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FALL FOLIAGE REPORT

With the busy summer travel season behind us, Sullivan County is looking forward to the colorful fall foliage season ahead. The Sullivan County Visitors Association takes into account the foliage status from around the county and provides the I Love New York, visitors and residents with its predictions of foliage intensities each week of the season.

Last weekend, the SCVA is predicted a 5% color change. We are just beginning to experience hints yellows, oranges and rusts of average brilliance with varying shades of green being the predominant color.

For more information on the Sullivan County Catskills, visit the SCVA website at www.scva.net where you will find a complete list of attractions and events or call 845-747-4449.

GILLIBRAND ANNOUNCES SENATE PASSAGE OF TRAVEL PROMOTION BILL BOOSTING TOURISM IN NYS

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced Senate passage of the Travel Promotion Act of 2009, a proposal which will boost tourism in New York and across the country. The legislation would invest federal dollars in private-public partnerships to actively promote and market American vacations to international travelers. (Contd. Pg. 14)

COMPTROLLER CELEBRATES LAW WITH WHISTLES AND A HOTLINE- Ulster Legislature Enacts Whistleblower Protections

A grateful Comptroller Auerbach handed out symbolic whistles to Ulster legislators at Wednesday's meeting of the County Legislature. Legislators had just voted in favor of a policy that protects employees and agents of the County from retaliation for 'blowing the whistle' on fraud and abuse in County government. (Contd. Pg. 12)

DENNING RECEIVES INSURANCE PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION

With news of growing deficits and increasing pension costs coming from Washington and Albany each week, every dollar counts for local governments and local taxpayers. On September 3, 2009, the Town of Denning received a check for \$1,331.71 from the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal, the first of three installments which represent return of capital from an insurance program it first joined in 2002. (Contd. Pg. 12)

ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE HOSTS FIRST "SENIOR SUMMIT"

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein hosted a "Senior Summit" last week, with invitees from senior clubs from throughout the County. The Summit included welcoming remarks by the County Executive, followed by presentations by County Department Heads on current topics of concern to the senior community (Contd. Pg. 12)

SCCC TO OFFER INSURANCE CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASSES THIS FALL

Sullivan County Community College (SCCC) is offering three continuing education classes for insurance professionals this fall. (Contd. Pg. 3)

ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK MAKES HIS FIRST VISIT TO SULLIVAN COUNTY



Among the people attending the prayer service and reception for Bishop Dolan at St. Peter's Church in Monticello were Mary and Joe Inghram of Neversink. This was Bishop Dolan's first visit to Sullivan County after being installed in April as archbishop of New York, the nation's second-largest archdiocese after Los Angeles. Dolan, 59, was the archbishop of Milwaukee before taking his current position after Cardinal Edward Egan reached mandatory retirement age.

LIBERTY FREE THEATRE PRESENTS PLAY BY NOBEL LAUREATE

-The Dumbwaiter by Harold Pinter opens September 24



Paul Jannicola as Gus is out of cigs while Michael rizzalone as Ben looks on.

Photo: Ted Waddell

The Liberty Free Theatre presents Nobel Laureate Harold Pinter's comedy drama *The Dumbwaiter* for eight performances Thursday through Sunday, September 24 -28 and continuing Thursday through Sunday, October 1 - 4. All performances are at 7:30 P.M. Admission for the performance is

free. Seating is limited and reservations are recommended. The audience is invited to gather after the performance for food, drink, and music. The theatre is located at 109 South Main Street, Liberty. Call 292-3788 for reservations and information. (Contd. Pg. 8)

FAMILY HEALTH CENTER OF ELLENVILLE WELCOMES DR. JOSEPH DI MARIA

The Family Health Center of Ellenville and its parent organization, the Institute for Family Health, welcome Dr. Joseph DiMaria to the Ellenville community. Dr. DiMaria, a family physician, will join Ellenville colleagues Drs. Verna Greer, Joseph Pict, Maya Hambricht, Alison Sullivan, Irene Seeland and Vidyadhara Kagali in caring for patients of all ages from throughout the Ellenville area. (Contd. Pg. 6)

PUMPKIN PARTY YOUNG ARTISTS' DRAWINGS ENHANCE GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY BOOKLET

In the spring of each school year, Elementary Art students are asked to draw a picture about one of their favorite Giant Pumpkin Party characters or events. The results, unsigned, are then submitted to a panel of independent judges, who face the difficult task of selecting one from each category for inclusion in the forthcoming booklet for the Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY NEEDS PLASTIC BAGS!

As the Daniel Pierce Library continues to prepare for the 24th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party on Saturday, October 3rd, we find that we are in need of clean plastic bags for use at the various sale booths. If you have a collection of clean plastic bags (like the ones from Shop Rite and Walmart), please consider contributing them to this community cause. Donations of bags may be delivered to the library during our regular hours of operation. Thank you from everyone at the Daniel Pierce Library

NEW FITNESS ROOM AT TRI VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Obesity is a risk factor for health conditions and is associated with problems such as poor concentration, higher stress levels and low self-esteem. The percentage of children who are obese has more than doubled, and among adolescents the rates have more than tripled. The good news is that schools can help students and staff adopt healthy eating and physical activity behaviors that are key to preventing obesity.

The Tri Valley Central School District has taken their role in wellness programs and prevention of childhood obesity seriously by equipping and transforming two rooms to a fitness room. This room will now be available to students, staff and the community. The District purchased new stationary bicycles, elliptical and rowing machines, treadmills and resistance training equipment.

The new fitness Room will be used as a physical education station throughout the school day for students, for sports teams after school and for the community through the adult education program in the evening.

TRI-VALLEY CROSS COUNTRY NEWS-12 HOUR RUN A SUCCESS- Girls' Team 5th at Washingtonville Invitational- Bernstein Leads Boys' Team

With almost four weeks gone in the 2009 Season the Girls' and Boys' Cross Country Teams have accomplished a lot. From 7:00 p.m. Thursday, August 27th thru 7:00 a.m., Friday, August 28th the Tri-Valley Cross Country Team, with 21 runners, held a 12-hour run as a fundraiser and long workout.

Both aspects of the event were a success with the team members raising over \$1000.00 and completing over 250 miles of running in relay fashion. A portion of the money will be donated as part of community service for the athletes, with the remainder going toward a trip to California for the Mt. Sac Invitational in late October. The Liberty Cross Country Team was also represented. Junior, Caroline Bertholf (12 miles at 6:28.1/mile) and Senior, Mike Freeman (12 miles at 5:48.0/mile) had the fastest average per miles run from all participants. (Contd. Pg. 3)

YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN
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5. The writer must provide his/her full name, address and telephone number (for verification). This information will be kept on file in the YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN office.
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To renew or receive a new subscription to the TOWNSMAN, please fill out the form below. Mail form to the address above or place in the TOWNSMAN drop box located on the porch of the First Aid Building in Grahamsville. Make checks payable to:
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Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Friday. NO EXCEPTIONS

If you are submitting your advertising by email, our email address is: tvtownsman@yahoo.com If you do choose to send ad copy via the internet please send it in either PDF (Acrobat) files or JPG format. All press releases/articles should be sent as Microsoft Word Documents (**Word Document with an extension of .doc**).
Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501.
As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. St. Luke 9:24

OBITUARY/MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sally McCain Kemble
Krom 30 August 1929 - 7 June 2009

Sally Krom a former long-time resident of Grahamsville passed away on June 7, 2009. A Memorial Service will be held at the Grahamsville Reformed Church on October 12 at 11:30 AM. The widow of Don Krom she spent most of her life in Grahamsville NY and Colfax WA. She grew up at her Grandfathers (Dr. U. Kemble) in Eureka and late moved to Kyserike. After high school, she earned a Bachelors of Science from Montreat College, North Carolina in 1951. After graduation, she married Don Krom in Stone Ridge NY and they moved to the base of Lackawack Hill where she stayed until 1984 when she moved to Washington State.

Three elements have been the focus of Sally's life: books, food and helping others. Her engagement in library organizations reflected her great interest in books and education; she always had a book (or 2!) with her. A long time Red Cross volunteer in NY and WA she was awarded a Clara Barton Service Award. She was also an active volunteer in the Grahamsville ambulance services (EMT); the Grandmothers Club in Colfax; and the Colfax Library. She worked as a care giver which reflected her love of helping others in need. As all who met Sally knew, she loved food especially making and serving it; preparing a good meal and seeing people enjoy it filled her with joy, and filled the guests with great contentment.

She was always active in her Church, first in the Dutch Reformed Church in Grahamsville where she taught Sunday school and was active in many other ways (her baked goods were always sought after at fund raisers) and later Peace Lutheran in Colfax where she was an energetic input to many activities.

