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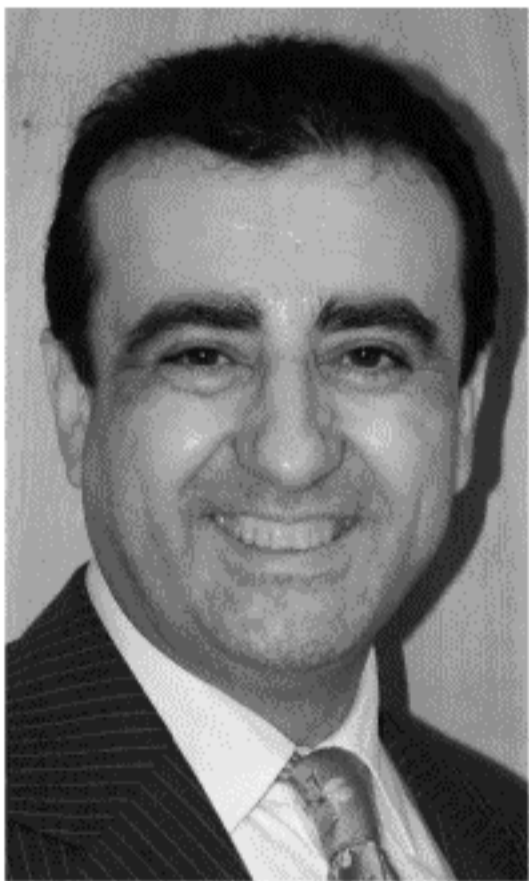
FROST VALLEY HIKE APRIL 24 WILL CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Frost Valley YMCA will commemorate Earth Day with a special hike on Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m.-noon. Although the hike falls two days after the actual event, the spirit of Earth Day will be in full force. The free guided hike will focus on how people can reduce their carbon footprint. This easy 2.5-mile hike will include a tour of green technology at Frost Valley. The points of interest will include Frost Valley's first-of-its-kind composting operation. (Contd. Pg. 9)

SULLIVAN COUNTY'S 4TH ANNUAL STREAM CLEAN UP

County Manager David P. Fanslau announced today that Sullivan County will hold the fourth annual Stream Clean UP on Saturday, June 5, 2010. "Volunteers are needed. Please join us in cleaning up our waterways and improving our watersheds in Sullivan County," said Luiz C. Aragon, Commissioner of the Division of Planning and Environmental Management. (Contd. Pg. 3)

ELLENVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL WELCOMES DR. ABDUL R. SHAHZAD



Dr. Shahzad, a Board Certified General Surgeon, graduated from the Universidad Tecnologica de Santiago in the Dominican Republic. His experiences have taken him around the country and around the world! He has worked at the Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center and at Union/St. Barnabas Hospital, both in the Bronx, NY. He completed a Vascular Fellowship at the North

East Vascular Group in Philadelphia, PA, and has worked in the Emergency Departments in several hospitals in Wisconsin, including Sheboygan Memorial Hospital. (Contd. Pg. 3)

ACID RAIN PROGRAM

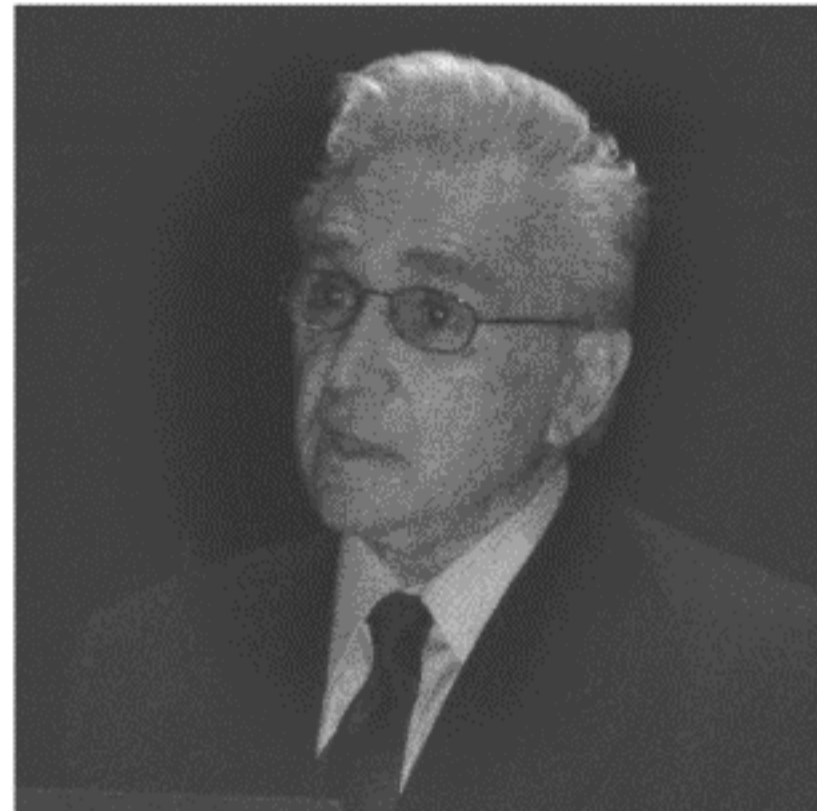
Two US Geological Survey scientists will share results of their research on the effects of acid deposition on trees and streams of the Catskills at a program to be held Thursday, April 29 at 4:30 p.m. in Seelig Theater at Sullivan County Community College, Loch Sheldrake.

"Acid Rain and Its Impact on Fish and Forest in the Catskills" will feature presentations by Doug Burns, Director of the National Acid Precipitation Assessment Program, and Barry Baldigo, research biologist with the USGS. The free program is sponsored by the Catskill Institute for the Environment (CIE). The public is most welcome.

For further information, call 845-434-575-, ext. 4447; kscullion@suny.sullivan.edu.

Doug Burns has worked as a research hydrologist at the USGS in Troy since 1987. (Contd. Pg. 12)

"WE THE PEOPLE: A FORUM TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY"



"We the People: A Forum to Defend Democracy," a grassroots movement intended to educate and organize citizens to counter the recent Supreme Court decision (Citizens United v FEC) was held at SUNY New Paltz Lecture Center on Sunday afternoon. The recent Supreme Court decision overturned a century of precedent that will now allow corporations to spend unlimited amounts from their treasuries to influence our elections.

The keynote speaker for this event was Honorable Maurice Hinchey, (D-NY) who spoke on the increasing authority of big corporations and how to bring back the 'people' as the core of the electoral process. Rep. Hinchey is a co-sponsor of the *Fair Elections Now Act (H.R. 1826)*, which would allow qualified candidates for Congress the option to run using a public grant and only small donations. Other panelist at the forum included Margery Backer, vice president of *People for the American Way*; John Bonifaz, director of *Free Speech for People* and legal director for *Voter Action*; and Joan Mandle, executive director of *Democracy Matters* (Contd. Pg. 3)

UC EXECUTIVE HEIN LAUNCHES "TAXPAYER FIRST" INITIATIVE- Plan Includes Taxpayer Benefits of \$8.6 Million to Cut Potential 2011 Deficit

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein introduced his "Taxpayer First" Initiative today. This proactive 10-point plan is designed to address ongoing fiscal challenges and projected 2011 deficits, well in advance of the 2011 County budget process. (Contd. Pg. 12)

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE TO BE HELD AT ERH

Do you want to save 10% on your vehicle liability, collision, and personal injury insurance premiums for THREE YEARS? How about reducing your driving record by up to FOUR POINTS? If so, then you should attend the Defensive Driving Course being offered at Ellenville Regional Hospital.

The course will be held on May 17 and 18 from 4:30-7:30pm. You must attend both sessions to complete the course. The cost is \$40 per student.

To register for the course, please contact Debbie Briggs at (845) 210-3043.

ULSTER COUNTY CARE-A-VAN

The Ulster County Care-a-Van nurse will be at the Sundown Church Hall on Tuesday, May 4th between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. All seniors are urged to attend and take advantage of all the free services that are available.

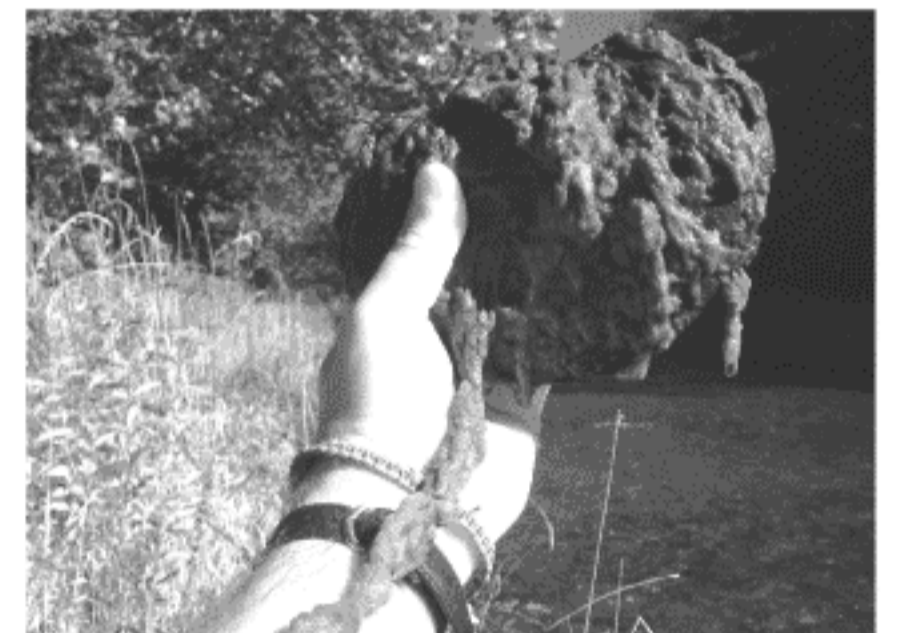
TRIAD'S COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT FOR AGING IN THE COMMUNITY

TRIAD of Sullivan County has planned a meeting to discuss "Community Empowerment," a statewide concept aimed at creating livable communities for people of all ages and abilities. The grassroots campaign aims at beginning the discussion on how to create better neighborhoods and positive living environments for New Yorkers who would like to "age in community."

NEVERSINK RENAISSANCE PLANS SPRING CLEANUP

Neversink Renaissance is planning its annual town garden clean up day for Saturday May 1st. Volunteers will gather at the Town Hall parking lot at 8:00 AM. Please be prepared with gloves, rakes, shovels, wheelbarrows, and hand tools. It is expected that work will end by approximately 12:00 with lunch to follow. For further information, call Dave or Phyllis Moore at 985-2746

ALIEN INVADERS!



