratner, President, presented plans formulated by the shelter committee for an expandable shelter. The members voted approval of the shelter plans and authorized construction to start this spring at Rock Hill on the site owned by the organization.

**March 13, 1980** - Laura G. Smith, 79, of Meyers Road, Neversink, died Friday, March 7, 1980. Mrs. Smith, a life-long area resident, was born April 12, 1900 in Dairyland to William and Minnie Butler Grey. She was the widow of Chester M. Smith.

The Grahamsville Fire Department was kept busy last week answering three calls. On Sunday morning, March 2nd at 4 a.m., they were called to assist Woodbourne, Loch Sheldrake and Fallsburg at a fire at the Ziggy Hajek garage in Woodbourne. That night they were out again to Sundown to extinguish a stubborn chimney fire at the home of Charlie and Pixie Pira. On Thursday, March 6th, the Department was out to a brush fire on Rte. 55.

Congratulations to Tri-Valley students Patty Lawrence (grade 9) and James Schulte (grade 6) who had their advertisements selected for publication in the recent draw-an-ad contest of the Middletown Times Herald-Recors. Patty's drawing was for *Kerhonkson Tire* and James' creation was for *209 Surplus Tools*.

Sunday, Alice Kelder was walking her dog in the big field across from Richard Krom's when she spotted some bright BALLOONS. In these balloons she found, by closer inspection, were plastic bags with Post Cards in them. The balloons had been sent out by the school children of Arlington Elementary School in Newton Falls, Ohio and were lofted March 7th at 2:30 p.m. It would seem this is faster than our mail!

**HERE AND THERE**

Hi everybody! It sounds as though you've had lots of excitement around here for the past two weeks while we were away. We're not claiming psychic powers of prediction, but we left for Orlando the same day all your weather-related problems began. We did have one hint: our flight was scheduled for a 7:40 a.m. departure on Feb. 23, but we had to wait until almost 9:00 for them to de-ice the plane! ... Florida itself was not exactly a 'hot-bed' for vacationers, either. Early morning temperatures on several days were in the 30s, and sweaters or jackets were needed most days. Our last three days there were the most comfortable, and on the day we flew back home (March 9), central Florida expected to bask in 79-degree temperatures! ... During your troubles here, we kept informed by almost constant television coverage and by frequent use of our cell-phone. Dick and Penny Hennessey and Jerry McCarthy checked our house often; they made sure our roof was cleared of snow when needed; they ran a generator during the power outages to keep the heat levels and the freezer level operating properly. As always, thank God for good friends and good neighbors!

Barbara Purcell had hip surgery on Wednesday of last week (March 10), and from all reports is doing very well; she is walking pain-free at this point. She will remain at Horton for the present for physical therapy. ... We also hear that Jeanette Erath continues to make good progress in her recovery from a stroke in mid-February; a neighbor reports watching her hold and drink from a cup of tea with her left hand, which was paralyzed a month ago. We all send our best wishes for continued recovery for Barbara and Jeanette!

Back to this month in American history: On March 6, 1857, the Dred Scott Decision was issued by the Supreme Court (by a vote of 6-3). This document decreed that a slave did not become free when brought into a free state, that Congress could not restrict slavery from a territory, and that blacks could not be citizens. (Not a great day for the furtherance of human rights!) Ninety years later, on March 12, 1947, the Truman Doctrine was published, becoming the first serious U.S. effort towards containing the expansion of communism, and eventually the basis of U.S. Cold War policy. (Every time I read something about Harry Truman, I have the feeling that he was the most overlooked and under-valued President in our history! And I loved Bess!)

Like February, March has a few dead spots for special-day celebrations, then gets very busy. Starting with 3-16, we have Jacob Allison, son of Jon and Chris, age 9, and Zack Connor, son of Lynn and Sean McKeon; 3-17, Chrissy (Dean) Merritt and her brother Mike, Alyson (Healthier) McCarthy, and yours truly, (pah); 3-18, Alice Kelder; 3-19, high school English teacher Connie Elberth; 3-20, daughter Susan; 3-22, Herb Akerley and his niece Desiree Kortright; 3-24, Linda (Mrs. Gene) Barkley, living in Florida; 3-27, Irma Mentnech and her granddaughter Amy; 3-29, Lou Millspaugh; and 3-31, Pastor Paul Ruter of the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Happy Birthday to all of us!

"I have found that the best way to give advice to your children is to find out what they want and then advise them to do it." Harry S. Truman

A practical man, Harry. .... Have a good week. .... (pah)

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy**

Happy Birthday to Jacob Allison who will be 9 years old on March 16th. Happy Birthday also to Polly Hill, one of our dedicated Townsman workers, on March 17th.

Condolences to the Hermann family on the passing of Elizabeth Hermann.

Think Spring! - It's only 7 days away (as of Sunday, March 14th).

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

**TRI-VALLEY LIONS JANUARY, FEBRUARY NEWS**

Lion Steve Ruwoldt, head of CRMC, was the main speaker at our January 5th member meeting. He stressed the many improvements that have been implemented at the hospital including for the patients, workers, how things are run, etc. Lion Stuart Wizner, 2nd Vice President, and Lion Pete Lyons, 1st Sight Chair, were also speakers at the meeting.

We sent donations to L.C.L.I. for the Haiti Relief Fund and to Camp Badger.

Our Club was the host Club for the County Hear & Sight meeting in January.

We had no member meeting in February due to weather conditions. The Board meeting was held on the 18th.

Our Journey For Sight Walk will be May 1st. (Next Col.)

May 14, 15 & 16 is the New York State Lion's Convention to be held in Buffalo.

If you have pets that will be 3 months old by June 2nd, be sure to bring them to the First Rabies Clinic from 6-8 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville.

There will be no member meeting in March since our meeting place will be closed. The March 18th Board meeting will be held.

The Chocolate Rabbit Sale is in progress.

**INDOOR TRACK NEWS - Joe Iatoro Darby at States-Nationals This Weekend**

Last Saturday Sophomore Dominique Darby became the 19th Girl in School History to make the Indoor Track and Field State Championship. She went into the meet 22nd and improved to 18th over-all place in the State. (No Classes)

Dominique will compete today in Boston and Sunday in New York City at the High School National Meet. Dominique will compete in the weight throw with teammates Hejdi Furman(Soph) and Tehnyat Khan(Senior). Senior Michelle McNutt and Junior Ashley Weintraub will compete in the Walk in New York City Sunday.

Good Luck to these athletes and Congratulations to the Girls Indoor Track Team which won the Division IV OCL Championship, Sullivan County Championship and the Section 9 Class B Championship.

**TVCS FITNESS ROOM (From Pg. 1)**

The program answers the White House's call for schools to address childhood obesity and the overall health and fitness of the family. Obesity is a risk factor for health conditions and is associated with problems such as poor concentration, higher stress levels and low self-esteem. The percentage of children who are obese has more than doubled, and among adolescents the rates have more than tripled.

The new Fitness Room is available to the students during the day for Physical Education classes which have been incorporated it into their health and fitness curriculum. The Staff have access to the room from 6am - 730 am. The room is reserved for the sports teams and student work outs from 3pm-5pm and Monday to Thursday evenings, from 5:30pm-8:30 pm, the room is open to the community and is staffed with a fitness monitor who can answer your questions about using the equipment. Community member, Elizabeth Sanok speaks about the benefits of coming to the Fitness Room as it "gets you out, where you can see your friends, work out, and it's close to home and free."

If you live within the Tri Valley School District and would like more information about the fitness room call, (845) 985- 2296.

**CWD PROVIDES LOANS, STORMWATER ASSISTANCE**

The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will assist a Lexington business in replacing a septic system and will provide a low-interest loan to allow a Phoenicia health clinic to relocate.

The CWC Board of Directors, at its meeting March 2, approved funding to help replace a failed septic system at Lighthouse on the Hill, a motel in the Greene County Town of Lexington.

Owner Michael Conforti will be reimbursed up to \$36,493, approximately half the cost of a replacement system which can handle 1,160 gallons of wastewater a day and includes a dosing system and alternative raised bed drainage field. The assistance is provided under the CWC's Small Business Septic Program.

A \$255,000 loan was also approved for Maverick Health Clinic which is relocating its facility from space it rented from the Town of Shandaken in Phoenicia, to a building it is purchasing at 4080 Route 28 in Boiceville. The loan, from the Catskill Fund for the Future, is being made in concert with financing from Rondout Savings Bank.

The health clinic, which employs six people, has outgrown its current space but cannot expand there due to septic limitations.

In other business, the CWC authorized continuation of a contract with Ulster County Community College to provide \$40,000 in matching funds to pay the salary of a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) counselor to assist current and potential business owners in the West-of-Hudson New York City Watershed.

As a result of this CWC support, free SBDC business planning services are available to Watershed entrepreneurs by calling 845-339-0025, ext. 15.

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

For more information, visit [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org).

**VENDORS WANTED FOR SC HISTORICAL SOCIETY INDOOR CRAFT SHOW**

Crafters and Vendors are wanted for and indoor Craft Show on Saturday, May 8, 1-4 p.m. at Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY The cost for a 10 ft. by 8 ft. space is \$15.00 For information or to reserve a space, please call (845) 434-8044

**ONLINE COURSES FOR MEAT PRODUCERS FROM THE CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION -**

Marketing Your Livestock- Tuesdays April 6-May 25 - This program will introduce business practices for market development for Kosher, Natural, and Hispanic Markets of meat products in addition to local markets. You will have the tools to improve sales and distribution of meat products and will be able to create a marketing plan.

Improving Meat Quality and Production Methods for Specific Markets -Thursdays April 8-May 27- In this course you will learn best management practices in areas of health, nutrition, and environment for Kosher, Natural, and Hispanic Markets of meat products in addition to local markets. The course will include a variety of topics grazing, water quality, animal welfare, and meat fabrication.

The webinar series will be complimented with hands-on classes such as beef quality assurance, processors tour and meat cutting. The courses are sponsored by Northeast SARE and the New York Farm Viability Institute. To register or for more details of the course, please contact the Cooperative Extension office at 845-292-6180. Registration for all or part of the series is requested by April 1, 2010.

