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DEC PUBLIC MEETING AT SCCC

A very large group of concerned citizens gathered at the Seelig Theater at Sullivan County Community College last week for the first public hearing for the Draft SGEIS regarding gas drilling in the area. (Contd. Pg. 14)

STANDARD AND POOR'S AFFIRMS ULSTER COUNTY'S FAVORABLE LONG TERM BOND RATING

Rating Reflects County's Solid Financial Position, Strong Fund Balance and Low Debt
Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to announce that Standard and Poor's has affirmed Ulster County's favorable, AA- long-term rating. (Contd. Pg. 14)

SCCC TO BROADCAST 2009-2010 SEASON OF THE MET: LIVE IN HD

Opera lovers will once again be able to experience live high-definition transmissions of The Metropolitan Opera's Peabody and Emmy Award-winning series The Met: Live in HD at Sullivan County Community College (SCCC). (Contd. Pg 8)

WILLIAM H. COLLIER HONORED BY HOSPITAL



Steven L. Kelley, President and CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital presents a plaque to honoree William H. Collier

The Board of Directors of the Ellenville Regional Hospital Foundation honored William H. Collier at their annual Dinner Dance, held at the Hudson Valley Resort on October 24, 2009. (Contd. Pg. 3)

ULSTER COUNTY AREA TRANSIT MOVES TO A SMALLER, CLEANER AND MORE FUEL EFFICIENT FLEET

-New Vehicles to Enhance Services with Lower Costs and Emissions
The first of seven new buses, fully funded by federal stimulus funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), has arrived at Ulster County's Area Transit System (UCAT) headquarters. Total funding for the seven buses, scheduled for delivery this year and next, is approximately \$1.43 million. (Contd. Pg. 4)

...AMERICA'S WATER CRISIS...

Dr. Robert Glennon, author of "Unquenchable, America's Water Crisis and What to Do About It," will speak on that topic Monday, Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in a free public presentation at SUNY Ulster in Stone Ridge, NY. (Contd. Pg. 4)

SC CIVIL WAR VETERANS



Taken quite a few years ago, this picture was sent to us by Gloria Thompson. The third person from the left is Alonzo Briggs. Alonzo Briggs returned from the Civil War in 1865.

HISTORY OF THE LOCAL KNIFE MAKING INDUSTRY: AN ILLUSTRATED TALK HISTORY OF THE LOCAL KNIFE MAKING INDUSTRY



An illustrated talk by Dr. Richard Craft and Harold Buley, Jr. will be held on Sunday, November 8, 2009 at 2 p.m. at the Neversink Town Hall on Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County.

Co-sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum and the Town of Neversink, this Sunday afternoon program is FREE and open to people of all ages who have an interest in the early knife making industry of the area. (Contd. Pg. 3)

SULLIVAN COUNTY LEADERS INSPIRE FUTURE LEADERS



New Hope Community sponsors a Future Leadership program for a selected group among its 500 employees twice a year for the past 8 years. (Contd. Pg. 6)

VETERAN'S DAY SERVICES HONOR PRESTON KORTRIGHT AND DENNIS AKERLEY

November 11th, the traditional date for honoring all those who have served our country, will be observed traditionally here in the Town of Neversink and Tri-Valley area. At 11:00 a.m., the semi-annual Flag Exchange Ceremony will take place at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, after which the Neversink Town Board will hold a brief program and wreath-laying dedication at the Neversink Town Hall. Refreshments will be served in the Town Hall following their program. (Contd. Pg. 3)

WHO'S IN YOUR WALLET? - Comptroller Auerbach Battles Nonprofit Fraud

A month does not pass without a story about a charitable organization, sports league or civic group falling victim to fraud by an officer of its board or volunteer-member. From parent-teacher clubs to soccer teams, tens of thousands of dollars have "been lifted from the wallets" of unsuspecting groups by treasurers, presidents and bookkeepers. (Contd. Pg. 4)

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CONSUMER AND FINANCIAL ED Cornell Cooperative Extension of SC

HeatSmart NY Classes are two hour workshops that provide energy and financial information to families faced with higher energy costs. These classes are free and open to the public. For further information and to pre-register, call Linda at 292-5250. (Contd. Pg 15)

GRAND OPENING OF MOUNTAINDALE RAILWAY STATION



Ken Schmitt of the Mountaindale Community Development Project displays one of the archival photos that will be on display at the new Mountaindale Railway Station. Depicted is O&W Railway Engine #404 traveling past a building that still stands along the Sandburg Creek in Mountaindale.

After several years of planning and preparation, the brand new Mountaindale Railway Station will hold it's Grand Opening celebration on Saturday, November 14th at 9:30AM on Railroad Station in Mountaindale, across from the Post Office. (Contd. Pg. 3)

LOWER HUDSON VALLEY HORROR ALERT!

If dealing with last year's financial crisis, currently rising gas prices and the cold, dark winter ahead were enough of a horror to handle, Shadowland Theatre adds to the nightmare by announcing a "Lower Hudson Valley Horror Alert" for Saturday, November 7 at 8:00 pm EDT when two classic, old-time radio plays, "Dead Ernest" and "Cat Wife" first performed on CBS Radio, will be presented as an "Evening of Horror" benefit performance for the non-profit Actors' Equity theater. (Contd. Pg. 8)

YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN
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Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501.
As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER
be saved from mine enemies.

I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I
II Samuel 22:4

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 Vo-Tech 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 in Neversink. Savannah is the head cosmetologist and William is the executive chef.

A September 2011 wedding is planned.

**DAYS OF YORE...
TODAY'S HISTORY
November 9, 1949**

The work is proceeding fast at the Lows Corners Outlet. The digging for the opening of the tunnel has been finished, and work on the tunnel is expected to be begun the last of the week. Tracks are being laid for the railroad, a generator and compressor building is in process of building, a change and bath house, a shop repair building, a B.W. S. building and office. A detour has been made for the present until a bridge can be made over the present chasm in the road.

Charles Ter Bush and Earl Terwilliger are helping Nial Everett with the new house he is building here. (Sundown)

Electric current was turned on at Snug Harbor this past week.

William Toohey, Postmaster at Hurleyville, New York, has bought the Theron Gillette place through John D. Sheeley Agency.

Private Robert McDole is spending a twenty day leave from the Oakland Army Base in California with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy McDole. He has been transferred to Camp Kilmer, N. J., and from there expects to be sent to Europe for a year's stay.

November 4, 1959

The Delaware Water Pact, voted by four states recently marked the first concrete step in the development of the 356 mile-long river which flows from the Catskills along the borders of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware to the Atlantic. The East Branch Creek and the West Branch Creek which flow through the townships of Denning and Neversink both carry water to the Delaware River. The draft marks a victory for New York City because it states that coming legislation shall "recognize and accept existing determined public rights of all states in the Delaware". This clause was designed to protect New York City's exclusive rights to water supply in the projects which

have been built in this section at a cost of more than \$600,000,000.

Letter to the Editor - "Thank you for your reminder that my subscription has expired. I would not want to go without a single copy. It is like a letter from home."

Beatrice Schumann

Woolrich clothes take to the woods,

They are sturdy, handsome and warm-

Let November bring snow squalls or sleet-

They aren't afraid of a storm!
KUM TO KRUM'S

The Rev. George H. Cooley, Minister in Neversink several years ago and now at Ashland, Virginia, was in town last Wednesday calling on some of his former parishioners.

November 5, 1969

On November 11, Veterans Day, there will be a parade beginning at Tri-Valley School and terminating at the Fairgrounds followed by a Veterans Day Program. The Tri-Valley Christian Men's Club, who are sponsoring this observance, has contacted all organizations in the Tri-Valley area to participate. The parade will step off promptly at 11 AM. Those participating should gather at the school grounds at 10:30 AM. Parade Marshal will be Joseph Raffa of Neversink. It is hoped that a function of this nature will re-instill a feeling of patriotism within us all and grow to become one of the annual events in the Town of Neversink.

Airman Rubin C. Ackerley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Ackerley of Neversink, has completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas. He has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., for training as an aerial photo systems repairman. Airman Ackerley is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

The Lows Corners Baptist Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary this Sunday, November 9, starting with the morning service at 11 AM with Rev. Forest Fordham, Associate Executive Minister of the Eastern Area as guest speaker. There will also be special music. A Buffet Covered Dish Luncheon will be served at 1 PM to which all are invited. After the luncheon slides and pictures will be shown of events, ministers, members and friends of the church, together with the singing of favorite hymns. This will be followed by a time of visiting and fellowship.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheeley, 12 yrs. on the 10th.

Marty Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rubenzahl of Neversink, and Michael

Musso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Musso of Big Hollow Rd., had the honor of serving as Color Guard Flag Bearers at a dinner honoring Gen. Westmorland at the Concord recently. They are both from Troop 87 in Neversink.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pond have moved into their new home on Thunder Hill in Grahamsville. They resided formerly in Woodbourne, and have five children. Mr. Pond, an attorney, is associated with the law firm of Scheinman and Kalter of Woodbourne. He is a 1966 graduate of St. John's Law School in Brooklyn. He served as an attorney for the Legal Aid Society in the criminal court division where he represented indigent defendants. Since August 1968 Mr. Pond has been employed by the Woodbourne office of Scheinman and Kalter. Mr. Pond hopes to open a branch office in Grahamsville in the near future.

November 1, 1979

Bob Dice, Catskill Guide, conducted a flood tour of the flood ravaged upper Neversink Valley for local, state, and federal officials. The flood of Sept. 6, 1979, the aftermath of Hurricane David, had a crest of at least 8 to 10 feet above normal which destroyed the fire company's access to the stream. At present to take on water they would have to park the truck on the highway on a blind

Steve Drobysch of Pond Rennison Rd. was 1 of 14,000 runners who ran in the Marathon in NYC on Oct. 20th. Steve was in competition with well known runners Frank Shorter and Bill Rogers. Bill Rogers was the male winner and Grete Waits from Norway was the female winner, setting a new world record for women. Steve ran the 26.8 miles in a time of 3 hrs. 22 min.

HOW TO LIGHT UP YOUR COMMUNITY DURING THE WINTER

What do communities throughout Sullivan County do to celebrate the holidays? Sullivan Renaissance is holding a "Decorating for the Holidays" seminar on Wednesday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the CVI Building in Ferndale.

Representatives from several villages and hamlets in Sullivan County will explain their "tried and true" methods for bringing color and light into the winter season.

Learn the details of how holiday activities work in Wurtsboro, Narrowsburg, Jeffersonville, Hurleyville and other communities.

(Contd. Pg. 3)

HERE AND THERE

Saturday's (Oct. 31) rainy weather literally "put a damper on" the number of Trick or Treaters out on Halloween this year. Here on Hastings Drive we usually count 70 to 75 costumed visitors; last night just 51 Treaters came to our door.

