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REMINDER: *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* will not be published the week of Christmas or the week of New Years. Our next issue will be published on January 6, 2011.

POLITICAL SLANT - Privatizing Social Security and the expiring Tax Cut.

- Frank Comando

Republican Congressman Paul Ryan of Wisconsin - the ranking Republican on the House Budget Committee, the GOP's point man on Social Security and Medicare, and self-described "Young Gun" - protested that Democrats have been hitting Republicans for wanting to privatize Social Security.

This must be a first. Congressional Republicans are complaining that Democrats are calling them out for what they stand for: a party that wants to privatize Social Security and hand it over to Wall Street and end Medicare as we know. (Contd. Pg. 7)

HISTORY WALK AT FROST VALLEY

Claryville, NY - Participants in the History Walk at Frost Valley YCMA on Sunday, Dec. 19 from 1-3 p.m. will learn about the fascinating past of this century-old facility. The December 'hike' will be easy walk around the Frost Valley property. Visitors will tour the historic buildings and other sites of interest. (Contd. Pg. 9)

SCCC STUDENT RECEIVES NYS ASSOCIATION INSTITUTE'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP



On Wednesday December 8, 2010, Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff presented the New York State Sheriff's Association Institute's 2010 Criminal Justice Scholarship to Liberty resident Tanairi Morales. (Contd. Pg. 3)

SENATOR BONACIC, DEC, DEP MEET WITH SHANDAKEN OFFICIALS TO DEVELOP FLOOD RESPONSE

State Senator John Bonacic met this morning outside of Phoenicia with Shandaken Town Supervisor Rob Stanley, County Executive Michael Hein's office, Regional DEC official Bill Rudge, and representatives of the NYC DEP regarding the October 1 and December 1 flooding in Phoenicia. Twenty-two people attended the meeting to discuss an immediate flood mitigation plan for the Stony Clove creek. (Contd. Pg. 14)

MOVIE NIGHT IN PHOENICIA

Shandaken Theatrical Society presents Movie Night in Phoenicia. Located off Main Street at 10 Church Street in the Hamlet of Phoenicia, STS has been producing plays using mostly local talents, with rave reviews of all who take time out of their busy schedules to enjoy. (Contd. Pg. 9)

TRI-VALLEY STUDENTS GO ABOVE AND BEYOND EXPECTATIONS!

Each quarter the 8th grade teachers at Tri-Valley Central School are recognizing and rewarding students who go above and beyond expectations inside and outside of the classroom. Quarter awards include Academic Excellence, Leadership, Most Improved, and Hardest Working.



For Quarter 1, award winners included Devan Jones for Academic Excellence, Brianna Worden for Leadership, Brandi Merchant for Most Improved, Ariana Fassetta for Hardest Working, and Leslie Smith for Hardest Working.

Congratulations to these fantastic students-keep up the good work!

TRI-VALLEY LIONS CLUB PRESENTS DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY WITH A CHECK FOR \$1400



On December 7th at the Tri-Valley Lions Annual Dinner held at Nardi's in Hurleyville, Lions President, Carmen Salvemini, presents two Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library, Kate Kelly and Mari Rodgers with a check for \$1400.00.

CAS ARTS CENTER EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER WEEKEND



CAS will be hosting an additional weekend of the Holiday Bazaars featuring local art & craft vendors. (Contd. Pg. 9)

GRAHAMSVILLE SEWER DISTRICT INFORMATIONAL MEETING

There will be an informational meeting on Monday, December 20, 2010 at 6:00 pm at the Town of Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville. All residents who currently use the sanitary sewer are invited to attend. It will include a question and answer session. The public hearing will follow at 6:30 p.m..

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY \$25,000 CHALLENGE - HALF WAY TO GOAL!

The Board of Trustees of the Daniel Pierce Library is pleased to announce that as of December 6, 2010, they are half way to their goal of \$25,000! Every gift received prior to December 31, 2010 will be credited towards the \$25,000 necessary to meet the challenge. If the challenge is met, we will have \$50,000 of the \$100,000 needed to complete the construction of the 23,500 square foot addition. (Contd. Pg 3)

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY READING GROUP TO RESUME MEETING ON FRIDAYS

The Daniel Pierce Library Reading Group will return to its Friday meeting day, effective Friday, January 7, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. at the Daniel Pierce Library. Everyone is encouraged to attend, and newcomers are welcome! Refreshments will be provided. January's book selection will be *A Year by the Sea: Thoughts of an Unfinished Woman*, by Joan Anderson. For more information, or if you would like a copy of the reading selection, please call the library at (845)985-7233.

ERH WINS ANOTHER AWARD FOR QUALITY



From left: Angela Skretta, VP NorMet & Exec. Dir. NorMet Patient Safety Institute; Steven L. Kelley, President & CEO, ERH; Daniel Sisto, President, Healthcare Association of New York State (HANYS); Ann Marie McCarthy, Emergency Department Nurse Manager, ERH; Ashima Butler, Director of Quality and Medical Staff Services, ERH; Kevin Dahill, President & CEO NSHC and NorMet; Debbie Briggs, Dir. of Human Resources, ERH

On Monday, December 6, 2010, Ellenville Regional Hospital received a 2010 Quality and Patient Safety Award from the Northern Metropolitan Hospital Association (NorMet) Patient Safety Institute. Accepting the award for Ellenville Regional Hospital was President and CEO Steven L. Kelley. Joining him at the event were Ashima Butler, Director of Quality and Medical Staff Services, Ann Marie McCarthy, Emergency Department Nurse Manager, and Debbie Briggs, Director of Human Resources and Volunteer Services.

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- (Full page - 10" x 14") - (\$2.00/ col in) \$280 B/W
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Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Friday.

NO EXCEPTIONS

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. St. Mark 10:15

OBITUARY



Harry J. Raffa - On Wednesday, November 17, Harry Raffa went home to be with the Lord. He was 76 years old.

Harry was a long time resident of Little Falls, as well as a recent resident of Pulaski. Born in Liberty, NY, he was the son of the late Joseph and Florence (Freer) Raffa of Neversink. Harry was a self-employed businessman, owning and running Lawn Medic, which he opened in 1975 and retired from in 1996.

He was a 1955 Syracuse University graduate, a First Lt. Pilot USAF, and a captain in the reserves.

Harry loved the Lord and was an active member in his church. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends and working outdoors. Harry was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

He is survived by his wife Audrey (Johnson) Raffa; two daughters, Kathi (Mike) Townsend of Utica and Karen (Randy) Yerden of Redfield and one son, Joseph (Valerie) Raffa of New Haven.

He is survived by one sister, Joan (Ed) Langton of Kingston. Harry is also survived by eight grandchildren: Patricia (Brad) Taylor, First Lt. USAF Joseph (Angela) Raffa, Nicolas Raffa, Jared Raffa, JoAnna Yerden, Stephanie Yerden, Lauren Yerden and Peter Yerden; great-grandchildren: Isaiah Taylor, Gideon Taylor, Uriah Taylor, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Harry's life was held on Saturday, November 29th at Vorea Community Church in Richland with Pastor Jerry Hewell officiating.

Donations may be made to Vorea Community Church in care of overseas missions.

Jeanne Mary Shugrue Neylon Landon of Grahamsville, died on Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at Catskill Regional Medical Center. She was 77.

Jeanne was born February 14, 1933 in Bayshore, L.I. to John and Helen (Prendergast) Shugrue.

Jeanne was a retired postmaster for the Grahamsville Post Office. She was a long time member and past President of the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop, an organization for which she volunteered tirelessly and joyfully, and participated in every aspect of the theater group's productions. Jeanne also served as past President of the Grahamsville Lioness Club, another group that benefited from her boundless energy and dedication.

Jeanne leaves behind to cherish her memory, her daughter, Jeanne A. Neylon Decker who resides in San Diego, CA with her husband, Douglas L. Decker, DDS and their children, Meagan R. Decker and Daniel D. Decker; her daughter, Kathleen A. Neylon of Grahamsville; and son, James M. Neylon III; her beloved granddaughter, Jamie L. Neylon and very dear friends, the Nygard family of Woodbourne, NY; Clara Decker of Los Gatos, CA; her brother-in-law, Daniel A. Neylon of Montreal, Canada; and special friends too numerous to mention.

She was predeceased by her two husbands, Charles E. Landon and James M. Neylon, Jr.

A Catholic Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, December 11th at The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne, NY. Fr. John Lynch officiated.

"It takes a lot of feathers to make an angel's wings." Mom, you will always be our angel watching over us.

In lieu of flowers, donations for Jamie Neylon's college fund will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Kathy Neylon.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

December 6, 1950 - Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the home and furniture of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Crum on Lackawack Hill Sunday. They learned of the fire when they stopped at a gas station in Napanoch. When they returned home the fire had destroyed the building and its contents.

The Oscar Banta farm above Sundown has been sold to Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Cayton of Larchmont, New York. The Banta place is the old Norman DuBois homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Walter

Miller of Woodbourne have bought the Harrison DuBois place on the Woodbourne Road. Mr. Miller is a guard at the Woodbourne Institution.

Miss Eleanor Dulaff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dulaff of Claryville, was married Sunday evening at the Grahamsville Methodist Church to Mr. Fred Ahrens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ahrens of Alabama. The Rev. Howard West officiated.

Mr. William Denman died Sunday at Hurley at the age of eighty-one. Among the ten surviving children are Mr. Bruce Denman, Neversink Town Supervisor and Paul Denman, both of Grahamsville, Mr. Hugh Denman of Woodbourne.

Mr. Sumner Krum reports that 4.38 inches of rain fell in 24 hours a week ago.

With about 70 feet to go on Monday morning, it was expected that the Grahamsville-Neversink Tunnel would connect with the Benton Hollow shaft this week. Frazier-Davis Co., contractors for the tunnel, will probably be another two years before completing the entire job.