**THE NIFTY SWIFT SCALLOP**

By Peggy DeWire



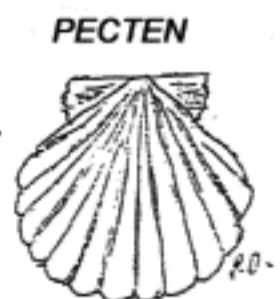
Is it a UFO? Superman? Nah... it's only a scallop shell whizzing away in the shallow seawater.

Most of the 400 kinds of the Pecten family are good swimmers, a rare ability among shells. The name comes from the Roman word for comb and refers to the distinctive ridges of the shell that run from top to bottom like the teeth of a comb.

The fifty species in America waters live mostly between inter-tidal zones to sixty feet deep.

However, deep-sea trawlers have taken scallops worldwide, even from Antarctica.

Scallops swim in social groups by snapping their shells together forcefully, creating a jet flow that propels them swiftly away from dangers such as a crab or their mortal enemy, the starfish. A scallop jets left or right, up or down, spins in one spot like a child's pinwheel or flips itself over right side up by directing its powerful adductor muscle (the edible part) to squirt seawater out of a selected body opening along the edge of the shell.



This body (mantle) drapes like an encircling curtain around all internal organs and contains dozens of beautiful blue eyes like tiny sapphires that see as sharp as human vision.

Injured eyes are replaced constantly. Should a scallop lose all of its eyes, it re-grows them in two months.

Scallops begin life in sea grass nurseries as tiny free-swimming babies called veligers. At age one to three months, veligers develop a large gland that produces shell from seawater. Now the young scallop is called a spat.

The bottom shell is cup-shaped, lifting the scallop up off the seabed to feed better, to see enemies approaching and to make faster get-a-ways.

Usually the top shell is flatter, more colorful and can be raised like a sail for migrating at the surface to a new feeding ground.

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum at Sanibel, Florida has a spectacular rainbow display of colorful scallops of the world.

From the earliest times, mankind used scallop shells in legends and decorations.

The Minoans (1300 B.C.) believed their goddess of beauty rose from the Mediterranean Sea standing on a scallop shell. So did the Greeks and Romans.

In the Middle Ages, returning Crusaders wore a "St. James Shell" on their coat as evidence that they had been to the Holy Land. The Scallop design later became the insignia for many European coat-of-arms, including Winston Churchill's.

Today everybody is familiar with the Shell Oil Company logo from the 1870's.

As I stood on the beach admiring a Calico scallop I'd just found with a wavy purple and white design and orange rays, I remembered an old poem, author unknown -

A wonderful swimmer the scallop,  
It zigs and it zags at a gallop.

**LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES:****GRAHAMSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL NOTICE**

Please be advised that anyone wishing to rent the Leo McArthur Memorial Hall at the Grahamsville Firehouse should call Kathy Moran at 985-7648 for information and reservations. 3/18; 3/25

**NOTICE**

To all plot holders of the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery - All decorations must be removed by April 1, 2010 to facilitate spring cleanup. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Kathy Denman, Superintendent

3/18, 3/25

**NOTICE**

The Town of Neversink will be accepting applications for Lifeguard positions at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds Pool for the 2010 season.

Application forms are available at the Town Hall, Grahamsville, NY Monday thru Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Applicants must include copies of all current certifications, length of time available to work and any needed time off when submitting their applications. (Photocopies of certifications can be made at the Town Hall when the application is brought in.)

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CUT-OFF DATE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS WILL BE 4:30 PM ON FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010.**

Pool Director for the season will be Janet Carey. For further information please call Town Hall at 985-2262, ext. 303 or Mrs. Carey at 985-7391. You can also e-mail Mrs. Carey at: jcarey1789@aol.com.

Town of Neversink Summer Swim Program Director, Janet Carey is also requesting applicants for WSI Instructors. Please contact Mrs. Carey at 985-7391 or e-mail her at: jcarey1789@aol.com for details.

3/18, 4/1, 4/15, 4/29.

**LEGAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR SALE: BUILDINGS AND GROUND ITEMS**

**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT GRAHAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 12740 REQUESTS SEALED BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM OFFERED FOR SALE: One (1) Complete Set of Bison Portable Adjustable Basketball System**

The item is to be sold "as is" and all sales are final. Questions about the item may be addressed to the Buildings and Grounds Office at (845) 985 - 2296 Ext. 5317 Monday through Friday, except holidays, between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.. Payments are to be made to the Tri-Valley Central School District within 30 days of award of the bid.

Sealed proposals must be in the hands of the District Clerk at 2:00 P.M., on Friday, March 26, 2010 at the Administration Building, Tri-Valley Central School District 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740 at which time, or as reasonably soon as possible thereafter, all bids will be publicly opened. Any proposal received after this date and time will be returned unopened.

The Board of Education hereby reserves the right to waive any informality and may accept all or part of any Bid.

Dated: March 12, 2010  
Martha Lee Ter Bush, District Clerk  
Tri-Valley Central School District  
At Grahamsville, NY 12740

3/18;3/25

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**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT GRAHAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 12740 REQUESTS SEALED BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE:**

1. Three (3) New HB Smith 440/450 Mills Intermediate Pork Chop Sections
2. Eight (8) New 2" X 4" Upper Section/Drum Nipples for 440/450 Mills Steam Boiler/ Water
3. Eight (8) New 2" X 6" Lower Section/Drum Nipples for 440/450 Mills Steam Boiler/Water
4. Eleven (11) New Repair Gaskets and Split Rings for 2" Nipples for 440/450 Mills
5. Three (3) New Watts 1m #174A 1" 30 LB Water 1,682,000 BTU Relief Valves
6. Two (2) Fireeye 120V 70D20 Chasis Flame Safeguard
7. Three (3) Fireeye Purge Timer 71D60
8. Three (3) Fireeye UV Amplifier 72DUV1
9. Four (4) New Boxes of Assorted Gate Valve Packing Mat'l for 6" - 10" Valves

The items are to be sold "as is" and all sales are final. PARTIAL BIDS are accepted on all above items. Questions about the items may be addressed to the Buildings and Grounds Office at (845) 985 - 2296 Ext. 5317 Monday through Friday, except holidays, between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.. Payments are to be made to the Tri-Valley Central School District within 30 days of award of the bid.

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**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, The Town of Denning is seeking sealed bids for: #1 and #2 Stone Mix (Ton) Low Abrasion, Quarry Rubble (Ton), Screenings (Ton), Gabbians (Ton), #1 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1A Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1ST Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #2 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #45 Stone (Ton), Sand - Snow & Ice Control (Yard) / No Clay, Loam or Organics, Sand - Snow & Ice Control (Ton) / No Clay, Loam or Organics, Item #4 (Ton) from Ledge Rock, Crusher Run (Ton) Tail Gate Spread, Dumped Rip Rap (Ton), Flat Bed Rip Rap (Ton), Cold Patch (Ton), Item #4 Screened Gravel (Yard), Tailings (Yard), Tailings (Ton), Bank Run (Ton), and Bank Run (Yard), Kerosene (K1), and Heating Oil #2 fuel.

The material must be of such grade as to be acceptable to the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent. Sand for all locations shall be screened, clean, hard sharp and free from loam, clay, frozen lumps, loam or organic material with 100% passing through a 3/8 inch sieve. (Next Col.)

Upon acceptance of bid price, bidder shall in turn notify the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent when he has at least 100 tons of material stockpiled in order that the testing may be done by the Highway Department or by a designated agent for final approval.

Bid forms are available from the Town Clerks Office or the Town Highway Superintendent. Forms must be in a sealed envelope with the company name clearly visible. Bids may be mailed to: Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

All sealed bids must be received by Tuesday, April 13, 2010 prior to the Town of Denning Town Board Meeting; to begin at 7:00 P.M. during SAID meeting All Bids will be publicly opened and read. The meeting is to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

All material must be delivered to the Town, within the confines of the Town of Denning.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason. The Highway Superintendent reserves the right to reject any unacceptable material.

BY THE ORDER OF  
THE DENNING TOWN BOARD  
Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

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**TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
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AGENDA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
March 18, 2010  
7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting  
Secondary School Library Lower Level**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE****A. GUESTS/PRESENTATIONS :**

- FFA-Summary of Happenings with our Students
- Lawrence Thomas - BOCES Superintendent
- Mark Durant - Siemen's Contract

**B. TREASURER'S REPORT****C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. CSE Recommendations
2. Minutes
3. Building Use Forms
4. Personnel: Tenure Appointments and Reappointments

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Technology Committee Summary

**E. BUDGET PRESENTATION: Program and Revenue****F. BUSINESS REPORT**

1. Warrants

**G. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Litigation
2. Personnel

**HI. ADJOURNMENT****SC MAN CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL POSSESSION OF A WEAPON**

On Tuesday March 9, 2010 at approximately 6:30 PM, Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a report of shots fired in the vicinity of 106 Glen Wild Road in Rock Hill. An investigation at the scene revealed that James Howard, 20, of Rock Hill, had been test firing a sawed off rifle near the woods at that location. Howard was taken into custody and charged with criminal possession of weapon in the 3rd degree, a class D Felony. Mr. Howard was arraigned before Town of Thompson Justice Martin Miller and released on his own recognizance pending a future court appearance.



Deputy Sheriff Percy Ramos displays the sawed off Ruger 10/22 rifle that was confiscated.