Congratulations to Jim Richardson of Grahamsville, who will be Parade Marshall for the 11th Annual Veteran's Day Parade in Woodbourne on November 7th. The parade is sponsored by the Woodbourne Fire Department, with a service to be held at the firehouse following the parade along Main Street. (We hope the construction cones on the bridge don't trip up the marchers!) Jim is a worthy choice. After seven years of active service (1962-69) and two years in the Army Reserve, he has continued to be a supporter of veteran causes. Locally, we are always grateful for his participation in and organization of the Honor Guard for the Flag Exchange programs. Jim, this is a well-deserved honor.

We have several health updates to report: Becky Meyers of Kauneonga Lake wasn't in her usual pew at the Grahamsville Reformed Church this Sunday (Nov. 1); she is at home recovering from back surgery last week. (She and husband Harris are involved in many activities in the Grahamsville-Neversink area.) However, Joyce Thomas (Phyllis Moore's mom) was able to attend services at the Grahamsville Methodist Church this morning; she continues to recover from a longer hospitalization a few weeks ago. Also, Carol Curry is home again after a brief hospital stay to fight a severe infection. Next, Thomas and June Smith's son, Scott, just came home after five days in Albany Medical Center for treatment of a leg wound suffered while repairing a roof. During the same week, Scott's aunt, Jane Buchman of Woodbourne, spent two days in the hospital for a surgical procedure. And last, but not least, Puss, the cat that suffered a bullet wound in the jaw, is home and, according to Editor Linda and Frank Comando, making good progress (see last week's Townsman for details). We wish all our convalescents speedy and complete recoveries! (Did we miss anyone?)

We have only one birthday listed for the next two weeks, and it's for a very special lady: Frances Hill will celebrate 92 good years on Nov. 13. Happy Birthday, Fran, and God Bless!

Have a good week...PAH

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vermooy

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

VETERAN'S DAY SERVICES HONOR PRESTON KORTRIGHT AND DENNIS AKERLEY (From Pg. 1)

The Flag Exchange program will feature first the retirement of the flag honoring Preston Kortright, which has flown from the Community Flagpole for the past six months. As an Honor Guard of local veterans stands by, members of Scout Troop 97 will be waiting to catch the flag as it descends, fold it with military precision, and return it to the Kortright family.

The flag to be raised in its place will be of special significance to many in the local area. It is the flag offered by the family of Dennis Akerley, who was killed in action in the Vietnam conflict forty years ago this month. Dennis served in the United States Army from March 26, 1969 until his death on October 27 of the same year. He was 20 years old.

Please join us on November 11 as we pay tribute to Preston Kortright, Dennis Akerley, and all those who have served our nation's flag.

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK (From Pg. 1)

Dr. Richard Craft, a historian of the local knife industry, will give an enlightening talk on the history of knife making in and around the Napanoch area, and the plans for a new Warwarsing Historical Society and Knife Museum. Harold Buley, master cutler with more than 44 years experience in the knife making business and collector of Schrade knives, will be on hand to answer questions and have his knife sharpener available to sharpen knives. Their program will be illustrated by a display of early locally-made knives. Refreshments will be available immediately following the program. For more information, please contact Donna Steffens, Executive Director, Time and the Valleys Museum at 985-2262 ext. 313, dsteffens@frontiernet.net.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the (Next Col.)

past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations. Currently located in the Neversink Town Hall, the Museum provides educational programming for the public, preserves a large collection of historical artifacts, photos, rare books and documents relating to local history, and actively raises funds to install exhibitions in the Museum's future home, co-located in the new addition to the Daniel Pierce Library.

WELCOME TO THE JUBILEE

Please come join us for a Good Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing and Southern Blue Grass/Gospel music at the Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall on Saturday, November 14, 2009 from 7:00-8:00 pm for the Hymn Sing and from 8:00-9:00 pm individuals and groups will play and sing Southern Bluegrass/Gospel.

If you play a non-electrical instrument such as: guitar, banjo, fiddle, dobro, base fiddle, harmonica, washboard, spoons, etc., or if you just like to sing, come join us. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free, but donations to help with expenses would be appreciated. For more information call Hayes at 985-0402.

WILLIAM H. COLLIER (From Pg. 1)

Mr. Collier was recognized for his continuing support of Ellenville Regional Hospital and for his fundraising efforts dating back to the days of Ellenville Community Hospital. His tireless efforts in helping to meet the financial obligation to Westchester Medical Center were instrumental in the hospital being able to remain open. If it were not for his leadership and dedication, the Ellenville Regional Hospital would not be where it is today, providing quality healthcare to those who live in or visit our beautiful area.

The event raised over \$57,000, which will be earmarked for the renovation of existing patient rooms into spa-like patient suites.

MOUNTAINDALE RAILWAY STATION

(From Pg. 1)

This municipal building features public restrooms and excellent parking access for the trail head of the Rails to Trails to Woodridge and beyond. This facility was made possible through a New York State DOT TEA-21 Grant and in kind donations from Sullivan County, the Town of Fallsburg, and local Mountandale businesses and civic groups. Although it is state of the art new construction, its design is based on the 1920 architectural plans of an New York, Ontario & Western Railway (O&W) building proposed for Mountandale but never before built. When the new facility was originally proposed for Mountandale by then County Planning Commissioner Alan Sorensen and local architect, Robert Dadrass, longtime resident and train history buff, Ken Schmitt recalled having seen the old blueprints in the O&W Railway Historical Society archives in Middletown, NY. Now that these modified plans are finally completed, it's been a labor of love for Town Engineer, Will Illing to see to all the final details of design and decor.

Both the interior and exterior have been painstakingly modelled after actual O&W depots of decades past. Ken and Barb Schmitt of the Mountandale Community Development Project have been working with Will to curate a permanent exhibit of O&W train photographs so that visitors will have a feel for the mammoth engines that rumbled past this very location in Mountandale until the railway closed operations on March 29, 1957.

Octogenarian Sid "Zelig" Blum reminisces about the unique smells and clouds of smoke whenever a train came through the small hamlet, following along the Sandburg Creek. Mountandale is regarded by many as an enchanting, charming community. This new public building adds to its uniqueness and sense of place. During this historic ribbon cutting celebration, there will be interesting speakers like John Tiabi, renowned author of numerous O&W books, county historian, John Conway, and a musical tribute to the railroad era by Paul Lounsbury, performing his original multimedia composition, "A Catskill Mountain Trilogy." Steve Levine, who was the Fallsburg Town Supervisor throughout the entire project will attend. Refreshments will be provided by the Mountandale Action Committee and the Mountandale Community Development Project.

This event is free and open to the public. All are invited to enjoy a day in Mountandale, (Next Col.)

hiking along the Rail Trail, strolling along our picturesque Main Street, and walking in the Labyrinth at the Sandburg Creek RiverWalk. For more information, please call Barb at 845-434-4747.

ULSTER HEIGHTS UMC FAIR AND LUNCHEON

The Ulster Heights United Methodist Church will be holding a Church Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, November 21 from 10 am - 4pm with luncheon being served from 11 am to 2 pm. Featured items are baked goods, jams and jellies, odds and ends, craft items and more. For information call 647-7680, 434-4220 or 647-5389.

HOW TO LIGHT UP YOUR COMMUNITY DURING THE WINTER (From Pg. 1)

Among the topics to be covered: Natural green decorations, winter plants, planter boxes; Holiday decorating contests (house lights, ginger bread houses, doorways); Store window displays; Holiday promotions; Tree/menorah lightings; Light displays; LED holiday lights; Luminaries

Everyone is welcome to attend and to bring additional ideas from their community. Those interested in learning more about Sullivan Renaissance are also invited. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by November 2.

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

For more information, visit www.sullivanrenaissance.org or call 845-295-2445.

LICHENS - PARTNER PLANTS

By Peggy DeWire



As you walk through the woods and fields around Grahamsville, watch for lichens growing on rocks, trees and bare dirt. They come in small colorful patches of yellow, orange,

green, gray and black that really catch your eye! My favorite lichen has gray-green stalks that end in bright scarlet knobs (Cladonia). Most folks call it British soldiers.

In Florida I recently added another favorite called Red Blanket after spotting a beautiful patch on a tree limb like a scrap of red bandana.

Lichens are partner plants, a fungus and an alga cell that live together for mutual benefit (Symbiosis). The fungus supplies the alga with water and minerals while its matted root system embeds the alga safely. In return the green algae cells produce food for the fungus by photosynthesis.

Red Blanket lichen is composed of a red bacteria-fungus plus alga.

Lichens reproduce like plants when the fungus develops spores, which surround a few algae that reproduce by simple cell division. The fused packet blows away in the wind. Or when tiny bits of lichen break off and roll to a new starting place. Unless both fungus spores and their algae cells stay together, a new lichen isn't formed.

Lichens are three general types - 1. Crusty ones that grow in flat patches on rocks and tree trunks. 2. Leaf-like ones that grow into tiny ruffled leathery pieces loosely attached to tree bark or rocks and 3. Fruiting ones that grow on stems either upright like Cladonia or hanging down like Old Man's Beard.

Besides being soil makers by slowly crumbling away rocks and logs, lichens are food for insects, slugs, snails and animals. Reindeer moss is really a lichen.

North American Indians taught early white pioneers how to boil a black frilly lichen called rock tripe for emergency food in starving times. In mid-eastern desert countries another lichen is called Bread from Heaven, after it's ground up and dried into flour. Some people think this is the manna that the Israelites ate during their exodus from Egypt.

Making a lichen collection is fun and easy. Air dry each specimen on a tray or press it between blotters for a few days. Then put each one into a small plastic packet, seal it tightly and staple it on a 3"x4" file card where you record the name, where found and the date. Because lichens come in so many colors, a collection makes a very pretty poster board display.

For me the best thing about lichens is that they're good indicators of clean air, thriving in colorful patches of orange, yellow, green, gray, black and red only when the environment is healthy.

PUBLIC NOTICES

This is to certify that the following roads within the Town of Denning under my jurisdiction, are designated Seasonal Use as according to NY State Highway Law 205-A. There shall be no snow removal services From December 1 to April 1. These roads are posted as such:

1. Dinch Road from turnaround located at Fisher residence to Bottom.
2. Glade Hill from Barnes Road turnaround to Neversink line.
3. Cross Road from Greenville Road to Dymond Road.
4. Spencer Road to Town line.
5. Wild meadow road from turnaround by Hamlin camp to end.
6. Basily road from State Parking Lot to end.
7. Whitehouse Road from Snow plow turnaround to end.
8. Rudolph Road from Heron./Richards to Dinch Road.
9. Wildcat from Snowplow turnaround to end.

By order of Superintendent

Daniel Van Sadlers.