December 7, 1960 - Anthony Cypert and Myrtle Kratch were united in marriage November 24, 1910 at St. Andrews Catholic Church, Ellenville fifty years ago. On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 24, Rt. Rev. Msgr. William J. Guinan of The Immaculate Conception Church, Woodbourne, celebrated a Nuptial Mass during which Mr. and Mrs. Cypert renewed their vows. The Cyperts are parents of six children, Mary Cypert Mentnech of Woodbourne, Paul Cypert of Grahamsville, Rita Cypert Hotchkin of Parkville, Walter Cypert, David Cypert and Thelma Cypert Botsford of Woodbourne. They now have 23 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, Bonnie Jean Mentnech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mentnech.

Nial Van Wagner, a retired Correction Officer of the Eastern Correctional Institution, Napanoch died Monday, November 28, 1960 in Kingston. He was born August 16, 1895 at Grahamsville to Calvin and Eva Tompkins Van Wagner. He was married to Dorothy Dotson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dymond of Sundown are the parents of a daughter, Cindy Sue, born at Veterans Memorial Hospital on November 27.

"If children didn't ask questions, how could they find out that we know so little?" (Herbert V. Prochnow)

December 16, 1970 - Two Tri-Valley Seniors were awarded Regents Scholarships as a result of the competitive examination held this fall. Winners in the local district were Stephen Currey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Currey and Glenn Eltz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Eltz. Gary Robinson, son of Mr. Vincent Robinson and Mrs. Blanche Hitchcock has been named an alternate.

Services were held Tuesday for Mr. Daniel Keogan, 78, of Wawarsing who died Friday at home after a long illness. Born in Montela, Dec. 19, 1891, he was the son of Cornelius and Victoria Gorton Keogan. He married the former Elizabeth Huson in Grahamsville, June 2, 1914.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller, 23 yrs., Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gridley, Jr., 13 yrs., and Dr. and Mrs. George Maybury, 18 years, all on the 21st.

Happy birthday to Mrs. Ray Hornbeck on the 17th. A dinner birthday party will be held at the home of her parents on Thursday.

Mrs. Eugene Fuller and daughter, Eileen, were hostesses at their home on Monday evening for a stork shower for Mrs. Archie Ackerley, Jr.

December 4, 1980 - Martin V. LaPolt, 71, of Benton Hollow Rd., Hasbrouck, died Thursday at the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown. A lifelong resident of the area, he was born November 9, 1909 in Woodbourne to James and Katherine Erts LaPolt.

Sincere sympathy of the community is extended to the family of Edna Shields who passed away last week. Mrs. Shields is a sister of Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck.

The highlight of Thanksgiving Day for the George Smith family was talking to their daughter, Linda, in Florence, Italy. Linda is studying art there and is enjoying visiting some of the surrounding countries.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Poley of Neversink are the parents of an 8 lb. 1 oz. girl, Deanna Marie, born October 7, 1980 at Horton Memorial Hospital, Middletown. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dean, Jr. of Neversink. The paternal grandmother is Mrs. Martha Lee Poley of Cold Spring Rd. Liberty, N.Y.

HERE AND THERE

Hello again, everyone.

My computer, Dell-a, may have started out with "computer gremlins," but it escalated into a full blown computer virus and she is now under the care of Computer Doctor in Liberty. I'll have her back soon, but not in time to do a column for this last issue of the Townsman for 2010. So let me, instead, wish everyone a joyous and blessed Christmas and holiday season. Hopefully, we'll be back in business for the new year.

Take good care of yourselves and each other. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy New Year!
Hulda

PUBLIC BEWARE!

-Dan Entenmann



Photo - Dan Entenmann

This young adult Coyote was shot and killed within a 5 mile radius of Grahamsville on Dec 11, 2010. The animal is suspected to be contaminated with Mange. Mange is a skin disease caused by microscopic mites that burrows underneath the host's skin, causing hair loss, redness of the skin, open lacerations and possible death. Domestic animals can become contaminated and can be treated with assorted medications from your local veterinarian. If you sight an animal with these symptoms in your residential area contact your local animal control officer to report the suspicious animal.

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY \$25,000 CHALLENGE - HALF WAY TO GOAL!

(From Pg. 1) Anything that you can do to help will be greatly appreciated. Please contact us at the library at (845)985-7233 if you have any questions. Thank you for helping to put us over the top and ever closer to the Grand Opening of the new library

ERH WINS ANOTHER AWARD FOR QUALITY (From Pg. 1)

Ellenville Regional Hospital won in the category of Small Hospital or Outpatient Organization, for reducing the average length of stay in their Emergency Department (ED) to less than 100 minutes. Starting with an average length of stay of 190-240 minutes in 2007, they were able to bring down the average to about 91 minutes in 2010. They achieved this goal by appointing a multi-disciplinary team of staff, involved directly or indirectly with ED care, to dissect the care process to determine where lags or delays existed. The team then implemented procedures to shorten or eliminate these delays. This was accomplished as the ED patient volume increased by 36% between 2008 and 2009.

Benchmarked against eight other small hospitals in the state, Ellenville Regional Hospital's ED has the quickest turnaround time two years in a row for patients!

The awards event, which was held at the Marriott at LaGuardia Airport, was held in conjunction with the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council (NSHC) and the Healthcare Trustees of New York State Association (HTNYS). Guest speakers at the event included Daniel Sisto, President of the Healthcare Association of New York (HANYS) and Richard Umbdenstock, President of the American Hospital Association (AHA).

For information on Ellenville Regional Hospital, please call 845 647-6400.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SCHOLARSHIP

(From Pg. 1) Ms Morales is a criminal justice major at Sullivan County Community College where she is carrying a 3.6 GPA. She hopes to pursue a career in criminal justice, with the FBI being a possibility. Congratulating Ms. Morales (center) are (l to r), Chairman of the Criminal Justice Program Art Riegal, Sheriff Michael Schiff, Vice President of Academics and Student Affairs, Dr. Robert Schultz and Criminal Justice Professor Douglas Evans. Ms. Morales received a check for \$500 dollars.

SC VISITORS ASSOCIATION CELEBRATED HOLIDAYS AT ANNUAL MEETING

The Sullivan County Visitors Association celebrated the holidays with its Annual Meeting yesterday evening at the Monticello Casino and Raceway. Members and guests were treated to a fabulous array of fantastic food, a brief business meeting and networking.

Paul Carlucci, Villa Roma Resort and Chairman of the Visitors Association, welcomed the members and addressed the dignitaries that were attending from the state, county and local governments. He also recognized the Sullivan County Visitors Association staff, members and businesses for their efforts promoting tourism in Sullivan County. Chairman Carlucci also awarded the Tourism Advocate Award to Jonathan Rouis, Chairman of the Sullivan county Legislature, for his support of the tourism industry in his tenure as Chairman. Mr. Rouis spoke to the SCVA membership on their dedication to Sullivan County and their deep commitment to generating economic growth and quality of life to the county. He also quipped that in a county where nothing is secret, he was totally surprised by the award.

County Manager David Fanslau praised the SCVA on its ability to assume the task of utilizing additional funding for small businesses to advertise locally and the benefit that it made to tax generation and the small businesses in the county. He again assured the SCVA that that funding would be available for 2011.

President/CEO Roberta Byron-Lockwood discussed the many and varied accomplishments of the SCVA over the past year and outlined some of the marketing and goals the association will take in the coming year. She then turned the evening over to Richard Delia who announced the results of the Board of Directors election. Paul Carlucci of the Villa Roma, Jim Rafferty of the Monticello Casino and Raceway and Jill Wiener of Earthgirl Pottery were re-elected to serve another three years on the Board. In addition, the Board also welcomed newly elected board members Larry Steiger of Last Licks, Jeanne Tulp of Lazy Pond B&B and Alan Rosenblatt of ECCE B&B. The slate of officers for 2010 were also announced by Mr. Delia. They are Paul Carlucci of the Villa Roma as Chairman of the Board, Rick Lander of Landers River Trips as Vice Chairman, Michele Caltabellotta of The Dog House as Secretary, and Norman Duttweiler of Forestburgh Playhouse as Treasurer. Richard Delia of Ferndale Antiques Marketplace was also re-elected to the Executive Board.

The Association also awarded their 9th Annual TOAST (Tribute to Outstanding Associate Serving Tourism) Award to Fran Gager from the Rally New York at the Annual Meeting. Kathleen Ferris from Crystal Run Healthcare, this year's runner up for the TOAST award, was presented with a certificate of appreciation. Each year the Visitors Association honors an employee involved in the tourism industry who has shown outstanding dedication and hospitality to the industry nominated by the membership business.

Association members were asked to nominate someone who they felt met the criteria. Ivan Orisek from Rally New York nominated Mrs. Gager who, with an outstanding manner, recruits and manages a staff of 100-150 members who are required in order to carry out the Rally New York events that take place within the county several times each year.

The Visitors Association joins Ivan Orisek in extending to Mrs. Gager our heartfelt appreciation for her dedication and service.

SC BOCES ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF THE CAREER & TECH CENTER'S "CLASS ACT COSMETOLOGY CLINIC"

Liberty - The Sullivan County BOCES' Cosmetology class has opened its door to the public for a number of salon services. Every year the cosmetology students offer their services to the public to pamper and beautify their clients. These highly trained students will provide services including:

- Artificial Nails & Fills
- Haircuts
- Hot Cream Hair Conditioning
- One Length Buzz
- Cuts Manicures
- Make-up Applications
- Blazing Highlights
- Highlights
- Change of Polish
- Paraffin Treatments
- Eyebrow Tweezing
- Pedicures
- Facial Waxing
- Permanent Waves

- Facials
- Semi-Permanent Hair color
- Frostings (cap or foils)
- Shampoo & Blowouts
- Full & half Leg Waxing
- Shampoo, set & comb
- Hair Straightening
- Temporary Color Rinses

All of these wonderful services are available at a minimum cost. Appointments can be made during the hours of 8:15 am and 10:15am and between 12 noon and 2:00pm. For more information and to set up an appointment contact the Class Act Clinic at Sullivan County BOCES, (845) 295-4171.