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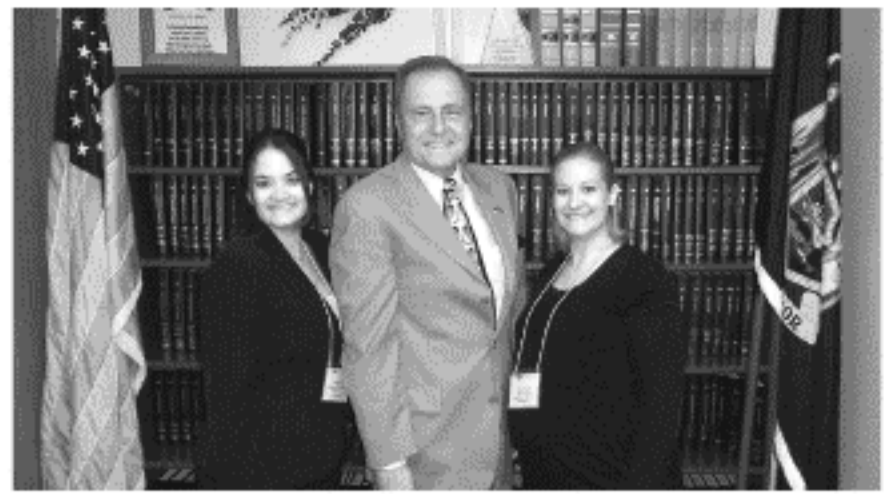


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**SENATOR BONACIC MEETS WITH SC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**



On March 8, 2010 representatives of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce met with Senator Bonacic in Albany. Senator Bonacic is pictured with them after discussing their legislative issues. From left to right: Lisa Mills - Vice President, Senator Bonacic, and Terri Ward - President & CEO.

**FEBRUARY EDITION OF NYSAC ECONOMY WATCH POINTS TO POTENTIAL FOR RENEWED ECONOMIC GROWTH AHEAD**

The February Edition of the NYSAC Economy Watch continues to show signs of a stabilizing New York economy, despite unemployment increases caused by the end of traditional holiday season jobs. Several measures give strong indication that the advent of spring may also bring the first signs of renewed economic growth.

The Index of Coincident Economic Indicators (ICEI), which uses a weighted formula that takes into consideration the State's number of private sector jobs, unemployment rate, average work week hours in manufacturing, and sales tax collections, has fallen for 6 consecutive months but only 1.2 points since July of 2009. This period of slowing decline followed 9 consecutive months beginning in August of 2008 when the State's economy plummeted into recession.

The State's Unemployment Rate, before seasonal adjustment, rose to 9.4% in January as employers ended traditional holiday season jobs. A total of 26 counties have unemployment rates in excess of 10%, before seasonal adjustment.

When these unemployment rates are adjusted to take into consideration normal seasonal fluctuations in hiring, the State's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell from 8.9% in December to 8.8% in January 2010, which was better than that national 9.7% rate in January.

Consumer prices as captured by the Consumer Price Index issued by the US Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics, rose for the month as a result of increasing costs for food and gasoline and by significant increases in the cost of health care which rose 1.3% in the New York City Metro area and 0.8% in Upstate counties since December.

New York Consumer Confidence as measured by the Siena Research Institute fell in January by 3 points as consumers become increasingly wary of future economic conditions. New York's consumer confidence lags a full 8 points below national consumer confidence measures issued by the University of Michigan.

Sales of existing single family homes, as published by the New York State Association of Realtors in their monthly housing survey fell from December due to seasonal factors but were up 11% for the year. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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**FEBRUARY EDITION OF NYSAC ECON-OMY WATCH** (From Pg. 6)

The Empire State Manufacturing Survey, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, continues to provide strong indications that the manufacturing sector will lead the State's future economic recovery. The General Business Condition Index indicated improving business conditions for manufacturers for the 7th consecutive month climbing 9 points. A total of 42% of manufacturing CEO's indicated that business conditions had improved and only 17% noted a decline in their business activity.

The Future Activity Index continued high, with 60% of the responding CEOs indicating that they foresaw improving business conditions in the next 6 months.



## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON SECOND PHASE OF ELLENVILLE SENIOR APARTMENTS

(From Pg. 1)

Funding for the affordable senior housing is once again being provided by the New York State Division of Housing.

All units of the Ellenville Senior Apartments are equipped with Energy Star rated appliances and light fixtures, Energy Star HVAC and Central Air Conditioning. The project qualifies under the Green Building Initiative.

For information on the project, please call 845 647-47

## SIX-YEAR-OLD RAISES MORE THAN \$7,000 FOR FROST VALLEY CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

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Her efforts are part of Frost Valley's sixth annual Bowl-A-Thon planned for Sunday, March 21 from 2-4 p.m. at Kiamesha Lanes in Kiamesha Lake. Samantha signs up sponsors who will support her efforts in the Bowl-A-Thon.

What makes Samantha's work especially remarkable is that she makes her own sales pitch, relying on her parents only for transportation.

Samantha's affection for Frost Valley is a result of having grown up there. Her father, Todd, is the organization's IT manager. Samantha has always been part of the 'Frost Valley family' and has a great fondness for the camp and conference center. Samantha's parents instilled the importance of the camp experience in their daughter. As a result, even at her very young age, Samantha felt the desire to help send others to day camp.

When she decided she'd like to solicit donations to support Frost Valley Camperships, Samantha's parents, Todd and Holly, helped draft a letter detailing her efforts. Each year they drive Samantha to numerous homes and businesses so she can make request sponsorships in person. Needless to say, she's been very successful.

The letter that Samantha wrote this year, stated, in part, "I have been raising money for underprivileged kids to go to Frost Valley day camp. There are many cool things to do, like swimming, relay racing and many other things."

Samantha was old enough to attend Frost Valley's day camp last year for the first time. She loved the experience, but gets even more satisfaction from making day camp possible for others. Prior to this year's fund-raising, her work had enabled approximately 60 children to attend day camp.

"I'm really glad that I can help other kids," commented Samantha.

All donations are tax-deductible. Financial aid is also available for resident summer campers. Anyone who would like to support Samantha's fund-raising efforts is welcome to contact her at 845 985-2099.

For more information, please contact Melissa Pauls at (845) 985-2291, ext. 208, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit FrostValley.org. Keep up with daily happenings at fvsummercamp.wordpress.com or join Frost Valley on twitter at twitter.com/frostvalley.

## FROST VALLEY YMCA 6TH ANNUAL BOWL-A-THON

Claryville, NY Frost Valley YMCA will host its annual FUN-raiser to help send local kids to camp. The event will take place Sunday, March 21 from 2-4 PM. at Kiamesha Lanes in Kiamesha Lake.

Families are invited to spend an afternoon of excitement with bowling, camp games and raffle drawings. A minimum donation of \$25 gets you two games, shoe rentals and food and kids under 14 bowl for free! Thanks to our event sponsor, Blue Hill Lodge and Café, every dollar of your tax-deductible donation will go directly to sending kids to summer day camp! There will also be an opportunity to register for Day Camp and hang out with your counselors from last summer. (Next Col.)

Businesses are also encouraged to form a team and compete for the day or sponsor a lane to help Frost Valley bring camp to the local community. WSUL and WVOs are sponsoring two lanes this year! Local supporters of the event include: Sullivan Fire Protection, Gershowitz Bus Company, Sprague and Kileen, Grey's Woodworks, Erts Plumbing, Poley Paving, Michael Siegel and Associates, Claryville Fire Department, Allison Devore General Contractors, Garigliano Law Offices, LLP, Roto Rooter, Catskill Hudson Bank and Ross Electric.

For more information, please contact Melissa Pauls at (845) 985-2291, ext. 208, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit FrostValley.org. Keep up with daily happenings on twitter at twitter.com/frostvalley.

## SC LONGBEARDS

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The harvester of the heaviest bird receives a choice of a Mossberg Camo Turkey Shotgun or a Full Strut Turkey Mount that has been donated by Shewolf Taxidermy in Roscoe with an oak base handmade by Hank Dauria.

To register bring your bird to Fur, Fin & Feather Sport Shop in Livingston Manor between 7 am and 1:30 pm. Call Hank or Fran at 845-439-3738 if you have any questions.

## APRIL BRINGS "POETRY OF THE FLOWERING WORLD" AND "THREE DIMENSIONAL WALL SCULPTURE"

Spring brings a new solo show by Lynne Friedman entitled "Poetry of the Flowering World," and a members' exhibit "Three Dimensional Wall Sculpture" to the Arts Society of Kingston, ASK, with a shared opening reception during First Saturday, April 3rd, 5 - 8 p.m. at 97 Broadway, in the Rondout district of Kingston. "Poetry of the Flowering World" is sponsored by Adams Farmacre Farms and Victoria's Garden. Both shows run through April 28th.

### Poetry of the Flowering World

Inspired by the natural world, both here in the Hudson Valley and based upon two residencies at the White Colony in the tropics of Costa Rica and at the Guthrie Centre in Ireland, Friedman's work features colorful multi-paneled paintings and unique large pen/ink botanical explorations.

Ulster County painter Lynne Friedman's work has been shown at the Prince Street Gallery in New York's Chelsea district and the Booth Western Art Museum, and was chosen by the U.S. Department of State Art in Embassies Program, featured on an oil tank on the Hudson River at Rondout Creek and in many corporate collections. In addition to the ASK exhibit, Friedman will have a solo exhibit of New Mexico paintings at the Lifebridge Sanctuary in Rosendale this month.

To accompany ASK's exploration of Spring, the ASK Literary Committee has chosen poems by area poets on the same theme to be part of the exhibit. Lew Gardner, President of the Board of ASK and head of the literary committee, said, "We are happy to host this exciting exhibit during the same month in which our second annual "One Hundred Poems in 100 Minutes" event will be held on Friday evening, April 16th, (Next Col.)

at 7:30 p.m."

### Three Dimensional Wall Sculpture

The Members Gallery will feature collages, assemblages and bas reliefs hung on the wall by ASK members. The members' exhibits are known for their diverse showings, from notable members of the arts community to the next generation of artists.

### GREASE IS THE WORD!

Turn back the clock to the 1950s with Liberty Performing Arts' and Liberty Music Department's production of Grease. Set at fictional Rydell High School, this vibrant Tony Award-winning musical, written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, celebrates a time when bobby socks were fashionable and beehive hairdos were cool. The production is directed by Scott Glasser and Emily Ford with music direction by Tim Hamblin and Dan McConnell. Over 50 Liberty High School students, participating on stage, in the theater orchestra and backstage, are sure to make this a performance to remember!

This Tony Award winning musical will be presented on March 19 & 20 at 7:30 pm. in the David E. Panabaker Auditorium at Liberty High School. \$5 adults, \$3 students/senior citizens.