Didymo also known as "Rock Snot" is an invasive algae that looks like its nickname. Photo credit: Tim Daley

On Saturday April 24th at 4:00pm, Leslie Surprenant, the Invasive Species Management Coordinator from the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, will present a free program "Rock Snot, Bad Bugs and other Bio Bullies" at Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor, NY, exploring the threat of invasive species to the Catskills' forests and streams. (Contd. Pg. 4)

SLAC MEETING IN MONTICELLO

SLAC, The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County invites you to our monthly meeting on Friday, April 30, 2010 at 10 a.m. in the Legislative Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello. (Contd. Pg. 3)

CALLING ALL CARS, CALLING ALL CARS -- OFA/RSVP LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER MEDICAL DRIVERS

The Office for the Aging (OFA) Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is looking for individuals who are willing to volunteer their time to do transportation work for our non-emergency medical transportation program. (Contd. Pg. 15)

YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN
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ON THE FRONT BURNER : Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.
Philippians 2:3

OBITUARY

Sheila K. Benton, a lifelong Liberty resident, went home to be with her Lord on Monday, April 12, 2010, at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris, after a brave fight with cancer. She was 65.

Sheila was the daughter of the late Medwin and Carolyn Low Benton and was born on November 30, 1944 in Liberty.

Sheila was a Master Teacher at Tri-Valley Central School for 40 years. She taught sciences from the sixth grade level up through and including college. A member of the Delta Kappa Gamma organization for outstanding teachers, Sheila brought an enthusiasm and knowledge base to her teaching that enriches the lives of the thousands of students she taught. Sheila was also a member of the Liberty Free Methodist Church.

Sheila was the definition of a true friend. She was caring and loyal and the first to try to help any individual in need. As she traveled through life, she brought God's goodness into the world of others simply by the way she lived.

An avid gardener, Sheila was always planting for herself and others. She would offer advice and guidance and then ask, "Do you want me to just do that for you?" A collector of rocks, Sheila was known to return home from every trip with outstanding stones from every state in the country.

She will be missed by the countless friends whose lives she touched, but in Heaven on Monday there was celebrating as she joined her loved ones who had waited for her.

Survivors include her step-mom, Anna Mae Benton; three brothers, Medwin A. Benton and his wife, Carol, Curtis Benton and his wife, Bobbi and Barth Benton and his wife, Kathy. She is also survived by nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Liberty Free Methodist Church, Rt. 52, Liberty on Saturday, April 17th, Pastor Gary Wilcox officiating. Burial followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

Memorial donations may be made to the Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center, PO Box 832, Liberty, NY 12754.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

April 19, 1950 - Radio listeners who tuned in WOR late Thursday evening were rewarded by hearing Mrs. George Donaldson's song, "Hawaiian Skies", on Lonnie McIntire's program, which is broadcast from the Hawaiian Room of the Hotel Lexington just after midnight. Mrs. Donaldson, who has been spending some time with her husband in Grahamsville, has also written both lyrics and music for many other songs.

Mrs. Ada Coddington Smith died at the home of her daughter in Woodbourne on April 13, 1950. Mrs. Smith,

the daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Cooper) Coddington, was born May 23, 1866 in Honk Hill. She was married to Owen Smith in 1890 and for many years she resided in Sundown. Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Walton Hamilton of Woodbourne, and her granddaughter, Mrs. Albert Whittaker.

We don't like to say that we told you so, but true to the predictions of *the Townsman* prior to the opening of the season, the fishing has been poor. In fact, Mr. Nightwalker proved to be a sad choice. Mr. Minnow was about as good as anything, and that was just about useless as well. With the weather remaining cold and the streams having little opportunity to warm up, several warm days are needed along with a warm rain to get the fish moving.

April 20, 1960 - Vera Ackerley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ackerley of Grahamsville and Kenneth James Atkins, son of Mrs. Irene Atkins of Liberty, were united in marriage at the Honesdale Methodist Church on Sunday, April 10th.

Kenneth Curry, 24, of Grahamsville narrowly escaped injury at about 3:30 a.m. Sunday, April 10th when he hit and killed a deer on Route 52 about 1 1/2 miles west of Briggs Highway.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fernald DuBois who really celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, April 13th when they were honored by being "Home Guests" on the "It Could Be You" television program from California. Their gift of a bouquet of American Beauty roses was delivered by the Main St. Greenhouses of Liberty during the morning and several in town were watching the program to see the Dubois's in the spotlight.

April 22, 1970 - Richard M. Strangeway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Strangeway of Grahamsville, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Cornell University. A graduate of Tri-Valley School, he is a senior majoring in Agriculture Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamilton of Kings Park, N.Y. recently spent a week with their son and daughter-in-law, John and Barbara Hamilton of South Hill.

Mrs. Charlotte Carle, the Ulster County census taker from Mt. Tremper, has finished her work in this area. She said that everyone she spoke with was friendly and cooperative, and she leaves with the feeling that pleasant people live in the Claryville, Denning and the surrounding area.

Now that spring is here, summer visitors and tourists will be arriving and local residents have expressed concern about the lack of a speed limit on the road through Claryville and Denning. We have many children and pets along the road and some of us would like to

see a 30-mile an hour speed limit in certain sections as well as some deer crossing signs.

April 17, 1980 - Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Muthig have announced the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Leigh, to Mr. James G. McCarthy of Woodbourne Road, Grahamsville, son of Mrs. Carol Curry. Miss Muthig is a graduate of St. Peter's R.C. School, and Liberty Central High School and the Southeastern Academy at Kissimmee, Fla. Mr. McCarthy is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is now serving in the USAF, Goldsboro, N.C.

TIGHT LINES - Bob Skow



April is the time for trout. Most waters are usually high and discolored from the spring run-off, so you have to head for the smaller feeder and head water streams, which is just what we did on opening week.

UltraLight tackle is the way to go when you are fishing these smaller streams and 4 pound test line is about right to fool these wary holdovers. That is MOST of the time.

I started out with trilene xt 4lb test, but all I could get were small bites. This is where it pays to either have an extra spool of 2 pound test all ready to change on your reel or, you can tie on a 4 foot leader of 2lb with a blood knot.

I was fishing bait-small night crawlers and mouseie grubs, and as soon as I switched to the 2lb line (which is much harder for the trout to see) the action improved and I took home some nice fat Brown and Native Brook Trout for dinner.

This method will work right after a rain storm, if it is not a real heavy downpour.



The proof is in the pudding. Here is a picture of George G. and son George with me opening week and our catch!

A SUMMER SHOWER

It was another scorching day
All at once the
sky turned grey,
There was a rustle of the trees
Swaying in the gentle breeze,
All at once a lightning flash
Followed by a mighty crash
Brought a welcome
summer shower
For each thirsty
tree and flower,
Unto God our thanks we give
Without rain
we could not live.

Vera Atkins

HERE AND THERE

It's now official: Spring is here! Local contractors have resumed hooking up sewer connections for residents in the expanded areas; the highway contractors who worked on the bridge at the Routes 55-55A intersection last fall expect to start work on the other side this Monday, April 19; and - the clincher! - Jim Minarsky announces that his Christmas decorations for the 2009 season have been taken down and packed away for another year. (Jim hates to close out the holiday season too fast.)

Another heart-warming (and tummy-pleasing) evidence of renewed activities is the return of church dinners. The Grahamsville Reformed Church had one in early March, while we were away (grumble, grumble), but there are two more coming up very soon. This Saturday, April 24, you can enjoy a pot roast dinner at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church Friendship Hall; and on Saturday, May 8, the local Reformed Church sets up their tables again. Housewives, mark your calendars - you don't have to cook those nights!

We "bumped into" (or "ran into" - both make us sound accident-prone) Barbara Boncek and her daughter Marianna this past weekend. Of course, Barb is a long-standing published poet, and her daughter is now following her, but in prose, not poetry. Her first book, Spooky Hudson Valley, was published several months ago, and she is now working on a second, this one about lost children. The Daniel Pierce Library has invited Marianna to appear for an author's reading program on Friday, June 4. You'll hear more about this in the weeks ahead. Congratulations, Marianna!

We have four more birthdays before the end of April to report: Sally Bonnell, 4-24; Nancy Conjura, 4-26; Joey Poppo, son of Joe and Kathy (Hans) Poppo of Denman Mountain Road, 4-27 (is he 8 already?); and Paula (Allen) McCardell, 4-30. (I also have a note that Sarah "Sally" Trksak of Big Hollow Road was given a party on April 5, two years ago, in honor of her 90th birthday; but I have no updates.) Happy Birthday to all! (If we've missed any, let us know!)

We were sorry to learn (too late for last week's column) of the death of Sheila Benton, long-time science teacher at Tri-Valley. We extend our sympathy to her mourners, as well as to Greg and Linda Goldstein and family on the loss of his mother, Maria Goldstein of Roscoe. Our thoughts are with you all.

"An optimist is the human personification of spring." (Susan Bissonette)

Have a good week (and hopefully, warmer)! (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.)

SLAC MEETING (From Pg. 1)

The speaker will be Bonnie Lewis from TRIAD who will discuss: *EMPOWERING SULLIVAN COUNTY FOR SUCCESSFUL AGING - CREATING ELDER FRIENDLY AND MORE LIVABLE COMMUNITIES FOR PERSONS OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES.*

There will be updates on Ombudsman Training, the Adult Care Center and the status of the State Budget. Be an informed citizen! Our meetings are open to all.

SLAC is affiliated with Statewide Senior Action Council and can be reached through the Office for the Aging or at PO Box 1065, So. Fallsburg, NY 12779 or 985-7901.

DR. ABDUL R. SHAHZAD (From Pg. 1)

He completed a Vascular Fellowship at the North East Vascular Group in Philadelphia, PA, and has worked in the Emergency Departments in several hospitals in Wisconsin, including Sheboygan Memorial Hospital. Internationally, Dr. Shahzad has preceptored in Orthopedic Surgery and Traumatology at the Civil Hospital of Quetta in Pakistan, and was the Director of a rural clinic at Genemo in the Dominican Republic. He is currently the Chief of Surgery and Co-Director of Critical Care at Catskill Regional Medical Center.

Steven Kelley, President and C.E.O. of Ellenville Regional Hospital, is thrilled to bring a General Surgeon to the Ellenville area. "Dr. Shahzad brings a wealth of experience and skill to Ellenville Regional Hospital. We have not had a General Surgeon at the Hospital for many years. The addition of Dr. Shahzad to our Medical Staff will allow our patients to take care of their ambulatory surgical needs right here, without the need to travel out of our community. He added, "I am delighted that he has decided to bring his talents to our Hospital to serve our patients and our community."

To make an appointment with Dr. Shahzad, or for more information regarding his practice, please contact Ellenville Regional Hospital at (845) 647-6400, ext. 314.