Sally is survived by her son Thomas, his wife Dorrit and their two children Asbjorn and Esther who live in Silkeborg, Denmark; as well as by her two brothers, Jack and Bill, and their families. The family can be contacted at kromthay-sen@gmail.com or Mosevej 18; 8600 Silkeborg; Denmark. Memorials to Sally can be contributed to the Grahamsville Ambulance Corps, P O Box 152, Grahamsville, NY 12740

DAYS OF YORE... TODAY'S HISTORY

September 21, 1949 not available

September 16, 1959

Officials of the Methodist Church in Grahamsville are starting a drive for funds to install a new heating system in the Church before cold weather starts. The furnace, (Next Col.)

complete with radiators and old drum, was generously donated to the church by the Rocklyn Construction Co., when the old school building was demolished to make room for The school year of 1959-60 officially began for almost 650 students at Tri Valley Central School on last Tuesday, September 8th.

Mrs. Sarah Bonnell, who until September 12 made her home at the John Worden place in Bradley, will be one hundred years old on September 21. Mrs. Bonnell was born near Grahamsville on the old Curry place on Thunder Hill, now the Herold home. Her father, Richard Curry, was away at the Civil War when she was born. She was three years old when he came back from the war. Her mother was Mary Hook Curry.

The first frost of the season was reported at Claryville Monday when the thermometer read 30 degrees.

Miss Margaret Finch who has been spending her summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Finch, returned to the University of Buffalo on Monday, where she will enter her senior year in Nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Goldsmith left for Vermont on Tuesday with their son Bill who will enter St. Michaels College as a freshman.

Welcome back to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Denman and sons, Robert and Jay, who have moved back to their home here, after living in Middletown for some years.

Mrs. Raymond Krum and her daughter Barbara, took flight early Monday morning from Livingston Manor Airport with Vincent Guntlow for Parris Island, S.C. where they will attend James Krum's Marine Graduation.

To beautify and preserve your home
A fresh coat of paint
is a "must".

For quality, looks and the finest in paint,
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you can trust!
KUM TO KRUM'S

September 17, 1969

This Saturday, September 20th, Cub Scout Pack 87 will hold a penny carnival at the Neversink Fire House from 2 - 5 P.M. Admission is free and refreshments will be available. A penny will be charged for each game and there will be thousands of prizes.

The Tri-Valley Central School Board of Education met on Tuesday evening, considered, and approved the issuance of Tax Anticipation notes in the amount of \$15,000, if needed, for payroll purposes. (Incoming taxes made this unnecessary.)

The Townsman Staff would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Pauline Rose, long time correspondent for this paper, a speedy recovering from her illness.

The following poem was written by Diane VanKeuren in seventh grade English class at Tri-Valley School. (Next Col.)

THE SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

People come from miles around To see the grandest show in town.

Something for young and old alike,
From snowmobile to mini-bike,
Soda, ice cream, cotton candy.

Boy! Those hot dogs sure taste dandy.

A western show with gay dancers,
Four trained dogs, a horse that prances,
A monkey, a funny acrobat
A world-champion lumberjack.

All the fun, all the laughter,
All the joy forever after,
We'll not forget, have no fear,
Till Sportsmen's time rolls round next year.

Congratulations to Stanley Shursky, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Shursky, owners of the Grahamsville Hardware Store. It was announced by the principal of the Fallsburgh Central School that Stanley had received the highest possible rating on the Physics College Board Exam, an 800 score.

Thelma Cole is driving a school bus for Fred Ahrens.

Ed Larson is helping Harold VanAken in constructing docking for Mrs. Burtis McCarn, and in building a dam for Mrs. Florence Elting.

Mr. Wilson VanWagner was nominated for Superintendent of Highways for the Town of Neversink at the recent Democratic Caucus.

PFC Dennis Akerley, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Herbert Akerley of Grahamsville, left for a year of duty in Vietnam as a machine gunner. Dennis spent a three week leave home before leaving.

Happy Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Grant Sheeley who will celebrate their 63rd on September 18.

September 13, 1979

The Town Board will hold a Public Hearing, Sept. 27, 1979 at 7:00 pm at the Al Huttar Hall, Sundown, NY, to consider a proposed contract between the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Grahamsville Fire District and the Town Board of the Town of Denning to furnish Fire Protection in the Sundown Fire District. By order of the Town Board, Jane Smith, Town Clerk.

The Tri Valley AARP business meeting on Sept. 5th had banner attendance - 73 members showed up. Our Social Meeting on the 19th will be a covered dish dinner at 6 p.m.

The Tri-Valley FFA Poultry Team captured first place at the New York State Fair in Syracuse. The members of this team are John Sheeley, John Donnelly, Linda Denman, and alternate Russ Coombe. John Sheeley also took an individual first in Poultry Judging. In November the entire Poultry Team will be attending the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

HERE AND THERE

The allergy season has gotten the best of me. No column this week. Hope to get back to normal soon. Have a good week. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

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

YOUNG ARTISTS' DRAWINGS (From Pg. 1)

Below are listed the names of the students whose work was selected for this year's booklet. Each entry also includes the subject of the art work, its location or page in the booklet, and the present grade level of the young artist. (Remember, they were half a year younger in age and a whole grade level younger when they created these pictures!)

Thomas VanSaders, grade 3 - Greeting (front cover). A big pumpkin grin welcomes everyone to the 24th annual Giant Pumpkin Party.

Dakota Deck, grade 3 - Costume Contest (page 8). Three contestants, wearing very different costumes, but the same wide smile.

Gavin Simpson, grade 5 - Theme Float Contest (page 9). A pirate ship, under full sail, "a-float" on the water.

Yazalis Santiago, grade 5 - Scarecrow Contest (page 15). This scarecrow is skinny, but his smile is wide!

Malcolm Perry, grade 4 - Pumpkin Decorating Contest (page 17). A pirate pumpkin, complete with eye patch and skull-and-crossbones hat.

Reanna McGregor, grade 2 - Guess the Weight of the Giant Pumpkin Contest (page 21). Three contestants show us how easy it is to make your guess.

Brauke Hunt, grade 3 - Entertainment (page 81). Brauke's pumpkin is a bit unusual, to say the least: eight octopus-style limbs, four for support, four waving about in time to the music, heard through pumpkin ears.

Jake Wilsen, grade 3 - Farewell (back cover). This pumpkin smile is wistful as it calls out, "Come Back Next Year!"

We congratulate these Young Artists, their parents and their teachers. Their simplicity and insight give us renewed appreciation for what delights our children most.

EPIC & MEDICARE TOPIC OF SLAC MEETING EPIC and MEDICARE

EPIC & Medicare will be the topic of SLAC, the Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County (SLAC) meeting on Friday, September 25, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the Ted Stroebel Neighborhood Facility in Monticello (Note change in venue). The speakers will be Laura Mulvihill from EPIC and Tula Brown, HIICAP Coordinator for Sullivan County. We will review the state of Health Care Reform as well.

Please join us. Everyone is invited. Bring your questions and concerns.

The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County is affiliated with the StateWide Senior Action Council. Questions? Please reach us through the Office for the Aging or at 985-7901.

TRI-VALLEY CROSS COUNTRY NEWS

(From Pg. 1)

At the first Invitational at Washingtonville, the Girls' Team placed 5th in a ten Team Field with Caroline Bertholf placing 18th followed by Sarah Heikkinen, Naomi Weise, Olivia Rehm and Michelle McNutt. The Girls' Team also had 1st and 2nd in the Freshmen Race - Alexandria Brooks and Courtney Connor, with Danielle Graham and Laurel Riordan also in the race.

The Boys Varsity was led by Sophomore, Jim Bernstein who placed 31st followed by Mike Freeman, Chris Whipple and Steve McInerney. The Freshmen race had Nat Tompkins attained a medal in 18th place with Kyle Rogers in 34th place.

The next race will be at Freedom Park in Randolph New Jersey.

LOCAL IMAGE OF ELLENVILLE SPEAKS OUT ON CNBC-TV

Next Wednesday, September 23 be sure to tune in to CNBC news at 9:00 pm and you will see a familiar face. Joany, of Image Clothing Store located at 152 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY will be included in the Walmart Documentary - *The New Age of Walmart*. Joany was recently interviewed for the documentary. If you can't wait until next week, why not stop in at Image Clothing and maybe Joany will fill you in on what she said. While you are there, check out the great variety of fashions. You will be amazed!

SCCC TO OFFER INSURANCE CONTINUING EDUCATION CLASS (From Pg. 1)

The first course, How to Avoid Being an Agent on Trial, is scheduled for September 21 and 22 from 6 - 10 p.m. in room B129. The course will cover potential legal problems by using real court case examples and actual insurance agent experiences as well as review ways to minimize conflict between clients and insurers. The registration deadline is September 16.

The second class, Suitability Issues and the Insurance Agent, will be held on October 5 and 6 from 6 - 10 p.m. in room B129. It will explore a variety of techniques used by insurance professionals to determine customer needs and suitability such as when to insure, what to insure and how much to cover and pay. The registration deadline is September 30.

The last course in the series, Ethics: The Main Tool of Professionalism, will be offered on November 9 and 10 from 6 - 10 p.m. in room B129. This course will review ethics as it relates to the insurer's relationship with customers, agents and regulators. It will take a look at insurance fraud and the development of anti-fraud plans as well as the ethical responsibilities of customers in the completion of applications and claims. The registration deadline is October 28.

All of these courses are offered in collaboration with Cape Education. The fee is \$115 per class and each is worth eight credits.