### HOLD ON TO YOUR HAT: SILENT CLOWNS OF THE CINEMA SET TO APPEAR MARCH 20 AT SHADOWLAND

"When Comedy Was King" is Second in "Matinees at The Shadowland" Film Series Following February's Sold Out "Adventures of Sherlock Holmes"

Will the success of Sherlock Holmes spoil The Shadowland? That's the question facing the Ellenville theater and the greater downtown business district on March 20 at 2:00 pm when the second in the "Matinees at The Shadowland" classic movie program series presents "When Comedy Was King," a rip-roaring, rollicking trip back to a bygone era with the greatest silent comedians of all time.


Building on a standing-room-only audience turnout on February 20 for "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce with appearances by Popeye, Olive Oyl, The Three Stooges and Flash Gordon - downtown parking spaces were filled for blocks up and down Canal Street in Ellenville - Shadowland again invites Lower Hudson Valley residents to return with them to those "golden days of yesterday" as it continues its monthly Saturday matinee series.

"When Comedy Was King" is the all-star, feature-length compilation of classic silent film comedies. The Robert Youngson production features a hallmark line up that includes Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, Fatty Arbuckle, the Keystone Kops and other great performers from the days before the movies learned to talk, says Ray Faiola, series coordinator and an expert on classic films. From pratfalls to double takes, from custard pies to pie-eyed villains, from indigent tramps to indignant dowagers, in 90 minutes "When Comedy Was King," released in 1960, encapsulates what made the Roaring Twenties ... "roar."

"The Shadowland matinees are designed to remind people what going to the (Contd. Pg. 9)

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movies was all about," says Brendan Burke, Shadowland's artistic director. "In addition to a feature film, each Saturday matinee program will have original trailers, an animated cartoon, a comedy or musical short subject and a chapter of a famous serial. Last month, the audience loved it, laughing up a storm, remembering what it was like to feel young again, not to mention snacking on popcorn and candies." Scheduled to fill out the March 20 program will be a Tex Avery "Merrie Melodie" cartoon "Hamateur Night," a vintage tour of the Smithsonian Institution narrated by Basil Ruysdael, a Kate Smith sing-along short, "America Sings" and the second chapter of the "Flash Gordon" serial.

The matinee series conclude on Saturday, April 24 at 2:00 pm with the original "A Star is Born," the classic film starring Janet Gaynor and Fredric March and photographed in Technicolor.

The "Matinee at The Shadowland" series is sponsored by Ellenville-Wawarsing businesses: H&R Block, Matthew's Pharmacy, Peters Market, Richard's Restaurant and Silver Cup Diner. According to Burke, "Business sponsorships are now available for fall 2010 and winter 2011 movie programming"

Admission is only \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors, and tickets are available at the Shadowland box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY .

Reservations are recommended for these 2:00 pm performances. For more information or to reserve seats, call 845-647-5511.

**LOCAL HISTORY DAY**

The Arts Society of Kingston, ASK, is presenting a special event, Saturday, April 10th, from 2-5pm, at the Mid-Hudson Valley Mall, in the Target hallway between Best Buy and Dick's Sporting Goods.

Events will include: local historical organizations in attendance, such as the Mohonk Preserve, the Saugerties Lighthouse (Next Col.)

Conservancy, the Senate House State Historic Site, the Hudson River Maritime Museum, the Hurley Museum, the Wallkill Valley Rail Trail and others. An Art-Clue-Search game will be handed out to young visitors. Live music by Jesse Janes. A historian will present highlights of local history. Refreshments will be served.

The "ASK goes to the Mall" project is a collaboration between ASK and the Hudson Valley Mall. Sixteen art prints have been hung in the hallway outside Best Buy and Dick's Sporting Goods and are for sale through ASK. The art prints were submitted by ASK members and reproduced by Timely Signs. The project was generously sponsored by Target.

Artists from the "ASK goes to the Mall" project will be on hand with their artwork to answer questions. Artists include: Jane Bloodgood-Abrams, Claudia Engel, Cami Fischer, Lynne Friedman, Angela Gafney-Smith, Mary Anna Goetz, Emmy Hastings, Franz Heigeimeir, Warren Hurley, Betsy Jacaruso, Jim McFarland, Margaret, Moebius, Margaret Ryon and Vindora Wixom.

**ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS AND CREATIVE FOLKS - Coming this May 1st ~ Mark your Calendar!!**

CCE and Delaware Valley Arts Alliance have joined forces and will be offering a creative workshop in printmaking. Professional artist Lisa Zukowski will be teaching a full day workshop on May 1st ~ 9:30-3:30. A fee of \$60.00 will cover all your materials and instruction. You can check out Lisa's work and credentials at [www.lisaz.com](http://www.lisaz.com). Learn how simply beautiful prints can be created without using a press. This workshop introduces the participant to the technique of gelatin plate monotype printing. A fast, fun and easy method of printmaking, gelatin plate monotypes require no press. All levels are welcome beginner to expert! Come be creative and enjoy! For more info: call 292-5250 Class size is limited; pre-registration is a must!

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**GOING GREEN AND THE AMERICAN DREAM**



One of the greatest Irish festivals, St. Patrick's Day a/k/a Paddy's Day commemorates the death of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland and patron saint of New York City.

Saint Patrick's Day is widely celebrated in America by Irish and non-Irish alike. Many people, regardless of ethnic background, enjoy the celebrations and 'wearing of the green'. According to urban myth, those who are caught not wearing green may be affectionately pinched by a Leprechaun!

While St. Patrick's Day began as a religious feast in Ireland during the fifth century, it is now celebrated in countries around the world. The Charitable Irish Society of Boston organized the first Saint Patrick's Day Parade in the colonies on March 17, 1737. This parade in Boston involved Irish immigrant workers marching to make a political statement about how they were not happy with their low social status and their inability to obtain jobs in America.

Nineteen years later, the first St. Patrick's Day celebration in New York City was held at the Crown and Thistle Tavern on March 17, 1756.

A parade, similar to the parade in Boston, was held in New York on March 17, 1762 by Irish soldiers in the British Army. The first official parade in the City that was held by Irishmen in a military unit recruited to serve in the American colonies was in 1766.

Even George Washington celebrated the holiday, giving his soldiers in the Continental Army the day off during the St. Patrick's Day Encampment of 1780, "as an act of solidarity with the Irish in their fight for independence." For the first few years of its existence, the parade was organized by military units until after the war of 1811. At that point in time, Irish fraternal and beneficial societies took over the duties of hosting and sponsoring the event.

Irish patriotism in New York City continued to soar and the parade in New York City continued to grow. Irish aid societies were created like Friendly Sons of St. Patrick and the Hibernian Society and they marched in the parades too. Finally when many of these aid societies joined forces in 1848 the parade became not only the largest parade in the United States but one of the largest in the world.

Although the baseball season is still in the spring training phase when St. Patrick's Day rolls around, some teams celebrate by wearing St. Patrick's Day themed uniforms. In 2004 the Red Sox were the first team to wear jerseys specially designed for St. Patrick's day. Since then it has become a tradition of many sports teams to also wear special uniforms to celebrate the holiday.

Today more than 150,000 marchers participate in New York City's St. Patrick's Day Parade, including bands, firefighters, military and police groups, county associations, emigrant societies, and social and cultural clubs, and it was watched by close to 2 million spectators lining the streets. The parade marches up 5th Avenue in Manhattan and is always led by the U.S. 69th Infantry Regiment, the famed Fighting 69th. It is the only New York City parade in which the marchers head uptown instead of downtown.

St. Patrick's Day celebrations are part of our American life and history!

May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks,  
May your heart be as light as a song,  
May each day bring you bright, happy hours,  
That stay with you all the year long.

May your blessings outnumber  
The Shamrocks that grow.  
And may trouble avoid you  
Wherever you go.

**PARENT CONNECTION:**

If your son is starting to look a little like Sponge Bob, or if you notice that your child knows all the words to the commercial jingles, it might be time to turn off the T.V. and get outside! It's the perfect weather now for Spring Play! Your child can help you with Spring clean up. Give him a small job that's appropriate, even if it doesn't really "help you". Tell him you want to build a rock garden and he can be your big helper to start raking, digging or making rock patterns. Bring her toys outside and she can play beside you. Children have a great time with a pile of sand and cars! Or bring out a dryer rack and a pile of wet wash clothes and your child can hang the laundry. All of these activities will encourage your children to feel successful and that's what leads to positive self esteem.

Along with Spring flowers, warm sun and birds chirping, comes the rain. The overflowing Neversink River, washed out roads and of course, the frizzy hair! It's all depressing! Rainy days can be very boring to our children, so make it fun and exciting! Fill up a small bin with bubbly warm water for tactile play. Add some measuring cups, teaspoons, ladles and sponges and your child won't even know she's learning Science and Math skills! My kids love making forts! Take out all of your extra blankets, sheets and clothespins. Lay them over your couch and connect them to a chair or door knob... we've learned to get really creative and make hallways and separate fort rooms. They love to have "fort picnics"! Or enjoy a scavenger hunt, a cooking activity, hide and seek or a funky dance party! You'll be making memories that your children will never forget!

Do you have a funny story, cool project idea or a comment from your child that made you cry, you laughed so hard? I would love to hear from you and share them with our community families. Please e-mail me at [COFDarlene@aol.com](mailto:COFDarlene@aol.com). And don't forget to take time for yourself! Enjoy the fresh air by taking a walk, gardening or just spending time outside. You're important too!

See you next week!  
Darlene Beiling

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR:**

In reply to Kevin Smith's accusations that I was lax in my fact finding. I used the only source available to me Central Hudson's Storm Central. If Mr. Smith read my letter and was not on the defensive, he would see the whole context of the letter was addressed to the implementation of the C.E.M.P. Not one valley against the other.

You as a board member should have been there to help. Do you have any idea what it is like to have no "information from your officials as to what they are doing, where we can go for help, or for them to show so little concern for our well-being?"

By 'up and running' I inferred that your fire-house was available for emergencies, either fire or medical. While we have to depend on Grahamsville, and without electric or phone, communicating was impossible.