SC STREAM CLEAN UP (Contd. Pg. 1)

"A stream cleanup is a great way to increase awareness of storm water issues while improving wildlife habitats, water quality and aesthetics. It is important to keep our streams, rivers and waterways clear of trash and debris. A build up of litter can lead to increased flooding issues," said Fanslau.

We want YOUR help to select locations for this year's stream clean up. If you know of a section of stream or river in need of some TLC, let us know. When choosing a site for nomination, please consider the following: Access - is it easy to get to? Safety - is it too steep? Is the current too strong? Size - is it large enough for a group of people?

Call the Sullivan County Planning office with your nominations or to volunteer. The Planning office may be reached at 845-807-0527 or by e-mail at planning@scgnet.us. Nominations will be accepted until April 30th, 2010.

"It is our hope that through this program we will raise awareness throughout the County and encourage people to keep our streams and waterways clean," concluded Fanslau. "Remember: You are the Solution to Water Pollution!"

VINCENT LA SALLE, PA, JOINS PAIN MANAGEMENT TEAM AT ERH

Vincent LaSalle, a Physician Assistant working with Dr. Hussein Omar, has joined the Pain Management Team at Ellenville Regional Hospital.

Ms. LaSalle earned his Bachelor of Science in the Physician Assistant Program at Touro College in Manhattan and his Master of Science Degree in Public Health and Microbiology from Utah State University.

LaSalle's career as a Physician Assistant is extensive. He has worked with elderly patients suffering from end-stage medical problems, seasonal migrant workers in rural areas, imprisoned youth in a primary care setting, and families in a medically underserved urban community. LaSalle cared for these varied patient populations while working for the National Public Health Service.

Currently working with Dr. Omar at the Pain Management Associates of Ferndale, NY, LaSalle looks forward to bringing his pain management skills and years of experience to Dr. Omar's patients at Ellenville Regional Hospital.

For appointments or for more information regarding the Pain Management Services available at Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call at (845) 647-6400 ext. 314.

"WE THE PEOPLE.." (From Pg. 1)

On Saturday, the day before the forum, concerned citizens rallied along the streets of New Paltz, protesting the power of corporations and the effect the Supreme Court's ruling will have on federal elections.

Rep. Hinchey stressed, "We've got to do everything we can to reduce the dominance of corporations in our elections and the electoral process."

A number of concerned citizens from the Grahamsville area were present at this "ground floor grassroots movement" that is perhaps the first forum of its kind in the country. The attendees left with enthusiasm and with commitment to take action steps, resources, connections and new hope!



WATER LOVING WILLOWS

By Peggy DeWire



Yesterday I drove past a farm pond beside a willow tree and rejoiced to see its branches turning yellow. A sure sign of spring coming soon due to the days getting longer with more hours of sunlight.

There are nearly four hundred species worldwide of the willow family (Salix) that always grow beside waterways as small shrubs or trees. On the Arctic tundra and mountaintops, willows creep over the ground low and mat-like. This ancient tree grows closer to the North Pole than any other deciduous tree. It's a pioneer species preparing the way for poplars and cottonwoods.

Willows reproduce by catkins (Next Col.) (aments) male and female on separate trees even before new leaves show in spring. You've seen those cottony tassels waving in the tree-tops and collecting below in wind drifts on the roads.

The catkins contain much nectar and get pollinated by insects not wind. Because they bloom very early before flowers, willow catkins are a reliable food source for spring bees and flies.

Once pollinated, female flowers form capsules of small seeds each having a fluffy cotton thread that acts like a parachute for wind dispersal. Most willows grow rapidly, produce catkins within a few years and die at age twenty - a short time for a tree.

From prehistoric times mankind used limber willow wands to make baskets. Ancient Greeks cured headaches by chewing on willow twigs that contain salicin from which comes aspirin.

Willows hybridize fairly easily and can be hard to identify, even for experts.

Of the four hundred willows, I'm going to write about four common ones in eastern U.S.

1. American Black Willow (Salix nigra) grows along streams, becoming a large tree.

Its narrow green leaves are green both top and underside with tiny collars where they join the stem - two features no other willow has. Black willow wood is tough and lightweight, particularly good for making artificial arms and legs. Other uses are baskets, boxes and caning chair seats.

2..Pussy Willows (Salix discolor) hardly need describing; everybody knows its stems of fuzzy gray buds that appear in March. A favorite for indoor bouquets, you can cut stems as early as mid-January. Keep them in water at a sunny window and watch the buds grow. This willow is common along streams of eastern U.S. and Canada. Florists also grow it in greenhouses. Pussy Willows attract gall flies that sting the terminal bud and lay their eggs there. The huge swelled gall at the tip of the twig is actually a lump of overlapping crowded embryo leaves diverted into a snug nursery for a gall fly maggot. If you cut the gall in half, you'll find a sleeping white larvae inside.

3. Weeping Willow (Salix babylonica) is a native to China but prized worldwide for its graceful green shape. This is the willow of the Bible where Psalm 137 says, "By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept and hung our harps on the willow tree there." Its interesting cousin called the Permanent Wave tree (Salix malsudama) has spiral twisted limbs that look like a lady's curly hairdo.

Weeping Willows were brought to America in 1692 and planted in gardens and cemeteries. It's a naturalized tree now.

4. Yellow Willow (Salix vitellina) is named from its bright yellow branches seen in February. It grows rapidly near water and probably hybridized from the European White Willow. American pioneers pushing westward planted cuttings on creek banks to prevent erosion. Yellow Willow wood is dent resistant and is used for wooden shoes and baseball bats.

I have a friend, a master gardener, who showed me how to turn a Yellow Willow into an upside down tree. Uproot a young wand and bury the branches ten inches deep in wet dirt, leaving the roots sticking up above the ground. In several weeks roots become branches and branches change into roots. Why don't you try this too?



LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES:**LEGAL NOTICE**

Pursuant to section 103 of General Municipal Law,
Sealed bids are being requested for the following items:

LOW ABRASION CRUSHED STONE in the following sizes: 1A - 1/2 inch 1 ST - 3/8 inch
#1 - 1/2 inch #2
#3
CRUSHER RUN
ICE CONTROL MATERIAL (Sand)
GASOLINE
DIESEL FUEL
HEATING FUEL OIL #2 - HGWY GARAGE
HEATING KEROSENE OIL - HGWY GARAGE
HEATING FUEL OIL #2 - TOWN HALL

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, 273 Main Street, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding holidays.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall no later than 2:00 pm on Monday, May 10, 2010 at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter, all bids will be publicly opened and read.

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ALIEN INVADERS (From Pg. 1)

With the fishing, boating and camping season upon us, Leslie will focus on aquatic and forest invasive species such as didymo algae and asian longhorned beetle to help us understand how we can help prevent their spread through our recreational activities. She'll also suggest non-invasive plants for landscaping. The program is perfect for anglers, anyone who enjoys water recreation, home owners and outdoor enthusiasts. To be held in Morgan Outdoors' Catskill Park Room, the free program is open to the public and geared for all ages. If your group is interested in attending, please RSVP to 845/439 5507 to reserve seats.

This program is being presented in conjunction with the fourth annual "The Great Outdoors - Quilts Celebrating Nature" show at Morgan Outdoors, on display from April 11 - May 2, 2010. The invitational quilt, "Apache Trout", from Susan Balch in Reading VT features the recently restored fish species of Arizona's White Mountains. Hours are 10am - 6pm, Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat, and 10-3 Sunday.

Morgan Outdoors is located at 46 Main Street, Livingston Manor. For more information, call 845/439 5507.

2010 SEASON ANNOUNCED AT SHADOWLAND THEATRE

Shadowland Theatre Announces its 2010 Season with Two New Plays Plus John Astin Starring in a Jeff Daniels' Comic Drama, Guest Artist

Summer Line-Up Includes Seth Rozin's *Two Jews Walk Into a War*, Steven Dietz's *Yankee Tavern*, *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, *Red Herring* and *Guest Artist*

Moving into its 26th season, Shadowland Theatre follows its record-breaking 25th anniversary season with five new productions, including Guest Artist, the comic drama written by film and stage actor Jeff Daniels, who founded the Purple Rose Theatre Company in Michigan. Guest Artist stars John Astin, who played Gomez Addams in the 1960s ABC TV series, *The Addams Family*, in a return to the Shadowland stage.

Shadowland Theatre is the leading professional nonprofit Actors' Equity company in the Lower Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region, 90 miles from New York City. According to Newsday, "The story of Shadowland is a classic American triumph-over-adversity saga. That it exists at all honors both its staff and audience."

Known for its eclectic mix of classics, contemporary and new plays, Shadowland opens June 4 to June 20 with *Two Jews Walk Into a War...* by Seth Rozin. The new comedy is based on (Next Col.)

actual events in war-torn Afghanistan where two men find themselves to be the last two surviving Jews, the entire Jewish population in Kabul. Despite an intense hatred for each other, this Middle Eastern odd couple must find a way to regenerate their synagogue, starting with the Torah, stolen by the Taliban. Rozin is the founder and producing artistic director of InterAct Theatre Company in Philadelphia. Reahel Bean and John Pietrowski play Zeblyan and Ishaq with direction by James Glossman.

John Astin, director of the theatre arts program at The Merrick Barn at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, last appeared at Shadowland in *Bluff* in 1999. He opens June 25 in Jeff Daniels' *Guest Artist*, a comic drama directed by James Glossman. Daniels starred in the films *Dumb & Dumber*, *Fly Away Home*, *Terms of Endearment*, *Speed*, *The Purple Rose of Cairo* and *Pleasantville* and was nominated for the 2009 Tony Award for Best Performance for a Leading Actor in a *Play for God of Carnage* on Broadway. He uses this semi-autobiographical play to explore the risk, rewards and responsibilities of being an artist, pitting a young aspiring playwright with Joseph Harris, a Pulitzer Prize-winning hero he's dreamed of becoming, only to learn things aren't always as they appear. Harris, an aging has-been relegated to the college circuit, believes another great play lies within him but to get to it may require more than he can give. Astin received an Academy Award nomination for *Prelude*, a short film that he wrote, produced and directed. He was nominated for an Ace Award for his work on *Tales of the Crypt* and received an Emmy nomination for the cartoon voice of Gomez on ABC-TV's *The Addams Family*.

From July 23 to August 15, Shadowland will produce the regional premiere of *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, the Off-Broadway show featuring musical hits of the 50s and 60s. This candy-colored, non-stop, musical blast from the past features four girls with hopes and dreams as big as their crinoline skirts and voices to match. After filling in last minute at their high school prom, they're invited back to their 10-year high school reunion to create a musical trip down Memory Lane you'll never forget. Written and created by Roger Dean with musical direction by Philip Rainbow Hale, the show will be directed by Michael LaFleur. According to the LA Times, *The Marvelous Wonderettes* "sparkles like sequins on chiffon!"