For more information and to register, contact the SCCC Office of Workforce Development, Continuing Education & Lifelong Learning at 845-434-5750, extension 4213. Each class requires a minimum of six students in order to run.

UNCHANGING - Danilynn Conlon

During the past few months I have had several encounters with a peculiar, rather difficult breed of human; the "unchangables," as I like to call them. They can be defined by their stubborn, unyielding opinions, unwillingness to consider any validity in opposing viewpoints, and a strong belief that any person with contradicting opinions is, without question, wrong.

I have recently found myself in an uncomfortable encounter with a person of this description that berated me repeatedly for the opinions I unabashedly shared with the community through my articles. This person could not understand why I would not reconsider the beliefs and values that are sewn so deeply into my core and for the life of me, I could not understand how they could have expected me to. Of course, this person was a near stranger, they had no possible way of knowing I had been sure of my thoughts on any matter since I was a little girl. Ever since I could form coherent sentences I was expressing my opinions in firm, confident, and respectful words to any adult that gave me the chance. The same proves true today. Although I expect and welcome feedback, after all, where there is opinion there is opposition, I never expected to be cornered and scolded, at a near loss for words, especially for firm, confident, and respectful ones, in my defensive state.

This person was an unchangeable. They believed one thing and would never, ever accept any change. A new way of thinking, of looking at the world was a crime punishable by death. That is not the greatest problem however. Unchangeables are easily managed once appeased. When they get on their soapbox all one must do is nod, agree, and in some situations recant beliefs to merely keep the peace. Well, I'm not one for appeasement.

This person told me to rethink my stance on certain issues; I did not. They told me to change my mind about the things I have said; I would not. They told me I must concede there was a possibility I was wrong in my beliefs; I could not. Do you not see the problem here? I have been marveling at the frustrating traits of an unchangeable and all this time I am one myself. Perhaps it is possible for one to see a bit of themselves in their opponent, but it is quite disconcerting.

The problem is all humans are un-changeable, un-adaptable. Should some river present an obstacle in our path, few humans have the patience to grow fins to cross it. Humans are much more likely to build a road and go around it. It is the world that has to be changed, never the human. Perhaps that is why there is so much destruction (and so many unnecessary roads) on this planet. We are trying to change the world to suit us when it is starting to (Next Col.)

look like all we really need to change is us.
ED NOTES: Danilynn is a senior at Tri-Valley Central School High School. She is planning to further her education next year after graduation as an English and Political Science major and as a pre-law student. She will pursue a career in wildlife conservation, working and writing for the cause. You may check out her sports blogs on the Varsity845 website.

SCDW CONTINUES 2009 SEASON WITH AGNES OF GOD AT THE RIVOLI

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop continues its 2009 Season in the newly restored Rivoli Theatre with John Pielmeier's powerful drama, Agnes of God. Performances are slated for September 11-13 and 25-27 (note there are no performances the weekend of September 18th).



The play was written in 1978, based upon a true story that happened outside of Rochester, NY. It opened on Broadway in 1982 and was later adapted for film. At the opening of this riveting drama, Sister Agnes (Marissa Cohen of Ellenville) is brought to court psychiatrist, Dr. Martha Livingstone (Evelyn Albino of New Hampton), who will determine whether she is sane. Startlingly naive, so innocent as to seem angelic, the 21 year old nun stands accused of bearing a child in the convent and strangling it with its umbilical cord - none of which she can remember. (Contd. Pg. 4)

GOLDENROD

By Peggy DeWire

As Jean and I were enjoying a cup of tea at my kitchen table, she waved her spoon at the vase of bright yellow Goldenrod saying,



"That flower causes hay fever."
"Does not," I said. "Goldenrod gets blamed for hay fever because it blooms at the same time as ragweed, the real villain - Goldenrod is insect pollinated; ragweed is wind pol-

linated."
"Maybe so," Jean replied, holding her cup for a refill. Mmm this tea is good and different. Licorice flavored and pretty yellow in color."

"Jean, we're drinking Sweet Goldenrod tea that I made from the leaves of the bouquet!"

There are 125 species of Goldenrod (family Solidago) all native to the U.S. and most are found in the East. While everyone recognizes the flower, you can identify them by two ways:

1. Flower shape - plume, fountain, candle and flat topped.
2. Leaf shape with veins parallel to the mid rib or feather pattern as in most leaves. Look at the basal leaves to tell what kind you've found. Most wild flower books picture the flower and its leaf together.

Goldenrods prefer open fields but have adapted to marshes, mountains, deserts and sandy beaches.

In the East these perennials carpet acres like a yellow rug. Some fall Goldenrods grow in solid circular patches.

The tiny flower clusters bloom from July to September, ranging from rich yellow of Showy and Seaside to white of Silverrod.

Goldenrod is the state flower of Alabama, Kentucky and Nebraska.

As she got up to leave, Jean said, "I think I'll dry some leaves and make my own Sweet Goldenrod tea." And she sniffed the yellow flowers on her way out.



BIDS REQUESTED FOR TOWN OWNED ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT

The Highway Superintendent of the Town of Neversink requests individual sealed bids on the following Town owned items and equipment offered for sale:

**1992 FORD BRONCO (TAN)
AUTOMATIC - 5.0 Liter Engine
MILEAGE - 48,519
\$250.00 MINIMUM BID**

The listed item can be seen between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM at the Town of Neversink Highway Barn, RT 55, Grahamsville, NY. Monday through Friday, except Holidays, by contacting Gary Van Valkenburg, Highway Superintendent at 845-985-2281.

Items will be sold "AS IS" and all sales are final. Payment shall be made to the Town of Neversink within 30 days of award of bid.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids without reason.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 not later than 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at which time, or as reasonably soon as possible thereafter; all bids will be publicly opened.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Town of Neversink
Dated: September 11, 2009

9/17/09

PUBLIC NOTICE:

CWC Holdings II, LLC is seeking to contract with a private corporation for renovation and construction of an addition at the property/building located at 56 Main Street, Stamford, NY. A mandatory bidder's conference is detailed in the bid documents. The Request for Proposal can be obtained by contacting CWC Holdings II, LLC c/o Timothy Cox, Corporate Counsel, Catskill Watershed Corporation, PO Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455, timothycox@cwconline.org; (845) 586-1400 Ext. 20. Respondents must submit one original and four copies of their proposal no later than 2:00 PM October 16, 2009. EOE

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TAXPAYERS

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SCDW PRESENTS AGNES OF GOD (From Pg. 3)

Dr. Livingstone, shrewdly rational and an atheist, is convinced that the innocence of this beautiful young woman hides the scars of her childhood. But the convent's worldly Mother Superior, Mother Miriam Ruth (Annie Hat of Hortonville) believes that Agnes is "blessed," "touched by God" in some mysterious way that science cannot explain. The question of whether Agnes is guilty of the crime is enmeshed in that or whether she is mad...or sainted. The battle between Mother Miriam Ruth, who wishes to protect Agnes' fragile spirit, and Dr. Livingstone, who wants to heal her shattered mind, becomes a fierce examination of man's conflicting needs for rational certainty and for mystery and faith, conducted in a play of striking lyric beauty and dramatic force.

Under the skillful direction of Lori Schneider-Wendt of Hurleyville, the three strong actresses deliver solid performances in this unquestionably, blindingly theatrical show. Talented Technical Director, Jim Schmidt provides the production with the perfect blend of light and shadows for this play of the mind and miracles. Stage Management duties are shared by Myron "Mike" Gastwirth of Liberty and Jackie Doerr of South Fallsburg.

Performances of Agnes of God are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, September 11, 12, 25, 26 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, September 13, 27 at 2:00 pm in the air conditioned and heated, handicapped accessible, Nartoff-Wells Auditorium of the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Senior Citizens (60+) and \$7 for Students, with valid student ID. Please note that due to mature content, this production is not suitable for young children. No advance reservations are necessary - tickets will be available at the box office one hour prior to curtain for each performance. In an effort to make theatre more affordable, don't miss the SCDW's Friday Night Specials - attend any Friday performance, set your own price and "pay what you can afford!" For additional information, phone (845) 436-5336 or 434-7232 or visit www.scdw.net. To purchase tickets online, visit www.ShowTix4U.com

EDWARD VAN PUT TO BE HONORED BY THE SULLIVAN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON OCTOBER 11TH

This year, the Sullivan County Historical Society will present its "History Preserver" Award to Edward Van Put.

Ed has earned the praise of fly fisherman locally and throughout the nation. County Historian John Conway points out that Ed's research (Next Col.)

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS NOTICE

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dealing with the impact that trout fishing had on the growth of Sullivan County makes him one of our most valuable historians. A superb angler with an international reputation, he and his wife are the guides of choice when celebrities fish local waters. "One of the best trout fishermen I know", Lee Wulff called him.

Ed's early love of fishing and a valuable 40-year career with the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation, his legacy is visible in the 55 miles of public fishing easements which opened up new areas for fishing, and recognition for his achievements.

In 1996 he published "The Beaverkill: The History of the River and its People", where he chronicled the people and places of the legendary valley. In 2007, he published his landmark work, "Trout Fishing in the Catskills" - in which he traces trout fishing back to the 1830's and explains how it planted the seeds of our county's tourist industry.