You mentioned that the Town roads were cleared of snow and downed trees. Mr. Smith, fact, the County plows and maintains most of the major roads on this side of town. Denning plows a few of the tributary roads, Balace, Brooks Hill, Whitehouse, etc ... And I have nothing but for praise for the job Dan Van Saders does. He has done a remarkable job faced with this super storm. The only reason he was mentioned is because as Highway Superintendent, he is number 3 in charge in the C.E.M.P.

Fact, Mr. Smith, you had someone to talk to we didn't.

Fact, Mr. Smith why was no attempt made to bring dry ice and water to The Town, (Claryville or Sundown) for distribution?

Fact, the last time inspection of the infrastructure along Peekamoose Road was done was 1982 (28 years ago) electric poles, etc. Status quo will not suffice and it is time for our Board to step up and show that we do count, we do matter, and we are human beings that need to be heard. You are our voice here for all of us.

If I awoke any sleeping Tigers or offended anyone, maybe that's what it takes so we don't have to go through those horrible 6 Days and 22 hours again.

Paul Nasierowski  
Resident of Town of Denning  
Sundown, NY

**HINCHEY ANNOUNCES \$79,468 FEDERAL GRANT FOR MODENA FIRE DISTRICT**

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that the Modena Fire District has been awarded a \$79,468 federal grant to purchase new firefighting equipment, including new turnout gear and a commercial grade machine to wash the new equipment. The funds come from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program (AFG), which is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the United States Fire Administration (USFA).

"These federal funds provide much-needed safety equipment for the dedicated firefighters in the Modena Fire District," Hinchey said. "The new turnout gear will ensure that these brave men and women are protected as they fight fires, and will enable them to continue to perform their important duties for the town of Plattekill. Additionally, this federal grant spares local taxpayers the cost of this much-needed equipment."

The funds allocated to the Modena Fire District will be used to purchase new turnout gear to protect the firefighters, which includes flame retardant boots, trousers, and jackets. These funds will also be used to purchase a commercial grade machine to wash the new turnout gear, which will help to extend the life of this new equipment.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Hinchey has worked to secure full funding for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, since its inception in 2001. Since the fire grant program started, nearly \$17.9 million in grants have been awarded to fire and emergency departments in Hinchey's congressional district.

Hinchey is the author of the SERVE (Supporting Emergency Responders' Volunteer Efforts) Act, which would provide a \$1,000 federal tax credit to individuals who are active members of volunteer firefighting and EMS organizations.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded a similar grant of (Next Col.)

\$198,000 to the Claryville Fire Department under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program to help purchase a pumper/tanker in 2003.

([http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/ny22\\_hinchey/091003claryville\\_fire.html](http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/ny22_hinchey/091003claryville_fire.html))

**CHA JOINS HOME DISTRICT LEGISLATORS** (From Pg. 1)

CHA argues that the proposed Resort is too large, too high-end and too high up, posing threats to the region's environment and economy. "Crossroads is in effect asking for an unconditional political statement of support for a project whose details it has long withheld," says CHA chairman Rich Schaedle. "We believe this is because once the substantive details are revealed they are unlikely to withstand scrutiny."

CHA said the timing of the Ulster County resolution is inappropriate at best and at worst prejudicial to the State review process, because the developer has so far not submitted an SDEIS or any detailed plans for the Resort. The Legislature should not be put in the position of being called upon to vote for a development project it cannot properly evaluate. The project cannot be evaluated sufficiently, the group said, unless or until the developer submits:

- a completed SDEIS
- a recent, valid, and verifiable market study and financial analysis consistent with its business plan that corrects the deficiencies noted in the Review prepared by the New York State Comptroller's Office;
- a valid letter of commitment for financing from a credible lender specifying terms and conditions;
- a valid letter of commitment from a nationally recognized resort/hotel franchisor or time-share syndicator.

So far none of these has been forthcoming. In addition, CHA argues that due diligence from all involved agencies regarding environmental issues, local land use regulations and impacts on community character should be completed before such a resolution is entertained. "That will help clarify the issues we have been raising," said Schaedle, "since there is too much we still don't know about the project and its impacts. But if we have to hold a vote today, and base it on what we know now, the information we do have tells strongly against this proposed Resort."

Crossroads has long claimed outsized economic benefits, including local jobs and tax revenues for the Resort, without backing them up with objective data or analysis that would allow these claims to be scrutinized. In 2008 after the announcement of the AIP Rep. Maurice Hinchey called the project "much too intense," and refuted Crossroads' economic benefit claims, saying it would benefit only "the investors and a few others." Not only has the project failed to substantiate economic benefit claims, it also stands to do economic damage. It is too large for this area and would likely overrun existing local businesses. In addition, Crossroads' proposal has for many years tied up energy and resources that should have been directed toward more practical, near-term projects, including improvements to the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center (BMSC).

As currently proposed the Resort is not in the public interest. But an appropriately scaled, environmentally sensitive resort that complements the region's other communities and is consistent with the scale of development elsewhere in the Route 28 corridor, for example a base area development of 100-200 rooms (in addition to other proposed improvements to the BMSC) would serve the public interest and would be a viable alternative. CHA urges the Ulster County Legislature to oppose the pro-resort resolution as a means to encourage Crossroads to move in this direction.

**GUNTHER ANNOUNCES FUNDING FOR SC LIBRARIES** (From Pg. 1)

**Livingston Manor Free** \$2,500 Installation of new oil tank; removal of three deteriorated tanks from basement and ground.

**Sunshine Hall Free Library** \$2,500 Construction of new parking lot in front of building.

**Western Sullivan Public Library** - Tusten-Cochecton Branch \$6,582 Replacement of boiler; installation of the new hot water heater.

New York's public libraries are in urgent need of renovation and upgrading. A recent survey showed a documented need for public library construction and renovation projects totaling more than \$2.53 billion. More than 40% of the over 1,000 public library buildings in communities across New York are over 60 years old. Another 30% are more than three decades old. Many of New York's local public libraries are unable to accommodate users with

disabilities, are energy inefficient, cannot provide Internet and computer and other electronic technologies to users because of outdated and inadequate electrical wiring, do not have sufficient space to house the library's expanding collection, address the need for adequate meeting room, or provide for public access computers.

"Libraries are an important resource for all communities," Gunther said. "This funding will allow these libraries to become more efficient and continue to provide a valuable learning environment to the people of Sullivan County."

**UC EXECUTIVE HEIN ATTENDS REGIONAL ECONOMIC SUMMIT**

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein attended a regional economic summit designed to enhance job retention and growth by assisting tourism related businesses in the western Ulster County/ Catskill Mountain region. The summit took place on Tuesday, March 9th, in the Longhouse Lodge, at Belleayre Mountain.

The event was sponsored by the Belleayre Region Lodging and Tourism Association and featured expert panelists who will help hospitality-related businesses learn about the various resources and services available to them on a local, state and federal level, including: financing, marketing, business planning, grant funding and energy efficiency upgrades.

"Tourism is a \$471 million dollar industry in Ulster County and provides over 8,000 jobs. Businesses in western Ulster County play a critical role in the vitality of that industry and I will do everything I possibly can to support them and to facilitate access to the resources that the County and other organizations can offer to ensure their ongoing success," said County Executive Hein.

Last year, County Executive Hein played an instrumental role in bringing together a coalition of public and private ski resorts, along with multiple county governments, to promote a "Ski the Catskills" spring skiing marketing initiative. The program was so successful that it led to continued ski resort joint marketing efforts with a 2010 regional discount card program.

In December of 2009, the County Executive successfully advocated for an additional \$8.3 million in federal stimulus funds to repave 23 miles of Route 28 roadway and shoulders, from Route 375, in West Hurley to the Delaware County line. The vastly improved Route 28 transportation corridor will provide tourists and residents alike with a much safer and much more pleasant driving experience.

"We are delighted to be sponsoring this event and we are grateful for the ongoing support provided by County Executive Hein, for our industry and our region. I'd also like to thank all of the organizations who are giving their time and expertise to strengthen our business community," said Bob Linge, Executive Director of the Belleayre Regional Lodging and Tourism Association.

Participants from Ulster County include Rick Remsnyder, Ulster County Director of Tourism, who will deliver introductions and March Gallagher, Ulster County Deputy Director of Economic Development, who helped organize the event and will serve as panel moderator.

Other organizations and individuals represented at the event are as follows:

Ulster County Banking Consortium - Steve Hack, V.P./Commercial Loan Officer, Ulster Savings Bank; Ulster County Development Corporation - Paul Rakov, Director of Business Development and Marketing; Mid-Hudson Small Business Development Center - Myriam Bouchard, Certified Business Advisor; Catskill Watershed Corporation - Michael Triolo, Economic Development Director; Shandaken Revitalization Plan Committee, Inc. (SHARP) - Buffy Kibe, Executive Director; The Mark Project (a nonprofit rural development company) - Peg Ellsworth, Executive Director; Delaware County Economic Development - Glenn Nealis, Director; New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) - Represented by Kema, Inc. - Edward Smyth, Director; United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) - Rural Development - Beverly J. Von Pless, Business Programs Specialist

**ULSTER BOCES YouthBuild OPENS FIRST ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY HOUSE**

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Kingston Mayor Jim Sottile joined Ulster BOCES Youthbuild officials and participants on Monday, March 15, for the grand opening of the organization's first environmentally-friendly house, which is made almost solely out of green materials. The grand opening will take place at the site of the recently completed house located at 136 Prospect Street in Kingston, New York. (Contd. Pg. 14)

**MARCH IS COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**

In recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck, Public Health Director, Ulster County Department of Health, urges men and women over age 50 to get screened for colorectal cancer.

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer diagnosed in men and women in the United States, excluding skin cancers, and the third leading cause of cancer-related death in New York. Approximately, 11,000 new cases of colorectal cancer are diagnosed each year in New York, and 4,000 men and women die from the disease annually.

Colorectal cancer is the term used for cancers that start in the colon or the rectum. Colorectal cancer often starts as a small growth called a polyp, long before symptoms appear. A polyp is a non-cancerous growth of tissue or tumor that grows before cancer develops. "Colorectal cancer screening tests can either find cancer early or prevent cancer by finding polyps before they turn into cancer," Dr. Hasbrouck said.