Michael Hollinger's *Red Herring* runs from August 20 to September 12. Directed by Brendan Burke, Shadowland's producing artistic director, the theatre noir farce mixes three love stories, Cold War paranoia and a nuclear espionage plot. It's 1952, intrigue and love are in the Cold War air, Senator Joe McCarthy's daughter is dating a Soviet spy, a dead body wreaks havoc in Boston harbor and a detective needs to solve the mystery or lose a honeymoon in Havana. The Philadelphia Enquirer called it "Exceedingly funny."

Shadowland wraps up the season with a new play, *Yankee Tavern*, by Steven Dietz, winner of the 2007 Edgar Allen Poe Award for best mystery adaptation. A son inherits his father's bar, *The Yankee Tavern*, a relic in the shadow of Ground Zero. A mysterious stranger visits, outlandish theories become plausible and nothing is as it seems. Directed by Brendan Burke, *Yankee Tavern* explores the nature of conspiracy theories and why we're apt to believe what we've seen not to be true.

Shadowland's 2010 productions are co-produced by Provident Bank, Gillette Creamery, Thornton Hardware, TRMI, All County Insulation & Coatings, Bermac Homes Aides, Collier & Berger, Esqs, White Wolf Restaurant, TJ and Debbie Briggs, Candido and Maria Perez, Jim Gebhard and mart-inrabkinink.

Season subscriptions, single-performance seats and group tickets are available at the box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY, by phone at 845-647-5511 and online at

<http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org>.

MARTINKOVIC ELECTED PRESIDENT OF SC FIRE COORDINATORS ASSOCIATION OF NYS

County Manager David P. Fanslau has announced that Richard A. Martinkovic has been elected President of the County Fire Coordinators Association of New York State. Martinkovic serves as the Commissioner of the Division of Public Safety for Sullivan County, which includes responsibilities for Homeland Security, Emergency Management, Bureau of Fire, Fire Advisory Board, EMS Advisory Board, E911 Communications Center, Probation Department, and liaison to the County District Attorney and County Sheriff.

"Whenever a Sullivan County official is selected to serve in a leadership capacity in a Statewide association, then the interests of Sullivan County are well served, essentially ensuring Sullivan County a voice and seat at the table," said Fanslau. "Dick has (Next Col.)

served the County well as Commissioner of Public Safety and as the County Fire Coordinator," added Fanslau.

"It is imperative that Sullivan County's voice is heard on matters of Statewide significance, particularly when State funding for firefighter training and other resources may be discussed, and public policy input that affects our firefighters is deliberated," said Fanslau.

Martinkovic's term as President of the County Fire Coordinator's Association commended on April 9, 2010, and he will serve in that capacity for a two year term.

SULLIVAN COUNTY SECURES \$200,000 ACCESS TO HOME PROGRAM GRANT

County Manager David P. Fanslau has announced that Sullivan County has secured a \$200,000.00 ACCESS to Home Program grant from the NYS Housing Trust Fund Corp. / Division of Housing and Community Renewal. The Sullivan County Access to Home Program is available only to residents of Sullivan County.

"The goal of the Sullivan County ACCESS to Home Program is to provide financial assistance to property owners and renters in order to make a limited number of dwelling units accessible for low- and moderate-income persons with disabilities," said Fanslau. The program is available on a county-wide basis. "Under the program, home adaptations and alterations may be made to enable persons with disabilities to remain or return to their own homes rather than enter or stay in more costly and more restrictive institutional settings," added Fanslau.

"The Access to Home program helps disabled persons remain in their residence and maintain their activities of daily living routines. Qualified applicants can have their residence modified to become more user-friendly and manageable," said Kathi Hitt, Director of Family Services Administration and Case Management.

Examples of eligible modifications include:

- Installations of ramps, lifts, and other similar measures to permit access to an existing residential unit from the exterior of the building;
- Widening a door entrance way to 36";
- Modifications to kitchens and bathrooms to provide access to persons with mobility limitations or disabling conditions;
- Interior accessibility modifications that will permit access within the unit for persons with mobility limitations or other disabling conditions; and
- Installation of devices to permit safe use by persons with hearing or visual impairments.

"Funding will be limited to modifications and repairs for accessibility issues only, with a capped maximum allowable amount. There may not be any funding used for any additional construction activities," added Hitt.

The Access to Home Program is subject to income eligibility guidelines. An applicant's household income must not exceed 80% of the area median income (AMI), adjusted for household size (or the household income does not exceed 120% of AMI, adjusted for household size, if the household includes a disabled veteran). Proof of household income and a physician's note describing the disability and recommended accessibility improvements are required for program participation.

For more information about the Access to Home Program application or if you have questions / concerns about participating in the program, please contact Sullivan County Department of Family Services, 16 Community Lane, Liberty, New York 12754 845) 292-0100 Ext: 2279 Attn: Kathi Hitt, Director of Family Services Administration and Case Management

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The instructor is Michele Tierney, BSN. Upon completion of the course, students will be eligible to sit for the ASPT Certification Exam. This course is approved for the Training of Veterans. The class will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from May 4 - June 8, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, at the Kingston Hospital Campus. Course fee is \$339. For additional information, call SUNY Ulster, Continuing and Professional Education at 845-339-2025 or visit www.sunyulster.edu

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As a special condition of the court, Ruiz was ordered not own or possess any animals during the full term of his probation. "This man recklessly abandoned two dogs to starve while under his care," said Brian Shapiro, Executive Director of the UCSPCA. "We're encouraged that Ruiz will be closely monitored by Ulster County Probation."

Both dogs were brought to the UCSPCA last summer where they received emergency medical care due to their unstable condition. One dog, a female boxer mix, has been rehabilitated and remains available for adoption at the SPCA shelter in Kingston.

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CCE and Delaware Valley Arts Alliance have joined forces and will be offering a creative workshop in printmaking. Professional artist Lisa Zukowski will be teaching a full day workshop on May 1st ~ 9:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. A fee of \$60.00 will cover all your materials and instruction. You can check out Lisa's work and credentials at www.lisaz.com. Learn how simply beautiful prints can be created without using a press. This workshop introduces the participant to the technique of gelatin plate monotype printing. A fast, fun and easy method of printmaking, gelatin plate monotypes require no press. Using water-based media on a matrix of gelatin, prints can be produced that resemble several traditional printmaking techniques. Workshop participants will be introduced to some of the many methods of printing from gelatin plates, including working with stencils, direct painting, working with textured and natural materials, multiple stage printing, and more. Participants will also explore offsetting to the gelatin from an existing relief or intaglio plate, printing on fabric and canvas, and ways of incorporating their monotypes into mixed media works. All levels are welcome, beginner to expert! Come be creative and enjoy! For more info: call Linda 292-5250. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is a must!

This project is made possible in part with funds from the 2010 Decentralization Program, a re-grant program of New York State Council on the Arts, administered in Sullivan County by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

THE CAS SCHIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW- A new exhibition of work by Sullivan County High School Students

The Catskill Art Society, in partnership with SC BOCES, proudly presents the annual CAS SULLIVAN COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL ART SHOW, a new exhibition of work by Sullivan County High School Students at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor. This exhibition, appearing throughout the gallery, will present the work of High School Students from all of the county's districts plus student work from SC BOCES. Three hundred artworks in ten media categories will be presented: Black & White Drawing, Color Drawing, Black & White Photography, Color Photography, Painting, Ceramics & Glass, Digital Art, Design, Mixed Media, and Sculpture. CAS is putting together an outside jury panel of artists and experts who will award a first and second place ribbon in each category. Students will also be invited to the Arts Center to select a Student Prize award in each category as well. Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursday - Saturday from 11am-6pm, Sunday 11am-3pm or by appointment. The CAS Arts Center is wheel chair accessible.

May 8, 2010 2-4pm - Opening Reception The Catskill Art Society & SC BOCES will be hosting an opening reception for its new exhibition, The CAS Sullivan County High School Art Show. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

FROST VALLEY CELEBRATES EARTH DAY (From Pg. 1)

The number of participants is limited, so reservations are necessary. Contact Natural Resources and Environmental Science Coordinator Reid Bauer at: rbauer@frostvalley.org or (845) 985-2291, ext. 397 to register or to request more information.

Frost Valley hosts themed hikes during each month of the year. For a Take A Hike schedule, check the calendar at FrostValley.org. Keep up with daily happenings at fvsummercamp.wordpress.com or join Frost Valley on twitter at twitter.com/frostvalley.

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- Friday-Sunday, May 7-9: A Just Us Girls Horsemanship Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville. This themed event covers all aspects of the equestrian world, plus other activities—a perfect way for mothers and daughters to reconnect.
- Friday-Sunday, May 7-9: Mothers Day Weekend will be celebrated at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville. Bring mom to Frost Valley to enjoy a host of family-oriented activities. Check-in starts at 5 p.m.
- Saturday, May 22: A Birding Hike will be led by personnel from Frost Valley YMCA's Natural Resources and Environmental Services Department and is free for hikers of all ages. Participants enjoy a hike focused on spotting a variety of Catskill Mountain birds. Time: 9 a.m.-noon. This is part of free monthly Catskill region hike series offered by Frost Valley.
- Friday-Monday, May 28-31: Memorial Day Weekend at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville. Featuring family-oriented activities. Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org. Frost Valley YMCA camp and conference center is located in the Catskill Mountain high peaks.

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- Saturday, April 24: An Earth Day Hike will be led by personnel from Frost Valley YMCA's Natural Resources and Environmental Services Department and is free for hikers of all ages. Participants will gain a fresh appreciation for nature. Time: 9 a.m.-noon. This is part of free monthly Catskill Region hike series offered by Frost Valley.
- Saturday, April 24: An Earth Day Community Event will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville. A fun day with an all-natural theme. Free admission. Time: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information/reserva-

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If you play a non-electrified instrument such as: Guitar, Banjo, Fiddle, Dobro, Base Fiddle, Piano, Harmonica, Washboard, Spoons, etc. or if you just like to sing please come and join in at the open mike.

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Born of immigrant parents, Collins was one of seven offspring who thrived on the family farm life in rural upstate New York. Encouraged by New York State recruitment posters promising good pay and good rations, Collins enlisted in the Union Army at the age of 14. Quickly discouraged by Army life, he returned home three months later, only to re-enlist at the age of fifteen. This time, he joined Company H, 143 New York Volunteer Infantry, Sullivan County.