11/5, 11/7

HOSPITAL HEALING ART PROGRAM CONTINUES WITH DIEDRICH EXHIBIT



Ellenville Regional Hospital is continuing its healing art program with an exhibit of photographs by Mark Diedrich. The show will run from November 9 - December 31, 2009, with an opening reception to be held on Tuesday, November 10 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The exhibit is open to the public and admission is free!

Diedrich grew up in the town of Shawangunk. After graduation from high school he attended Moody Bible Institute, Mount Saint Mary College, and Princeton Theological Seminary graduating with M. Div. and Th. M. degrees. While he is a pastor in the Presbyterian Church in America, he maintains a keen interest in wildlife which started while watching birds when he was ten years old. Thus, most of Mark's hobbies are outdoor related, cross-country skiing, hunting, fishing (esp. flyfishing), canoeing and kayaking (he once built a kayak). For more than ten years he was director of the Waterbrook Retreat Center in Cornwall, New York often leading nature hikes. Presently he is the naturalist at Honors Haven in Ellenville. In addition, he is no stranger to cameras and has photographed all manner of wildlife for thirty years. Mark's wife Karen is a nurse at Ellenville Hospital. They have four children, Jeremiah, Hannah, Rachel, and Leah. Jeremiah and his family, live and work in the Amazon Jungle in Brazil.

Ellenville Regional Hospital is located on Route 209 in Ellenville. For more information about the Healing Art exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 647-6400, ext. 286.

NEW IPHONE "APP" FOR CATSKILL REGION TOURISM

Catskill Region Tourism, administered by the Sullivan County Visitors Association in Ferndale, announced that GrafiQa Creative Services recently designed, built and launched the region's first tourism-related iPhone software application, also known as an "app".

The app, which is available as a free download at the Apple iTunes online store, was (Next Col.)

created for the Catskill Region Tourism's four counties: Delaware, Greene, Sullivan and Ulster. The app, called "The Catskills", allows users to view up-to-the-minute information about events, lodging, attractions, camping and other details right on their mobile phone from any location. This new tool will boost economic development and tourism by giving travelers, many of whom come from downstate New York, more information about where they can spend their discretionary income in our area. "The goal of our Catskill Region is to capture a significant share of the travel market. As the traveler becomes more sophisticated with researching information on vacation destinations, the Catskill Region is utilizing this new technology to promote the rich tourism assets of our Catskill area," said Herb Clark, President of Catskills Region Tourism. "This new iPhone app will give users a quick and easy way to obtain information about all the Catskill Region has to offer right in the palm of their hands."

GrafiQa's team of web developers built the iPhone app and managed the process of getting it approved by Apple and made live in the iTunes store. "Getting instant information directly on your cell phone, laptop or other mobile device is what modern consumers in every industry want," said Christopher Quereau, President of GrafiQa. "We're building new tools using new technology to make sure our clients don't get left behind."

More information about attractions and events in the Catskills Region can be found at the official tourism website: www.visitthecatskills.com.

ULSTER COUNTY AREA TRANSIT

(From Pg. 1)

UCAT buses serve commuters, shoppers and visitors in virtually every area of the County. UCAT offers low-cost fares for everyone and additional discount programs for seniors and disabled persons. Services include access routes for rural residents, curbside pick-up by appointment, intra-municipal bus routes designed to relieve traffic congestion and special routes that link Ulster County communities to the Metro-North train station, in Poughkeepsie. The new buses will enhance all of these services, with the added benefit of lower operating costs and lower emissions.

The new bus, valued at \$66,000, is one of five smaller "cutaway" models arriving in the next two weeks and holds 20 passengers. The new buses are designed to serve rural routes and replace larger and less fuel efficient models. Two, larger 35 foot hybrid buses, valued at \$550,000 a piece, operate at double the fuel efficiency of current models and will arrive next year. The hybrid buses produce far fewer emissions than the current diesel units and will be utilized in more urban sections of the County where passenger volume is higher.

"Ulster County is moving towards a smaller, cleaner and more fuel efficient fleet, while keeping the seating capacity from the older fleet," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. "This vehicle replacement program is a win on many levels. It lowers operating and maintenance costs, provides a safer and more reliable fleet and significantly reduces emissions. And, the fact that it is fully funded by federal stimulus dollars means no impact on local taxpayers."

Information regarding UCAT fares, schedules and service areas is available online at:

<http://www.ulstercountyny.gov/ucat> or by calling (845) 340-3333

WHO'S IN YOUR WALLET? (From Pg. 1)

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach has teamed with the NYS Attorney General's Office and the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce to help reduce fraud related loss for the non-profits of the area.

"These 'pirates of the not-for-profits' literally hijack the finances of unsuspecting organizations," Comptroller Auerbach said. "They pillage and plunder without a warning and the unaware officers and boards of directors find that their bank accounts have been looted."

The Comptroller suggested that education and sound internal controls will strengthen non-profit organizations and prevent fraud. "I am grateful to the Chamber and the Attorney General for working with me to help assure that resources (Next Col.)

designated for needy purposes are not lost to fraud," said Auerbach.

Sponsored by the **Ulster County Chamber of Commerce as a Business Roundtable**, the event will be held on Thursday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Kingston Holiday Inn, 503 Washington Avenue. Breakfast will be served and the event is free with an advance reservation. Contact Bob Hirsh at 845-338-5100 or bob@ulsterchamber.org to reserve.

...AMERICA'S WATER CRISIS... (From Pg. 1)

The illustrated talk, the latest in the college's John Burroughs Science Lecture Series, will be held in the Student Lounge of Vanderlyn Hall. Seating for Dr. Glennon's talk is limited. To reserve your place, email info@waterdiscoverycenter.org or call (845)254-3319. Open seating will begin at 6pm.

Dr. Glennon's appearance is sponsored by the Water Discovery Center, a planned interactive exhibit and education center whose mission is to raise public awareness about the need to better protect, conserve and manage our planet's fresh water resources. A model of the center, to be built in Arkville, Delaware County, will be on view at the November 9 presentation. (www.waterdiscoverycenter.org)

The Catskill Watershed Corp., and the Watershed Agricultural Council are also sponsoring the event, with support from Rotary District 7210 International Water Projects.

In his latest book, described as "both frightening and wickedly funny," Glennon captures the tragedy-and irony-of water in America. From the Vegas Strip to faux snow in Atlanta, from our supersized bathrooms to mega-farms, from billion-dollar water deals to big time politics and personalities, "Unquenchable" tells the shocking stories of extravagance and waste that are sucking the nation dry.

Glennon argues that we cannot engineer our way out of the problem with the usual fixes or the zany, but very real, schemes to tow icebergs from Alaska or divert the Mississippi River to Nevada. Glennon's answer is a provocative market-based system that values water as a commodity and a fundamental human right.

Robert Glennon is the Morris K. Udall Professor of Law and Public Policy at the University of Arizona. He holds a law degree from Boston College Law School, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in American History from Brandeis University.

A recipient of two National Science Foundation grants, he serves as Water Policy Advisor to Pima County, AZ; as a member of American Rivers' Science and Technical Advisory Committee; and as a commentator and analyst for various television and radio programs.

Glennon (www.rglennon.com) is also the author of *Water Follies: Groundwater Pumping and the Fate of America's Fresh Waters* (Island Press, 2002). Since *Unquenchable* was published in April, 2009 he has been a guest on The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, The Diane Rehm Show, C-SPAN2's Book TV, and National Public Radio shows in New York City, Chicago and Phoenix.

Much in demand as a public speaker on the crucial topic of threats to the planet's finite water supply, his schedule has taken him to Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, Canada, and 17 U.S. states this year.

His books will be available for purchase and signing following his Stone Ridge talk.

SULLIVAN BOCES CONFIRMS NEW INTERIM SUPERINTEMDENT

The Board of Education of the Sullivan County Board of Cooperative Educational Services, confirmed the appointment of Ulster County BOCES, District Superintendent, Mr. Martin Ruglis, as Interim District Superintendent for Sullivan BOCES. Mr. Ruglis was officially named the Interim District Superintendent by David M. Steiner, Commissioner of the New York State Education Department on October 20, 2009. Mr. Ruglis replaces former Interim District Superintendent, Anthony Micha, who is on medical leave. Mr. Ruglis' appointment is effective immediately.

Mr. Ruglis is also in charge of the search for the new District Superintendent for Sullivan BOCES. The Board of Education is in its final interviewing stage and it is anticipated that the BOCES will have a new District Superintendent in place by January 2010.

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SC LEADERS (From Pg. 1)
 Director of Training and Education John Raffaele asked Zane Morganstein, Dr. Ivan J. Katz, and Steve Ruwoldt to speak with the group on October 27 on the topic of leadership.

All three local leaders shared many points in common. Mr. Morganstein, President and CEO of Associated Mutual Insurance Cooperative, said that leaders cannot be afraid to make mistakes and learn from them, do not ask people to do things you would not do, and develop strong core values while taking the high road in all their endeavors. Superintendent of Fallsburg District Schools Dr. Katz had three guiding principles of 1) building it before you need it, 2) being prepared to push yourself, and 3) if you help enough other people get what they want, you will get what you want. Catskill Regional Medical Center CEO Steve Ruwoldt echoed Dr. Katz about helping the community and they will help you and your organization, having a vision of where you want to go, and looking for others who can help you attain that vision.

The speakers inspired the class and engaged them in lively discussion and questions for an hour and a half that seemed to fly by. All three speakers encouraged everyone to believe in themselves, to seek mentors that can help them, and to maintain integrity.

GILLIBRAND TAKES ACTION TO CRACK DOWN ON FRAUDULENT USE OF FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER TAX CREDIT

With new reports that hundreds of thousands are illegally taking advantage of a tax credit to help get first-time homebuyers into the housing market without actually purchasing a home, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today co-sponsored legislation that would crack down on fraud and improve oversight of the first-time homebuyer tax credit. The U.S. Treasury Department Inspector General released a report this month revealing 167 schemes and over 100,000 individual cases of fraud related to the first-time homebuyer tax credit - costing taxpayers over \$100 million.

"The first-time homebuyer tax credit has been an important tool to restore confidence in our housing market and rebuild our economy, but we need to ensure accountability and make sure no one is wrongly taking advantage of the credit," Senator Gillibrand said. "This legislation would help ensure legitimacy of first-time homebuyers and penalize anyone attempting to steal taxpayer dollars. It will bolster our efforts to help families buy their first homes, spurring real economic recovery and job growth."

The first-time homebuyer tax credit has been a driving force to stabilize the housing market and spur new buyers. Senator Gillibrand is pushing to extend the credit to give the housing market more time to stabilize and help more Americans purchase their first home. In fact, since the start of this year, the tax credit has led to over 150,000 new and existing home sales, according to estimates from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). And Moody's Chief Economist Mark Zandi expects the credit to draw nearly 400,000 buyers into the market by the end of the year.