SPIRALS AND SPURS

By Peggy DeWire



"How do tree limbs know when to stop growing longer?" Fred asked me as we crossed his backyard at the end of our hike.

"Let's go over to that apple tree and find out," I said as we munched through the snow and stood looking up at it.

We noticed how the limbs grew off the trunk at an angle and how the tree had a typical round shape while a nearby pine was a triangle.

I remarked that a tree grows out of the ground in a spiral to the pre-programmed height and width of its family type. Just like your body, Fred, has genes that control how tall and how big you'll finally get.



Spurs

As the tree spirals upward, every branch grows from the trunk at a fixed angle which is repeated by all smaller limbs, then twigs and lastly, leaves.

This is called the "universal spiral" which you can see in snail shells, spider webs, rams horns and the outer plates on pineapples. Can you think of more spiral things in nature?

A spiral allows growth in a mathematical ratio of 3.1416 or pi

so that each whorl is related to the next in size. Artists call this expanding pattern "dynamic symmetry."

If you let your eye move up the apple tree from branch to branch, noting the angle where they leave the trunk, you'll see it's always the same and keeps the limbs growing parallel. This maintains the tree's overall shape, as pre-programmed. There's one more control I'm coming to.

The tree spiral can be distorted by poor light conditions or wind damage but new limbs always develop at the proper angle succession to expand the spiral.



Spirals

So, Fred, to answer your question of how branches know when to stop growing, I want you to look at this ordinary twig at the end of its own spiral. Now look back from the end bud along the twig at the winter buds arranged in a neat spiral pattern.

But what's this! An ugly stubby twig in the wrong place! It's a spur that opens its end bud, putting out leaves and flowers but no extenders! Every year that spur makes a rough bark ring on the twig and the number of rings show its age. This spur has three rings and is about two inches long, so it took three years of retarded growth to grow two inches. Apple trees go for the spur method to hold back branches and keep the tree's symmetry.

So do cherry, birch and larch. Other trees such as tulip and oak let underbranches just die off.

Nature has two patterns for tree growth - spiral and opposite. That is, two branches twigs and leaf buds are always located exactly across from each other on the trunk.

Maple, ash and dogwood use this design to give their leaves greatest exposure to sunlight without overlapping.

Some opposite pattern trees form spurs to maintain their symmetry and compactness.

Why trees make spurs instead of long twigs at the right time and place to build the best-shaped tree remains a mystery yet.

I left Fred rushing around from pine tree to apple tree finding spurs.

He waved goodbye and thanks for showing him something to discover in his wintertime backyard.

LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning Organizational Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at the Denning Town Hall 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725, scheduled to begin at 7 P.M. prior to the Town Board Meeting.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Joy Ann Monforte
Town Clerk 12/16

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning held a Public Hearing on December 7th, 2010, regarding Local Law No. 1of 2010 Titled "Unsafe Buildings Law of the Town of Denning Replacing Local Law #1 of 1997 Titled Unsafe Buildings Law." At that time any and all interested person (s) where heard. Following a Roll Call Vote, Local Laws # 1 of 2010 has been duly adopted and filed with the New York Secretary of State and is on file in the Town Clerks Office.

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD
Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk
12/16

TOWN OF NEVERSINK
2011 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
JANUARY 5, 2011 at 7:00 PM

Please be advised that the Annual Organizational meeting of the Town of Neversink Town Board for the year 2011 will be held on January 5, 2011 at the Town of Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville at 7:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to make appointments, set salaries and compensations, establish policies and procedures as well as any other matter that may legally come before the Board.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk 12/16

TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE: ALTERNATE MEMBER POSITION
AVAILABLE ON THE PLANNING BOARD
AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Town of Neversink announces Alternate Member positions available on the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The alternate member to both Boards will serve when a regular member is unable to participate on an application or matter before their respective Board.

The Alternate Member of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will be appointed by the Town Board for a term of three years, with the terms to expire on December 31 of the third year after the date of their appointment. All provisions of state law relating to Planning Board member and Zoning Board of Appeals member eligibility, vacancy in office, removal, compatibility of office and service on other board, as well as any provisions of a local law/local ordinance relating to training, continuing education, compensation and attendance, shall also apply to alternate members.

Please send a letter of interest to Greg Goldstein, Supervisor, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Letters of interest should be received by January 31, 2011. Please address any questions to Greg Goldstein, Supervisor at (845)985-2262, ext. 301. 12/16; 1/6; 1/20

NOTICE:

Notice is hereby given that the Reorganizational Meeting for the Neversink Fire District will be held on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Neversink Fire House, Route 55, Neversink, New York.

This notice is pursuant to the provisions of Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the State of New York.

BY ORDER OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS
KIM J. MOORE, DISTRICT SECRETARY 12/16

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT

There will be a RECESSED MEETING of the Town of Neversink Town Board to be held at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, December 20, 2010.

The purpose of the meeting is to address questions from the public about the Map, Plan and Engineering Report for the Proposed Grahamsville Sewer District No. 1 as well as any other business that may legally come before the board.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Dated: December 9, 2010 12/16

NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 205A of Highway Law, the Town of Neversink Superintendent of Highways has designated the following Town Roads as SEASONAL LIMITED USE HIGHWAYS for the period beginning DECEMBER 1, 2010 UNTIL APRIL 1, 2011:

Table with 3 columns: Town Road Number, Town Road Name, Description. Lists roads such as Donovan Rd., Moore Hill Rd., Blue Hill Rd., etc.

TAX COLLECTOR LEGAL NOTICE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that I, Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector for the Town of Neversink, County of Sullivan and the State of New York, will collect taxes according to the following schedule:

MONDAY thru FRIDAY: 9:00 AM-4:00 PM (excluding holidays) at the: TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

NEVERSINK TOWN HALL, 273 MAIN ST. (RT. 55) GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740, PHONE: (845) 985-2262 x307

SATURDAY: Neversink Town Hall on the following date: January 29, 2011 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Taxes collected until the 31st day of January, 2011 without interest. All taxes postmarked after January 31, 2011 will be subject to late penalties as listed below. LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector TO PAY BY MAIL IN FULL: Send ENTIRE TAX BILL with payment to: Lisa Garigliano, Tax Collector, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Upon receipt of payment the top portion of your tax bill will be marked paid and returned to you for your records. It is for this reason that it is important to return the entire bill.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PLAN: May be paid as follows:

- January - 50% due by 1/31/2011 at 0% interest. Send "Payment #1" stub with your check.
February - 25% due by 2/28/2011 at 1% interest. Send "Payment #2" stub with your check.
March - 25% due by 3/31/2011 at 2 % interest plus \$2.00 unpaid notice fee. Send entire bill.
Receipts will be mailed to you after every payment

SOLID WASTE/RECYCLING DISPOSAL FEE: The County has imposed an annual fee to pay for solid waste/recycling disposal. This fee appears as a separate line item on your tax bill and is payable along with the tax. Please direct all questions to the County Treasurer's office at (845) 807-0200.

AFTER MARCH 31st: TAXES ARE PAYABLE TO COUNTY TREASURER; CALL (845) 807-0200 FOR AMOUNT DUE OR CONTACT THEM AT: Sullivan County Treasurer's Office, 100 North St., PO Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701.

- If you no longer own this property, please return bill to collector with the new owner's name and address; or forward the bill to the rightful owner.
If your address has changed, please note your correct mailing address, along with your SBL# and return it with your tax bill.
You may obtain a duplicate tax bill/receipt or check the status of your payment via the Internet at www.taxlookup.net/neversink.
For information regarding Veteran's, Senior Citizens or Star Exemptions please contact the Town of Neversink Assessor's Office:
Gene Froehlich (845) 985-2262 x 323
Joan McNeill (845) 985-2262 x 319
Hours are Monday to Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Or by Mail at: PO Box 307 Grahamsville, NY 12740. 12/16; 1/6

TOWN OF NEVERSINK RESIDENTS The NYS Ag & Markets Law requires that all dogs 4 mos. & older must be licensed.

During January and February 2011, the Town of Neversink will be conducting a Census of all dogs & puppies harbored within the Town. Each resident will receive a letter/form in their 2011 property tax bill in January. If the property taxes are paid by a bank/mortgage company, those residents will receive their letter/form with their receipt of payment in February. If you are a landlord please pass the letter/form on to all your tenants who reside on your property. All residents of the Town of Neversink are required to fill out the affidavit as to whether any dogs are harbored at the residence. If your dog is not licensed, you will be required to do so. Fees are \$2.50 if spayed/neutered plus a one-time \$5 penalty. If your dog is not spayed/neutered, the fee is \$10.50 plus a one-time \$5.00 penalty. Violations shall be subject to a fine, not to be less than \$25.00 per dog. You will need proof of rabies vaccination & spay/neutering.

For information call Town Clerk Lisa Garigliano at 985-2262 x307.

HOLIDAY HOURS AT THE TOWN HALL AND TRANSFER STATION

The Town of Neversink Town Hall will be closed on Friday, December 24, 2010 for Christmas and on Friday, December 31, 2010 for New Years. Please plan your Town Hall business accordingly.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station will be closed on Saturday, December 25, 2010 for Christmas and Saturday, January 1, 2011 for New Years. Instead the Transfer Station will be open on Monday, December 27, 2010 and on Monday, January 3, 2011. The hours on both days will be from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. Please plan your transfer station needs with this schedule in mind. Have a wonderful holiday season.