The cancer affects both men and women, but the risk increases with age. According to the American Cancer Society, more than 90 percent of colon cancer cases occur in people aged 50 and older.

Some people are at greater risk for the disease than others, depending on a personal or family history of colorectal cancer, history.

Colorectal cancer can be prevented or detected early through regular screening. Ulster County residents can lower their risk of developing colorectal cancer by:

- Getting screened. Begin regular screening at age 50, or earlier depending on your family history.

- Eating healthy. Enjoy a low-fat diet that is rich in fruits, vegetables, and whole grains from breads, cereals, nuts, and beans.

- Kicking the habit. If you use tobacco, quit. If you don't use tobacco, don't start.

- Skipping alcohol. If you use alcohol, drink only in moderation.

Alcohol and tobacco in combination are linked to colorectal cancer and other gastrointestinal cancers.

- Getting moving. Exercise for at least 20 minutes three to four days each week. Moderate exercise such as walking, gardening, or climbing may help reduce your risk for colorectal cancer.

"Talking with your health care provider about screening is vital to preventing colorectal cancer," Dr. Hasbrouck said. "Colorectal cancer is easily treated and often curable when detected early. The tests are often covered by Medicare, Medicaid and many health insurers."

People who are uninsured or underinsured should contact the Cancer Services Program of Ulster County to find out how to get free colorectal cancer screening. Call 845-339-7896, Ext. 12 to find the program near you. For more information about the Cancer Services Program, visit [http://www.nyhealth.gov/nysdoh/cancer/center/cancer\\_services.htm](http://www.nyhealth.gov/nysdoh/cancer/center/cancer_services.htm).

Additional information about colorectal cancer is available at the American Cancer Society Web site [http://www.cancer.org/docroot/CRI/CRI\\_2\\_1x.asp?dt=10](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/CRI/CRI_2_1x.asp?dt=10)

**TWO MAPLE SUGAR WEEKENDS PLANNED AT FROST VALLEY YMCA**

Free Maple Sugar Weekends are planned for March 20-21 and March 27-28 at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville. Frost Valley's Maple Weekends provide the opportunity for families to experience firsthand the wonders of Maple Sugar production. Activities will run from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. daily with tours of the Maple Sugar House every half-hour.

Visitors at Frost Valley's Maple Sugar House in the 'forever wild' Catskills will learn about this magical tradition from start to finish. Visitors will find out how to identify a good sugar maple tree, the tree tapping process and proper boiling techniques. There will also be information detailing traditional sapping techniques as compared to modern day practices.


Guests can attend for free during the day or enjoy the festivities as part of a day or overnight stay at Frost Valley. In addition to the maple sugaring theme, there will be many other seasonal activities for overnight guests to enjoy.

The northeast is the only place in the world where sugar maple trees grow and where maple syrup is produced. Frost Valley is in the heart of sugar maple country.


The event is free of charge, but visitors attending the Maple Sugar Weekends are asked to register at the Frost Valley Administration Building at 200 Frost Valley Road. The sugar house is located at 1920 Frost Valley Road (Ulster County Route 47) and is located approximately a half-mile east of the Frost Valley Main Camp entrance.

For information please call (845) 985-2291, ext. 217, e-mail: [info@frostvalley.org](mailto:info@frostvalley.org) or visit: [www.frostvalley.org/maple-sugaring/](http://www.frostvalley.org/maple-sugaring/). Keep up with daily happenings on twitter at [twitter.com/frostvalley](http://twitter.com/frostvalley). Frost Valley YMCA is eight miles from Claryville and 14 miles from Big Indian in the Catskill Mountain High Peaks. It's open every day through four seasons, welcoming school children, family, group and business retreats every week from September through June. The camp is just 2.5 hours drive from metro NY/NJ and about 1 hour from Kingston.

**Calvary Baptist Church**  
of Sullivan County at Loch Sheldrake, Ny  
5th Annual  
Sportsman's Banquet Dinner  
Saturday, March 20, 2010  
Registration 4 pm - Dinner 5 pm  
Rt 52 • Loch Sheldrake Fire Hall  
Featuring Special Guest Speaker David  
Tripiciano  
 Lifetime Outdoorsman, Award Winning  
Wildlife Photographer & Videographer,  
Author, Sailor, NYS Bow Hunting Instructor,  
Founder of "My Father's World Ministries"  
Children must be of NYS minimum legal hunting age 12  
years or older to attend  
Tickets \$10 ea must be purchased in advance  
Contact Pastor Carl Caskey for Tickets  
(845) 985-7480  
Calvary Baptist Church • Pastor Carl Caskey • (845) 985-7480


**Neversink**  
  
**Grahamsville**  
**All You Can Eat  
Pancake Breakfast**  
Hot Pancakes Sausage Gravy  
Sausage Real Maple Syrup from Mulbig Farms  
Eggs—Any Style Beverages include Coffee, Tea, Hot  
Home Fries Chocolate and Orange Juice  
**Sunday, March 28, 2010**  
**7 am to 12 pm**  
**at the Neversink Fire Hall**  
Adults: \$7.00  
Children under 12: \$3.50  
Under 5: free

**CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**  
  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 21**  
Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon  
**ADULTS \$7**  
**CHILDREN UNDER 12, \$3,**  
**UNDER 5 YRS. FREE**  
**\$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED  
TO USMC SGT EDDY RYAN**

**CrossWay Assembly of God**  
Service Times  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service/  
Children's Church 10:30 am  
Monday Night Home Bible Study 7 pm  
Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm  
Friday Youth Night 7 pm  
 **Ismael Berrios**  
Lead Pastor  
P. O. Box 480  
507 Hasbrouck Drive  
Woodbourne, NY 12788  
845-434-8263  
Email:  
[crosswayaog@aol.com](mailto:crosswayaog@aol.com)  
[www.crosswayaog.com](http://www.crosswayaog.com)

  
**WINTER HOURS FOR  
ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL**  
The Little Church with the Big Heart  
**Sundays, 3 pm: Communion**  
Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner  
Coffee hour follows service  
All are welcome!  
5277 State Rt. 42 South Fallsburg  
For Information:  
Mother Joan LaLiberté  
845-887-4742

  
**Sundown United  
Methodist Church**  
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**  
John Bult, Organist

  
Covered  
Dish  
Supper  
**No Covered Dish  
Supper in April**  
**Sundown United  
Methodist Church  
at the Sundown  
Church Hall**

  
**Thrift  
Sale**  
Grahamsville  
United Methodist  
Church  
Saturday  
Mar. 20, 2010  
9 am - 2 pm

**RAMSAY'S FUNERAL HOMES, INC**  
Serving Sullivan County Since 1896  
66 John Street, Monticello, New York (845) 794-2700  
275 S Main Street, Liberty, New York (845) 292-7100  
Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, New York (845) 583-5445

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

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
Sunday School 9 A.M.  
Worship Service 10 A.M.  
Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper  
5:30/6:30 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month  
Looking for a Lifeguard?  
Ours walks on water!  
Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

**Loucks Funeral Home**  
**Geoff and Heather Hazzard  
& Anthony Perito**  
79 North Main Street  
Ellenville, New York  
(845) 647-4343

**ULSTER BOCES YouthBuild (From Pg. 12)**

Hinchey has been a longtime supporter of the YouthBuild program, which allows young adults to earn their GEDs while also learning construction skills as they rehabilitate housing in their neighborhood. The congressman has been an outspoken advocate of funding from Congress for YouthBuild. Hinchey supported the Obama administration's request for an increase in funding for the YouthBuild program, which provided the funding needed to complete the housing construction project that will be unveiled at the event.

The housing project at 136 Prospect Street in Kingston started with a house that was donated to YouthBuild by the City of Kingston. The site was originally planned as a rehabilitation project, but because of the level of deterioration inside the house, the initiative quickly evolved into a new construction project. The situation thus allowed for YouthBuild to be able to construct a house using green building technologies/products that will make the house energy efficient.

**AFTER GILLIBRAND'S URGING, SENATE LEADERS TAKE STEPS TO PASS NEW SANCTIONS ON IRAN**

At the urging of U.S. Senate Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senate leaders today moved forward on efforts to pass new legislation to strengthen sanctions and checks against companies tied to Iran, including blocking federal contracts to violators and imposing a three year ban on government contracts against companies who falsely claim they do not conduct business with Iran's energy sector.

On Monday, Senator Gillibrand sent a letter to Majority Leader Reid urging him to move forward on the legislation. Today he appointed a conference committee, including Senators Chris Dodd (D-CT), John Kerry, (D-MA), Joseph Lieberman (I-CT), Robert Menendez (D-NJ), Richard Shelby (R-AL), Bob Bennett (R-UT) and Richard Lugar (R-IN).

Senator Gillibrand issued the following statement praising Senate leaders for the move:

"There is a true sense of urgency that we must shut down Iran's financing of its nuclear weapons program as soon as possible. The more that Iran can invest in nuclear weapons, the more danger Americans face.

"I want to thank the bipartisan group of Senate leaders for coming together to take quick action that will strengthen the President's ability to crack down on companies doing business with Iran and curb the dangerous country's growth.

"These sanctions will show Iran that until they halt their nuclear development, they will not have any access to the global economy, and neither will any company doing business with Iran."

After a recent analysis revealed that companies that do business with Iran's energy sector defied U.S. sanctions law by raking in tens of billions of dollars in federal contracts and loans, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called for immediate passage of federal law that would allow President Obama to impose tougher sanctions and checks against companies tied to Iran, including blocking federal contracts to violators and imposing a three year ban on government contracts against companies who falsely claim they do not conduct business with Iran.

In a letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid last Monday, Senator Gillibrand called for immediate action to move both the Senate and House versions of the Iran sanctions bill through conference committee and onto the President's desk. Senator Gillibrand urged Majority Leader Reid to encourage colleagues in conference to adopt the stronger House bill which prohibits government contracts to foreign companies and foreign subsidiaries of American companies that do business with Iran and requires firms to officially certify that they do not invest in Iran. Under the House bill, the federal government would impose a three year ban on government contracts against companies who falsely certify, deny companies U.S. bank loans, and restrict violators from importing goods.