The young soldier's experiences and tales bring to life the major American historical event of the Civil War. The local nature and context for his endeavors will be especially appealing to readers and residents of Sullivan County and the surrounding region. Locations such as Neversink Flats, Liberty, Middletown, Hancock, Livingston Manor and Kiamesha Lake will lend a familiarity to the imaginations of readers.

Private Collins' journey with the Army evolved from boyhood to manhood as he faced the challenges of war. Violent, bloody battles, long marches, train wrecks, and rampant disease all contributed to the soldier's enduring courage and strength. His life as a soldier took him to Chattanooga, Atlanta, Pennsylvania and Raleigh. He was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor just prior to his seventeenth birthday. The end of Harris' *Introduction* says, "Reconstructing such an epic account of one boy soldier's exciting tale of self-discovery acknowledges the countless numbers of unsung heroes of America's conflicts at home and abroad. The courage and sacrifice displayed by Private Thomas D. Collins are a reflection of the thousands of men and women who faithfully served their nation in time of crises whose deeds are known but to their comrades. This book is dedicated to those anonymous soldiers who in proving something only to them defined the true meaning of courage. For them, courage was an act of heroism done for the sole betterment of others with little thought of self-recognition." (page xix)

A copy of this book may be found now on our Local History shelves. For more information, please call the Daniel Pierce Library at (845)985-7233.

EXCITING NEW ACQUISITION AT THE DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

The Daniel Pierce Library has recently acquired a newly published book that will surely interest local residents and history buffs. *The Last Dispatch Rider* by Robert F. Harris chronicles the life of Private Thomas D. Collins, a young man from Sullivan County.

WHAT ON EARTH IS EARTH DAY?



The '60's, as many of us may remember was a very dynamic period for ecology in the US, in both theory and practice. During the mid-'60s Congress passed the Wilderness Act, and Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas actually asked, "Who speaks for the trees?"

Douglas was a self-professed outdoorsman, so much so that according to *The Thru-Hiker's Companion*, a guide published by the Appalachian Trail Club, Douglas hiked the entire 2,000-mile trail from Georgia to Maine. His love for the environment actually carried through to his judicial reasoning.

Earth Day, a "grass roots" tradition was founded by peace activist, John McConnell, in 1969, and was encouraged in 1970 by U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in. Originally held on the annual celebration of the Spring Equinox, today, Earth Day is generally celebrated on April 22.

Earth Day was a day designed to inspire awareness and appreciation for the Earth's environment. In many communities today, Earth Week, an entire week of activities focuses on environmental community activities such as Litterpluck, Spring Cleanup, Stream Clean Up, etc.

There are several theories why Earth Day is now celebrated on April 22nd, instead of the first day of spring, mainly, April 22 is also the birthday of Julius Sterling Morton, the founder of Arbor Day, a national tree-planting holiday that began in Nebraska in 1872 and became a legal holiday in Nebraska in 1885, and eventually was observed throughout the United States on April 22.

For those 'green-minded' individuals, here is a bit of trivia. April 22 is also the birthday of actor Eddie Albert who starred in *Green Acres*. Eddie Albert was a staunch environmentalist and spokesperson for The National Arbor Day Foundation. In fact, Albert spoke at the inaugural Earth Day ceremony in 1970.

Whether you plant a tree, take a hike at Frost Valley this weekend, or enjoy a walk in your back yard, appreciate the bounty of gifts our Earth has provided and celebrate!

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PARENT CONNECTION

STRESS KILLS!

Did you know that 60 - 90% of all illnesses are directly caused or exacerbated by stress? It's no secret that too much stress is bad and bothersome. We take for granted that stress will always be a part of our lives and many Americans are proud of their busy lives. It's almost like the more stress you have, the more important you are, or that stress is worn like a medal. Something I always teach to our Infant / Toddler teachers in Early Head Start is that it's the moments that matter, not the completion. Take a deep breath - think about how fortunate you are. Close your eyes - think about what's really important in your life. Care more about the moments rather than just the completion.

As a parent, appreciate those little moments, rather than focusing on schedules and completing tasks, enjoy the things that lead to the final part. How would a story be if you said "Once upon a time... The End". It's the story that's most important. Life is the story!

There are things in our lives that overwhelm and overtake us, like the death of someone close or financial debt. You wake up and there it is. You have trouble falling to sleep at night because it's all you think of. There are things you can do to help manage these feelings.

1. It's really important that you make quite time for yourself daily. There can be no excuses! Try yoga, go for a walk, read or just close your eyes and listen to music. Clear your mind! You are worth 1 hour every day. You have to figure out some way to get this time in. It's easier to schedule "you" time than it is to schedule medical treatments caused by an over excess of stress in your life.

2. Stop procrastinating! Important tasks that you put off, still add worry to your life. Make a list. My family makes fun of me for this. Hey! It works! I feel less stressful when I'm organized.

3. Start eating healthier. Eating junk will make you feel just like that - junk! When your body is properly nourished, you will have more energy. There are so many positive effects of healthy eating. You've probably heard it a million times... try it! Also, sit down and eat one home-cooked meal with your family or friends every day. And exercise! Exercise can decrease stress hormones (like cortisol) and increase "feel-good" endorphins.

4. Talk it out! Do not hold in your frustrations. Whether you have big or small thoughts on things that bother you, you should talk about them with someone. Just saying how you feel may make you feel a lot better. Having a good friend to help justify your thoughts is also helpful. Just be careful that your friend is a genuine friend. Negative people tend to make us feel worse.

5. Accept interruptions gracefully. Don't let your rituals become so rigid that you can't function if they're interrupted. Be flexible so you can adapt to change.

6. Do not stand for employers, friends or lovers that treat you badly. Decide how much you're willing to put into a relationship, job or activity. When you cross that line, sometimes you need to set your goal to walk away. No one deserves to be treated badly.

7. Avoid unnecessary competition. Competition can be very healthy, like sports and work-related goals. It really doesn't matter if you have a nicer pocket book than your co-worker does. That's meaningless and takes up way too much negative space in your mind. In the end, who really cares!

8. Build love in your life. Share yourself with others. Feel human warmth. Allow yourself to be loved. What makes you feel fulfilled? Satisfy your needs with things that you know will make a positive difference in your life.

You do have enough time in your life to make yourself important too. You have to make the time! How can you possibly put all of your energy into being a parent, wife/husband, employee, friend, sister/brother, etc. when you don't feel passion for life, because of too much stress. Think about the things that matter the most in your life. Take time for the people in your life that bring you joy and remember to smile!

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ACID RAIN PROGRAM (From Pg. 1)

Doug Burns holds an MS in Environmental Sciences from the University of Virginia and a Ph.D. in Water Resources Management from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF) in Syracuse. Author of more than 60 scientific papers and reports, Dr. Burns will be lead author of a report to the U.S. Congress due to be submitted in fall 2010.

Barry Baldigo holds a MS in Fisheries Biology from SUNY ESF and has worked as a research biologist with the USGS since 1990. Barry currently leads several collaborative studies with the New York State DEC, New York City DEP, and other agencies. He has worked closely with the DEP over the past 20 years to document the effects of acid deposition, flow modification, and restoration on fish communities in streams of the Catskill region.

The CIE, established in 1998, is a consortium of representatives of colleges, institutions and individuals that coordinates symposia and special programming to promote environmental awareness, education and scientific cooperation in the Catskill region. For more information, contact Dr. Morton (Sam) Adams, chairman, madams@mail.nysed.gov, or go to www.catskillinstitute.org.

UC EXECUTIVE HEIN LAUNCHES "TAXPAYER FIRST" INITIATIVE (From Pg. 1)

This type of initiative, so early in the fiscal year, is unprecedented in the history of Ulster County. According to estimates, if fully implemented, the "Taxpayer First" Initiative would yield taxpayer benefits of \$8.6 million dollars. The County Executive called on the Legislature to act now and begin the process of adopting the legislation required to implement his plan.

The "Taxpayers First" Initiative consists of a series of actions focused on spending cuts, cost avoidance measures and non-tax revenues, in three key areas: Personnel; Facilities/Non-Tax Revenues; Public Legal Costs

County Executive Hein said, "Taking action now will maximize the benefits to the residents of Ulster County and prepare in advance for the 2011 budget. I have warned repeatedly that the status quo is no longer sustainable. Governments everywhere must completely rethink how we do business and take the courageous steps to deliver essential services in a more cost-effective manner. Government as usual is no longer an option."

A copy of County Executive Hein's "Taxpayer's First" Initiative is attached, along with a summary sheet, background information, and the text from his speech delivered at today's press conference.

The same information is also available on the Ulster County government home page at www.ulstercountyny.gov, in the press release section.

GUNTHER: ANNUAL PROOF OF TAX EXEMPT STATUS BILL MOVES OUT OF RPT COMMITTEE

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D, C, I, - Orange/Sullivan) announced today that legislation she authored, (A908) which will amend the real property tax law, was unanimously approved by the Real Property Tax committee. This legislation will require non-profit organizations to establish that their organization is entitled to a real property tax exemption annually.

"The bill, if enacted, will require not-for-profit organizations to demonstrate that they continue to qualify for exemption," said Gunther. "Property taxes are a great concern for my constituents in Orange & Sullivan counties. New York's property taxes are among the highest in the nation and we must do everything possible to get them under control."

"The bill will continue to provide the intended exemptions to long-standing qualified organizations, while allowing assessors more enforcement over non-qualified groups' intent to circumvent the payment of taxes," Gunther said.

The legislation seeks to provide more oversight by requiring every not-for-profit to provide proof that they are using the land receiving the exemption to support on-going not-for-profit efforts each year. The local assessors will be better able to identify and confirm those groups that provide valuable community services and are therefore deserving of the not-for-profit exemption.

EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE FOR TEACHERS PASSES ASSEMBLY-HEADS TO GOVERNOR'S DESK

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D, C, I, - Orange/Sullivan) announced the passage of an early retirement incentive for teachers in school districts

and community colleges outside of New York City.

"This legislation is a good opportunity for employees to retire early without incurring financial penalties," Gunther said. "And it provides critically needed fiscal relief to counties and school districts."

The early retirement legislation allows school districts to replace workers currently designated as Tier 2,3 and 4 with new teachers who are designated under Tier 5 which will save the counties and districts money in the future.

Full retirement for workers 55 and over with 25 years of service

The retirement incentive plan will allow school district and community college employees - including teachers - who are at least 55 years old to retire with 25 years. Current law requires 30 years to retire with out penalty.

In order to be eligible for the plan, employees must be in continuous, active service from February 1, 2010 to the beginning of the opening period - and must apply within the 90 day window which begins June 1, 2010 and ends August 31, 2010.

"This legislation will help state and local employers manage their workforce during difficult economic times," said Gunther said. "This will allow school districts and community colleges to move quickly to tier 5 employees, which is a less costly option and will provide relief to communities and taxpayers."