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AGENDA
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 16, 2010

- 6:00 p.m.-School Board Policy Sub-Committee Meeting
- Secondary School Library Lower level
- 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
- Secondary School Library Lower Level

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. GUESTS
- B. TREASURER'S REPORT
- C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 - 1. Minutes
 - 2. CSE Recommendations
 - 3. Building Use Forms
 - 4. Obsolete Items/Items for Discard
- D. OLD BUSINESS
 - 1. Board Goals
- E. BUSINESS REPORT
- F. EXECUTIVE SESSION
 - 1. Negotiations with School Attorney
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HOLIDAY EVENT SCHEDULE FOR SC GOVERNMENT CENTER

Monticello - County Manager David P Fanslau has announced that holiday music and songs will be offered in the Lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, New York. The first event will be held at 12:00 noon on Monday, December 13th, with the holiday event series wrapping up on Wednesday, December 22nd.

"The public and County employees look forward to the holiday music events each year, and I want to thank our local school districts by continuing to provide the sounds of the holiday season," said Fanslau. "These events not only provide seasonal music and songs, but showcase the talents of our youth that are learning valuable skills in our schools," added Fanslau.

The annual Holiday Concerts featuring local bands and chorus groups will take place on the following dates at 12pm in the Atrium of the Government Center:

December 16 Liberty High School Honors Band Dan McConnell
December 17 Eldred High School Band and Chorus Justin Glodich
December 20 Liberty Middle School Jazz Ensemble Gary Siegel
December 20 Students of MISU -Anastasia Solberg (Music Institute of Sullivan & Ulster Counties)
December 21 Liberty Middle School Woodwind Ensemble -Gary Siegel
December 22 Roscoe Elementary, Middle, and High School Bands Kelly Bullis; Roscoe Elementary, Middle, and High School Chorus Rachel Kleinman

LIBERTY CSD SEEKING CANDIDATE TO FILL A BOARD OF ED SEAT

Liberty Central School District is seeking a candidate to fill a Board of Education seat beginning January 1, 2011 until the next Board of Education election on May 17, 2011. Interested candidates should respond to the Clerk of the Board of Education by: MONDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2010.


Please send your letter of interest to: Mrs. Linda G. Etes, District Clerk, 115 Buckley Street, Liberty, NY 12754. Phone: 845-292-6990; Fax: 845-292-1164; Email: letess@libertyk12.org.

QUALIFICATIONS: Must be a U.S. citizen, aged eighteen years or over; and a resident of the Liberty Central School District for at least one year prior to appointment. The Board of Education plans to interview candidates in the open session on January 4, 2011 from 6 - 7 p.m..

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POLITICAL SLANT - Privatizing Social Security and the expiring Tax Cut.
(From Pg. 1)

In fact, privatizing Social Security and ending Medicare, as we know it, are two pillars of Mr. Ryan's own alternative budget proposal, the "Roadmap for America's Future," as quoted from the Washington Post.

Some GOP lawmakers also have endorsed Ryan's alternative budget plan which they say would wipe out deficits in part by privatizing Social Security and replacing traditional Medicare benefits with an insurance voucher for people age 55 and older.

"The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office analyzed the Ryan-GOP plan. Traditional retirement benefits would be reduced below those scheduled under current law for many workers who are age 55 or younger in 2011..."

In addition, Mr. Ryan recently reiterated the GOP plan to privatize Social Security in his joint literary endeavor, "Young Guns," written with House Republican Whip Eric Cantor and House Republican Chief Deputy Whip Kevin McCarthy. American workers and their families know the GOP wants to take Social Security and turn it from a guaranteed benefit to a guaranteed gamble. No matter how hard they try,

Congressional Republicans cannot hide from their own words.

House Republican Leader John Boehner: Mr. Boehner has repeatedly refused to take Social Security privatization off the table and has described the GOP's alternative budget proposal - which will privatize Social Security and end Medicare as we know it - as "a pretty good list of options" when it comes to dealing with the deficit.

This reporter thinks just the opposite. I cannot get the image out of my head of Wall Street companies like AIG handling our Social Security. A safer surer way and the only real fix I see, is raising the cap on Social Security to \$250,000.00 which Congressman Hinchey, Senator Sanders and many other lawmakers agree would effectively heal Social Security for the next 75 years.

The expiring Tax Cut
Mr. President, "YOU PROMISED TO END THIS TAX CUT FOR THE RICH and TO BRING DOWN THIS DEFICIT," in your campaign.

If you approve this tax cut for the wealthy, you have lost me as a supporter. This to me is another smoke and mirrors trick of the wealthy

corporate money mongers. It is my belief that this piece of legislation will triple the deficit within 5 years. Who will benefit? The wealthiest top three-tenths of one percent of the rich in this country are benefitting by the approved the extension of the tax cut. While 98% of USA citizens are left to flounder with an announced 9% unemployment rate, which I believe is closer to 14%, if you count those who have used up their benefits and are now struggling and choosing between heating their homes this winter or eating, while the rich compete with who has the biggest yacht.

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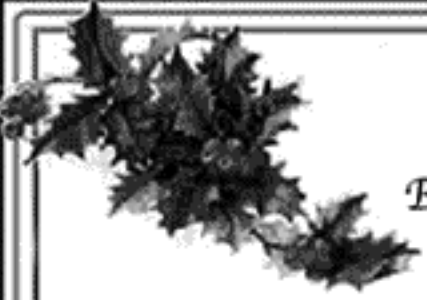
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January 1, 2011 - 7 PM - *SOME LIKE IT HOT* - (1959) Sugar Kane (Marilyn Monroe) is a vocalist in an all-girl band. Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon, on the run from the mob, take refuge in Sugar's traveling troupe.

January 28, 2011 - 7 PM - *CASABLANCA* - (1942) A classic among classics. Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman star as wartime refugees in Morocco trying to obtain scarce exit visas to Lisbon. The final airport sequence is an unforgettable cinematic event.

CAS ARTS CENTER EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER WEEKEND (From Pg. 1)

All Holiday gifts for sale are handmade and include fine jewelry, hats, soaps, hand turned hardwood bowls, knitted scarves and shawls, vintage linen sachets, organic botanicals, woodcrafts, basic yarns and accessories, embroidery services, holiday ornaments and wreaths, fine art and much more!

CAS Holiday Bazaars (December 11-12 & December 18-19)

Announcing: An Extended Weekend of the CAS Holiday Bazaar: 1st Weekend - Saturday, December 4 (11am-6pm) & Sunday, December 5 (11am-2pm)

2nd Weekend - Saturday, December 11 (11am-6pm) & Sunday, Dec 12 (11am-2pm)

Additional Weekend - Saturday, December 18 (11am-6pm) & Sunday, Dec 19 (11am-2pm)

Concurrent with the annual CAS Members Show & Holiday Fair (running from November 27 - December 22, 2010)

The CAS Arts Center is located at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor and is wheelchair accessible. For more info call 845-436-4227 or email Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org.

Don't miss the Livingston Manor Chamber of Commerce's HOLIDAY TRAINS ON MAIN, a nostalgic trip back in time with handmade model trains on view in many Main Street windows!

OPEN CALL FOR 2012 EXHIBITION SEASON PROPOSALS AT CAS

There is a February 1, 2011 proposal deadline for artists and curators interested in submitting an application for the 2012 Exhibition Season. (This is a post-mark deadline.) All proposals must include: an application (downloadable on our website at catskillartsociety.org or pick one up at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY); a cover letter with 2012 availability; a resume; a short bio (no more than 3 sentences); an artist/curatorial statement regarding the proposed work; and a minimum of ten proposed images in JPEG format with a file size of 800 pixels high on a CD. Please also include a list of work samples with media, title, date and dimensions of each piece. No slides please. Proposals must be sent to CAS, c/o 2012 Exhibition Season, PO Box 991,

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Livingston Manor, NY 12758. All proposals are reviewed by an outside jury panel of independent curators that changes each year. CAS will notify all applicants before the end of April 2011. Please note that artists who presented their work as part of the 2011 Season will not be eligible to re-apply until 2013. Please email Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org or call 845-436-4227 with questions.

Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists.

HISTORY WALK AT FROST VALLEY (From Pg. 1)

The group leader will also provide anecdotes regarding Frost Valley's storied past. Some of the significant characters who were instrumental in Frost Valley's development will be brought to life.

Frost Valley's West Valley property has a long and interesting history that stretches back far before the opening of the summer camp in 1958. This walk is suitable for all ages and will last about two hours on Sunday afternoon.

Reservations are necessary because the group size is limited. To register or to obtain additional information, please e-mail: rbauer@frostvalley.org or call (845) 985-2291, ext. 397. Or visit: FrostValley.org

Free themed hikes are offered each month at Frost Valley as part of the Take A Hike series. Check the calendar at FrostValley.org for a schedule of upcoming hikes. To keep up with daily happenings at fvsummercamp.wordpress.com or join Frost Valley on twitter at twitter.com/frostvalley.

JANUARY BRINGS CROSS RIVER FINE ART AND A SOLO SHOW BY BETSY JACARUSO TO ASK

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) is proud to welcome "A Solo Show by Betsy Jacaruso" to The Lounge Gallery and "Cross River Fine Art" to the Main Gallery during the month of January. The "Cross River Fine Art" exhibition will feature the artwork of sixteen watercolorists, all of whom study with Betsy Jacaruso. The shared opening reception will take place during First Saturday, January 8th, 5-8 pm. Both exhibitions will run until January 29th.

Cross River Fine Art

Cross River Fine Art represents a collegium of sixteen watercolorists from varying walks of life who have joined together to display their diverse, yet unique painting styles.

The artists live and work in the Hudson River Valley and many of their paintings, whether they are still life, botanicals or landscapes, reflect the beauty and sensibility of the region.