To crack down on fraud and prevent future misuse of the credit, Senator Gillibrand is co-sponsoring legislation introduced by Senator Bob Casey (D-PA) that would require more oversight from the IRS. (Contd. Pg. 10)

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SCCC OPERA (From PG. 1)

All broadcasts for the 2009-2010 season will be held on Saturdays at 1 p.m. in the Seelig Theatre. Informal discussion groups, with refreshments provided courtesy of the college's hospitality department and office of campus activities, will be held in the DeHoyos Gallery outside of the theatre one hour prior to each performance.

Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$10 for students. For more information and to purchase tickets, as well as to make arrangements for accessible seating services, call the campus activities office weekdays from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at 845-434-5750, ext. 4303. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Following is a schedule of upcoming The Met: Live in HD performances at SCCC:

• *Turnadot*, Giacomo Puccini, November 7: This breath-taking production of Puccini's last opera stars Maria Guleghina as the ruthless Chinese princess whose hatred of men is so strong that she has all suitors who can't solve her riddles beheaded.

• *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*, Jacques Offenbach, December 19: This fictionalized take on the life and loves of German Romantic writer E.T.A. Offenbach is a fascinating and psychological journey starring Joseph Calleja in the tour-de-force title role.

• *Der Rosenkavalier*, Richard Strauss, January 9: Strauss' comic masterpiece of love and intrigue in 18th century Vienna stars Renée Fleming as the aristocratic Marschallin and Susan Graham in the trouser role of her young lover.

• *Carmen*, Georges Bizet, January 16: El na Garan a sings the seductive gypsy of the title for the first time at the Met, opposite Roberto Alagna as the obsessed Don José, in one of the most popular operas of all time.

• *Simon Boccanegra*, Giuseppe Verdi, February 6: Four decades into a legendary Met career, tenor Plácido Domingo makes history singing the title role in Verdi's gripping political thriller which is written for a baritone.

• *Hamlet*, Ambrose Thomas, March 27: The works of Shakespeare have inspired more operatic adaptations than any other writer's. Simon Keenlyside and Natalie Dessay bring their extraordinary acting and singing skills to two of the Bard's most unforgettable characters in this new production.

• *Armidia*, Gioachino Rossini, May 1: This mythical story of a sorceress who entralls men in her island prison has inspired operatic settings by a multitude of composers. Renée Fleming stars in the title role.

LOWER HUDSON VALLEY HORROR ALERT! (From Pg. 1)

The first radio play, *Dead Ernest* by Seelig Lester and Merwyn Gerard, was originally performed on CBS' half-hour anthology program *Suspense* on May 8, 1947 starring Elliott and Cathy Lewis, Wally Maher, Jay Novello, Howard Duff, Jerry Hausner and Sidney Miller. The play is about a man who, after being slightly injured by an automobile is presumed dead while, in reality, he is in a short-term cataleptic coma. What ensues is a race against time to identify the man as a cataleptic before he can be embalmed by the city morticians.

Stepping back in time just like the old radio programs, each play will include commercials featuring local Town of Wawarsing and Village of Ellenville businesses with original advertising jingles created by John Simon, the former producer of *The Band*, and member of the Greater Ellenville Jazz Trio.

The cast for *Dead Ernest* are drawn from the Greater Ellenville community. They include Roger Baker, the Best of Hudson Valley 2009 artist; Joe Bevilacqua, a frequent contributor to National Public Radio; Russ Damsky; Ray Faiola; Jeff Kaplan, mayor of Ellenville; Lorie Kellogg; C. C. Loveheart, who appeared in the Mel Brooks film, *The Producers*; Sean Marrinan, a longtime Shadowland actor; Jeremy Peters; and Erica Rienecker.

Cat Wife, the second radio play, written by Arch Oboler, was originally performed on *Lights Out* on the NBC Radio network on April 6, 1938. The play originally starred Boris Karloff as a man who curses his fiendish wife into feline metamorphosis and the love-hate relationship that ensues (Next Col.)

between them and the world outside their cloistered home. Rather than a mere narrative, *Cat Wife* is an exercise in terror and self-loathing with darkly (Next Col.)

sardonic undertones, adds Ray Faiola, who is directing both plays. Similar to *Dead Ernest*, the *Cat Wife* cast includes Baker, Bevilacqua, Damsky, Kellogg, Marrinan, Rienecker and Faiola.

According to Brendan Burke, producing artistic director at Shadowland Theatre, Radio theatre often was this county's major form of nightly entertainment serving every corner of America. As long as you could get the signal, you had a front row seat to some of the funniest as well as scariest of programs, and the CBS Radio network was a major producer. Thanks to the efforts of Ray Faiola, an expert in classic films and radio plays, who is producing and directing the evening's benefit program, they'll be brought back to life at the theater, which just wrapped up its 25th anniversary and a record-breaking box office summer season. And what better place for this performance than Shadowland, entertaining people since the early 1920s.

Tickets for the Evening of Horror benefit performance (\$12.00; \$8.00 for students) are on sale now at the Shadowland Theatre box office at 157 Canal Street or by phone at 845-647-5511.

About Shadowland Theatre

Shadowland Theatre is the leading professional nonprofit Actors Equity company in the Lower Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region. Located 90 miles from New York City in Ellenville, NY Shadowland was named Best Theatre in 2004 and 2005 in the Best of the Valley award program by *Hudson Valley Magazine*; 2006 Cultural Business of the Year by Ulster Development Corporation and Ulster County Chamber of Commerce; Best Theatre 2006 3 by the *Times Herald Record*; and Best Drama of the Year by *The Daily Record* in NJ for *The Good German*. Founded in 1984, Shadowland performs in a restored 1920s Art Deco vaudeville/movie house converted to a 148-seat theatre. For more information, visit:

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PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW AT WATERSHED OFFICE

An exhibition of photographs by Carol Ann Yost of Edison, NJ and Hunter is on view at the offices of the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC), 905 Main St., Margaretville. In 15 color images with titles like "Daisy Path," "Setting Sun through Queen Ann's Lace," "Meditation Rock" and Silver Waters (Schoharie Creek)," Yost shares her love of Catskills quiet places with the viewer.

"The mountainous landscape and changing seasons provide unlimited opportunities for capturing brief moments in time as seen through my 35 mm camera," said Yost, noting that a trip to the Alps many years ago first spurred her to pursue photography as a means of expression.

Yost's photos have been displayed at the former Hunter Mountain Art Gallery and at exhibits in New Jersey where she received numerous ribbons. She was a member of the Edison Arts Society and the Watchung Art Group in New Jersey.

The exhibit will be on display at the CWC through December 24. The public is welcome to view the photographs weekdays (except Nov. 26 and 27) between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. All of the images are available for purchase.

ASK GOES TO THE MALL

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK), is proud to announce a collaborative project with the Hudson Valley Mall. 13 images have been selected from local artists and reproduced as 4' x 6' vertical prints, which will be hung on the wall between Best Buy and Dick's Sporting Goods in the corridor near Target. Target has graciously agreed to sponsor this project.

Accepted pieces and artists are: "Montgomery Place," watercolor, by Margaret Moebus; "Hudson Spire," watercolor, by Jim McFarland; "Olana Porch," giclee of oil, Vindora Wixom; "Church's Olana," watercolor, by Jim Adair; "The Saugerties Lighthouse," watercolor, by Angela Gaffney-Smith; "The Rail Trail," watercolor, by Camille Fischer; "Vanderbilt Crossing," giclee of watercolor, by Betsy Jacaruso; "Inauguration Day- (Next Col.)

Rondout Creek in Rosendale," watercolor, by Margaret Ryon; "River Sunset," oil, by Kari Feuer; "Inspiration Point, Catskills," oil on canvas, by Lynne Friedman; "Clearwater," acrylic, by Warren Hurley; "Chop Suey," oil, by Emmy Hastings; "Night on the Strand, Rondout," watercolor, by Claudia Engel.

Sale price of the posters will be \$395 per image, and each one sold will be replaced by the next juried work. A catalogue of the images will be at the ASK Arts Center, 97 Broadway, Kingston, for the ordering of the images at a smaller size. Original artwork may be available for sale directly from the artist. Contact ASK at 845-338-0331 or ASK@askforarts.org for more information.

• Call for Entries for the Next Round

Submit artwork on the same theme (Historic Mid-Hudson Valley) by January 7th to the Arts Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway, Kingston NY, 12401, by mail, or drop-off submissions on Thursday, January 7th, 1 - 5 pm. ASK members only; now is a great time to join! Include in your submission: 1. a CD with a jpg file of your artwork. Please label your CD with title, artist, medium and size. 2. A printout for the jurors to review, labeled with title, artist, medium and size. 3. A short paragraph describing the subject's history and relationship to the Hudson Valley. Include title, artist, medium and size. Please see ASKforArts.org for full entry requirements.

FINE TEA, FINE ART: A WINTER HIGH TEA & GIFT SHOW

Back by popular demand, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is hosting a winter high tea and gift show in Narrowsburg. Enjoy tea and four food courses at "Fine Tea, Fine Art" on Sunday, November 15 at 2 p.m. The event benefits Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and will be held in the Krause Recital Hall at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

A choice of teas and a menu that includes fruit soup, scones, sandwiches, and dessert are the highlight. Guests can shop throughout two floors of gifts at Signature Gifts, and enjoy free gift wrapping, favors, and free designer gift tags.

"Fine Tea, Fine Art" is open to the public by reservation. Advanced tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY or with a credit card by calling (845) 252-7576. Seating is limited.

"FIGHTING, DANCING AND STANDING STILL" EXHIBIT AT SUNY ULSTER Heather Hutchinson and Mark Thomas Kanter Show at Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery

"Fighting, Dancing and Standing Still," an exhibit featuring the contrasting works of Heather Hutchinson and Mark Thomas Kanter, will open Nov. 19 at SUNY Ulster's Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery.

The two-person exhibit by the married couple whose individual works are being shown together for the first time will feature art from Hutchinson, a post-minimal painter who works with light and transparency; and Kanter, an abstract artist with a foundation in figurative painting whose works are made using mono-print, paint, ink and drawing materials.

"These artists could be said to work in widely divergent fields of exploration, and yet the results of their endeavors, superficially so different, compliment each other in their examination of the way we, as human beings, experience, and reflect on the world and the nature of our awareness," said Suzy Jeffers, gallery coordinator.

Hutchinson works with a combination of opaque, transparent and translucent materials, capturing and reflecting ambient light in three-dimensional works of art that can be considered both paintings and sculptures. Although employing only natural, ambient light, Hutchinson's work seems to be lit from within.