HINCHEY HIGHLIGHTS RELIEF FOR NY FAMILIES, SMALL BUSINESSES-Average Tax Refunds are Up Ten Percent in 2010

New Yorkers who are still struggling to make ends meet in a recovering economy are seeing relief this tax day through over 25 different tax cuts that Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) worked to include and voted for as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and multiple other pieces of legislation. As a result, this year's average tax refund has risen to \$3,036 -- a 10 percent increase over the previous year.

"Many people don't realize that tax relief was the largest piece of the Recovery Act," said Hinchey. "This is one of the most important tax relief bills in American history, and unlike previous cuts, this time working Americans were the primary beneficiaries. Over 95 percent of working families saw immediate relief in their paychecks and many benefited from a series of other generous tax credits that make college more affordable, encourage energy-saving home improvements and incentivize first-time home purchases. New Yorkers should also know that if they missed out on any of these tax cuts, there is still time to amend their 2009 returns."

Unlike the Bush tax cuts which focused on the wealthy, Hinchey has worked to pass more than \$800 billion in broad-based tax relief for working American families. These include the Recovery Act, tax credits to help families and small businesses purchase health insurance, job-creating tax incentives to spur the hiring of out-of-work Americans, and tax credits and accelerated write-offs for small businesses. The relief has been so extensive that Bruce Bartlett, President Reagan's domestic policy advisor, noted "federal taxes are very considerably lower by every measure since Obama became president."

Hinchey outlined a variety of significant tax relief provisions he supported that are reducing the tax burden for New Yorkers and increasing tax refunds:

- The Making Work Pay tax credit - Ninety-five percent of working families are already receiving the Recovery Act's Making Work Pay tax credit of \$400 for an individual or \$800 for married couples filing jointly on their 2009 tax returns. They will continue to see these benefits in 2010. In New York's 22nd Congressional District, represented by Hinchey, 251,000 families are benefiting from the Making Work Pay tax credit.

- Tax credits for college expenses - Families and students are eligible for up to \$2,500 in tax savings under the American Opportunity Credit as well as enhanced benefits under 529 college savings plans, which helps families and students pay for college expenses. More than 4 million additional students will be able to attend college thanks to this tax credit.

- The First Time Homebuyers tax credit - First time homebuyers can get a credit of up to \$8,000, and many current homeowners are eligible for a credit of up to \$6,500 for homes purchased by April 30, 2010 under the First Time Homebuyer tax credit. In New York 58,787 households have already taken advantage of the First Time Homebuyers tax credit.

- Tax credits for energy efficient renovations - Taxpayers are eligible for up to \$1,500 in tax credits for making energy-efficient improvements to their homes, such as adding insulation and installing energy

efficient windows.

- The vehicle sales tax deduction - Taxpayers can deduct the state and local sales taxes they paid for new vehicles purchased from February 17, 2009 through December 31, 2009 under the vehicle sales tax deduction.

- Expanded family tax credits - Moderate income families with children may be eligible for an increase in the Earned Income Tax Credit and the additional Child Tax Credit.

- Tax-free unemployment benefits - Individuals who received unemployment insurance in 2009 do not have to pay taxes on the first \$2,400 of such earnings.

Hinchey strongly supported, worked to pass and voted for the broad-based tax relief for working Americans and small businesses that was designed to help the American economy recover from the worst recession since the Great Depression. Those who would like to learn what tax cuts they may qualify for are encouraged to use the online tax calculator provided by the White House at :

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/recovery/tax-saving-tool>.

TO STAVE OFF TEACHER LAYOFFS, GILLIBRAND INTRODUCES NEW LEGISLATION TO INVEST OVER \$165 MILLION IN HUDSON VALLEY SCHOOLS - HELPING COMMUNITIES HOLD THE LINE ON PROPERTY TAXES - Current \$1.3 Billion Shortfall In Budget Could Mean 19,000 Less NY Teachers And School Support Staff

With New York State facing a \$1.3 billion shortfall for education, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced legislation that would invest more than \$165 million into Hudson Valley schools to keep teachers in our classrooms and help local communities hold the line on property taxes. The Keeping Our Educators Working Act would help prevent some of the 19,000 expected layoffs of teachers and support staff.

"We are facing a real crisis right now in New York, and as a mother and a lawmaker, I am very concerned about the impact the state's budget shortfall could have on our schools," said U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. "Laying off thousands of teachers would be a disaster for our children and our communities. It would mean higher property taxes and lower the quality of education we can give to our children. This legislation would provide New York communities with the funding we need so that we do not have to lay off thousands of teachers and we can protect our children's education."

Based on previous funding formulas, Hudson Valley schools would receive more than \$165 million in federal funding including Sullivan County \$7,305,729 and Ulster County \$15,994,103.

Under the proposed New York State Budget, 99 percent of school districts would see state aid cuts next year. These cuts would translate into larger class sizes, less extra help, fewer advanced classes, and other lost opportunities for students. Many school districts will have to cut school programs and raise tax levies to make up for the loss in state aid, furthering jeopardizing public education and burdening local taxpayers.

The Keep Our Educators Working Act would create a \$23 billion education jobs fund, modeled after the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund established in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). New York would receive approximately \$1.4 billion in federal funding through this legislation. Keep Our Educators Working Act funding could be used for compensation and benefits to retain existing employees, hiring of new employees, and on-the-job training activities for education-related careers.

HINCHEY LEADING EFFORT IN CONGRESS TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FEDERAL FUNDING TO HELP PREVENT TEACHER LAYOFFS IN UPSTATE NY


With cuts to education likely at the state and local level, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today outlined his efforts to provide \$23 billion in federal funding to save 250,000 education related jobs throughout the country. New York would receive \$1.4 billion of the funding, saving an estimated 19,500 jobs. Hinchey led a group of 51 House members in calling for Senate leaders to schedule a vote as soon as possible for an emergency supplemental bill to provide the funding. The House passed a similar bill in December with Hinchey's strong support.

"With funding from the federal economic recovery act set to run out and states still facing budget shortfalls, it is now more urgent than ever that we act to prevent teacher layoffs," Hinchey said.

"Local school districts are seeing what everyone is seeing across the country. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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 11:00am-12:00 all ages
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Pork And Sauerkraut Dinner
ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Sunday APRIL 25, 2010
2:30 - 6:30 PM.
ADULTS-\$10.00
CHILDREN UNDER 12-\$5.00
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Extra Quarts Of Sauerkraut -\$5.00

Pork & Sauerkraut
 Home Made Mashed Potatoes
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 Serving 7:00 until 12: Noon
ADULTS \$7
CHILDREN AGE 5-11, \$3
UNDER 5 YRS. FREE
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TURKEY DINNER
 May 8, 2010
 Saturday, 4 - 7 pm

Menu: Roast Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Peach Shortcake & Beverages
 Take outs available.
 Adults: \$10, Child 5-10: \$5, under 4 free
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Claryville Road
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Bible Class 9:00 am
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4:30 - 7 pm

Adults \$8
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CLARYVILLE MAY DAY FESTIVAL
 Saturday, May 1st
 10 am to 4 pm
 Lunch, Live Music, Local Artists, Craft Vendors, Yard Sale, Cookie Walk.
 ...And view our 151 year-old Schoolhouse Museum. Free Admission. Location: Claryville Reformed Church Hall, 946 Claryville Road on Route 19, near Ulster / Sullivan border (5 miles from Curry intersection of Rt. 55). Phone: 845-985-2041.

"THE BEST OF FRIENDS" AT UNISON ARTS CENTER BENEFITS THE UC SPCA
 An evening of stories, poems and reminiscences about the wonderful relationship between people and dogs will be presented at the Unison Arts Center in New Paltz, NY on April 23rd as a benefit for the Ulster County SPCA. This exclusive presentation, by the Snakeland Players and Mohonk Mountain Stage Company, promises to be an enjoyable event for all dog lovers - with cat people invited too! The Best of Friends performance begins at 8PM, and doors open at 7:30. Admission is \$15 with tickets available at the door. Cash and checks are accepted. Refreshments will be served by the Mid Hudson Vegetarian Society. The Unison Arts Center is located at 68 Mountain Rest Rd. New Paltz, NY. For more information about this event, call Brian Shapiro at 331-5377 X211.
 The UCSPCA is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing cruelty to animals in Ulster County. Donations may be sent to UCSPCA 20 Wiedy Rd. Kingston, NY 12401.

Covered Dish Supper
May 1, 2010
Sundown United Methodist Church at the Sundown Church Hall



Thrift Sale 9 - 2 & Luncheon 11-1
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
 Tuesday May 4, 2010

Grahamsville Reformed Church
 Sunday School 9 A.M.
 Worship Service 10 A.M.
 Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month
 Looking for a Lifeguard?
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 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

HINCHEY LEADING EFFORT TO HELP PREVENT TEACHER LAYOFFS IN UPSTATE NY (From Pg. 12) The House did its work and the Senate must immediately take up this issue so that our schools have the resources they need to maintain jobs for the teachers and educational support staff who are so important to the future of our children. We count on our teachers to go to work every day so that students can receive the education they need to fulfill their potential and achieve their dreams - now they're counting on us and we simply can't let them down."

Hinchey spoke at the administrative building for the Vestal City School District, which is being forced to consider cutting 44 positions, including kindergarten, middle school and high school teachers. Several teacher assistants, aids and custodians may also lose their jobs unless the federal government acts.

In December, the House passed the Jobs for Main Street Act with Hinchey's strong support. It contained the \$23 billion funding provision needed to protect 250,000 education-related jobs. This bill was not taken up by the Senate, which favored more incremental fixes, prompting the House Education and Labor Committee to release a new bill called the Local Jobs for America Act. The new bill, also co-sponsored by Hinchey, helps retain jobs for public service employees, including firefighters, public safety, transportation and health care workers while also providing the \$23 billion needed to save teachers' jobs.

Hinchey is now leading the effort to push the Senate to immediately follow the House's lead and pass a bill introduced this week by U.S. Senator Tom Harkin (D-IA) that would provide the \$23 billion in needed funds.

Last year, Hinchey strongly supported and voted to provide more than \$100 billion for states to support their public school systems as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). This funding has been credited with creating and retaining more than 300,000 education-related jobs including positions for teachers, nurses, bus drivers and custodians. It also helped states avoid a budget crisis that would have resulted in significant cuts to school system budgets. With this funding set to run out and states still facing bleak budgetary outlooks, new action is needed to prevent layoffs.

TSEC, TECH CITY & LOCAL OFFICIALS MAKE MAJOR JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, TSEC President and CEO Vincent Cozzolino and Tech City's Alan Ginsberg announced the single largest job expansion in the history of the Solar Energy Consortium on Monday. They were joined by representatives from the TSEC partner company that has already started hiring for the new positions.