Another defining element of the group is the Betsy Jacaruso Studio and Gallery in Red Hook, New York. These artists study with Betsy on an ongoing basis, some for many years. This has formed a lasting and vital bond that is often expressed in their work.

Enjoy the contrasts and the similarities of each individual artist as they seek to create beauty in their art. www.crossriverfineart.com

DON'T FORGET ABOUT ASK FOR MUSIC FRIDAY NIGHT!

Come hear the finest songwriters and performers from the Hudson Valley at ASK for Music Friday, December 17th at 7:30 p.m.

December Lineup: Mark Brown; The Kurt Henry Band's Soft Side with Eric Parker; Lisa Jane Lipkin. Admission is \$5.

RALLY NEW YORK, LTD. ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS

(Forestburgh, New York, December 6, 2010) Rally New York, Ltd. is expanding its team of organizers and is pleased to announce the following appointments. These new appointments are in addition to the appointments previously announced in the supplementary regulations for New York Winter Rally 2011 that are available at <http://www.rallynewyork.net/nywr2011.html>.

The following appointments are effective immediately for all Rally New York events during the 2011 racing season:

Clerk of the Course: Michael Cosgrove
Chief Safety Officer: Martin O'Flynn
Competitor Relations Officer: Brian Johnson
Chief of Communications & Scoring: Herb Komrutz.

All these gentlemen have previous experience either as rally competitors or as members of an organizing committee. We wish them the best of luck in their new positions.

We envision additional appointments, including an additional Competitor Relations Officer, in the future.

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SANTA IN GRAHAMSVILLE

Due to the uncertainty of the weather on December 12th, the Ladies' Auxiliary had asked Santa come to Grahamsville Saturday, December 18th. So parents and grandparents, make sure to bring your camera and take a picture of Santa with your child. There will be free hot dogs, cookies and hot chocolate. There will also be something for your child to take home with them! So come and join us at The Bicentennial Square, Saturday, December 18th from 11am to 1pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there! Happy Holidays!

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FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN

-- from Paula Rhodes, Owner of The Good Stuff Café and Inn located next to the Post Office in West Shokan, NY.

Hello my friends. I hope you had as wonderful a week as we did on our side. In case no one noticed Friday, it snowed all day. You know where I come from they would be talking about what was closing! It is just amazing but, we have already discussed that.

This time I would like to cover some of the "unique" questions I am asked!

OK I wrote the above paragraph yesterday. Today someone please shoot me! My wonderful husband who is loving and sharing, shared his 'fricken' cold with me! He said to me the other day "my throat feels scratchie and my nose is kind of stuffy". I said as I always say when someone says that to me, "Don't breathe on me! Don't even look at me!"

Well he did. So naturally, I caught his cold. I started taking that stuff that is suppose to stop the cold and it works, but when it gets close to the time to use it again, I feel yucky! And you know how when you have a cold and you can't taste anything (That by the way is how you tell between a cold and sinuses is you can't taste anything when you have a cold; so a doctor told me once). Anyway I can't taste a thing. And of course there is the fever and the general feeling like crap!

So back to stupid questions ~ We had a freezer go down. It really wasn't a big deal. I used it for bread and muffins. I par-bake my muffins and biscuits and then freeze them. I can take out what I need. Well, the freezer went down and everything thawed out and couldn't be used- SO!! (Doesn't it take me forever to get to the point?) I always give any old bread to my friends that have chickens and goats. Or to Sylvia's toothless horse (but that is another story). But this was a lot so I put it in bags and put it on the bench in front of the store. I had a lady come in and ask me what "chicken & goat bread was"!

Well, being from a rural area of the South the first question I always ask is, "Do you live around here?"

And almost always the answer is, "No!"

So I said to her you take a chicken and a goat and you grind them very fine ~ OK, the look on her face was amazing! She actually thought I ground animals to make my bread! *Fee, Fi, Fo, Fum!* You know, *Jack & The Bean Stalk*, "I'll grind your bones to make my bread". Then I explained it to her.

So then, and people ask me this all the time. They order their food and ask for a side of something and ask is there a extra charge for it. Would you go to a fast food restaurant and order a burger and fries and expect NOT to pay for the fries? And I am telling you, it happens all the time.

Oh and my next favorite is ~ we give a side of coleslaw with sandwiches. You know what I mean a little side of coleslaw. A man asked me if he cold sub a piece of fried chicken for the coleslaw! You know sometimes you just have to say, "You're kidding me!"

Well, I see by the old clock on the wall it's 3:30 am and maybe just maybe the newspapers are here! And all I am doing is whining about my customers!

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HINCHEY ANNOUNCES MILITARY ACADEMY NOMINATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2015 - Vestal, NY Student Already offered Appointment to West Point

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced his nominees to the U.S. service academies for the Class of 2015. After a thorough examination process in which his office reviewed numerous applications, Hinchey selected 16 local high school students whom he believes would excel at the U.S. Air Force, Military, Naval and Merchant Marine Academies. West Point Military Academy has already offered an appointment to Joseph "Bobby" Kulp III of Vestal, New York, and Hinchey expects that more nominees will also receive appointments.

"It is a great honor to nominate 16 young men and women from our area to our nation's service academies," Hinchey said. "These young leaders have demonstrated their dedication to community and country. They have excelled in scholastics, physical fitness and extracurricular activities. They represent the best and brightest, and I know that each would serve with honor and distinction. I wish them all the very best with the rest of the application process."

The selection process for the nominees was based on each student's scholastic record, physical fitness, extracurricular activities, professional recommendations and a personal interview. The process is highly competitive and the admissions departments of the service academies make the final decision on acceptance.

The names of Hinchey's nominees, by academy, are as follows:

United States Air Force Academy - Matthew Presutti of Newburgh Valley Central High School, US Air Force Academy Preparatory School

United States Military Academy - Anneliese Antonucci of Poughkeepsie, Poughkeepsie High School; Daniel Crisci of Newburgh Valley Central High School; Joseph Gaynor of Bloomingburg, Pine Bush High School; Timothy Goldstone of Accord, Rondout Valley High School; Jared Jenson of Kingston, Kingston High School; Joseph "Bobby" Kulp III of Vestal, Vestal Senior High School

Valley Forge Military College

Lukas Saul of Ithaca, Ithaca High School, Tompkins Cortland Community College; Kateri Sibley of Windsor, Windsor Central High School; Matthew Webster of Apalachin, Owego Free Academy

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Christopher Whipple of Neversink, Tri-Valley Central School

United States Merchant Marine Academy

Padraig Loughlin of Esopus, Nile C. Kinnick High School

United States Naval Academy

Christopher Chase of Middletown, Pine Bush High School

Luke Miller of Ithaca, Ithaca High School
Joshua Nysenbaum of Binghamton, Binghamton High School; Megan Rausch of Glen Spey, Home School

Members of the House and Senate may nominate eligible candidates for appointments to the nation's service academies. Senators nominate applicants statewide, while representatives, such as Hinchey, nominate applicants only from the congressional district they represent.

Students who are interested in being nominated by Hinchey in the future should first contact the service academy of their choice during their junior year in high school and then request a nomination from the congressman's office shortly thereafter. The deadline for the Class of 2016 nominations is October 21, 2011. For more information on the application process, students and parents are encouraged to visit Hinchey's website page on academy nominations at <http://hinchey.house.gov>.

SCHUMER, HINCHEY, LOCAL OFFICIALS JOIN JIM TAYLOR FOR TAYLOR BIOMASS ENERGY FACILITY GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY - Schumer, Hinchey Fought for \$100 Million in Federal Loan Guarantees that Paved Way for Monday's Groundbreaking; New Facility Will Create More Than 400 Construction and Permanent Jobs and Spur Regional Economic Growth in Hudson Valley

Montgomery, NY -- U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer, U.S. Representative Maurice Hinchey and other state and local officials today joined Jim Taylor for the Taylor Biomass Energy facility

Groundbreaking Ceremony in the Town of Montgomery in Orange County. The event marks the start of Phase I construction on the new facility, which has received necessary town and state approvals to move forward. The new plant will create more than 400 construction and permanent jobs and spur economic growth throughout the region.

"It is rare to witness a revolution, but that's what the project we are breaking ground on today represents," said Schumer. "Generating energy while reducing trash and producing no pollution is an absolute game changer for this country, and it's happening right here in the Hudson Valley, all the while creating jobs and badly needed economic activity."

This is an historic and nationally-significant project that will spur much-needed economic development and job creation in our region, while accelerating the development of green energy technology in this country," said Hinchey. "It has been a great honor to work with Jim Taylor whose vision, leadership and tenacity have gotten us to this point. The Town of Montgomery will now be host this "first-of-a-kind" biomass-to-energy technology-- a technology that will dramatically improve the way that we deal with solid waste in this country and provide sustainably generated electricity to our communities."

Jim Taylor, President and CEO of Taylor Biomass Energy, said, "Our project addresses the growing issue of solid waste management and over-capacity landfills across America - and it creates renewable energy at the same time. We think it's really a model for other urban areas to follow. With this technology, we actually have a viable alternative that will help us reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, and so make our carbon footprint smaller. Not many projects today can deliver like that."

Mike Oates, President and CEO of the Hudson Valley Economic Development Corp., said that Taylor's project will help lead a New York recovery. "His innovation and entrepreneurial spirit are helping to bring high-quality jobs and capital investment to the Hudson Valley. We are now seeing the benefits of Jim's innovation and of the political leadership that helped bring this project home."

Over the past two years, Schumer and Hinchey worked with officials at Taylor Biomass urging the U.S. Department of Energy to award the project a \$100 million loan guarantee to make possible the innovative green energy project. In August, Taylor Biomass received notification that the project would receive the key loan guarantee pending a due diligence review, after both Schumer and Hinchey personally lobbied officials at the U.S. Department of Energy. In addition to the loan guarantee, the Taylor Biomass Project will also benefit from a 30% federal grant for clean energy projects. Both the loan guarantee and grant program were made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which Schumer and Hinchey supported.