In contrast to Hutchinson's post-minimal stillness, Kanter creates works on paper in contrasting black and white. These drawing/paintings are highly rhythmic and utilize what could be described as "maximal" overall compositions. Kanter's work is derived from a process of mark-making that reflect the human body's natural movement.

"These two very different artists have created two bodies of work, which when seen (Contd. Pg. 9)

together, like happening upon a body of water in a deep wood, reflect and reveal each other," Jeffers said.

The exhibit opens with a reception on Nov. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the gallery located in Vanderlyn Hall, and runs through Dec. 18. The gallery is open Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. It is closed on college holidays. The events are free and open to the public. For more information, call (845) 687-5113.

NESIN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP RECITAL SET

On Friday, October 30, 2009, the "Eugene D. Nesin Memorial Scholarship" Committee will host a special fundraising recital in the Arnold Packer Hughs Auditorium at Monticello High School at 7:30pm. This recital will feature current and past faculty members, Monticello High School Alumni performers and this year's scholarship recipients.

Eugene Nesin was a strong community advocate. He was an active member of the Monticello Kiwanis Club, Holiday Mountain Ski Patrol, past Town of Thompson Town Council Member, and he served for more than 33 years as a member of the Monticello Central School District Board of Education until his untimely death last February. Eugene was an avid supporter of the arts and especially arts education. The music selections highlighted in this recital display the diverse representation of the styles of music Eugene loved. Jazz, Classical, Contemporary and Broadway show tunes will be presented throughout this special event.

Proceeds from the recital will help provide funds for students pursuing continuing arts based studies. Performers in the recital have volunteered their time and talents to assist in this worthy cause. The suggested ticket donation is \$15.00 and can be reserved by calling (845) 794-6013. Tickets are also available at the door. In addition, donations of any amount are welcomed by sending your contribution check payable to the "Eugene D. Nesin Memorial Scholarship" c/o Mrs. Ellen Nesin, 85 Rock Ridge Drive, Monticello, New York 12701. Your attendance at this recital as well as your donation and support will help to keep (Next Col.)

Eugene's spirit of the arts alive for future generations.

"IS IT OVER YET? STORIES OF THE RECESSION" - POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 18TH

An evening of political cabaret will be presented at the Arts Society of Kingston (ASK), 97 Broadway, Kingston, on Friday, December 18th, 8 p.m., with a suggested donation of \$10.

Addressing this question, "Is It Over Yet?," selected monologues will be presented by presented by Kimberly Kay, Tom Cherwin, Bruce Pileggi, Richard Cattabiani, Ron Morehead, Phillip Levine and others. Directors will include Bruce Grund, Paul Cooper, Sid Norinsky and Lew Gardner. Songs by Mikhael Horowitz and Gilles.

For more information, call 331-0338 or visit the ASK website at: www.askforarts.org.

AN EVENING OF SONG AND COMEDY

An Evening of Song and Comedy starring Joe Veillette, Jerry Mitnick and Kimberly Kay has been planned for Saturday, December 12th, 8pm at the Arts Society of Kingston, ASK, 97 Broadway, Kingston. Suggested donation: \$15, \$12 for members. ASKforArts.org.

The show features original songs performed by Joe and Jerry, two well known area musicians who offer very different but highly complimentary approaches to songwriting including love or the lack of it to muggings and subway rides. A common thread that runs through the music of these two Brooklyn born songwriters is the desire to capture different people and moments in a way the listener can really feel.

The evening is punctuated (and punctured) with surprise zaniness by Kimberly who dreams of making this duo a trio, starring her!


Joe and Jerry have lived their lives around music. In addition to performing, Jerry owned and ran the Joyous Lake and Café Espresso in Woodstock. Joe is a master luthier who has built guitars, basses and mandolins for years. Joe and Jerry have played hundreds of gigs in many different contexts including The Phantoms, Blind Mice and JV Squad. (Next Col.)

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during their mid-semester break," said John Ganio, the college's dean of academic affairs. "The online format and accelerated class schedule can help students get a jump start on the semester, complete a required course or explore a new area of interest."

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LINE OF HOPE CAMPAIGN RAISES MONEY FOR CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH

Paper Doll Campaign raises funds to benefit St. Baldrick's Foundation

Lou Monteleone, on air radio personality at Thunder 102 FM and manager at the Eldred Preserve and The Corner in Eldred launches the Line of Hope Paper Doll Campaign in an effort to raise awareness and funds for kids with cancer. The proceeds from the fundraising campaign will benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a nonprofit organization that raises money for childhood cancer research.

Paper cutout dolls can be purchased for a \$1.00 donation and are then added to the Line of Hope, which currently numbers 889 paper dolls in total. Hundreds of paper dolls holding "paper hands" encircle the interior walls of the ice cream shop, The Corner in Eldred.

"I firmly believe that if we all do a little... a lot will be done. Nothing is more powerful than people holding hands in solidarity for something they believe in. This is the symbolism I envisioned when I came up with this idea," said Monteleone, who also put on a line dance and conga line fundraiser for St. Baldrick's in August, raising more than \$2,000 for the foundation. He encourages schools and children's organizations to join in the fun and make a difference.

Paper dolls can be purchased at the ice cream shop located at the Four Corners in Eldred, or by emailing lineofhope@hvc.r.com or contacting Monteleone at (845) 557-8316. Donors can also color or draw in embellishments for their paper doll before sending it in to join the Line of Hope. Dolls that are received from other parts of the United States will have their city and state noted on the doll's feet.

About the St. Baldrick's Foundation

St. Baldrick's is the world's largest volunteer-driven fundraising event for childhood cancer research. The St. Baldrick's Foundation coordinates worldwide head-shaving events, with volunteer "shavees" raising money to support childhood cancer research. Since 2000, head-shavings have taken place in 24 countries and 50 U.S. states, raising more than \$68 million, and shaving more than 105,000 heads.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation makes grants to research institutions to find new cures for childhood cancer, and to find treatments to ensure a better quality of life for patients and survivors. The foundation funds research projects conducted by established pediatric cancer experts, as well as younger professionals who will be the experts of tomorrow. Funds also enable hundreds of local institutions to participate in national pediatric cancer clinical trials, offering the best available care for every child. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is grateful to its many volunteers (bald or not!), donors and sponsors, including Allied World, elope and PartnerRe. For more information about St. Baldrick's, please call 1-888-899-BALD or visit www.StBaldricks.org.

GILLIBRAND TAKES ACTION (From Pg. 6) The Senators are seeking to attach this language to legislation that would extend the credit. Specifically, the legislation would require anyone trying to take advantage of the tax credit:

- To be 18 years of age;
- To submit their settlement statement with their tax returns; and
- To submit a certified statement of eligibility signed by the person who conducted the closing of the transaction.

In addition, it would require the IRS to report to Congress on any prosecutorial and investigatory actions related to the tax credit within 90 days after enactment and quarterly thereafter.

SUNY ULSTERWINTER*net COURSES

College students can earn credits quickly and economically during their holiday break by taking online or classroom courses through SUNY Ulster's Winter*net program, which lets them earn three credits in three weeks. Open to students at any college, registration runs from Nov. 2, through Dec. 18, with classes running from Dec. 28, 2009 to Jan. 15, 2010.

Three International study courses offered during Winter*net are Special Topics in Art and Field Course in Earth Science, both in Mexico, and Amazon Basin Ecology & Field Exploration in Brazil. For information and pricing contact Richard Cattabiani at (845) 687-5135.

The accelerated program provides numerous benefits to students, including earning credits in one-fifth the time of a normal 15-week semester with the convenience and flexibility of taking online classes from their home or office without traveling to campus and on their own time schedule.

SUNY Ulster's comprehensive Winter*net schedule includes a dozen popular courses online ranging from Business Law, Marketing, and General Psychology to Western Civilization, Modern Japan and American History.

In addition to the full schedule of online offerings, a hybrid class on Information Literacy will be offered that combines face-to-face classroom learning with the flexibility of online instruction.

In comparison to earning the same credits at a private university, the community college program can save students hundreds of dollars, providing an affordable and convenient option toward completing their degrees.

"Winter*net is ideal for current SUNY Ulster students, students from other public or private colleges in the region or those returning home (Next Col.)"

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GILLIBRAND CHAIRS SENATE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE HEARING ON DAIRY PRICING

In response to the dairy crisis that is affecting New York's dairy farmers, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today chaired an Agriculture Committee Hearing on dairy pricing in Washington, DC. Senator Gillibrand presided over the hearing entitled, "Responding to Low Dairy Prices: Exploring Avenues for Federal Action," which will explore the various proposals currently being presented as a response to historically low dairy prices. The hearing will be a chance to develop solutions that will mitigate the boom and bust cycle that dominates the American dairy industry.

As New York's first member of the Senate Agriculture Committee in nearly 40 years, Senator Gillibrand is giving a strong new voice and a real seat at the table for New York's dairy farmers and agricultural communities struggling in these tough economic times. Senator Gillibrand released the following opening statement:

"Good afternoon. I am pleased to co-chair this hearing today with my fellow subcommittee chairman Senator Casey. I would like to thank Ranking Member Johanns for being here, as well as all the other Senators that have joined us to engage these distinguished panelists in a dialogue about the crisis now facing the American dairy industry. The cost of doing business continues to surpass the price farmers are receiving for their product. There are not many businesses where people do backbreaking labor seven days a week and come out financially worse for their trouble.

"Since February, prices per hundredweight have remained well below the cost of production. In my home state of New York, farmers pay over 18 dollars to produce a hundredweight of milk. After action this summer by Congress and the USDA, prices have only recently risen to \$15.80, still a losing game for our farmers. The current pricing system simply does not work for America's hard-working dairy farmers.

"As I have met with farmers from across New York State, I saw the despair on their faces as they showed me the balance books that simply did not add up. I heard stories of families quickly seeing generations of hard work simply vanish into foreclosure.

"Dairy farmers compose the economic backbone of many of America's rural communities. Over 60,000 American families directly earn their livelihoods from the dairy industry. Dairy farms also have a multiplier effect, creating support jobs that strengthen local economies.

"In addition to hurting our agricultural communities, losing our locally-producing, family-owned dairies will pose a huge threat to the safety of the American food supply. Instead purchasing products made to satisfy American food safety standards, a race to the bottom will mean importing food from wherever costs are the lowest - places like China. As experience has shown us over the last few years, giving up our ability to produce our own food is something we cannot afford to do as a national security priority.

"I hope this hearing will give us an opportunity to have a frank discussion about all the proposals currently out there and help members of the committee develop a solution that works for dairy farmers, processors and American families. With the sustained low prices we have seen for the last few months, it is important that we provide farmers with the short-term assistance they need to make up for the money they are losing every day. In order to achieve that goal, I have introduced two pieces of legislation designed to improve the MILC program's ability to provide a true safety net during this crisis. It is my hope to work with other members of Congress to ensure that this crucial aid becomes a reality so we do not lose any more farms.