This announcement offered further evidence of the growth and potential for the Hudson Valley's solar energy industry. TSEC 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. Congressman Hinchey helped establish TSEC in 2007 and has secured more than \$31 million in federal funding for the consortium and its partners to foster the establishment of a solar industry research and manufacturing cluster in the New York Hudson Valley region.

GUENTHER: GOVERNOR'S WITHHOLDING OF CONSTRUCTION FUNDS IS IRRESPONSIBLE - JOBS NEED TO BE OUR PRIORITY

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D, C, I - Forestburgh) denounced Governor Paterson's exclusion of payments for road and other capital projects in his emergency appropriations legislation, possibly leaving hundreds without work and breaking almost 500 contracts statewide. The Governor's action threatens the progress of 10 projects in Orange and 16 projects in Sullivan County including the completion of Broadway in Monticello and the I-87 overpass in Parksville.

"The governor's decision to withhold the money owed for these infrastructure projects - money that has long ago been approved and is available for these bonded jobs - is an irresponsible and ill-thought-out move," Gunther said. "At a time when our families are already struggling, the last thing we can afford is more job losses. And that's just what this will do."

Numerous projects will be forced to halt production, leaving unfinished construction sites throughout Sullivan and Orange counties. Gunther said. With no set time for the release of these funds, it's possible that work zones could be left abandoned and workers left unemployed for undetermined lengths of time.

"New York weather only permits construction work for six months at a time," said Gunther. "We're right in the beginning of the workable season. Delaying payments for these jobs for any amount of time jeopardizes the possibility of completion before this coming winter. Letting these sites sit dormant puts (Next Col.)

paychecks on hold for so many families, while the eyesores of unfinished work zones would be daily reminders that the governor just doesn't care about Sullivan and Orange counties."

BUILDING ON WHITE HOUSE EFFORTS, GILLIBRAND ANNOUNCES NEW NATIONAL PUSH TO BRING FRESH FOOD TO NY'S UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

To help approximately four million New Yorkers living in so-called "food desert" neighborhoods that have little or no access to fresh, nutritious foods, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today joined Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez, New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer to launch the Healthy Food Financing Initiative. With food insecurity and obesity rates on the rise, Senator Gillibrand's new legislation would invest \$1 billion through loans and grants to help build approximately 2,100 new grocery stores and farmer's markets across the country, including an estimated 357 stores in New York State. The legislation would create an estimated 200,000 new jobs nationally, including an estimated 34,000 in New York State. President Obama has already dedicated \$345 million in his FY2011 budget for a similar proposal.

To combat rising rates of obesity and food insecurity, the Healthy Food Financing Initiative would provide start-up grant and loan investments in some of the most marginalized rural and urban communities in order to expand access to fresh food and create sustainable, good-paying jobs. Senator Gillibrand is working on the legislation in coordination with First Lady Michelle Obama, who included the initiative as part of her "Let's Move" agenda to combat childhood obesity.

"Obesity and diabetes rates are reaching crisis proportions in our country and it is time to take aggressive action," said Senator Gillibrand, who, as the first New Yorker to serve on the Senate Agriculture Committee in nearly 40 years, is helping lead the fight in the Senate to combat child obesity and promote good health. "Millions of New Yorkers do not have access to fresh, healthy food. By building new grocery stores in underserved areas across the state we can give people the opportunity to live longer, healthier lives, save billions in health care costs, and create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs. I am proud to work with President Obama and First Lady Michele Obama on their efforts to combat obesity in America. We cannot back down from this fight."

The Food Desert Problem

Residents in many low-income communities lack consistent and reasonable access to nutritious and non-processed food. In both rural and urban communities throughout the state, a lack of access to healthy food can create large hindrances to maintaining a nutritious diet. These high need communities have been called "food deserts" because of the relative lack of healthy and fresh options.

This is especially concerning in light of the exploding rates of obesity, diabetes and heart illness across the nation.

• **Obesity** - According to the National Center for Health Statistics, more than 34 percent of American adults are obese. In 2008, CDC estimated that 24.4% of New York adults were obese. A recent report by the Centers for Disease and Control estimates that obesity creates nearly \$150 billion a year in increased healthcare costs and lost productivity for our nation.

• **Diabetes** - In 2007, the American Diabetic Association estimated that 23.6 million people, or 7.8% of the US population, had diabetes. An estimated 530,000 New York City residents have been diagnosed with diabetes, and an additional estimated 260,000 may have diabetes but not know it, according to the NYS Department of Health. According to the American Diabetic Association, the total cost of diabetes for people in New York State is estimated at nearly \$13 billion. This estimate includes excess medical costs of nearly \$9 billion attributed to diabetes, and lost productivity valued at over \$4 billion.

• **Cardiovascular illness** - According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular illness is the leading cause of death in America. The NYS DOH estimates cardiovascular illness kills 70,000 New Yorkers a year. In 2006, 22,000 New York City residents died from heart disease and an additional 1,700 from strokes.

The USDA has found that 23.5 million people in America lack access to a supermarket within a mile of their home. According to the New York City Department of City Planning, approximately 4 million New Yorkers live in high need neighborhoods that lack reliable access to fresh and healthy food.

The Healthy Food Financing Initiative

Modeled after a highly successful program in Pennsylvania, the Healthy Food Financing Initiative would give priority to states and localities that have already begun efforts to build new grocery stores in food desert areas. New York City and State are well positioned to begin receiving funds almost (Next Col.)

immediately. Under the leadership of Mayor Bloomberg and Speaker Quinn, New York City recently enacted zoning and land-use changes designed to encourage the development of fresh food retail. New York State has contracted a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) to administer \$10 million in loans and grants for new grocery stores.

The CDFI will work with local and state partners in order to identify areas in need of healthy food options, and support projects to bring fresh food to those areas. The projects will be financed through a mix of loans and one-time grants to help businesses start up or expand their operations. While exact amounts may vary, grants will likely range from \$30,000 up to \$250,000, and loans will range from \$50,000 to \$5 million.

The legislation sets requirements for the types of projects that are eligible for funding. The legislation also defines underserved areas as those areas which are located in low or moderate income census tracts, and are poorly served by fresh food retail. Minority and female owned businesses will be given priority in funding, along with projects that would provide wages and benefits equal or better to that of comparable businesses in the same area and include local hiring agreements.

Jobs and Community Development

The Healthy Food Financing Initiative will create and retain hundreds and thousands of jobs at a cost of just over \$5,000 per job. An analysis by The Reinvestment Fund (TRF), the Community Development Financial Institution in Pennsylvania, estimates that a \$2 billion (\$1 billion government/\$1 billion private matching funds) program would create over 2,128 grocery store projects in underserved communities across the nation; provide healthy food access for over 15 million people; and create almost 90,000 direct, long-term, full-time equivalent jobs and nearly 100,000 new construction jobs

BONACIC SUPPORTS AMENDMENT TO ALLOW FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO CONTINUE

Senate Democrats yesterday shot down an amendment to the State budget supported by State Senator John Bonacic (R/I/C - Mt. Hope), which would have allowed existing construction projects to be continued. The amendment would have allowed the construction projects, which were already planned and underway, to be funded through April 18.

State government is currently being funded on a week to week basis. The Democratic lawmakers in charge of State government have refused to have public budget discussions, refused to include Republicans in the budget negotiations, and have failed to develop a State budget. As a result, funding is being stopped for construction projects across the State. These projects have already been planned for years, and in fact were already budgeted for.

"It is one thing to put a moratorium on new construction, however, to pull the plug on existing jobs hurts New Yorkers and costs the State more money. Whether it is in unemployment benefits for workers who are now no working, or whether it is capital costs that naturally come when a job is started then stopped then restarted, this will cost New York State taxpayers more," Senator Bonacic said.

When road and bridge construction projects are stopped, the safety of the motoring public can also be effected. In addition, roadway efficiencies are also stopped. "Whether it is in downtown Monticello where a long overdue job on Broadway is finally underway, or making the Woodbury toll barrier more efficient, or continuing road improvements on Route 28, or ensuring improvements are made in Delaware County for easier access to places like Oneonta and Binghamton, better roads mean safer roads an easier travel for the public. Stopping road projects costs jobs, increases travel time, and maintains conditions which are less safe" Bonacic said.

Without access to the construction funds, many contractors will be forced to suspend projects during the summer construction season and lay off workers. Despite the Governor's actions, the funding for these projects has already been appropriated and current law allows for them to be funded through September 15, 2010. April 1, the deadline for approval of a new state budget, is also the beginning of the construction industry's peak work season.

Senator Bonacic said, "You cannot just disassemble and re-assemble a construction team. There is active construction staging involved, the movement of equipment, weatherizing existing work to maintain what was built, and potentially new plans to be developed if on-the-ground circumstances change," Bonacic said.

Since April 2008, the state has lost nearly 322,000 jobs. In February 2010, the state's unemployment rate held steady at 8.8 percent. The construction industry has been one of the hardest hit areas, as New York lost 33,400 construction jobs (Contd. Pg. 15)

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
www.townofneversink.org
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312 SOUTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

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AL-ANON MEETINGS

Every Saturday night 8:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Presbyterian Church, 81 South Main Street, Liberty

Every Monday night 7:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Presbyterian Church, 81 South Main Street, Liberty

Every Thursday night 7:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne

BONACIC (From Pg. 14) between February 2009 and February 2010 according to the state's labor department.

"Our State has lost its sense of balance. Raising taxes to fund the MTA while shutting down road and bridge projects in our region, is the result of a State government run entirely by New York City Democrats. On party rule, particularly when coupled with one region rule, has failed our State. Whatever flaws there previously were - and there were many, one party rule has been a disaster for families who live outside of the City; and this construction shut down is just the latest example," concluded Bonacic.

SENATOR BONACIC PRESENTING THE NYS LIBERTY MEDAL TO THE FAMILY OF FALLEN SOLDIER PFC. JASON KROPAT



On April 10, 2010 Senator Bonacic awarded the New York State Liberty Medal posthumously to the family of slain soldier, Pfc. Jason Kropat. Pictured with Senator Bonacic are Jason's sisters Kristina, Kim and Courtney Kropat.

Kim and Courtney Kropat.

CALLING ALL CARS (From Pg. 1)

All transports will be medically related - such as taking the elderly to their doctor appointments, dental visits, prescription pick-up and some therapy appointments. Destinations may be in Sullivan County, as well as outside of Sullivan County. Our travels may take us as far as Goshen, into the bordering towns of Pennsylvania, and an occasional trip to Cooperstown. After signing up with RSVP, volunteers providing transportation will be reimbursed for their mileage at the current IRS rate of \$.50 per mile.