A New York Times report revealed that \$107.8 billion in federal contracts, grants and loans were awarded to companies who were doing business with Iran - \$14.8 billion of which were given to companies whose investments in Iran's energy sector violated the Iran Sanctions Act. According to the report, there are currently 49 companies that continue to do business with Iran.

Last year, Senator Gillibrand pushed for legislation to be included in the Iran sanctions bill which targets companies that support Iran's economy and authorizes stronger penalties against these firms.

**HINCHEY ENCOURAGES LOCAL RESIDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN CENSUS - Census Determines How Much Federal Funding New York Will Receive; and Congressman Warns Residents of Fake Census Scams**

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today urged all residents in the congressional district he represents to fill out their 2010 Census form, which will be distributed in the coming days. The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years to count the population and determine the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

The information the U.S. Census Bureau collects on the U.S. population also helps to determine how more than \$400 billion dollars in federal funding is spent each year on infrastructure and services such as hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, and emergency services, as well as bridges, roads and other-public works projects. According to a recent PriceWaterhouse Coopers report, areas most affected by Census undercounting lose about \$2,913 in federal funding per uncounted person.

"A full participation in the 2010 Census among local residents will help ensure that New York gets its fair share of federal resources," Hinchey said. "It's extremely important that everyone living in the area fills out the surveys they will receive this month so that our area, and the state overall, is not shortchanged and receives the full level of federal funding it needs and deserves. Our local communities cannot afford to lose out on crucial federal funds and programs, and every single resident can ensure that doesn't happen by filling out their Census form. By having every New Yorker participate in the 2010 Census, our schools, health centers, libraries, community centers, and other community initiatives will receive their fair share of federal funding since the formulas for many federal programs rely on Census results."

More than 130 million addresses throughout the U.S. will receive a census form in March 2010 either by mail or in person from a census worker. Households should complete and return their forms upon receipt. Addresses that do not respond will be visited in person by a census worker beginning in late April through July. With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. Households are asked to provide key demographic information, including: whether a housing unit is rented or owned; the address of the residence; and the names, genders, ages, and races of others living in the household. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

As with other public efforts, New York residents should be wary of fake Census scams that attempt to collect personal information. The Census Bureau has received complaints about deceptive mailings that include envelopes marked "Census" and include a "census tracking code." People should review all mailings carefully to ensure that they are indeed from the Census Bureau. Official Census Bureau documents will never ask for a full Social Security number, money or a donation, PIN codes, passwords or similar access information for credit cards, banks or other financial accounts. Also, the Bureau never sends requests on behalf of a political party. If residents are suspicious of a mailing, they can contact Hinchey's office, the Census Bureau, or the Postmaster General's office.

This week, Hinchey helped the House pass the Prevent Deceptive Census Look Alike Mailings Act, which prohibits non-governmental mailings from using labels that may mislead the recipient into thinking it is from the U.S. Census Bureau. Specifically, the bill prohibits non-governmental mailings from using phrases such as "Congressional Direct Census", "Official Documents" and "Do Not Destroy". In addition, if the word "Census" appears on the mailing, the mailing must also include a disclaimer that it is not the U.S. Census form and must be clearly marked as being sent from a non-governmental agency.

The 2010 Census is one of the shortest in U.S. history, consisting of only ten questions. The Census contains questions about the number of people living at a residence and some demographic information about them. The form only takes a few minutes to fill out.

For additional information about the Census, please call one of Hinchey's district offices at 845-331-4466 (Ulster and Dutchess Counties), 607-773-2768 (Broome and Delaware Counties), 607-273-1388 (Tompkins and Tioga Counties), 845-344-3211 (Orange and Sullivan Counties), or visit <http://2010.census.gov>.

**RAVITCH 5-YEAR FISCAL PLAN NEEDS TO BE TIED TO LONG-TERM MANDATE REFORM, ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Lieutenant Governor Richard Ravitch presented a 5-year fiscal plan for the State of New York. That plan calls for a series of actions that will enable the state to close a projected \$9 billion budget deficit for the 2010-11 State Fiscal Year and lays the groundwork for an unprecedented four-year fiscal plan.

"What we need from Albany is leadership that puts us on a track toward sound budgeting practices, economic recovery, and fiscal responsibility," said Chemung County Executive Thomas J. Santulli, president of the New York State Association of Counties.

The Ravitch Plan includes a proposal to borrow billions of dollars to help close the projected \$9 billion budget deficit, to be accompanied by series of recommendations designed to limit and balance State spending this year and in the coming years.

Counties administer and fund the bulk of the state's health and human service programs and, because of that government service delivery relationship, are tethered to the State's annual spending plan.

Because of the structural relationship counties have with the State, NYSAC is calling for reforms that guarantee:

- A ban on unfunded mandates or shifts in funding from the state to local governments and property taxpayers.

- A seat or an advisory role on any State level fiscal control board

- Fundamental reforms to the intergovernmental finance structure and public service delivery model that has resulted in New York having some of the highest property taxes in the nation.

"Any long-term fiscal reforms coming out of this proposal should include accountability to New York's property taxpayers who have had to fund decades of increased programs and services at the state level," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario.

**THOUSANDS OF NY SENIORS COULD BE LIVING INDEPENDENTLY RATHER THAN IN NURSING HOMES - GILLIBRAND ANNOUNCES NEW PLAN TO HELP THESE SENIORS REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES FOR AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, SAVE TAXPAYERS MILLIONS EACH YEAR - New Legislation Creates First Federal Insurance Program to Make Long-Term Care Affordable, Help Seniors Live Independently**

With thousands of New Yorkers residing in nursing homes that could be living independently, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, member of the Senate's Special Committee on Aging, today announced a broad agenda to help more New York seniors live independently in their homes for as long as they are able by expanding access to in-home care, incentivizing more health professionals to work with seniors and investing in transportation to maximize independence for seniors. A cornerstone of Senator Gillibrand's plan is a new national long-term care insurance program that will make long term care more affordable for seniors and future generations.

By living independently in their homes and relying less on nursing homes, seniors are more likely to remain active and live longer, healthier lives. Keeping seniors in their homes would also result in big savings for New York taxpayers. Based on previous state assessments, nearly 6,500 New York seniors currently living in nursing homes could live independently in their own homes with better access to in-home care, saving New York taxpayers approximately \$73 million annually.

"When seniors stay in their homes and maintain their independence, they live longer, healthier, happier lives and taxpayers save millions," Senator Gillibrand said. "The health care reform legislation we are debating right now would provide long-term care insurance to help many middle class seniors afford the cost of quality care in their homes. My plan will build on this progress by expanding access to in-home care, emphasizing prevention to reduce hospital visits, incentivizing more health professionals to work with seniors in their homes, and investing in transportation so more seniors can live independently - the way they want to."

In the Hudson Valley, approximately 360 seniors currently living in nursing homes could live independently in their homes, saving taxpayers approximately \$8.1 million.

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**

[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
(845) 985-2262 extension 312 SOUTH

**PIZZA & STEPPING STONES** May 7 - TVHS Cafeteria 5:30 pm. \$5 residents/ \$10 non-residents Sign up by April 6

**BRONX ZOO** June 12. \$40 per person Sign up by May 4.

**STATUE OF LIBERTY & ELLIS ISLAND** September 18. \$52 per person Sign up by June 8.

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

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

**STATUE OF LIBERTY & ELLIS ISLAND** September 18. \$52 per person Sign up by June 8.

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

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**THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS**

- 3/17/10 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association
- 3/17/10 **Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting**- 12 noon Covered dish luncheon. Town Hall Grahamsville
- 3/20/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 3/20/10 AARP Driver Safety Program Ulster Heights United Methodist Church Register 647-5389
- 3/21/10 Claryville Fire Dept **Pancake Breakfast** 7 - noon
- 3/24/10 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 3/24/10 Claryville Fire District Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 3/25/10 Time and the Valleys Trustee Meeting - 7:00 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 3/28/10 **Neversink/Grahamsville Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast** - 7 am - 12 noon Neversink Fire Hall
- 3/30/10 Townof Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting 7 pm Upstairs Meeting Room @Town Hall
- 4/1/10 First Thursday Readers - Daniel Pierce Library
- 4/2/10 Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY
- 4/3/10 Sundown Methodist Church - there will be no Covered Dish Dinner this month
- 4/6/10 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall - 7:00 pm
- 4/6/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** (9-2) and **Luncheon** (11-1)
- 4/7/10 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 4/9/10 Spring Rummage Sale St. Paul's Lutheran Church Liberty 9 - 2
- 4/10/10 Spring Rummage Sale St. Paul's Lutheran Church Liberty 9 - 12
- 4/11/10 Woodbourne Fire Dept 6th Annual French Toast Breakfast 6 am-12 436-9234 or 434-6763
- 4/13/10 Town of Denning Audit Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7:00 pm

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**14th Annual Women's Conference** to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Sullivan County Community College  
**July 31 - Time and the Valleys Museum Olde Time Fair**

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

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

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| SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP       | E & H PAINTBALL (Loch Sheldrake)  | LIGHTHOUSE DELI         |
| GRAHAMSVILLE DELI              | VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) | NAPANOCH FLORIST        |
| LAGUEUX HARDWARE               | WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION          | JAME'S NAPANOCH GROCERY |
| CANNIE D'S                     | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)     | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY      |
| BLUE HILL LODGE                |                                   | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE      |
| ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) |                                   | PETER'S MARKET          |

**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

Every Saturday night 8:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Presbyterian Church, 81 South Main Street, Liberty  
Every Monday night 7:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Presbyterian Church, 81 South Main Street, Liberty  
Every Thursday night 7:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne

Due to last month's snow, This event has been rescheduled!

Please join the Committee to Elect Paul Van Blarcum Sheriff for a Campaign Kick-off Fundraiser

Friday, March 19th, 2010  
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Hillside Manor  
240 Boulevard (Route 32)  
Kingston, New York

Donation: \$40 per person  
Cash Bar & Hors d'oeuvres

Please RSVP for tickets  
(845) 512-1630

**HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CONSUMER AND FINANCIAL ED- Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County New Class Offering this Spring!**

**Stop, Think, Click** is on April 13th at 6:00 at CCE-This free class will teach you how to stay safe online. Learn how to avoid scammers, hackers, and identity thieves. Being on guard online helps protect your personal information, your computer, even yourself. The class will teach you the seven practices for safer computing and practical tips outlined by the Federal Trade Commission. Please call Linda to pre-register at 845-292-5250

**HeatSmart Class Offerings:**  
**Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues** is on April 21st at 5:30-7:30 at CCE-This workshop provides information on selecting and using credit wisely, strategies for paying down debt, obtaining and receiving a credit report, and understanding a credit score. Participants will receive free credit management tools.