"However, as we have been seeing, there is something fundamentally wrong with the way dairy farmers are paid for their work. We must develop new solutions to ensure that this does not ever happen again. My colleagues in Congress and agricultural advocacy groups across the nation have been working on a number of proposals to help remedy the many problems facing the dairy industry. Today's hearing will focus on these solutions in order to determine the opportunities they present and shortcomings they face.

"I am dedicated to developing comprehensive legislation that fixes the problems in the industry once and for all. Today's hearing will serve as a starting point for discussions as we begin working on the next Farm Bill."

Senator Gillibrand is giving a strong new voice and a real seat at the table for New York's dairy farmers and agricultural communities struggling in these tough economic times.

In June, Senator Gillibrand introduced legislation that would double the amount of money farmers get

from the MILC program retroactive to the low point of the crisis in March. She also introduced legislation that would index the MILC rate of \$16.94 to inflation. The MILC program payments were originally designed to help dairy farmers in their time of need, but have remained stagnant. The price floor of \$16.94 per hundredweight has not changed since the 1990's, yet the cost of production has increased exponentially.

In July, after meeting with Senator Gillibrand, the USDA announced immediate action to support struggling dairy farmers by increasing the amount paid for dairy products through the Dairy Product Support Program (DPPSP). The increase went into effect in August and will continue through the end of October. The increase is expected to generate an additional \$243 million in revenue for dairy farmers.

In August, Senator Gillibrand held a field hearing in Batavia, New York that focused on identifying major problems with the current dairy pricing system and determining effective solutions moving forward. This was the first of a series of hearings she plans to hold both in Washington, D.C. and New York State that will focus on needed reforms for the dairy pricing system. Senator Gillibrand is working with stakeholders and economists to develop a proposal before the next Farm Bill is written in 2012.

Just last month, Senator Gillibrand announced \$350 million for the USDA to help New York farmers struggling during the dairy crisis in the final Agriculture Appropriations Bill. The agreement includes \$60 million in cheese and dairy product purchases for food banks and other nutrition and feeding programs, and \$290 million in direct support to dairy farmers using guidelines to be determined by the Secretary of Agriculture. Senator Gillibrand said the direct payments will be important to help keep dairy farmers solvent during this current crisis.

HINCHEY, HALL, SCHUMER & GILLIBRAND HAIL ARMY'S EXPECTED DECISION TO REVERSE COURSE, MAINTAIN GOVT. JOBS AT WEST POINT

In response to repeated pressure from Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), Congressman John Hall (D-NY), U.S. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Secretary of the Army John McHugh today announced his expectation that the Army will soon formally cancel its efforts to privatize 531 public works and custodial jobs at West Point and will instead maintain them as government positions. McHugh spoke with Hinchey to inform him that he intends for the Army to cancel its privatization efforts. McHugh also spoke with Schumer. The Army's announcement comes as House and Senate defense leaders are debating whether to approve a provision that Hinchey helped author that would prevent the Pentagon from moving forward with its plan to potentially privatize nearly 6,000 civilian and military jobs, including the jobs at West Point.

Hinchey, with the assistance of Hall, helped push the provision through the House as part of the fiscal year 2010 Defense Appropriations bill, but the Senate did not include similar language in its version of the bill. Schumer and Gillibrand are now trying to have the Senate adopt the House language. House and Senate defense spending leaders, including Hinchey, are now working to resolve the differences between the two bills. Hinchey said he is hopeful that the Army's cancellation of its privatization efforts at West Point, will boost support for the provision he helped to sponsor in the House defense bill that would cancel privatization efforts at all other military installations across the country.

"Months of hard work paid off today as the Army finally moved toward abandoning a senseless plan to privatize hundreds of jobs at West Point," Hinchey said. "More than 500 workers at West Point will soon be able to breathe a sigh of relief knowing that their jobs aren't about to be outsourced to a private company in Georgia that would have either fired them or reduced their wages and benefits while keeping more profits for the company's executives. Jobs at West Point and every other military installation across the country should not be privately held and I am hopeful that the Army's announcement will bolster our efforts to pass legislation in the coming weeks that would cancel all other privatization efforts across the country."

Congressman John Hall said, "This is fantastic news and I am incredibly pleased that Secretary McHugh is doing what is right for West Point, the Army, our community, and the taxpayers by keeping these jobs both local and in the government. Allowing the A76 study to go forward would have outsourced West Point's jobs and cost taxpayers more money. The A76 study that led to the privatization of West Point jobs was inherently flawed, skewed, and discriminatory since its inception.

Privatization reviews were commissioned by the Bush administration as part of an ideological effort to outsource government jobs to private companies."

"Ding dong the witch is dead!" Schumer said. "The A-76 process was obviously flawed and relying on its inaccurate data made no sense at all. During a time when we need to maintain as many jobs as possible, cancelling this study will preserve nearly 400 jobs at West Point and save taxpayers money."

"This is great news for West Point and the Hudson Valley," Gillibrand said. "My top priority is keeping New York jobs and rebuilding our economy. Ending this flawed study is the right decision and will ensure these New Yorkers will continue to have the job they deserve and need."

The Army's decision comes less than a week after the Government Accountability Office (GAO) determined that the Defense Department was wrong to seek the privatization of jobs at West Point, citing flaws in the cost comparison analysis that would have led to a waste of taxpayer dollars. In its findings, GAO found that the Pentagon wrongly decided to privatize 394 operations and maintenance jobs at West Point because the process it used to make its determination was severely flawed. Specifically, GAO found that the Pentagon used unrealistic figures provided by the private sector when determining whether it was cost-effective to outsource the government jobs at West Point.

In March, the Pentagon announced its decision to privatize 394 operations and maintenance jobs at West Point that have long been held by government employees. The Department of Defense revealed it was planning to outsource West Point government jobs to a private company from Georgia. The 394 workers at West Point subsequently appealed the Defense Department's decision to GAO, which last week ruled in the workers favor. The Pentagon also sought to privatize an additional 137 custodial jobs at West Point. That plan was previously rejected as part of the A-76 process, but was not formally over. With the Army's announcement today, the 531 jobs at West Point that were once threatened to be privatized are now safe.

While the provision Hinchey and Hall successfully helped push through the House will most likely no longer be needed at West Point, the measure would prevent all other privatization efforts, known as Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-76 privatization reviews, from being carried out. Those privatization reviews were started during the Bush administration. Prior to today's announcement, a Pentagon document showed that 3,575 civilian jobs and 2,394 military jobs were in jeopardy of being privatized. The provision Hinchey helped draft would prevent that from happening. The congressman also secured the inclusion of an additional provision in the House version that would block the privatization of more than 20 positions that manage the water and wastewater utilities at West Point. Those jobs remain in jeopardy regardless of the Army's new intentions, but they would be saved under the legislation Hinchey helped sponsor.

Earlier this year, Congress passed legislation that President Obama subsequently signed into law that bars any future privatization studies. Since the West Point study and others were already underway, government jobs at the academy and elsewhere were still eligible to be privatized. Hinchey worked closely with House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense Chairman John Murtha (D-PA) to ensure the inclusion of the provision blocking the privatization of government jobs.

WITH NO COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR 3.4 MILLION NY SENIORS, VETERANS AND DISABLED, GILLIBRAND PUSHES FOR ONE-TIME \$250 EMERGENCY PAYMENT

With 3.4 million New Yorkers facing no annual cost of living increase from the Social Security Administration next year, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today pushed for legislation that would issue direct emergency payments of \$250 to seniors, veterans and people with disabilities to help them afford basic necessities and stimulate the economy. Cost of living adjustments are tied to the Consumer Price Index, which declined this year because of the economic downturn. As a result, Social Security payments for next year will not include a cost of living adjustment this year for nearly 60 million Social Security and Supplemental Security Income recipients nationwide.

"In these tough economic times, we need to make sure we're delivering for New York's seniors, people with disabilities and veterans," Senator Gillibrand said. "With no cost of living adjustment for Social Security next year, these federal dollars will help make sure millions of New York seniors, people with disabilities and veterans can continue to pay bills and put food on the table. (Contd. Pg. 14)

IN MEMORIAM
Dennis Akerley

Born: March 16, 1949 • Died: Oct. 27, 1969

Dennis Akerley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Akerley, is returning to his home town. His death in Vietnam has saddened our community and brought this terrible conflict to our doorsteps. The community shares the grief and dismay of Dennis' family.

This young soldier lost his life in battle for which his memory will always be honored. There is only a cherished memory left for his family and friends. The community shares their sorrow and offers its love and sympathy to sustain them in this most difficult time.

Dennis was a quiet boy who attended the local school. He was a member of the Future Farmers of America, took part in his class activities, the Senior Play and in general conducted himself in a gentlemanly way. The class "Last Will and Testament" reads, "Dennis Akerley leaves for the 'Rice Paddies'." How ironically prophetic.

Dennis will be home soon. His life, though short, can serve to sharpen our sense of Life's value. His calm approach to living and the violence of his dying can only help us to think more deeply, act more heroically, and walk more somberly. May God grant him enduring rest.

- From the November 5, 1969 *Townsmen*

GUNTHER: RIGHT CALL BY LEGISLATURE REJECTING WINE IN GROCERY STORES

Aileen M. Gunther (D, C, I - Forestburgh) announced that the recently released report from the New York State Law Commission on the State Liquor Authority makes it plain that she and her colleagues made the right decision last year by rejecting the costly and dangerous idea to legalize the sale of wine in grocery stores.

The Commission found that New York State spends \$3.2 billion annually dealing with the cost of underage drinking - a steep price that would only increase by making wine more readily available in every corner store, bodega, deli, minimart and grocery store in the state that already sell beer. The staggering price tag includes the cost of accidents, violence, treatment and other situations that teenagers find themselves in due to underage drinking. Rather than adding to that burden, we should be working to reduce underage drinking, and driving while intoxicated regardless of age.

"Consider this," said Aileen Gunther. "The State Liquor Authority has just 38 enforcement officers policing 70,000 license holders and, in the words of the Commission, 'is unable to make prevention of underage drinking a statewide priority.' Imagine how much a 27% increase (19,000) in the number of establishments would have cost the state for enforcement alone. Making it easier to get wine - which has twice the alcohol content as beer - would only increase costs."

Legalizing the sale of wine so Big Box stores can make more profits will kill about 1,000 small businesses and put more than 4,000 people out of work. We also know that the Big Box stores will not create one more job to stack a different product on a shelf. That was reason enough to reject this bad idea. In addition, letting supermarkets sell wine amounts to a fiscal gimmick, generating one-shot revenues through the sale of licenses without any significant long-term revenue. That was also reason enough to reject this bad idea.