WITH APPROXIMATELY 800,000 UNEMPLOYED NEW YORKERS, GILLIBRAND FIGHTS TO EXTEND EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES -COUNTY-BY-COUNTY DATA: 200,000 New Yorkers to Lose Critical Assistance By End of 2010, Will Double By May of 2011/More Than 40,000 NY Jobs Will Be Lost Next Year By Cutting Emergency Assistance

Washington, DC - With approximately 800,000 New Yorkers out of work and approximately 200,000 about to lose the emergency unemployment insurance assistance they depend on, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is fighting to extend long-term unemployment insurance assistance through the end of 2011.

Without an extension, the 200,000 total New Yorkers who will lose their benefits by the end of this year will nearly double to approximately 400,000 by May of 2011. More than 40,000 New York jobs will be lost by December 2011 from cutting emergency unemployment benefits now, according to a report released last week from the White House Council of Economic Advisers.

"Emergency unemployment assistance is not only vital for families across New York, it is critical for our overall economy," Senator Gillibrand said. "For many families, this assistance is the sole source of income, and their only way to put food on the table and meet basic needs during the winter season. They can't afford to be cut off now. We need to make sure we're providing emergency assistance for New Yorkers who are out of work by no fault of their own."

Of the approximately 800,000 New Yorkers who are currently out of work and the 15 million people unemployed across the country, nearly half have been jobless for more than 6 months.

- In New York City, more than 360,000 are out of work and more than 95,000 will lose their unemploy-

ment assistance by the end of the year.

- In Western New York, more than 55,000 are out of work and more than 14,000 will lose their unemployment assistance by the end of the year.

- In the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region, more than 46,000 are out of work and more than 11,000 will lose their unemployment assistance by the end of the year.

- In Central New York, more than 42,000 are out of work and more than 10,000 will lose their unemployment assistance by the end of the year.

- In the Southern Tier, more than 20,000 are out of work and more than 5,500 will lose their unemployment assistance by the end of the year.

- In the Capital Region, 41,000 are out of work and nearly 10,000 will lose their unemployment assistance by the end of the year.

- In the North Country, nearly 20,000 are out of work and nearly 5,000 will lose their unemployment assistance by the end of the year.

- In the Hudson Valley, more than 80,000 are out of work and 20,000 will lose their unemployment assistance by the end of the year.

- On Long Island, more than 100,000 are out of work and 28,000 will lose their unemployment assistance by the end of the year.

Senator Gillibrand's proposal would extend the Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program, which provides additional weeks of unemployment insurance in states hard hit by the recession, including New York, through December of 2011. Additionally, it would continue full federal financing for the Extended Benefits (EB) program, which provides an additional 20 weeks of assistance for individuals out of work through no fault of their own. Under current state law, New Yorkers would lose these benefits if they were not fully funded by the federal government.

In addition to being a lifeline for families and individuals to meet basic needs as they look for new jobs, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that unemployment insurance assistance is the most effective measure to fight the economic recession. In fact, each dollar invested in unemployment assistance doubles its economic return as families who rely on this assistance spend it immediately on basic necessities.

In 2009, 3 million Americans avoided poverty as a result of unemployment insurance assistance.

HINCHEY, 53 HOUSE DEMOCRATS OPPOSE OBAMA TAX DEAL WITH SENATE REPUBLICANS

Washington, DC -- In a significant demonstration of opposition to President Obama's tax deal with Senate Republicans, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today joined 53 of his colleagues in the U.S. House in opposing the president's proposal, because it includes excessive tax breaks for the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans.

In a letter sent to Speaker Pelosi, Hinchey and his colleagues called the proposal "fiscally irresponsible" and "grossly unfair."

"The wealthy now hold more of this nation's wealth than at any time since the Great Depression," said Hinchey. "Billionaires like Warren Buffet pay a lower percentage tax rate than the secretaries they employ. Middle class families are barely holding on. Our country is in a debt crisis, and now the president has brokered a deal that costs us an additional \$900 billion, placing the greed of a few before the needs of many. I agree that we need to extend tax cuts for 98 percent of working families and unemployment benefits for those who have lost their jobs, but we simply cannot afford another tax cut for the rich. Not now - not during this crisis."

In addition to Hinchey, the letter, which was authored by Congressman Peter Welch was signed by: Reps. Earl Blumenauer, Judy Chu, Yvette Clark, Steve Cohen, John Conyers, Elijah Cummings, Danny Davis, Peter DeFazio, Donna Edwards, Keith Ellison, Anna Eshoo, Sam Farr, Bob Filner, Barney Frank, John Garamendi, Alan Grayson, Raul Grijalva, Luis Gutierrez, Alcee Hastings, Martin Heinrich, Rush Holt, Jay Inslee, Jesse Jackson, Sheila Jackson-Lee, Paul Kanjorski, Dennis Kucinich, Barbara Lee, John Lewis, Ben Ray Lujan, Steven Lynch, Doris Matsui, Jim McDermott, Mike Michaud, Jim Oberstar, John Olver, Chellie Pingree, David Price, Tim Ryan, Linda Sanchez, Jan Schakowsky, Carol Shea-Porter, Adam Smith, Jackie Speier, Pete Stark, Betty Sutton, Bennie Thompson, Mike Thompson, Paul Tonko, Anthony Weiner, Lynn Woolsey, David Wu and John Yarmuth.

The full text of the letter is copied below:

Dear Madam Speaker,

We oppose acceding to Republican demands to extend the Bush tax cuts to millionaires and billionaires for two reasons. (Contd. Pg. 13)

HINCHEY, 53 HOUSE DEMOCRATS OPPOSE OBAMA TAX DEAL WITH SENATE REPUBLICANS (From Pg. 12)

First, it is fiscally irresponsible. Adding more than \$900 billion to our national debt, as this proposal would do, handcuffs our ability to offer a balanced plan to achieve fiscal stability without a punishing effect on our current commitments, including Social Security and Medicare.

Second, it is grossly unfair. This proposal will hurt, not help, the majority of Americans in the middle class and those working hard to get there. Even as Republicans seek to add billions more to our national debt in tax cuts to the wealthy, they oppose extending unemployment benefits to workers and resist COLA increases to seniors.

Without a doubt, the very same people who support this addition to our debt will oppose raising the debt ceiling to pay for it.

We support extending tax cuts in full to 98 percent of American taxpayers, as the President initially proposed. He should not back down. Nor should we.

Sincerely,

Maurice Hinchey, aforementioned co-signatures.

OTB STATEMENT BY NYS COUNTY EXECUTIVES ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT EDWARD DIANA, ORANGE COUNTY

"As the Senate returns this Tuesday to address the future operation of off track betting in New York City, the New York State County Executives Association urges the Legislature to address similar concerns facing all off track betting corporations--including those outside New York City.

"New York State's homeowners and businesses need relief from paying property taxes that are 80% above the national average. Off track betting corporations were legalized in the 1970's to provide ongoing revenues to help offset local government expenses. Now, more than ever, counties need all available revenues to continue state services delivered locally. The proposed legislation only repairs the off track betting operations in New York City, when the same important reforms are needed for off track betting corporations outside of New York City as well. We need parity in these proposed reforms, so that all taxpayers can benefit from these important reforms.

GILLIBRAND STATEMENT ON SENATE REPUBLICANS FILIBUSTERING 9/11 HEALTH - Gillibrand Calls Vote "Outrageous, Offensive"

Washington, DC - After Senate Republicans voted against moving the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act to formal debate until the Bush tax breaks are extended for millionaires and billionaires, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement:

"The idea that tax cuts for millionaires would derail this legislation is simply outrageous and offensive. The men and women who rushed to the burning towers and worked for hundreds of hours on the pile did not delay and the Senate should not have delayed either, certainly not to give tax breaks for millionaires. We should not have to wait for tax deals to do what's right."

LETTER TO THE TOWNSMAN STAFF:

We just want to leave you this basket of Thanksgiving treats as a token of our appreciation for all of the good work you do for us and the entire community. We are truly thankful for you!

Blessings,
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Dear Friends from
Cross Way Assembly of God,

The Townsman Staff would like to thank you for your lovely gift of 'goodies'. We enjoyed them very much and we also want to thank you for your kind thoughts.

THE TOWNSMAN STAFF

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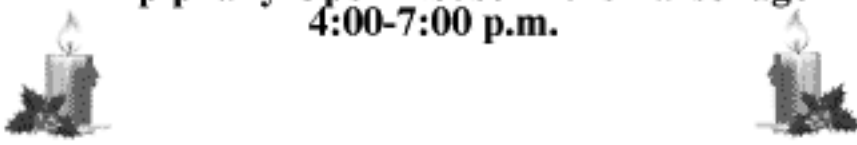
Sunday, December 19, 4th Sunday of Advent
Advent, a season of the church year, is a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

10:30 a.m. Grahamsville worship and Christmas Pageant, followed by Pot-Luck lunch.