**Save Energy, Save Dollars**-April 21st at 5:30-7:30 pm at CCE -This free workshop is open to the public. Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to

save energy and reduce your energy bills. Also, learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. There will be free energy-saving materials to be provided to all participants. Please call Linda to pre-register at 845-292-5250

**CAS CLASS SCHEDULE & EVENTS**

**CLAIMING YOUR ARTISTIC VOICE:** an intuitive approach to drawing from life 1:00pm - 4:00pm **Saturday, March 27** Artist Instructor: Andrey Tamarchenko Fee: Member \$40, Non-Member \$50  
Join us for an engaging artistic experience aimed at discovering and releasing your unique creative expression. Suited for utter beginners as well as experienced artists, in this class you will learn a simple and practical way of beginning or revitalizing a visual art practice and deepen your relationship with your intuition and inspiration. Even if you think you can't draw OR perhaps you are an accomplished artist looking to move your work to another level - this workshop is for you! For over 20 years, Andrey has been teaching and leading groups on creative journeys and collaborative explorations, most notably as the director of the Art Farm in the Catskills. Over the last 2 years he established an artistic base in Italy where he now teaches and leads VistaNuova Art Retreats ([www.vistanuova.com](http://www.vistanuova.com)).

**THURSDAY NIGHT CLAY CLASS** Six Consecutive Thursdays 6:00pm - 8:30pm Thursdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & May 6 Artist Instructor: Ayla Maloney Fee: Mem \$210, Non-Mem \$230 Single Class \$40 CAS has switched from earthenware to stoneware and now students can create work that is much stronger and can be used in the microwave, oven and dishwasher. These improvements coupled with Ayla's expertise guarantee a wonderful and creative learning experience. Come join the fun - teens and adults!

**PAW - Performance Writing** Six Consecutive Fridays 6:15m - 8:15pm Fridays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & May 7 Artist Instructor: Mimi McGurl Fee: Member \$120, Non-Member \$135 This workshop focuses specifically on creating texts meant to be performed for a live audience. Whether your interest is in crafting traditional dramatic scenes, spoken word pieces, or performance art, this class will guide you through the process.

**BEADIN 4** Consecutive Saturdays 1:00pm - 4:00pm Saturdays, April 10, 17, 24 & May 1 Artist Instructor: Karin Houeland Fee: Mem \$150, Non-Mem \$165 Single Class \$4 Karin will introduce you to the basics (and/or intermediate level) of jewelry beadwork allowing each student to explore their own creativity through the use of various color schemes

and materials. Throughout the class we will be designing necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. Material fees included in price.

**POTS FOR TOT** Six Sunday 2:30pm - 3:30p Sundays, April 11, 18, 25 & May 2, 16, 23 Artist Instructor: Jesse Spaeth Fee: Member \$70, Non-Member \$85 This fun class is for ages 4-7 and will explore the world of hand-building pottery with clay. Jesse will teach students how to hand build their own dishes. The first week we will make clay stamps to decorate pots. If students would like to they can bring along things from home with interesting textures, toys etc. The next three lessons we will make slab and coil built dishes, including plates, bowls and mugs. The students will then be able to glaze their pots in the last two lessons.

**AFRICAN DANCE** Six Fridays 6:30pm - 7:45pm Fridays, Mar 26, April 9, 16, 30 & May 7, 14 Artist Instructor: Rismi Fee: Mem \$80, Non-Mem \$90, Single Class \$1 Teens & adults will get a workout while learning basic African dance steps and having lots of fun! All ages and levels welcome.

**LECTURE SERIES AT CAS CONTINUES**  
**Color: Usage and Meaning - Part II** 1:00pm - 3:00pm Sunday, April 11 Artist Instructor: Thomas Boske Fee: Member \$5, Non-Member \$1 The second part in the series, with Thomas Bosket, Professor at Parsons The New School, will look at the use of color from a historical perspective; examining what pigments were available when and how they were used - including what artists have available since the coal tar technological innovations.

Classes are held at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY with a 5 student minimum. For more info, please call 845-436-4227 or go to [www.catskillartsociety.org](http://www.catskillartsociety.org). To register and reserve a place in the class, please send check payable to CAS, PO Box 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. We now accept MasterCard & Visa.

**CAS PHOTO CLUB - Fifth Meeting**  
The next club meeting will be Sunday, March 21 at 2pm. The first hour will be demonstrations of teaching software for the point and shoot camera, indoor photography with lights, HDR photography showing the use of Photomatrix Pro and FDR Tools. Members are encouraged to bring a sample in and discuss how they created it. The regular Member's meeting will be from 3-4pm, with hot apple cider and sweet treats served. Feel free to bring friends who have an interest in photography.

Electric Junkyard Gamelon returns to CAS on Friday, April 23 with a music event at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Don't miss it!



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#### Denning Democrats

**On the Local & World Scene; (The following Statement in quotes, and in context from the Monsanto website on Genetically Modified Organisms in our food) Monsanto claims.** "What's the Problem with Labeling Genetically-Modified (GM/GMO) foods? Since genetically-modified (GM/GMO) crops came onto the market, there's been a lot of debate about whether foods containing ingredients from GM crops should be labeled. Some people believe it's a right-to-know issue, and all products containing ingredients from GM crops should be labeled as such. Others believe that since there's no difference between GM and non-GM ingredients, labeling shouldn't be required. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) oversees food labeling laws in the United States. The FDA has determined that where genetically-modified crops don't differ from non-GM crops, that products containing them don't have to be labeled. FDA does require the product to be labeled if the ingredient is a potential allergen, or somehow changes the nutritional properties of the food. To date, no approved biotech crop is either an allergen, or has any significant nutritional differences from non-GM counterparts. Some might ask what the harm would be in requiring the labeling of products. U.S. labeling laws are based on health and safety. Requiring labeling for ingredients that don't pose a health issue would undermine both our labeling laws and consumer confidence. Ensuring that such labeling is accurate would also put a huge burden on regulatory agencies. A better question might be: What would be the benefits of labeling products containing GM ingredients? Individuals who make a personal decision not to consume food containing GM ingredients can easily avoid such products. In the U.S., they can purchase products that are certified as organic under the National Organic Program. They can also buy products which companies have voluntarily labeled as not containing GM ingredients. The law allows for voluntary labeling so long as the information is accurate, truthful and avoids misleading consumers about the food. Monsanto supports both options. Mandatory labeling of food containing GM ingredients might seem like a no-brainer. However, once you consider the facts, it becomes clear there is no sense in mandatory GMO labeling."

According to the **Dooms Day Seed Vault No GMO seeds from Svalbard**, "Seeds from genetically modified (GM) plants can currently not be accepted for storage in the Svalbard Global Seed Vault. According to Norwegian national legislation, the import to and storage of GMO seeds in Norway requires, inter alia, approval in advance from Norwegian authorities and storage in a "contained use" facility meeting certain standards. Special status The Norwegian biotechnology legislation was established prior to the Svalbard Global Seed Vault and thus did not anticipate or take into account its particular status, mission and operating procedures. Unless and until the legislation is amended or an exemption made for the Seed Vault, national legislation will apply to deposits. Can be revised if at some later stage it is deemed desirable to include GMO seeds into the Seed Vault in line with its mission, Norway will examine relevant policies and regulations as well as look into the possibility of upgrading the procedures and operations of the facility. In this regard, Norway will give serious consideration to the views of the International Council that will be created to provide policy guidance for the Svalbard Global Seed Vault." Next Col.)



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#### Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia" Lawrence of Arabia (1962)



David Lean is purported to be one of the greatest screenwriters in the history of film. (In my book David Lean is the Best.) View this film and I think you will agree. This is the supposed true story of T.E. Lawrence, a British military officer who became a legend in the annals of war as he leads the Arab revolt in the desert warfare of World War I. Cast: Peter O'Toole, Alec Guinness, Anthony Quinn, Jack Hawkins Dir: David Lean C-227 mins, TV-14, 8:00 pm, Saturday evening, March 20, 2010, on TCM. Additionally, right after comes these two Peter O'Toole film classics, at 12:00 am on the 21 of March, is "The Ruling Class" then at 2:45 am one of my very, very favorites is "Lord Jim." If you love the acting of Peter O'Toole, you will have a great night.

#### Quiz:

A. What actor in this film also played the lead in "Lord Jim?"

B. Who played "Auda Abu Tayi" in this film?

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

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It's spring! How do I know? Well the robins are chirping and people are talking about hiking. Therefore, we should try the Empire Trail Alliance. They have set up a club and have 6 miles of insured trails here in Sullivan County, and they are on the web at <http://www.empiretrails.com>. So go and enjoy the great outdoors.

This week in 1959, the Hawaiian statehood bill was signed into law, by then US President Dwight D. Eisenhower approving the entrance of Hawaii into the United States pending approval by the electorate of the Pacific Ocean island chain. On the 18 March 1959, the US government approved statehood for Hawaii, and, on 27 June 1959, the Hawaiian people voted by a wide majority to accept statehood. On the twenty-first of August 1959, Hawaii formally entered the Union as the fiftieth state

Have a Great Day

Bye,

Knarf Oghamoc  
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#### ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

B. Anthony Quinn  
A. Peter O'Toole  
Ans:

DENNING DEMS (Contd.) Considering the fact many of the prescribed medications, that were man made, and supposedly to have been declared safe for our use, have sometimes had fatal results, it is the general consensus of opinion, that if we sat on a jury and are guided by reasonable doubt, there should be no objection to labeling what is in our foods.

Have a suggestion for Denning Dems email: [denningdems@yahoo.com](mailto:denningdems@yahoo.com),

Democratic Committee Chair  
Frank Comando