"The Commission report makes clear that the SLA is ill equipped to do its job now, never mind dramatically adding to its burden by putting even more alcohol within easy reach of teenagers," Gunther said. "The report also makes plain that New York already pays a high enough price for underage drinking."

Law Enforcement officials from around the State, along with advocates like Parents Who Host Lose the Most and Students Against Dangerous Decisions, worked hard to make the case against legalizing the sale of wine in grocery stores last year. This was a powerful argument that moved Gunther and many of her colleagues to reject the Governor's plan.

DANCE TO ERADICATE POLIO

The Rotary Clubs of Liberty and Livingston Manor will be combining forces to sponsor a dinner/dance on Thursday, November 12th at Lanza's Country Inn on Shandeleer Rd. in Livingston Manor. The theme of the evening is "We dance, so children can walk. Jack Strassman and Dr. Don Simkin, respective club presidents invites the public to join the club members in helping Rotary International wipe out polio forever.

All proceeds from this event will be donated to the Rotary Foundation-Polio Eradication Campaign. Tickets cost \$35 and are available from the members of either club or by calling Pat Abbott at 292-8253.

Following an all you can eat buffet dinner, DJ Jim will be providing the music for three hours of dancing. The evening will begin with a cash bar at 6:00 p.m. which will be followed by a short program and dinner by 7:30. A silent auction will also help raise funds.

The 1.2 million members in 200 countries of Rotary International will be focusing for the next 3 years on raising 200 million dollars to match a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Rotary committed itself to eradicating polio 20 years ago and has raised more than 700 million dollars so far. In 1995 more than 350,000 children were afflicted annually with this dreaded disease. Today that number is less 2,000. Rotary is credited with being the driving force behind this dramatic decline which has been recognized by the United Nations and other international organizations.

Even if you cannot attend the dinner dance you can help. Donations may be sent to Rotary, PO Box 1111, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Checks should be made payable to Rotary Foundation-Polio Eradication. All donations are tax deductible. Silent Auctions items will also accepted. Call 439-5708 for additional information

FROST VALLEY YMCA GIRL SCOUT EVENTS

A Girl Scout Adventure Badge Weekend will be offered from November 13-15. This session gives Scouts the opportunity to complete their Adventure Sports badge. This badge work includes outdoor activities like low ropes, tower climbing, knot tying, tree identification and shelter building.

A Brownies Try It! Weekend is set for December 11-13, 2009 and will be held again on October 29-31, 2010. Try-its are elective badges girls earn as they do different activities, which are a structured way to explore a topic of interest.

**CHURCH FAIR
&
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Saturday, November 21st

*Ulster Heights
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November 7, 2009
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**Nov. 7, 2009
5:30 pm**

**Sundown United Methodist Church
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Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
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DEC PUBLIC MEETING AT SCCC (From Pg. 1)

The Marcellus formation that is comprised of marine sedimentary rock is prevalent throughout Sullivan and parts of Ulster County. This shale contains untapped natural gas reserves and because of its high-demand market along the Eastern Coast, it has become an attractive focus for energy development.

The Marcellus is at the lowest level of the Devonian age Hamilton Group that is divided into several sub-units, including the dominant black shale that was accumulated in relatively deep water, lacking oxygen and has few fossils. The black shale contains iron ore, uranium and pyrite which are environmental hazards.

This find has been compared to a modern-day gold rush for natural gas drillers who are hurrying to lease rights from New Yorkers to tap into the Marcellus shale formation.

A large group of concerned citizens who attended the October 28th public meeting hearing for the Draft SGEIS, at the Seelig Theater at Sullivan County Community College voiced their concerns regarding the impact and danger to the natural environment.

While there were supporters in favor of gas drilling who see it as a potential economic benefit to the area, it was also felt that the cost of environmental cleanup might outweigh the proposed benefits based on their observation that there were no provisions for a health impact study in the draft.

CONGRESS GIVES FINAL APPROVAL TO HINCHEY PROVISION URGING EPA TO CONDUCT NEW STUDY ON RISKS HYDRAULIC FRACTURING POSES TO DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES

The U.S. House of Representatives today approved a provision authored by Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) that formally urges the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to conduct a new study on the risks that hydraulic fracturing poses to drinking water supplies. The Senate is due to pass the identical bill in the coming days and President Obama is expected to sign the measure into law soon after that. Earlier this week, members of the Interior Appropriations Conference Committee, including Hinchey, signed off on the Interior and Environment Appropriations bill and report for fiscal year 2010, which contains the study provision.

"While natural gas certainly has an important role in our national energy policy, it's imperative that we take every step possible to ensure that our drinking water supplies are not contaminated or adversely impacted in any way," Hinchey said. "This legislation puts Congress on record in support of a new, comprehensive study that will examine the impact that hydraulic fracturing really has on our water supplies. The study results will put us in a position to take any further steps that are necessary to protect our drinking water supplies from the chemical concoctions being pumped into the ground by energy companies."

In May, the congressman asked EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson at a House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee hearing about the need for such a study. Jackson told Hinchey that she believed her agency should review the risk that fracturing poses to drinking water in light of various cases across the country that raise questions about the safety of the natural gas drilling practice. Hinchey's measure would formalize that congressional request for an EPA study on the risks that toxic chemicals used in hydraulic fracturing pose to drinking water supplies in New York and across the nation. The EPA did conduct a study on the matter in 2004 under the Bush administration, but that study is widely considered to be flawed for a variety of reasons, including the way data was selectively collected from sources that had a vested interest in the oil and gas industry while other relevant information was ignored.

The language that Hinchey had inserted into the report reads, "The conferees urge the EPA to carry out a study on the relationship between hydraulic fracturing and drinking water, using a credible approach that relies on the best available science, as well as independent sources of information. The conferees expect the study to be conducted through a transparent, peer-reviewed process that will ensure the validity and accuracy of the data. EPA shall consult with other federal agencies as well as appropriate state and interstate regulatory agencies in carrying out the study, and it should be prepared in accordance with EPA quality assurance principles."

In the now infamous 2005 Energy Policy Act, which Hinchey strongly opposed and voted against, the then Republican-controlled Congress exempted hydraulic fracturing from the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), which was designed (Next Col.)

to protect people's water supply from contamination from toxic materials. This loophole, which some have called the Halliburton Loophole, created an extremely dangerous set of circumstances.

In June, Hinchey, Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO), and several of his colleagues introduced the FRAC ACT -- Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act, which would close the loophole that exempted hydraulic fracturing from the SDWA and require the oil and gas industry to disclose the chemicals they use in their hydraulic fracturing processes. Currently, the oil and gas industry is the only industry granted an exemption from complying with the SDWA.

"It is critical that our communities are assured that the process of hydraulic fracturing is safe and will not contaminate drinking water supplies," said DeGette (D-CO), Vice Chair of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. "I will continue to work with EPA to encourage a robust study of hydraulic fracturing and its potential impact on drinking water."

Hydraulic fracturing, also known as "fracking," is used in almost all natural gas wells. It is a process whereby fluids are injected at high pressure into underground rock formations to blast them open and increase the flow of fossil fuels. This injection of unknown and potentially toxic chemicals often occurs near drinking water sources. Troubling incidents have occurred around the country where people became ill after fracking operations began in their communities. Some chemicals that are known to have been used in fracking include diesel fuel, benzene, industrial solvents, and other carcinogens and endocrine disruptors.

STANDARD AND POOR'S AFFIRMS UC'S FAVORABLE LONG TERM BOND RATING (From Pg. 1)

In reaffirming the County's rating, Standard and Poor's cited Ulster County's continued solid financial position and strong fund balance levels, despite decreases in tax revenues, along with the County's low overall debt profile and manageable capital plan. Standard and Poor's rating follows a similar positive rating made by *Moody's Investor's Services* in June of this year.

County Executive Hein said, "The investment community has recognized that we are making the tough decisions required to manage Ulster County's finances during these difficult times."

Standard and Poor's has seen we will make the same hard choices American families are making everyday. This rating is an acknowledgement of our sound management practices as we work to deliver essential services and protect Ulster County taxpayers."

"The Standard and Poor's affirmation reflects a very well managed government that has excellent financial policies in place. It is impressive because it has occurred during some of the most difficult financial times," said Ulster County Comptroller Elliot Auerbach.

HINCHEY HELPS HOUSE PASS BILL TO CREATE JOBS, PROMOTE SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today helped the House pass a bill designed to create new jobs and stimulate economic growth by providing small businesses with access to the loans and investment dollars they need to expand and grow their operations. Hinchey voted for the Small Business Financing and Investment Act, which will help open tight credit markets that have shut out small business owners during this economic crisis, so they can create jobs - particularly in struggling regions and industries.

"Small businesses are the backbone of our economy so if we're going to get our economy back on track we need to do everything we can to strengthen and promote small businesses, which in turn, will create jobs," Hinchey said. "This bill makes some important investments by helping to open up the lines of credit on which small businesses depend to keep their operations going. Along with a variety of other investments we've been making in Congress, this bill will help put people back to work while stabilizing the employment situation of many others."

Small businesses create 60-80 percent of new U.S. jobs every year, but the current economic crisis has frozen credit and made it difficult for American small businesses to get the financing they need. By comprehensively updating the Small Business Administration's capital access programs, the legislation is expected to support \$44 billion in lending and investment for smaller firms. (Next Col.)

The legislation will increase loan sizes to better meet the needs of small businesses. It also includes incentives to encourage local banks to lend to small businesses and reduces bureaucratic red tape, making it easier for entrepreneurs to secure credit. The bill creates a new public-private partnership to expand investments in small business startups - an important source of job creation. It also extends critical provisions including in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which eliminate fees on Small Business Administration loans and guarantee up to 90 percent of 7(a) loans. To foster a diverse mix of businesses, it also takes steps to promote veteran-owned, women-owned and rural small businesses.

HINCHEY STATEMENT ON OBAMA ADMINISTRATORS NEW MEDICAL MARIJUANA POLICY

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement regarding the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) directive to agency lawyers not to prosecute individuals who use or prescribe medical marijuana in states that have legalized the drug for that purpose. Hinchey has long led the effort in Congress to mandate such a policy, offering an amendment in the House to the DOJ spending bill that would prohibit the DOJ from using any of its funds to prosecute individuals who use medical marijuana in compliance with state law. With some uncertainty earlier this year surrounding the Obama administration's policy on medical marijuana, Hinchey secured House approval of a provision he authored that requires the DOJ to report the administration's position in writing to Congress within 60 days of the bill's enactment.