Sunday, October 11th, at the Rockland House, Roscoe, NY. Social hour, 5:00 p.m.; dinner, 6:00 p.m. \$30.00 per

NEWS FROM LIBERTY FARMERS' MARKET

On Friday September 18, 2009 Sullivan County Cooperative Extension: Bonnie Lewis, RN, Caregiver Resource Center Coordinator, will share her wealth of knowledge about support groups, referrals, and all kinds of help for caregivers. Music will be provide by John Wombacher, singer/songwriter, keyboardist and vocalist.

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The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) is holding a Halloween costume party and fundraiser with a suggestion to dress as your favorite artist.

The first annual mASKerade will be held Saturday, October 31st, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., at 97 Broadway, Kingston, NY. A \$40.00 ticket will benefit ASK's multi-arts programs.

Admission will include a buffet provided by Ship to Shore, creepy cocktails, music, dancing and much more.

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FAMILY HEALTH CENTER OF ELLENVILLE WELCOMES DR. JOSEPH DI MARIA (From Pg. 1)

"I am excited to be a part of the great team here at the Family Health Center of Ellenville," said Dr. DiMaria. "The center provide comprehensive, affordable health care to people of all ages. I'm especially looking forward to serving the many seniors and teenagers living in Ellenville."

Steven Kelley, CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital, said, "I'm thrilled to welcome a new physician to Ellenville and to the medical staff of the hospital. Dr. DiMaria is caring, energetic, and dedicated to providing the best possible medical care to his patients. I hope that many residents of Ellenville-especially those who don't currently have a doctor-will schedule an appointment soon to meet Dr. DiMaria and the rest of the staff at the Family Health Center of Ellenville."

Prior to joining the Family Health Center of Ellenville, Dr. DiMaria was a physician at Family Medical Care of Babylon, in Dix Hills, NY, where he specialized in reproductive health services and childhood ADHD. Dr. DiMaria received his medical degree from St. George's University and completed his medical residency training at Overlook Hospital in New Jersey. Prior to becoming a physician, Dr. DiMaria was a pharmacist in New York City and on Long Island. He is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American Medical Association.

For more information about the Institute for Family Health, visit www.institute2000.org.

Family Health Center of Ellenville is located at 6 Healthy Way, Ellenville, NY 12428, next to Ellenville Regional Hospital off Route 209. They are open Monday to Thursday from 8am - 6pm; Friday from 8am- 5pm; and Saturday from 9am-1pm. The center offers affordable primary care, dental care and mental health care for children and adults. We work closely with Ellenville Regional Hospital, and see patients at the hospital when needed. The center welcomes all patients, including those who do not have insurance. Call 845-647-4500 for an appointment.

NY COUNTIES SEEK \$265 MILLION IN FEDERAL BROADBAND FUNDING-Nearly two-thirds of New York Counties submit public safety application

On the anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks, the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) has applied for federal broadband stimulus funding to construct a comprehensive public safety emergency communication system to link all levels of government law enforcement agencies. An unprecedented thirty-six (36) New York county governments are seeking federal stimulus funds to finance a sweeping wireless broadband network project designed to enhance communications between and among public safety agencies.

"Counties have teamed up to leverage federal funding to connect the communication capacity of law enforcement and emergency responders in New York State," said Yates County Sheriff Ron Spike, chair of NYSAC's standing committee on public safety.

The application was submitted to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) administered by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) administered by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). Both grants are made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), the Federal Stimulus package.

"Broadband connectivity is the infrastructure our first responders need to communicate in the event of emergencies today and in the future," said NYSAC President Sarah Purdy, Yates County Administrator.

NYSAC submitted the application for federal stimulus funds for a project to deploy 700 MHz wireless broadband networks for public safety use in 36 counties across the state. NYSAC cited a lower than 40% broadband subscribership by first responders across the state as the basis for applying for the grant.

"Our first responders are underserved," said NYSAC Executive Stephen Acquario, Executive Director of NYSAC. "Funding from the Federal Stimulus package will provide a unique opportunity to accelerate this statewide initiative to protect the public and significantly improve interoperable communications for our State's first responders."

The approach used is consistent with the technological, governance and operational recommendations established by national public safety organizations, and will result in seamlessly interoperable broadband wireless communications throughout New York State. The application is seeking \$265 million to build out the proposed broadband public safety network. (Contd. Pg. 10)

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LIBERTY FREE THEATRE (From Pg. 1)

The Dumbwaiter is about two hit men, played by Michael Frizalone and Paul Jannicola, holed-up in a dingy basement kitchen, waiting to be sent out on their next job.

The play is one of the first that established Pinter as a master of what would become known as a 'comedy of menace.' Paul Austin directs. Alexis Siroc has designed the set and Jon-Jon Thomas designed the lights.

Harold Pinter, (1930 -2008) was an English playwright,

screenwriter, actor, director, political activist and poet. He was among the most influential British playwrights of modern times. In 2005 he was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature. Beginning with his first play, Pinter's writing career spanned over 50 years and produced 29 original stage (Next Col.)



Michael Frizalone as Ben polishes his gun for an assignment.

Photo: Ted Waddell

plays, 27 screenplays, many dramatic sketches, radio and TV plays, poetry, one novel, short fiction, essays, speeches, and letters. His best-known plays include *The Birthday Party*, *The Caretaker*, *The Homecoming*, and *Betrayal*, each of which he adapted to film. His screenplay adaptations of others' works include *The Trial* and *Sleuth*. He directed almost 50 stage, television, and film productions and acted extensively in radio, stage, television, and film productions of his own and others' works.

Mike Frizalone is an actor/writer/singer. He has performed on stage and film from Bangor, Maine to New York City. He recently played in a new film by Peking Productions that was shot here in Sullivan County. His work at the Liberty Free Theatre includes *Goods and Guns*, *Off The Wall*, and last season's *Kinfolks and Mountain Music*. Paul Jannicola is a singer/songwriter and multi instrument musician. His compositions have been featured in the award-winning animated short, *Hardly Workin'*, the acclaimed episodic web series, *Tra5hTalk* and MTV's comedic *Life in the Virtual Hills*. Paul and Director Kerria Seabrooke won Best Machinima Series for the Grid Review in the Machinima Film Festival 2007 in Leicester, UK. In addition to music, Paul is an animation cinematographer whose work has been seen on the Jumbotron at 1 Times Square.

INGLORIOUS BASTERDS SEPT 18-22 AT CineArt IN CALLICOON

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present Quentin Tarantino's *Inglourious Basterds* starring Brad Pitt. Set in Nazi-occupied France during World War II, the story centers around Pitt's character, a U.S. Army second lieutenant and commanding officer of a group of Jewish-American soldiers known as "The Basterds" who are chosen specifically to spread fear throughout the Third Reich by scalping and brutally killing Nazis.

USA Today calls *Inglourious Basterds* "a hit of pure oxygen. [Tarantino's] tall tale, with its tense and jangly pacing, is immediately riveting."

Inglourious Basterds is rated R and will be screened Friday, September 18-Tuesday, September 22 with a matinee at 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20 at the Callicoon Theater, 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY. Admission is \$9. Mondays \$6. For more information, call (845) 887-4460

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On Saturday, September 19, 2009 5-9pm the Third Annual Rain or Shine Gasko & Meyer Beer Fest will be held. Local artists have donated work to a Silent Auction in support of the CAS Arts Center. Held at Lanza's Country Inn at 839 Shandeleer Road in Livingston Manor, this Oktoberfest (Contd. Pg. 9)

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**PROGRAM FLYER • UPCOMING EVENTS****Paint Your Own Pottery**

WHEN: Saturday, October 17.

WHERE: Town Hall 10 am.

DETAILS: All supplies will be provided. Please feel free to check them out on the web at www.letspaint.biz.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend \$7 residents \$20 non-residents must be paid no later than October 6.

Create Cornucopia Centerpiece with Betty Shaver

WHEN: Saturday, November 14.

WHERE: Town Hall 10 am.

DETAILS: Please bring your own cornucopia to fill. All other supplies will be provided.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend FREE residents/\$8 non-residents must be signed up no later than November 3.

Shopping Garden State Plaza

WHEN: Tuesday, November 17.

DETAILS: Leave Town Hall 8 am & return at approximately 7 pm. This trip is for adults 21 and over.

SIGN-UP: If you plan to attend a non-refundable \$20 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than October 6.

FREE BINGO

WHEN: Friday, November 20.

WHERE: Town Hall 7 pm.

DETAILS: Refreshments will be served. If you win you get to pick either a \$5 Gift Card to Target or McDonalds. Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the local food pantry.

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Games & Socializing

WHEN: Every Friday afternoon between 1pm & 4 pm

WHERE: Town Hall Upstairs meeting room.

DETAILS: If you have a favorite game, feel free to bring it. Come & enjoy your neighbors and make new friends. Refreshments will be served.

FREE Pizza & Christmas Craft

WHEN: Friday, December 4.

WHERE: Town Hall 5:30pm.