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve
Christmas Eve is when we celebrate the holiday commemorating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

5:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service Sundown UMC
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, Grahamsville UMC
11:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, Grahamsville UMC

Friday, January 7, 2011
Epiphany is a Christian Feast Day that celebrates the revelation of God the Son as a human being in Jesus Christ. It is also a time when we celebrate the visit of the Magi to the Baby Jesus.
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The Little Church with the Big Heart
Christmas Celebration Service
at 8:15 am Christmas Day, Sat., December 25th
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Beginning January 2, 2011
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Covered Dish Supper
Feb. 5, 2011
(Jan. Covered Dish Supper Cancelled)
Sundown United Methodist Church
at the
Sundown Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Thrift Sales will be held on the third Saturday of each month throughout the fall and winter from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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
Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

SENATOR BONACIC, DEC, DEP MEET WITH SHANDAKEN OFFICIALS TO DEVELOP FLOOD RESPONSE (From Pg. 1)

At the meeting, the DEP agreed to provide, through a contractor, an engineering design in relation to flood mitigation for the Stony Clove creek. The DEC agreed to process the emergency permit required to do the work expeditiously. "The people and businesses of Phoenicia have been hit twice in 60 days with floods. We need the State DEC to issue whatever permits are needed to put people first so that these floods do not continuously harm families and small businesses. The damage caused by flooding to Phoenicia residents can be several thousand dollars each time, and that is a large disaster when you are a small community, family, or local business," Senator Bonacic said.

Ulster County Executive Michael Hein said, "I personally observed the tremendous damage caused by the recent floods and I applaud the exceptional technical team that has been assembled to move quickly and respond to the situation. Beyond, the immediate need to address the Stony Clove Creek, the County is committed to assisting the businesses and residents of Phoenicia in their response to these dramatic flood events."

Supervisor Robert "Rob" Stanley said, "we reached an agreement this morning, where the DEP can help design some flood prevention work, and the DEC can expedite the approvals. The hope is to have the work done within a month. The proof will be in the results though. Those results cannot come soon enough as far as the people of our community are concerned."

Officials stressed that much more work has to be done. The immediate work plan agreed upon this morning will return the Stony Clove creek, which is the cause of much of the flooding in downtown Phoenicia, to pre-flood conditions, so that future rains do not add onto the existing problems. Now, since sediment has built up in the Stony Clove creek, even limited rain can cause flooding.

Senator Bonacic also visited with downtown business owners and employees in Phoenicia. The Senator also urged the DEP to release water from their reservoirs as soon as possible whenever downstream flooding can be avoided (some releases actually contribute to downstream flooding, accordingly, releases must be timed). Right now, NYC's reservoir system is 23.4% above average. The normal reservoir capacity at this time of year is 72.2%. The reservoir levels yesterday were over 89%.

HINCHEY URGES EPA TO SET HIGH STANDARDS IN HUDSON RIVER PCB CLEANUP EFFORT-Congressman Says Dredging, Not Capping, Should be Used Wherever Possible

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today urged U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson to ensure that high standards are used in Phase 2 of the EPA's ongoing efforts to remove toxic polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination in the Hudson River Superfund Site. Hinchey helped lead the effort to ensure that clean up of the Hudson River Superfund site would be paid for by General Electric (GE). From 1947 to 1977, GE dumped as much as 1.3 million pounds of PCBs into the river.

"PCBs cause cancer in humans, badly damage the environment and need to be removed from the Hudson River," said Hinchey. "That's why I've asked Administrator Jackson to set high performance standards for Phase 2 of the EPA's cleanup process. That means using environmental dredging to remove the contaminated sediments from the river whenever possible, and relying on capping, which encases contaminated portions of the riverbed in plastic, only when absolutely necessary. Doing this cleanup in the most effective manner possible is vital to restoring the ecology of the river, protecting public health, and allowing residents of the Hudson Valley to once again fully enjoy fishing and other recreational uses in this incredible American Heritage River."

In his letter to Jackson, Hinchey stressed the need for standards that are equal to or better than those used in the first phase of the cleanup effort. For decades, as a member of the State Assembly and U.S. Congress, Hinchey has helped lead the effort to require GE to remove the up to 1.3 million pounds of toxic PCBs it dumped into the Hudson during a 30-year period. In Phase 1, General Electric conducted dredging, with EPA oversight, and the company targeted 265,000 cubic yards (cy) of PCB-contaminated sediment. Dredging was conducted 133 days between May 15 and October 26, 2009.

Backfilling and capping in some areas continued through November 2009, until the Champlain Canal closed for the season.

EPA classifies PCBs as probable human carcinogens, and these chemicals are also linked to other serious non-cancer adverse health effects including reduced ability to fight infections, low birth weights, and learning problems. PCBs, once released into the environment, accumulate in animals and work their way up the food chain to humans, a term called bio-accumulation. In 1976, because of the concern over the bio-accumulation of PCBs in fish and other aquatic organisms and their consumption by people, the State of New York banned fishing in the Upper Hudson River and commercial fishing of striped bass, as well as several other species in the Lower Hudson. In 1984, a 200-mile stretch of the Hudson River from Hudson Falls to the Battery in New York City was classified as a Superfund site.

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION ISSUES DRAFT REGULATIONS THAT WOULD GOVERN GAS DRILLING

The Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) is the federal/interstate government agency responsible for managing the water resources within the 13,539 square-mile Delaware River Basin. On Wednesday, December 8th they issued draft regulations that would govern drilling for natural gas using hydrofracking in this incredibly environmentally sensitive area indicating a clear intention to green light unsafe drilling.

The next step triggered by these proposed rules is a 90-day public comment period where the commission is soliciting the opinions of the public regarding its plan. In addition to receiving written comments, three public hearings will be scheduled although dates have not yet been announced.

The Commission has issued their draft despite an overwhelming number of pleas from the governmental and scientific sectors in addition to the public, not to do so. Included in these pleas were letters from Governor Paterson and Mayor Bloomberg requesting that regulations not be released until the science from a planned cumulative impact study and the EPA study could be completed. Further, both officials have stated major concern that sections of the Delaware River Basin is part of the New York City Watershed and under the planned rules will not benefit from the same protection as it would under the New York State plan.

LETTER FROM GOVERNOR PATERSON TO DRBC WARNING AGAINST PREMATURE RELEASE OF DRAFT GAS RULES

December 6, 2010

Ms. Carol Collier
Executive Director
Delaware River Basin Commission
P.O. Box 7360
West Trenton, New Jersey 08628

Re: Proposed Regulation of Natural Gas Hydraulic Fracturing and Associated Activities

Dear Ms. Collier:

I write to request that the Delaware River Basin Commission halt its efforts to enact regulations covering certain elements of natural gas extraction activities within New York State.

New York is presently proceeding with a careful and comprehensive review of the broad array of scientific and technical issues associated with high volume hydraulic fracturing. Indeed, horizontal hydraulic fracturing to produce natural gas is not underway in New York, and will not be underway until completion of this review. Chief among the items being assessed are the potential risks and technical remedies necessary to assure the protection of the biological, chemical and physical integrity of the State's surface and ground waters. A supplemental environmental impact statement review is underway, as are efforts to develop the regulatory, engineering, financial assurance, enforcement and staffing elements of any potential program. As you know, New York has determined that separate environmental reviews would be necessary for any natural gas projects that might be proposed within the unfiltered New York City drinking water watershed, a watershed that comprises a significant portion of the Delaware River basin within New York.

DRBC appears intent on going forward with a regulatory program that would not have the advantage of the full investigations and public

deliberations taking place in New York. Your proposed program, covering only a very small portion of New York State, could well conflict with the technical and regulatory protocols ultimately adopted in New York, causing confusion, duplication, redundant regulatory fee assessments, differing regulations in different locations and possible mismanagement. It would make far more sense for DRBC to participate in the New York process and assist in making the program as effective as possible, certainly before undertaking unilateral action. Importantly, given that there is a gubernatorial transition underway, it is appropriate that the DRBC avoid upsetting the transition process and policy prerogatives of the in-coming Governor.

We look forward to discussing these concerns before any action is undertaken and ask that you contact Peter Iwanowicz, Acting Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Deputy Secretary to the Governor for the Environment at 518-402-8540 to discuss this matter at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
David A. Paterson

cc: Hon. Chris Christie, Governor of New Jersey
Brigadier General Peter DeLuca, Commander U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, NAD
Hon. Jack Markell, Governor of Delaware
Hon. Edward Rendell, Governor of Pennsylvania
Senator Schumer
Senator Gillibrand
Representative Hinchey
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Representative Hall
Representative Murphy
Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor of New York City
Commissioners of DRBC

HINCHEY, HOLT SLAM DRBC'S ISSUANCE OF DRAFT REGULATIONS ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING - Co-chairs of Congressional Delaware River Task Force Say Environmental Impact Studies Must Be Completed First

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Congressman Rush Holt (D-NJ) today sharply criticized the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC) for releasing draft regulations to govern hydraulic fracturing without first completing a cumulative water impact study. The members slammed the agency's failure to adequately protect the basin's high quality water resources on, which millions of residents from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania rely on the basin for drinking water and other needs.

Hinchey and Holt, the Co-Chairs of the Congressional Delaware River Task Force, have joined environmentalists, local officials and public citizens in calling for the DRBC to conduct and complete a Cumulative Environmental Impact Study prior to the issuance of its regulatory framework that would allow hydraulic fracturing for natural gas to move forward in the basin. In spite of these calls and pending federal funding for the study as requested by DRBC, the Commission this week issued draft regulations without conducting such an analysis.

"The Delaware River Basin Commission has failed significantly in its mission to protect the tremendously important water resources of the basin. By developing and issuing draft regulations without the completion of comprehensive scientific analysis of the cumulative impacts of hydraulic fracturing, the DRBC has put in jeopardy the River's Special Protection Waters, upon which millions of residents of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania rely for drinking water and other uses.

It should seem obvious that it is impossible to construct a proper regulatory framework without the guidance of the science that these studies would provide. Nevertheless, the commission has moved forward with draft regulations governing natural gas drilling in the Basin without quantifying, examining or understanding the cumulative impacts that such regulations need to mitigate.

We urge the Delaware River Basin Commission to suspend any further action to allow natural gas drilling to move forward until it completes a comprehensive study of the impacts of those activities. Failing to do so undermines the agency's ability to effectively control and minimize the impacts of drilling on our water resources and protect the health of the 15 million people who rely on the Delaware River for clean drinking water and recreation. The DRBC's decision in this matter is highly regrettable and deeply concerning."