With the cost of living and gas prices on the rise, many of our senior citizens are finding it harder to make and keep medical appointments. Any offers of help from concerned citizens age 55 and older and who may want to sign up as an RSVP volunteer would certainly be appreciated. asional trip to

THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

- 4/21/10 **Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting**- 1:30 pm Town Hall Grahamsville
- 4/21/10 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association**
- 4/21/10 **Neversink Fire Dist. Meeting** 7:30 pm **Public Meeting** 8:00 pm
- 4/22/10 **Time and the Valleys Museum Trustees Meeting** - 7:00 pm
- 4/24/10 **Grahamsville UMC Pot Roast Dinner** 5-7 pm - Take outs available Call 985-2562 or 985-2283
- 4/24-25/10 **SC Longbeards NYS Chapter NWTF 3rd Annual Youth Weekend Turkey Hunt Contest** 439-3738
- 4/25/10 **Old Time Fiddlers** - 2 - 6pm - Neversink Fire Hall - call 985-2923
- 4/25/10 **Parksville UMC Chicken Over Biscuits Dinner** - 4:30-7 pm
- 4/25/10 **St Paul's Lutheran Church-Liberty - Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner** 2:30-6:30 pm Take outs available
- 4/27/10 **Claryville Fire District Meeting** -7:00 pm
- 4/27/10 **Townof Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting** 7 pm **Upstairs Meeting Room @Town Hall**
- 4/29/10 **Empowering Communities for Successful Aging Meeting** -Neversink Town Hall :6:30 pm-292-5250
- 4/30/10 **SLAC of SC** - 10 am **Legislative Hearing Room/Government Center, Monticello** - 985-7901
- 5/1/10 **Neversink Renaissance Spring Cleanup**-volunteers meet atTown Hall parking lot at 8 am-985-2746.
- 5/1/10 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** -Church Hall - 5:30 pm
- 5/3/10 **Time and the Valleys Work Committee Meeting** - 12:30 pm
- 5/4/10 **Ulster Co Care-A-Van nurse at Sundown Church Hall** - 11 am - 2 pm.
- 5/4/10 **Tri-Valley Lions Dinner Meeting** - Frost Valley - Info 292-5839
- 5/4/10 **Grahamsville Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9-2) and **Luncheon** (11-1)
- 5/4/10 **Town of Denning Board Meeting** - Denning Town Hall - 7:00 pm
- 5/5/10 **Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting**- 1:30 pm Town Hall Grahamsville
- 5/5/10 **Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting**
- 5/6/10 **First Thursday Readers** -Daniel Pierce Library
- 5/8/10 **Woodbourne Fire Dept Car/Motorcycle Show (Gabriella Rose Fund Benefit)** Woodbourne Fireman's Park Hasbrouck Rd, Woodbourne - 10 am-6 pm
- 5/9/10 **Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Turkey Dinner** 4-7 pm
- 5/13/10 **Claryville Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast** - 7 am- noon
- Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall** 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

July 31 - Time and the Valleys Museum Olde Time Fair

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

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

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

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

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

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

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| CANNIE D'S | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne) | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY |
| BLUE HILL LODGE | P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne) | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE |
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Cooperstown. After signing up with (Next Col.) For more information regarding this program, please call and ask for Carol Kelly, RSVP Project Director, at 807-0251.

The Meals on Wheels program is also in need of volunteer drivers for our homebound meal program. Drivers are compensated with mileage reimbursement. Positions could possibly lead to full-time employment. For more information pertaining to the Meals on Wheels program, please contact Jane Bozan at 807-0247.

Come join our team!

SUNY ULSTER STUDENTS ART WORKS SHOWCASED AT MUROFF KOTLER VISUAL ARTS GALLERY

The artistic talents of SUNY Ulster's Visual Arts students will be showcased at the "Student Works 2010" exhibit at the college's Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery, opening April 28 and running through May 21.

An opening reception will be held April 28, 1 to 2 p.m., at the gallery, where visitors can meet the student artists. The Muroff Kotler Visual Arts Gallery is located in Vanderlyn Hall on the Student Ridge campus. Hours are Mondays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and by appointment. It is closed on college holidays. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call (845) 687-5113.

TRIAD (From Pg. 1)

The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Neversink Town Hall.

All Neversink residents and seniors, interested in safe, secure communities that enhance the ability to age in place are encouraged to attend. Share your motivation, skills and talents to enhance our future community. Registration is appreciated (contact Bonnie Lewis at 292-5250 at the Cooperative Extension) but is not required. Light refreshments will be served.

The local meeting is being organized by TRIAD, an organization created over two years ago to focus on senior violence and elder abuse prevention and improving the quality of life for our older citizens. Representatives of the TRIAD steering committee (Bonnie Lewis, Priscilla Bassett, Carol Smythe and Kathi Hitt) will be present at the livable community's action meeting with ideas and programs that are currently being utilized in New York State.

"Our community has a rapidly asional trip to Cooperstown. After signing up with (Next Col.)

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to create an elder-friendly and more livable community for persons of all ages and abilities.

JOIN US!

planning for successful "aging in community" is underway...

Meeting: Neversink Town Hall
Date: Thursday, April 29
Time: 6:30 pm

Networking meeting to develop a local coalition of neighbors, advocates, senior services providers and civic leaders to assist older neighbors to age in our communities with dignity

For more information: Bonnie Lewis
 292-5250

growing aging population and TRIAD is interested in fostering a supportive community for all ages and abilities. It has been clearly documented that older New Yorkers want to live independently and age with dignity in the community, but may not be able to if needs and preferences can't be met. Neversink residents' ideas are needed to determine what specific needs must be addressed to create an age friendly community" said Bonnie Lewis, RN/Coordinator of the Caregiver Resource Center and Coordinator of TRIAD's Community Empowerment for Aging in the Community project.

For more information about this local meeting, call (Bonnie Lewis, 292-5250 or bjl25@cornell.edu). For more information about the Community Empowerment Initiative, visit www.aging.ny.gov/empoweringcommunities



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 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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RENTALS

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Denning Democrats
On the Local Scene & On The National Scene
 Honoring: **Doris "Granny D" Haddock.**
 At a meeting of "**We, The People: A Form To Defend Democracy,**" an organization that is protesting the unfair Supreme Court ruling in the case of **Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission.** The Justices decided in a 5 to 4 vote that corporations are people, and that money is speech. Well, I guess the old expression and that, "Money talks, and Bull Sh*t walks" has finally happened.

A 2002 law, usually called McCain-Feingold, banned the broadcast, cable or satellite transmission of "electioneering communications" paid for by corporations or labor unions from their general funds in the 30 days before a presidential primary and in the 60 days before the general elections.

In her fight for campaign finance reform, Doris "Granny D" Haddock, was almost eighty-nine, stoop-shouldered, and stiff spined when she laced up her sneakers, threw on a backpack, and began trekking 3,200 miles across the country. Her "trek" began on New Year's Day in 1999, as a one-woman march for campaign finance reform; she started in Pasadena, Calif., and ended on the steps of the Capitol in Washington DC fourteen months later, stating that, "**It just infuriates me!**" She said, balling her hands into fists and striking the table, "**I feel we are losing our democracy. The corporations are taking over and deciding who gets elected.**"

The New Paltz celebration was a tribute to remember a woman who truly had the spirit of the framers of the constitution in heart. This one time Senatorial Candidate **Doris "Granny D" Haddock,** lived as a true patriot from 1910-2010. Her quest was in a way synonymous with Don Quixote, only she was fighting the new aristocratic movement of the super-rich gluttons of New World Order, represented in this country by President George Bush Sr. and George W. Bush. If you remember at the Inauguration of President George Bush, he stated, "We are entering an era of a New World Order," and the old money from Europe triumphantly applauded, as in George W's term, Ninety-billion Dollars, (\$90,000,000,000.00), in tax payer bailout money immediately went to European bBanks.

President Obama called this decision "a major victory for big oil, Wall Street banks, health insurance companies and the other powerful interests that marshal their power every day in Washington to drown out the voices of everyday Americans."

This is YOUR Democratic Party! Have a suggestion for Denning Dems or want to work on the polls as an Election Inspector or with the committee? - call 845 985 0501 email:

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"

The Graduate is the stereotypical Dustin Hoffman film. Made in 1967, the film unfolds when a recent college graduate has an affair with an older woman that complicates his new found love for the woman's daughter. Cast: Anne Bancroft, Dustin Hoffman, Katharine Ross, and Murray Hamilton Dir: Mike Nichols C-106 mins, TV-MA, on TCM, 8:00 pm, Saturday April 24, 2010



Quiz: A. Name the actor who played the room clerk?
 B. What is the name of the actor who played Elaine Robinson?

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

Don't miss the **Old Time Fiddlers** on **April 25, 2010, 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm Neversink Fire Hall,** for more information call (845) 985-2923.

Regarding the Volcanic ash cloud:

From **Stovetop, Sweden,** 4 am 4/17/2010 EST some words from one of our Scandinavian kin, Henric Nicke Clewehielm, - "Hi Knarf, There are no physical signs of any ash so far, not in the middle of Sweden anyway. The air space in northern Europe has been shut down including UK. They say, that in mountains, in the north of Sweden, there is a fine layer of ash, which has made the snow gray. Traveling by air no longer is an option, so people use cars, trains, boats instead. For instance, all car rental businesses have no vehicles left to rent out now."

It's World Tai Chi & Chi Gong Day. The Catskill Martial Arts Academy will be celebrating **World Tai Chi & Chi Gong Day** on Sunday April 25, 2010. **The Catskill Martial Arts Academy** is offering **Free Lessons in Tai Chi** on that day. Classes open for instruction from 11:00 am-12:00 pm for all ages, and from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm for children, then from 3:00 pm-4 pm for adults. In addition, classes will be offered for all ages once again at 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm for your convenience. Knarf the Gnome (who is very old) believes that this kind of exercise is a wonderful way to stay young, healthy, and if you are young and healthy this is a great way to build physical strength by toning, discipline, and helps in building self confidence; qualities that are so necessary for an individual to achieve success in today's world. If you care about your mind and body visit **Grand Master Donald Belsito Sr. at The Catskill Martial Arts Academy,** 1175 Route 52 Loch Sheldrake NY on April 25, 2010. For more information call, 845 423 9497, or visit them on the web <http://www.catskillmaa.com>

There are still some wonderful buys at Grahamsville Hardware, a store that was first opened in 1869 will be closing. Our good friends Carol and Paul Lagueux will be opening on Saturday's 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, all inventory is for sale, and can be purchased at great savings. Carol and Paul can be reached at their home phone 845 985 7387

Please remember, the fax number for the **Townsmen** has been changed to 845 985 0501

Have a Great Day!
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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

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 A. Buck Henry
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