DETAILS: Come have a quick dinner & decorate Gingerbread cookies. All supplies will be provided.

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

Procedure to Attend Events

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

1. **COME** & fill out permission slips & bring payment to the Town Hall Upstairs Parks & Recreation office between 3 pm & 6 pm on Tuesdays.

2. **MAIL** permission slips & payment to Parks and Rec. Dept.

PO BOX 307 Grahamsville, NY 12740

Please Make Note of the following: • For your convenience Permission Slips can be downloaded from our website www.townofneversink.org or picked up in the Parks and Rec. office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. • Trips maybe cancelled due to a lack of sufficient participants or inclement weather • If you need to contact the director for any reason I can be reached at the Town Hall on Tuesdays between the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm; any other time please leave a voice mail at 985-2262 ext 312 or email me at racerrj2d@aol.com

Parks & Recreation Department

Greg Goldstein, Town Supervisor.

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BEERFEST (From Pg. 8) charity event also features representatives from almost 25 different craft breweries from around the world with special attention attributed to Regional east coast breweries. There will be live music in the barn with Painted Betty (5-7pm) and The Don't Do Darlings (7-9pm) and authentic German food will be available. Admission is \$20 for an unlimited tasting cup.

Painted Betty, from Cold Spring, NY, plays an eclectic mix of covers and originals, including blues, jazz, country and folk, peppered with occasional songs in French and Spanish. Members of the group are Tim Hall (guitar), David Rothenberg (clarinet and sax), Andrew Hall (bass) and singers, Deb Madsen and Sonia Rzyz-Ryski.

The Don't Do Darlings, from Livingston Manor, play some rough and tumble country rock originals and covers from the artists we all know and love. Come and kick up your heels and let loose in the barn!

ORIENTEERING HIKE

An Orienteering Hike is planned on Sunday, Sept. 20 from 1-3:30 p.m. at Frost Valley YMCA. Participants in this free Orienteering Skills Session will learn to navigate without assistance from a Global Positioning System (GPS). Environmental Science Coordinator Reid Bauer will also provide

instruction on how to find one's way out of the woods without relying on a GPS. Participants will learn the basics of map and compass use before testing their new skills on Frost Valley's orienteering course.

This excursion the monthly hike hosted by Frost Valley designed to encourage others to explore new Catskill trails.

Hikers should bring appropriate footwear. Moisture-wicking clothing is also recommended. Cameras and binoculars are also useful as the hikes take place amidst some of the region's most beautiful terrain. For additional information or to register, please call Reid at (845) 985-2291, ext. 397 or e-mail: rbauer@frostvalley.org. Pre-registration is appreci-

ated. For a complete Take A Hike schedule, check the calendar at FrostValley.org.

FROST VALLEY YMCA's 3rd ANNUAL FALL FARM DAY FOR FAMILIES IS OCTOBER 18TH

Frost Valley YMCA invites the community to its annual Fall Farm Day on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 1-4 p.m. at its Farm Camp in Claryville.

The Fall Family Farm Day is a unique opportunity for visitors of all ages to experience firsthand Frost Valley's farm facility. Admission is free and the event provides a great opportunity for children and their families to preview one of Frost Valley's most popular camp offerings.

Visitors will be able to meet an assortment of farm animals up close and can also assist with farm chores. For a taste of farm life traditions, there will also be felting, candle making and spinning demonstrations. No autumn outing in the Catskill Mountains would be complete without an assortment of seasonal foods. Among culinary the choices awaiting guests will be cider donuts, hot cocoa and Frost Valley's famous Farm Chili. (Next Col.)


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For more information or directions, please call (845) 985-0510, ext. 323, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.frostvalley.org. Frost Valley YMCA's farm is located at 2875 Denning Road, Claryville.



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**SENATOR GILLIBRAND INTRODUCES
RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING 400th
ANNIVERSARY OF HENRY HUDSON'S
VOYAGE In Honor Of Quadricentennial,
Dutch Royalty Visiting New York**

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today introduced a resolution commemorating the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's first exploratory sail up what is now called the Hudson River in 1609, as well as the 200th anniversary of Robert Fulton's Hudson River voyage in 1807 in which he introduced steam navigation on a commercial basis.

"This year, we have a unique opportunity to celebrate New York and America's past," Senator Gillibrand said. "It's been 400 years since the Hudson River was first discovered. Today, we're still unlocking its potential. The Hudson River Valley fuels our economy with new jobs, new development and tourism, inspires our artists and offers New Yorkers miles of adventure and endless recreation."

The first European exploration of the Hudson River and the introduction of steam navigation to maritime commerce are celebrated both in the United States and abroad. In 1609, Englishman Henry Hudson, acting in the service of the Dutch East India Company, became the first European to sail up the river later named for him in the vessel Half Moon. Also in 1609, French explorer Samuel de Champlain became the first European to see the lake later named for him, as well as the shores in Northern New York and Vermont.

These explorations led to the establishment of Fort Orange, a Dutch, and later English, settlement of what is now the capital city of the State of New York, as well as the establishment of French trading posts, military posts, and settlements as far south as Lake George. From these early establishments came trade, commerce, cultural, and religious impact deep into the Mohawk Valley and as far west as Lake Erie. These

settlements influenced American history, culture, law, commerce, and traditions of liberty that extend to the present day.

Almost 200 years later, in 1807, Robert Fulton navigated the Hudson River from the city of New York to Albany in the steamboat Clermont, successfully inaugurating steam navigation on a commercial basis. This event helped revolutionize waterborne commerce on the great rivers of the United States and fostered international relations through transoceanic travel and trade.

New York is proud to welcome Willem-Alexander, Crown Prince of Orange, and his wife, Princess Maxima to be part of the 400 celebration in Albany and New York City. Congressmen Chris Van Hollen (D-MD) and Pete Hoekstra (R-MI) introduced this resolution in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Pg. 6)

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unities," said Dr. Melodie Mayberry-Stewart, New York State CIO and Director of the Office For Technology. "First responders require better interoperable communications networks. We must begin planning now to take advantage of all broadband has to offer for this important need."

**ANNUAL BREAKFAST AND BAN-
TER FOR FALLSBURG RETIREES**

The Fallsburg Central School District has a very loyal group of retirees. Every September they get together at the Blue Horizon for breakfast to meet and greet, share old war stories, and celebrate the past



year's events. This year saw recent retirees Ms. Jeanne Mueller, Ms. Betsy Feuer, and Marilyn Sperber in attendance.

Unfortunately Mr. Charlie Levine was unable to come. Thirty-two people shared breakfast and fond memories. Coach Jim McDermott sent his annual letter apologizing because he was visiting his national shrine in South Bend, Indiana, to watch Notre Dame play its opening football game. Ms. Ceil Cohen read his letter and an amusing note from former



English teacher and wit, Fred Maddeo. Ms. Cohen and Ms. Nancy Catalano organized the breakfast

COMPTROLLER CELEBRATES LAW WITH WHISTLES AND A HOTLINE

(From Pg. 1)

"The Legislature's action tonight empowers a great many people to challenge improper or unlawful conduct in County government," said Comptroller Elliott Auerbach, "tonight 'we blow the whistle' in recognition of this important policy."

"It was great to see Legislators rally around this important protection," said Auerbach, "they made a Herculean effort across several committees and two caucuses to effect this policy."

Auerbach first identified the need for County whistleblower protections in his March 25, 2009 "Internal Control Baseline Report" which assessed the effectiveness of internal controls within County departments. The report recommended whistleblower protection to protect individuals from retaliation if they report misconduct.

"We have seen a number of instances this year where if people felt assured they would not suffer retaliation for speaking up," explained Auerbach, "problems may have been resolved or mitigated without the time, expense and disruptions caused by lawsuits. The Legislature's leadership tonight contributes to improving internal control structure of Ulster County Government."

TOWN OF DENNING RECEIVES INSURANCE PROGRAM DISTRIBUTION

(From Pg. 1)

"Our members are extremely pleased to be receiving a check from NYMIR. This is an example of how municipalities can voluntarily collaborate to insulate their taxpayers from the volatility that the economy and, particularly, commercial insurance markets often inflict on municipal budgets," stated G. Jeffrey Haber, the Association of Towns Executive Director. The funds were presented to Supervisor Bill Bruning by David Bodenstein of Mike Preis Insurance, the town's insurance broker.

The Town of Denning is one of more than 550 local governments from across the state to receive a check from the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal (NYMIR), which is returning the capital investments of the governments who have been in the program for five years or longer. NYMIR will be distributing \$7.5 million statewide.

The NYMIR Board of Governors is comprised of 13 local government officials from all across the State. At their November 2008 meeting, the Board initiated a program by which NYMIR has begun to return a substantial portion of the initial capital contribution all subscribing members made to the reciprocal. "This is a testament to the strength of our program and the sound risk management practices of each of our members," said NYMIR President John Layne from Rockland County. "In light of these particularly challenging times, the NYMIR Board is especially pleased to be sharing with its members the fruits of our longstanding commitment to risk management, underwriting discipline and a conservative investment philosophy."