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AL-ANON MEETINGS

Monday 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne

Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>

GOVERNOR PATERSON ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER ON HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

Governor David A. Paterson has issued an Executive Order directing the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to conduct further comprehensive review and analysis of high-volume hydraulic fracturing in the Marcellus Shale. The Executive Order requires that, if approved, high-volume, horizontal hydraulic fracturing would not be permitted until July 1, 2011, at the earliest. This should allay any fears that high-volume hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling under study by DEC will commence without assurances of safety.

"We in government must always focus on protecting the well-being of those whom we represent and serve, but we also have an obligation to look to the future and protect the long-term interests for our State and its residents," Governor Paterson said. "Therefore, I am proud to issue this Executive Order, which will guarantee that before any high-volume, horizontal hydraulic fracturing is permitted, the Department of Environmental Conservation will complete its studies and certify that such operations are safe."

Permits for high-volume, horizontal hydraulic fracturing can not be issued until the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) completes a Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS), which is currently being developed. As a result, there is already in place a de-facto moratorium on such permits.

The Governor issued the Executive Order contemporaneously with his veto of S.8129-B/A.11443-B, which would have suspended the issuance of new oil and gas drilling permits through May 15, 2011, including all conventional, low-volume, vertical oil and gas wells.

"This legislation, which was well intentioned, would have a serious impact on our State if signed into law. Enacting this legislation would put people out of work - work that is permitted by the Department of Environmental Conservation and causes no demonstrated environmental harm, in order to effectuate a moratorium that is principally symbolic," Governor Paterson said. "Symbols can have great importance, but particularly in our current terrible economic straits, I cannot agree to put individuals out of work for a symbolic act."

"I am sympathetic to the sponsors' desire to protect the environment and public health, and I respect the concerns that produced this legislation," the Governor continued. "But this legislation does not accomplish this purpose, since the activities at the heart of the moratorium are not currently taking

- 12/16/10 Town of Neversink Department of Motor Vehicles 10 am - 2:30 pm
- 12/16/10 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association
- 12/20/10 Sewer District Informational Meeting. 6:00 pm at Neversink Town Hall
- 12/22/10 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 pm, Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 12/21/10 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 12/21/10 Town of Olive Planning Board Meeting 7:30 Town Hall- Call 657-2015 to confirm a meeting date
- 12/23/10 Time and the Valleys Museum Trustees meeting - 7:00 pm
- 12/24-25/10 Town of Neversink **CHRISTMAS** Holiday
- 12/28/10 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec meeting - 7 pm Town Hall Upstairs Meeting Room
- 12/31/10 Town of Neversink **NEW YEAR'S EVE** Holiday

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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>



REMINDER: While it is a busy time of the year, another year is just around the corner! Don't forget to send your organization's 2011 calendar so that we can continue to post events on our Calendar of Events page. **Thank You** and have a wonderful holiday season.

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place, and would not take place until well after the legislation's proposed moratorium."

The bill goes well beyond high-volume, horizontal hydraulic fracturing and effectively would result in a moratorium on all new oil and gas well drilling in this State. The cessation of such new activity, even for a limited period, would have substantial negative financial consequences for the State, local governments, landowners and small businesses involved in conventional oil and gas production.

The Division of the Budget estimates that the bill would cause a substantial reduction in State revenues from the loss of permit fees and tax revenue. With a \$315 million budget gap in the current fiscal year, and a projected gap of over \$9 billion in the 2011-12 State fiscal year, New York simply cannot afford to send hundreds and perhaps thousands of jobs, and millions of dollars in capital investment to Pennsylvania and other states to our south.

WASHBOURNE HOUSE AN ULSTER COUNTY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER

Christmas and Hanukkah are a time a joy and togetherness for many but not for all. There are some families who are facing the reality of homelessness and poverty due to domestic violence. Family Domestic Violence Services is looking for individuals, family groups or groups of co-workers who would like to 'Adopt a family' for the holidays. The donor would provide gifts to a family who is recovering from the trauma of domestic violence and adjusting, possibly to a dramatic reduction in income and standard of living. You can help put a smile on the face of a child this year.

Family Domestic Violence Services has designed a holiday program to help the families we serve through an otherwise very difficult time. This program can only succeed with the support of community members like you.

Adopt - A Family Sponsorship: As a sponsor, you would be able to select the size of family you would like to adopt - could be a parent and one child, or it could be a parent and six children. We will give you your family's wish list.

Last Minute List Sponsorship: Because we are a crisis organization, we never know who will be coming to us and when. For this reason we have designed a list of items that we will use to put together a last minute gift basket for those families who arrive at our shelter late in the season.

Adopt - A - Family Fund Sponsorship: Don't have time to shop? Perhaps you would be interested in contributing to the Adopt - A - Family Fund. A gift or

giftcard at any level would be greatly appreciated. Call Kathleen Welby - Moretti at 331-7080 ext.127 to get the details

CHRISTINE O'SHAUGHNESSY OF ROXBURY HAS BEEN APPOINTED TO THE MARGARETVILLE HEALTH FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Margaretville, N.Y. - Dec. 7, 2010 - Christine O'Shaughnessy has been appointed to the Margaretville Health Foundation Board of Directors. Mrs. O'Shaughnessy has been a licensed real estate sales person with Coldwell Banker Timberland Properties in Stamford, N.Y. for the past five years. She attended the Borough of Manhattan Community College and worked in the fashion industry for many years until moving to Roxbury over 10 years ago.

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy has two daughters ages 10 and 14. Her husband Sean is a board member of the Roxbury Arts Group, and has a radio program on WIOX. Mrs. O'Shaughnessy volunteers her time for the Delaware County Humane Society and enjoys helping them in any way she can.

"In appointing Christine to our board, we are gaining a member who is familiar with the Hospital and Mountainside Residential Care Center where her father is residing. She also brings a depth of knowledge of real estate trends and its resources that is going to be invaluable as we embark on our annual fundraising appeal," says Heather Brighton, Chair of the Margaretville Health Foundation.

The Margaretville Health Foundation's mission is to support the needs of Margaretville Hospital and Mountainside Residential Care Center by building a strong and dynamic endowment fund through tax-deductible gifts, transfers of securities, bequests through wills, trusts and matching grants "Every dollar we raise stays in Margaretville and directly supports the hospital and nursing home," said Ms. Brighton in explaining the mission and vision of the Foundation. I hope that the residents will continue to support the hospital and its commitment to health-care in the community."

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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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Neversink Fire Dept., P O Box 627, Neversink, NY 12765

Neversink EMS, P O Box 468, Neversink, NY 12765

Neversink Fire District, P O Box 394, Neversink, NY 12765

Claryville Fire District, P O Box 22, Claryville, NY 12725

POLITICAL SLANT (From Pg. 7)

TAX CUTS -

By letting the Bush tax cuts for the rich expire, we are talking about going from a 35% top rate for the big money earners to 40% top rate or a 16% tax increase. The Republicans are saying it will be the largest tax increase ever - the working class making below \$250,000.00 per year have been paying more, while the rich pay less.... Any wonder why the rich get richer and the working class poor get poorer? Example;

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The *Townsmen* urges all of our readers to use this space to honor those who deserve to be recognized in our community.

To have your comments and/or questions, (space allowing) posted, or answered here, Email: politicalslant@yahoo.com.



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- RENTED 3BR/1.25BA farmhouse on 1 acre.

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia

Meet John Doe is a 1941 classic film that shows how the power of money plays in the shaping of our lives.

A reporter's fraudulent story turns a tramp into a national hero and makes him a pawn of big business. Cast: Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck, Edward Arnold, and Walter Brennan Dir: Frank Capra BW-122 mins, TV-G, 8:00pm Saturday, December 18, 2010 on TCM

Quiz:

- Who played Mayor Lovett?
- Which famous character actor played Henry Connell?

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

GRAHAMSVILLE - Just in case you missed it or didn't know the **DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY** web site <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org> Visit the Daniel Pierce Library, a world of knowledge awaits you...

TIME AND THE VALLEYS MUSEUM web site <http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org>

CLARYVILLE - Wow, It's **New Year's** already? No! Need a great place for your New Year's celebration? **THE BLUE HILL LODGE** has what you need. Check out their ad in this issue.

SUNDOWN - Don't forget Friday December 24, 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service, Sundown Methodist Church.

LIBERTY -JB MAC for all your construction needs.

FALLSBURG -THE ARATI SHOP, CD's, books, jewelry and more for your Christmas shopping.

THE TOWNSMAN COMES TO "OLIVE"
Need to know about the local businesses and what's happening in Olive please read Cindy Johansen's news in future issues. And for a bit of Olive humor, read Paula Rhodes column, "The Other Side of the Mountain".

OLIVE - THE OLIVE FREE LIBRARY
Presents, "**Over The River and Through the Woods**," by Joe DePietro, Directed By Linda Burkhardt- showings on December 17, 18, Fri. and Sat. at 8:00 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Tickets, \$12; Seniors and students \$10. For Reservations: call 845.657.2482.

ELLENVILLE-NAPANOCH - We are sorry to see one of our long time advertiser and friends at **NAPANOCH FLORIST** is retiring. They are having a going out of business 50% off sale. Good Luck on your well-deserved retirement, Mr. Joray and thank you for your years of great service.

SHOKAN - Welcome to the **CRACKER MILL HEARTH & EMPORIUM at Shokan Square.**

BOICEVILLE - Welcome to **SANDS SALVAGE, J & G LOG HOMES, BOICEVILLE FLORIST AND VIDEO RENTALS** -only 13 miles from The *Townsmen* office!

Have a Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year
.....and see you in January!

Bye,
Knarf Oshroac
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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

B. James Gleason
A. Gene Lockhart