"Today, common sense won out over ideological stubbornness as our nation's law enforcement agency formally adopted a new and well-balanced policy on medical marijuana use. Across the country, individual states have enacted laws that allow individuals who are sick and suffering to use medical marijuana with a doctor's prescription only to have DOJ officials arrest and prosecute them anyway. This was a policy that was misguided and wrong from the start and I'm very pleased that the Obama administration's Justice Department, under the leadership of Attorney General Holder, has put an end to it."

"It is unconscionable that the federal government had previously sought to not only deny, but arrest and prosecute medical marijuana patients who are using the drug in accordance with state law to relieve pain and nausea associated with debilitating illnesses such as cancer, AIDS, and multiple sclerosis. Today, those patients no longer have to worry that the medicine they've been legally using in their states will result in them being thrown in jail. Our Justice Department will now let these patients use medical marijuana in accordance with state law and federal prosecutors will instead focus their attention on more pressing legal matters that warrant their time and attention."

GILLIBRAND PUSHES FOR ONE-TIME \$250 EMERGENCY PAYMENT (From Pg. 12)

These emergency payments would have the added benefit of stimulating economic growth, helping save jobs at many of the small business that serve our seniors, people with disabilities and veterans."

Nearly 70 percent of Social Security beneficiaries depend on these benefits for at least half of their income. Social Security checks are the sole source of income for 15 percent of recipients. In addition to providing a lifeline for seniors, the \$250 payment would provide effective economic stimulus because it puts money in the hands of those who need it most and who spend it immediately - injecting activity back into the sluggish economy.

Additionally, this \$250 benefit would ensure that seniors, veterans and people with disabilities receive an equivalent benefit to those received in the Recovery Act, which provided a \$500 tax credit to most Americans, but only a one-time \$250 payment for seniors, veterans and people with disabilities.

To compensate for the lack of a cost of living adjustment next year and make sure seniors, veterans and people with disabilities get the resources they have earned and rely on, Senator Gillibrand is pushing for legislation that would deliver a one-time emergency payment of \$250 - the equivalent of a 2 percent increase in Social Security benefits - to 3.4 million New York seniors, veterans and people with disabilities.

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HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CONSUMER AND FINANCIAL ED. (From Pg. 1)

Here are November's classes:

- Making Ends Meet is on November 10th at 5:30-7:30 at Jeff Bank, Eldred Branch and again on November 17th at CCE at 2:00-4:00. This workshop provides information on developing and using a household spending plan. We also explore ways to maximize resources and reduce energy use. Participants will free money management tools.
 - Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues is on November 24th at 5:30-7:30 at Jeff Bank the Livingston Manor Branch. 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" is on November 17th at 5:30-7:30 pm at CCE -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.
 - Venison Workshops at CCE at 6:00-8:00. November 4, 2009- New DEC legislature and monitoring deer herds will be discussed by a DEC representative. Fee is \$10.00/person
 - November 18, 2009- Basic home processing of venison will be demonstrated. This class will include proper sanitation and preparation, packing and storing, venison recipes and field dressing. Fee \$15.00/person
- Must preregister with Linda at 845-292-5250 Youth 15 years and above may attend if accompanied by an adult.

THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

- 11/4/09 Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting- 1:30pm Town Hall Grahamsville
- 11/4/09 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 11/4/09 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 11/6/09 First Thursday Readers-Daniel Pierce Library 1 p -This month's selection -'Away' by Amy Bloom
- 11/7/09 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 11/7/09 Murder by Indecision-6 pm Tri-Valley HS Upstairs Gym-Dinner&Show 985-2296-Regina Hartman
- 11/7/09 Grahamsville Reformed Church Fall Harvest Smorgasbord 4pm-7 pm
- 11/7/09 Shongum Shockers Penny Social @ Napanoch Fire House. 6:00 pm drawing at 7:30 call 647-6788
- 11/8/09 Parksville UMC Pot Roast Dinner 4:30-7:00 pm -Eat in/take out. Call Ella @985-2826
- 11/8/09 Holiday Craft Fair and Gift Sale -Neversink Fire House (see ad for details) - 10 am-3 pm
- 11/10/09 Town of Denning Bill Audit meeting 7 pm
- 11/11/09 VETERANS' DAY- Town of Neversink Holiday
- 11/11/09 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 11/12/09 Dept. of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall - 10 am - 2 :30 pm
- 11/12/09 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 11/16/09 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting
- 11/17/09 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 11/17/09 Roast Pork Dinner 5-7 PM Claryville Reformed Church
- 11/18/09 Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting- 1:30pm Town Hall Grahamsville
- 11/18/09 Neversink Rondout Antique Tractor Meeting - 7:30 Neversink Fire House
- 11/18/09 Neversink Fire Dist Meeting - 7:30 pm - Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 11/21/09 Claryville Fire Dept. Spaghetti Supper 4-8 pm - Hunters Welcome!
- 11/21/09 Ulster Heights UMC Church Fair & Luncheon 10am-4 pm call 647-7680
- 11/26 & 27/09 Town of Neversink Holiday - THANKSGIVING
- 11/29/09 Claryville Fire Dept. Monthly Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon
- 12/2/09 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 12/5/09 Grahamsville UMC Holiday Craft Fair
- 12/5/09 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 12/5/09 Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Christmas Luncheon 12:00 noon--Place to be announced

SAVE THE DATE!

14th Annual Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Sullivan County Community College

Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>

Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>

Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org>

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

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

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NEW BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM SNACK SHOP SERVING SC EMPLOYEES, VISITORS

Longtime snack shop operator Larry Houman has a new, expanded location at the Sullivan County Government Center, thanks to cooperative state and county efforts. Officials and friends gathered today (Oct. 29) for the grand opening and to celebrate Mr. Houman's success.

The snack shop is part of the Business Enterprise Program administered by the state Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped (CBVH), which provides business opportunities for qualified legally blind residents of New York State.

Governor David A. Paterson, in a congratulatory letter, told Houman: "Over the past 13 years, your outstanding service to the employees, visitors, and neighbors of this Government Center has exemplified the great value of the New York State Commission for the Blind and Visually Handicapped's Business Enterprise Program. Your hard work and commitment have made you a terrific inspiration to countless others in Sullivan County and across New York

State, and I thank you for the positive example you set every day through your dedicated efforts."

Office of Children and Family Services Commissioner Gladys Carrión said: "We thank Sullivan County for all its support and for providing the location and utilities, the state Office of General Services for serving as the project team, and John Shanley of JTS Construction of Dutchess Inc., who moved it along so quickly. Cooperative efforts such as this one make it possible for men and women who are legally blind to build on their strengths and successfully own and operate their own businesses."

Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Jonathan F. Rouis stated, "This project has been a dream of Larry's and a goal of everyone here in the Government Center for some time now, and we are thrilled to see it come to fruition. Larry faithfully serves our county employees and visitors each day with a smile and a kind word, and we are so pleased he was chosen to be part of the Business Enterprise Program."

Mr. Houman's new location off the Government Center lobby has the security and convenience of walls, more space, new equipment and shelves, and running water. The well-liked proprietor has served county employees and visitors for the past 13 years.

CBVH, through its Business Enterprise Program, currently supervises the operation of more than 90 business opportunities (newsstands, cafeterias, snack bars, and vending machine operations) across the state. The federal Randolph-Sheppard Act, since 1936, and New York State legislation that followed give CBVH priority access to these business opportunities in state and federal buildings. The Business Enterprise Program is financially supported by a combination of federal and state funds and a portion of profits.

The Business Enterprise Program helps operators get started by providing training, equipment, and a start-up loan, and monitors their operations to help them remain self-sufficient.

CBVH (part of the state Office of Children and Family Services) has eight district offices throughout the state. In addition to operating the Business Enterprise Program, it provides rehabilitation services to state residents who are legally blind, and operates programs for children and older adults. For more information on services for the blind, visit www.ocfs.state.ny.us/main/cbvh or call 1-866-871-3000 (TDD: 1-866-871-6000).

MURDER BY INDECISION

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

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This column is being written 3:00 AM Monday morning, election eve and my editor is impatient. I am three days late. Thank you! Linda, for all that you have done for me during this campaign; from the ads and posters that you have designed, to the wonderful little matchbook sewing kits you thought of and made, to the door hangers with "Sorry we missed you," that you also created. And thank you for the tolerance you have shown me when my schedule interfered with yours, and once again, not an ill word from you. Thank you!

If I win, lose or draw tomorrow, thank you to you my wife, and thank you to all of my friends and neighbors who helped in this campaign, and especially to my neighbors who tolerated my frequent phone calls and visits. Again, win lose or draw, thank you for all of your support.

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

B. John Wayne
A. Susan Hayward

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Knarf's "ClasThe Fighting Seabees, (1944)

This film is one of our favorites. Mrs. "C's" godfather, Gunnars Mate, Richard De Erlon who was also the husband of the late, Dorothy De Erlon a past Grahamsville resident, was one of the original members of the "SEABEE'S" attached to the 25th Marines. Richard served on the islands of Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Guam, Saipan, and other combat areas.

The Fighting Seabees portrays the 25th Marines who came to be known as the "SEABEE'S." Their motto was, "We build, We Fight," and their favorite expression was "Can Do!" The formation of this group was the world's first construction Battalion-fighting unit. The need first became apparent when, during World War II construction workers had to fight the enemy, build airfields, and combat emplacements under fire.

Cast: John Wayne, Susan Hayward, and Dennis O'Keefe. Dir. Edward Ludwig. 2:00 PM, Saturday, November 7, 2009 on TCM
BW-99 mins, TV-PG, CC

Quiz: A. Name the actor who played the character Constance Chesley?

B. Name the actor who played the character Wedge Donovan?

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

November 11, 2009 is "Veterans Day" This is a time of honor, and integrity, a time to show admiration for the fallen who gave their lives to protect our sovereignty and the right for each of us to pursue the American Dream. These men and women in uniform, our Soldiers, Naval personal, and airmen, made the ultimate sacrifice in the hope that there will never be another war, conflict, police-action, or the need to use other words that soften the hardships of war.

It was in 1918, on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month, that the world rejoiced and celebrated. After four years of bitter, conflict in World War I an Armistice was signed. The war to end all wars was over, and Armistice Day or Veterans Day was born.

Today in our busy lives, we too often forget their sacrifice, their unselfish love, the giving their lives, their limb's and their health for God, Country, Family, and, Friends. We should without hesitation or excuse, honor these men and women on this Veterans Day.

When it is understood and not tolerated that wars have stolen the best of our youth, that wars for profit are immoral and obscene, that wars that have been started by those who wish to rule the world should not be tolerated by any person, nation, or group, then and only then, a true "Armistice Day" for all of humanity will finally endure. Now is a time for honor and remembrance on this Veterans Day- a time to honor our neighbors in uniform, who have sacrificed so much for our sake. Please attend a parade, buy a poppy and give generously to us

Bye,

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