THOMPSON TOWN BOARD SPLIT ON REDUCTION OF INSPECTION FEES

The Thompson Town Board was split on Tuesday, Sept. 1st, regarding reducing fire inspection fees for camps and bungalow colonies. An effort by Councilmen Jankiewicz and Briggs to cut the fees from \$75 per unit to \$25 per unit failed.

Deputy Supervisor and Councilman Bill Rieber stated, "The majority of the properties affected by these fees are tax exempt and these inspections which are just another example of unfunded mandates occupy an enormous amount of time and paperwork. The idea that our taxpayers should chance subsidizing these tax exempt properties any more than we already do is atrocious."

The Board ended up approving \$50 per unit on a motion entered by Rieber and carried by a 3-2 vote.

UC EXECUTIVE HOSTS FIRST "SENIOR SUMMIT"

(From Pg. 1)

The current topics of concern to the senior community included:

- Seasonal and H1N1 (Swine Flu) prevention and treatment, including important vaccination information regarding both flu types, presented by U.C. Acting Public Health Director, Nereida Veytia.
- A review of the Home Energy Assistance (H.E.A.P.) and Food Stamp programs (Next Col.)

including changes in eligibility and benefits, presented by U.C. Commissioner of Social Services, Roberto Rodriguez.

- A review of the multiple services and programs available to seniors through the Ulster County Office for the Aging (OFA), presented by Anne Cardinal, Director of U.C.O.F.A.

- Others areas of interest to seniors, such as long-term care programs, consumer fraud topics and property tax exemptions.

In his welcoming remarks, the County Executive noted that there are a myriad of human service programs and services available to seniors. He said, "My administration is committed to a pro-active approach to improving communications and processes so that people become fully aware of the assistance and benefits that are available to them and so that residents can access those services with the maximum degree of ease and user-friendliness."

He also emphasized the need for enhanced "two-way" communications, including actively soliciting ideas from seniors on ways that the County can improve its services and delivery systems.

Future informational meetings, on topics of concern to seniors and other groups, are in the planning stages. More information on all of the programs available to seniors is available by calling the Ulster County Office for the Aging at (845) 340-3456 or by visiting OFA's website at:

www.ulstercountyny.gov/resources/aging.html.

Health related information is available by calling the Ulster County Health Department at (845) 340-4000 or by visiting online at:

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HINCHEY DETAILS ON-GOING EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN HUDSON VALLEY ECONOMY-HIGHLIGHTS \$130 MILLION IN RECENTLY SECURED FUNDS & DISCUSSES UPCOMING LEGISLATION COMING BEFORE CONGRESS

Just hours before heading back to Washington, DC for what promises to be a very productive legislative session in Congress, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today detailed ongoing efforts to strengthen the Hudson Valley economy in order to create jobs and improve the quality of life for area residents. The congressman highlighted \$130 million in federal funding he's secured this year and in recent years, which are now coming into play, for local transportation, solar, defense, social service, tourism and other economic development projects in order to help create jobs throughout the Hudson Valley. He also detailed upcoming legislation that Congress needs to pass in order to deliver more federal funds to the area.

"My primary focus in Congress is to get our economy back on track so that we can create and sustain quality jobs that pay well for the residents of the Hudson Valley," Hinchey said. "I've worked very hard to bring back tens of millions of dollars in federal funding to directly create and retain jobs and to lay the groundwork for the growth of new industries and businesses in the region so that this area will prosper for decades to come. At the same time, I've brought back federal resources to help those in need, which is not only the right thing to do, but also spares local taxpayers from having to pay for all of these much-needed social services. We've accomplished a lot this year, but there is a lot more work to be done in Congress over the next few months and well into next year and beyond."

Hinchey said that further establishing the solar energy industry in the Hudson Valley is critical to the long-term economic growth of the region. The congressman helped organize and create The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) in 2007 in order to make the Hudson Valley and all of New York a hub for solar energy research and development. Using his seat on the House Appropriations Committee, Hinchey has now secured more than \$17.8 million in federal funds for TSEC and its partners. Significant levels of additional funding and new solar (Next Col.)

manufacturing partnerships are expected to be announced in the coming weeks. The consortium is an industry-driven, non-profit organization that provides leadership, organization, resources, and support for the establishment of a major solar energy industry cluster in New York. TSEC partners have already committed to bringing more than 1,000 new jobs to upstate New York within five years. Additionally, TSEC is currently partnering with more than a dozen companies. In just the last year, TSEC and its partners have collectively created nearly 200 jobs in the Hudson Valley.

"By investing in solar, advanced battery and other renewable energy technology today, we are laying the groundwork for strong economic growth in the near future," Hinchey said. "As the U.S. shifts away from fossil fuels and towards renewable energy sources, the Hudson Valley will be right there at the front of the line ready to help provide the products and expertise needed to meet what will be a strong consumer demand. The research being done here with TSEC and its partners as well as through other emerging industries across the Hudson Valley and other parts of upstate New York will pave the way for new jobs for local residents."

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Hinchey has made it a priority to create jobs and strengthen the overall Hudson Valley economy. As such, he's secured tens of millions of federal dollars for the region for various projects that create jobs now, lay the groundwork for many more jobs in the future, and also improve the quality of life for Hudson Valley residents of all ages.

In July of this year, the House passed all of the bills that will fund the various government agencies in fiscal year 2010, which commences on October 1. The Senate is expected to take these bills up in the coming weeks. Using his position on the House Appropriations Committee, Hinchey has had more than \$21.7 million for a wide array of economic development projects across the Hudson Valley included in those bills.

Some of the initiatives for which Hinchey has secured funds in the FY 2010 appropriations bills are:

- \$3.6 million for Prism Solar Technologies, a manufacturing partner of TSEC, to create a spin-off company that is expected to create 300 jobs over the next two to three years.
- \$2 million for Armor Dynamics to expand its laboratory and testing capabilities in Kingston in order to assist the company in bringing its advanced reactive armor system to market.
- \$300,000 for Kingston and Benedictine Hospitals to consolidate their inpatient acute dialysis unit in an effort to pave the way for the consolidation of the intensive care units onto the Kingston Hospital campus. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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George Walter Erts of Denning, Ulster Co., has served as Justice of the Peace for almost thirty years. Except for one term as supervisor of the town of Denning in 1936 and 1937, and one two-year term out of office, he has been on the job continuously. In all those years he has presided at only one jury trial. Many of the cases he has heard were conservation violations, but now, a sign of changing times, traffic cases are increasing.

A man of many interests, George Erts has long been a student of local history. He has collected papers, clippings and photographs dealing with the past. The papers of Albert VanDover have been a good source of local history. Albert VanDover, son of Stephen VanDover came to Red Hill from the Irish Cape about 1842. At the first meeting of the newly formed town of Denning in 1849 he was chosen tax collector. He was instrumental in getting the first school in the town of Denning at Red Hill started and later taught the same school. Mr. VanDover was also Justice of the Peace of the new township for a number of years.

If you want to know about the history of a farm or settlement in this area chances are George Walter Erts can come up with the information.

At the 100th anniversary of the Claryville Reformed Church recently, Mr. Erts drew on his knowledge when he presented an interesting talk. Among other things he recalled that witchcraft had been an issue there.

George Erts believes a knowledge of the past ought to bring an appreciation of its true values and cast some light on the present. A man walking to Napanoch in the old days, not for a lark, but because it was the only way he had to get there. He wonders how our modern generation will look to historians years from now.

Born in Ellenville April 4, 1895, Mr. Erts has spent all but the first year of his life at Denning, one of the most beautiful spots in the Catskills. He has learned through years of observing the weather that nature can be very rough at times. There have been storms, floods, snowfalls, and extreme cold, but the longest time he and his family were cut off by snow was six weeks.

George Walter Erts has always been active in community affairs. Besides serving as Justice and taking part in Denning town board affairs, he has been school trustee, is a charter member of the Claryville Fire Department and has been active in church and fraternal affairs. He is a member of the Mongaup Lodge of Masons, the I.O.O.F. and is also a Maccabee.

Mr. Erts and his wife have a son, Harold, of Staten Island, and a daughter, Mrs. Ward DuBois of Kingston. They have four granddaughters.

Blessed with an inquiring mind, George Walter Erts, has been learning all his life. A conversation with him is an enjoyable experience. He is a good talker and a good listener, too. (I.G.G.)



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PASSAGE OF TRAVEL PROMOTION BILL (From Pg. 1)

"From world class vineyards on Long Island and in the Finger Lakes to Niagara Falls to the beautiful Adirondacks and all the attractions of New York City, there is absolutely no place better to vacation than New York," said Senator Gillibrand. "During these tough economic times, it is critical that we promote New York's tourism to help turn our economy around and ensure long term growth. I have long advocated for this type of federal initiative into tourism promotion because I believe it holds tremendous economic opportunity for New York State."

Over the past six years, visitors to the U.S. have declined, along with billions of dollars in tourism-generated revenue. Studies show that the average overseas visitor spends \$4,500 per visit. However, since 2001, the U.S. has lost an estimated \$182 billion in visitor spending and \$27 billion in tax receipts. Job creation and job retention in a host of tourism-reliant industries have been affected by this loss of business.

Tourism is a critical industry in New York. According to the U.S. Travel Association, domestic and international travelers to New York spent \$51.3 billion in 2007 and generated \$9.9 billion to federal, state and local governments, dollars that help fund jobs and public programs such as police, firefighters, teachers, road projects and convention centers.

The legislation will also focus on increasing information about U.S. border policies and procedures to facilitate entry into the United States. In recent months, several parts of Upstate New York have experienced a noted decline in tourism as a result of increased standards established as part of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative. This legislation would help to reverse that trend by promoting education of procedures that make it easier to cross the border, such as Enhanced Drivers Licenses and NEXUS cards, which offer pre-screening and quick entry for border travelers.

The Travel Promotion Act would establish a non-profit corporation to better communicate U.S. entry policies to international travelers and promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States. The legislation would also create an Office of Travel Promotion within the Department of Commerce to coordinate with the corporation.

IF YOU CAN'T MEASURE IT YOU CAN'T MANAGE IT Comptroller Auerbach Issues Second Quarter Report

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach released his office's second quarterly report on the financial condition of the County and the economy, effectiveness and efficiency with which the County is run.

The report again identifies as its most significant finding the flawed financial management system used by the County. "The H.T.E. system is long outdated, inadequate and inappropriate to managing over \$340 million of public funds," explained the Comptroller. The report identifies the system as an unacceptable risk to Ulster County's financial health and notes there are "very capable people in Ulster County wasting lots of time compensating for a poor system." To illustrate the point the report includes examples of specific flaws as documented by staff.

Quarterly reporting is a requirement of the Ulster County Charter. Comptroller Auerbach designed the document to be user friendly, helping staff and the public better understand the story financial data portrays and how to use the data to guide decision making.

Auerbach explained he believes that for data to be valuable that it be presented in context and with an explanation of why it is important and how to use the information. This report focuses on four (4) fiscal indicators. Noting that the report will continue to expand and grow over time, the Comptroller insisted that the report conclude with a "Rate this Report" form.

"We want to know what people think, what information do they need to evaluate the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of County government," explained Auerbach, "this report is produced to serve the interests of the people of Ulster County so, please, let us know what we should do differently or better."

The Comptroller's Quarterly Reports reflect data provided by the Ulster County Department of Finance.

The Ulster County Charter designates the County Comptroller as the chief accounting and auditing officer and requires the Comptroller to at least quarterly "report on the financial condition of the County and the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which County government or any of it is (Next Col.)

departments, agencies or programs is managed." The report can be found at:

www.co.ulster.ny.us/comptroller

HINCHEY (From Pg. 12)

- \$150,000 for the renovation of the historic sloop Clearwater.

- \$135,000 for the New York State Police to purchase equipment for its dive team to conduct its operations much more effectively and efficiently, increasing its ability to more successfully locate various targets for which it may be asked to look.

- \$100,000 for the Center for Court Innovation to develop specialized protocols and services for former and current military members who are admitted to drug courts within the Mid-Hudson region.

- \$30,000 for the Woodstock Film Festival's Youth Initiative/Youth at Risk program, which is designed to give underserved high-risk youth the opportunity to learn and participate in the filmmaking field.

"I am fortunate enough to be a senior member on the House Appropriations Committee where I can obtain significant federal investments for our area," Hinchey said. "All of the federal funding I've obtained will help create or save jobs, protect our communities and businesses from natural disasters, and lay the groundwork for the next generation of Hudson Valley residents to rise up and lead their communities."

On a broader scope, Hinchey said he is pleased with the way the economic recovery measure, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), is beginning to positively impact the Hudson Valley economy. The congressman, who is a member of the Joint Economic Committee, was a very strong supporter of the ARRA and helped pass it in the House earlier this year. As planned, only a little more than a quarter of the funding from the measure has thus far been allocated. The balance of funding will be allocated over the rest of this year and next. New York is receiving billions of dollars in special stimulus formula funding for health care and education, which is making its way back to the Hudson Valley. On top of that, the Hudson Valley is receiving direct funding for individual projects, which have thus far totaled nearly \$100 million in the parts of the region that Hinchey represents in Congress with tens of millions more in low-interest loans and other aid. Those funds are creating and saving jobs, promoting further economic growth, and improving the quality of life for residents.

Some examples of local stimulus funds making their way into the Hudson Valley are:

- \$60.1 million in federal economic recovery bond authority for Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster counties to help local governments obtain financing for much-needed economic development projects, such as public infrastructure development.

- \$20.8 million for a wide array of programs aimed at preventing homelessness and helping low-income individuals and families with their housing needs.

- \$7.2 million for the Village of Ellenville to upgrade its outdated and energy inefficient Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP).

- \$4.7 million to replace the Kerhonkson Bridge that runs across the Rondout Creek.

- \$3.6 million for base repairs at Stewart Air National Guard Base.

- \$2.4 million to construct a single-shaft elevator and a stairway from ground level to the overpass for the Walkway Over the Hudson project.

- \$200,000 to help pay for the redevelopment of the Rondout waterfront promenade.

"The economic recovery bill and other efforts in Congress to turn our economy around are starting to work," Hinchey said. "This is unfortunately a long and painful process, but I'm doing everything I can to ease these difficult circumstances and to create and save jobs that will help improve the quality of life for everyone. We have a lot of work to do, but I am very pleased the funds from the economic recovery measure are making their way back up to the Hudson Valley and are helping to put people back to work and to help them keep a roof over their head."

Hinchey also noted that the ARRA has provided 7 million working families in New York with tax relief. As a result of the economic recovery measure, a refundable tax credit of 6.2 percent of earned income up to \$400 for working individuals and \$800 for married couples will be issued in 2009 and 2010. Families are seeing at least a \$65 per month increase in their take home pay, which will help ease individual financial burdens while helping to provide more money for local businesses. The credit will phase out for taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of more than \$75,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for married couples filing jointly. It will phase out completely for taxpayers with modified adjusted gross income of \$95,000 for individuals and \$190,000 for married workers.

The congressman has also secured (Next Col.)

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- **Prosecutor**
- **Nurse Administrator**



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Gilda Riccardi
for Ulster County Clerk

Paid for by the Committee to elect Gilda Riccardi

secured federal resources to capitalize on the Hudson Valley's natural and historic significance. Thus far, Hinchey has personally obtained \$1.39 million from Congress for the quadricentennial celebration of the historic voyages of Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain as well as for the bicentennial celebration of Robert Fulton's endeavor. Using the funds that Hinchey secured, the National Park Service (NPS) is coordinating educational, cultural and historical projects with the state commission while also consulting with the congressman. The state commission and the NPS are also working together to support and facilitate marketing efforts for other commemorative related activities.

In addition to the \$2.4 million for the Walkway Over the Hudson project that was recently allocated as part of the economic recovery measure, Hinchey has previously secured \$1.35 million in federal funding for the scenic overpass, which will serve as a tourist attraction and provide a wide array of recreational opportunities for area residents. The congressman's efforts to secure federal funding helped leverage an array of other resources for the Walkway Over the Hudson project, which is scheduled to open to the public on October 3. Hinchey also authored, secured passage and enactment of a bill to designate the Washington-Rochambeau Historic Trail that marks the journey taken by George Washington and Count Rochambeau when moving to finally defeat the Confederates at Yorktown during the Revolutionary War. Hinchey is also the author of the legislation that created the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the first federal action formally recognizing the fundamentally significant role the people of the Hudson Valley played in the early development of America and its institutions.

The congressman has a long history of using his position in Congress to secure federal funding for projects and initiatives of great importance to the Hudson Valley. Some of the local projects for which Hinchey has secured funding in recent years include:

- \$2.5 million for the design and construction of a new water and sewer system on a 3.2 mile section of Kings Highway in the Town of Saugerties that will open the corridor for a wide array of new business development that will spur economic growth in the area. (Construction will commence later this month.)
- \$1.3 million for the rehabilitation of the Uptown Kingston Pike Plan. (Construction will commence later this fall.)
- \$1 million to enhance Kingston's waterfront by constructing a landscaped pedestrian walkway from the Rondout waterfront to Kingston Point. (Construction will commence later this month.)
- \$191,595 for Benedictine Hospital to upgrade its electronic patient filing system.
- \$143,449 for the Samuel Dorsky Museum at SUNY New Paltz to host a Hudson River School of Art exhibit. (The exhibition is currently open and visits to the museum have since quadrupled.)
- \$118,000 for the construction of a new primary health care facility for the Greater Hudson Valley Family Health Center.

The congressman said that it will be critical to ensure smooth passage of the FY 2010 bills, which contain the \$21.7 million for Hudson Valley projects. Given that the House has already approved the money, Hinchey expressed optimism that the funds would be finalized and sent to the Hudson Valley

THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312
Games & Socializing FREE fun every Friday afternoon 1 pm - 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Town Hall. -
Paint Your Own Pottery Saturday October 17. Town Hall 10 am. \$7 residents \$20 non-residents must be paid no later than October 6.
Shopping Garden State Plaza Tuesday November 17. Leave Town Hall 8 am and return at approximately 7 pm. This trip is for adults 21 and over. A non-refundable \$20 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than October 6.
FREE BINGO Friday November 20 Town Hall 7 pm Bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.
FREE Pizza & Christmas Craft Friday December 4. 5:30 pm Town Hall. Quick dinner & decorate Gingerbread cookies. All supplies will be provided. FREE to residents/\$8 non-residents must be signed up no later than November 10.

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HIGH HOLY DAYS
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Holiday Service Schedule:

Rosh Hashanah

Evening-Friday - September 18th -8:00 pm

Morning-Saturday - September 19th -10:00 am

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre Sunday-September 27th-7:30 pm promptly

Morning Monday -September 28th-9:30 am

Yiskor will follow morning prayer (will not begin before) 11:30 am

Nilah-4:15 pm

Community Break-fast will be held following services -6:45 pm approximately

Youth Programs - Parents must accompany children under 6

September 19th-10:30 am- Young children for ages 3-6

September 28th-11:30 am- Youth Program for ages 7-12

BLOOD DRIVE IN MEMORY OF CCE VOLUNTEER TERRY FORSHAY

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County is hosting its second annual blood drive in memory of Terry Forshay, a dedicated CCE volunteer and Master Gardener. The blood drive, coordinated through the NY Blood Center, will be held on Friday, September 25 from 1:30 - 7pm at Sullivan County Cornell Cooperative Extension (64 Ferndale Loomis Road, Liberty). Call 292-5250 or email lds82@cornell.edu to make an appointment. Walk-ins will also be welcome!!

There is an URGENT need of Blood Type O+. 39% of the population has O+ Blood = all patients can receive your platelets, 86% of patients can receive your red blood cells and 45% of patients can receive your plasma. 6% of the population has O- Blood = all patients can receive your platelets, all patients can receive you red blood cells and 45% of patients can receive your plasma.

ALL BLOOD TYPES ARE NEEDED!!!

New York Blood Center supplies 448,000 life-saving blood products to Hudson Valley, Westchester and New York City hospitals combined, but we can't do it without you. Each day, the New York Blood Center must collect 2,000 units of lifesaving blood to treat patients in hospitals across New York. To meet this demand, we must host at least 10-12 blood drives per day. With the current shortfall of Group O donors, New York Blood Center is concerned about its ability to meet predictable patient needs. We continue to need the communities help!

All donors receive free mini-medical exams on site and information about their temperature, pulse rate, blood pressure and hemoglobin level. Eligible donors include those people at least age 16 with parental consent (in NY) and who weigh a minimum of 110 pounds.

- 9/16/09 Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting- 1:30 pm Town Hall Grahamsville
- 9/16/09 Neversink Rondout Antique Tractor Meeting - 7:30 Neversink Fire House
- 9/19/09 Annual Jakes Extravaganza @ Frost Vally YMCA-Claryville
- 9/19/09 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roas Pork Dinner 4-7 pm
- 9/19-20/09 Neversink Rondout Antique Tractor Show 9 am-4 pm
- 9/20/09 Claryville Fire Dept. Monthly Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon
- 9/22/09 Grahamsville Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9-2) and Luncheon (11-1)
- 9/22/09 Claryville Fire Dist. Meeting - 7:00pm
- 9/21/09 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting
- 9/23/09 Neversink Fire Dist Meeting - 7:30 pm - Public Meeing 8:00 pm
- 9/26/09 Sundown Methodist Church Bazaar Sundown Church Hall between 9 am - 3 pm
- 10/1/09 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 10/3/09 Extreme JAKE Pheasant Hunt (pre-registration required) call (845)439-3738
- 10/6/09 Grahamsville Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9-2) and Luncheon (11-1)
- 10/6/09 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Sundown Church Hall
- 10/7/09 Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting- 1:30 pm Town Hall Grahamsville
- 10/7/09 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 10/8/09 First Thursday Readers Group Meeting 1:00 p.m. at the Daniel Pierce Library
- 10/8/09 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 10/10/09 Grahamsville Reformed Church Smorgasbord Dinner 4 - 7 pm
- 10/12/09 COLUMBUS DAY - Town of Neversink Holiday
- 10/13/09 Town of Denning Bill Audit meeting 7 pm
- 10/14/09 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 10/15/09 Dept. of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall - 10 am - 2 :30 pm
- 10/18/09 Claryville Fire Dept. Monthly Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon
- 10/19/09 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting
- 10/20/09 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 10/20/09 Claryville Fire Dist Public Hearing of Budget at 7 pm followed by regular meeting
- 10/21/09 Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting- Noon Covered Dish Luncheon Town Hall Grahamsville
- 10/21/09 Neversink Rondout Antique Tractor Meeting - 7:30 Neversink Fire House
- 10/21/09 Neversink Fire Dist Meeting - 7:30 pm - Public Meeing 8:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

Neversink Rondout Antique Tractor Fall Show Sept. 19-20 9 am-4 pm
 Oct 3rd -- 24th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade!!!

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>

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

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| ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) | | PETER'S MARKET |

"BETTER BOOK SALE" AT GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY

This year's "Better Book Sale" at the 24th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade on October 3, 2009 will feature an especially outstanding selection of new and gently used books. As book contributions have come in throughout the summer, the very finest books have been set aside for sale on October 3, including popular fiction and non-fiction, lovely children's books, delicious cookbooks, art and history books and much more. Plan to spend lots of time at the "Better Book Sale" this year, to add to the quality of your personal library, to purchase books for gift-giving, or to find that special read for a cool, fall afternoon. For more information, please contact the Daniel Pierce Library at (845)985-2283.



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5769-5770 HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES 2009

Rosh Hashanah Services:

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| Friday Evening | September 18th | 7:00 PM |
| Saturday Morning | September 19th | 9:30 AM |
| Saturday Evening | September 19th | 7:00 PM |
| Sunday Morning | September 20th | 9:30 AM |

Yom Kippur Services

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| Sunday Evening | September 27th | 7:00 PM | Kol Nidrei |
| Monday Morning | September 28th | 9:30 AM | |
| Yiskor Services | September 28th | 1:00 PM | |
| Monday Afternoon | September 28th | 4:30 PM | |

Services this year will be conducted by the Gottliebs
 Shofar blowing by Maurey Levits.
 Refreshments will be served after the fast...please join us, all are welcome.

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Closed Sundays and Mondays

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.
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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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Denning Democrats

Celebrate the Constitution by reading it! Here is an excerpt from the beginning, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Let us keep the Constitution closed and protect U.S. sovereignty.

The Democratic Caucus is September 19, 2009 at 6:00PM in the Sundown Church Hall (see legal notice in this publication).

Remember these seats are for paid elected positions

Want to run for office as a Democratic candidate in the Town of Denning, or you are of another party affiliation and you seeking a Democratic endorsement, send your resume to Democratic Committee Chair, Frank Comando 135 Peekamoose Road Sundown N.Y. 12740.

We have a right to elect a new slate in the Town of Denning this November. Contact the new Denning Democratic Committee. Send your suggestions for improving the Town of Denning to: email, denningdems@yahoo.com or call 845.985.0501

Committee Chair
Frank Comando

ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

AA. Lee J. Cobb
B. Tony Calento
Retraction from last weeks misprint
A. Edmund Gwenn
B. Shirley MacLain

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Knarf's "Classic Movie" Trivia

On The Waterfront (1954)

A super classic film with some of the best actors to ever grace the motion picture screen including Marlon Brando, Rod Steiger, Lee J. Cobb. A young stevedore takes on the mobsters who rule a corrupt union on the docks. Cast: Marlon Brando, Eva Marie Saint, Rod Steiger. Dir: Elia Kazan. BW-108 mins, Letterbox Format, TV-PG, CC, see it on TCM, Monday September 21 at 10:15 PM
A. Which of these actors in this film, because of his extremely well-portrayed role as one of the most corrupt, and brutal gangster characters of all time?
B. What past boxing great was in the battle of the "Bums," and was cast as Truck?

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

"We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America."

Today is CONSTITUTION DAY! Back in the day when the date was Sept. 17, 1787, after the American Revolution, the states were functioning under the Articles of Confederation. As time passed it became clear that changes to this system had to be made. A convention of delegates from all the states except Rhode Island met in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in May of 1787. George Washington was chosen president of the convention. By the end of the month, it was decided that the best solution to the young country's problems was to set aside the Articles of Confederation and write a new constitution. This was not an easy chore three months later and after a lot of debate and compromise, on September 17, 1787 the Constitution of the United States was finally accepted by the delegates. Nevertheless, their work was not done. The 'Founding Fathers' now had to get all the states to agree that this was a good document and that they should vote in favor of it. This was the first great political question that faced Americans. Nine states had to vote for the Constitution for it to be accepted. On December 3, 1787, Delaware was the first state to vote in favor of (ratify) it. New Hampshire became the ninth state to accept the Constitution on June 21, 1788, thus ending government under the Articles of Confederation. It was not until May 29, 1790 that the last state, Rhode Island, finally accepted the Constitution. LET'S LEAVE IT CLOSED and protect our inalienable rights!

Bye,

Knarf Oghamoc Gnome