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COYOTES - A TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION SUNY ULSTER

A trio of researchers who have investigated the habits and habitats of the Eastern Coyote will discuss their findings at a program to be held Thursday, March 4 at 4:30 p.m., in the Student Lounge in Vanderlyn Hall, SUNY Ulster, Stone Ridge.

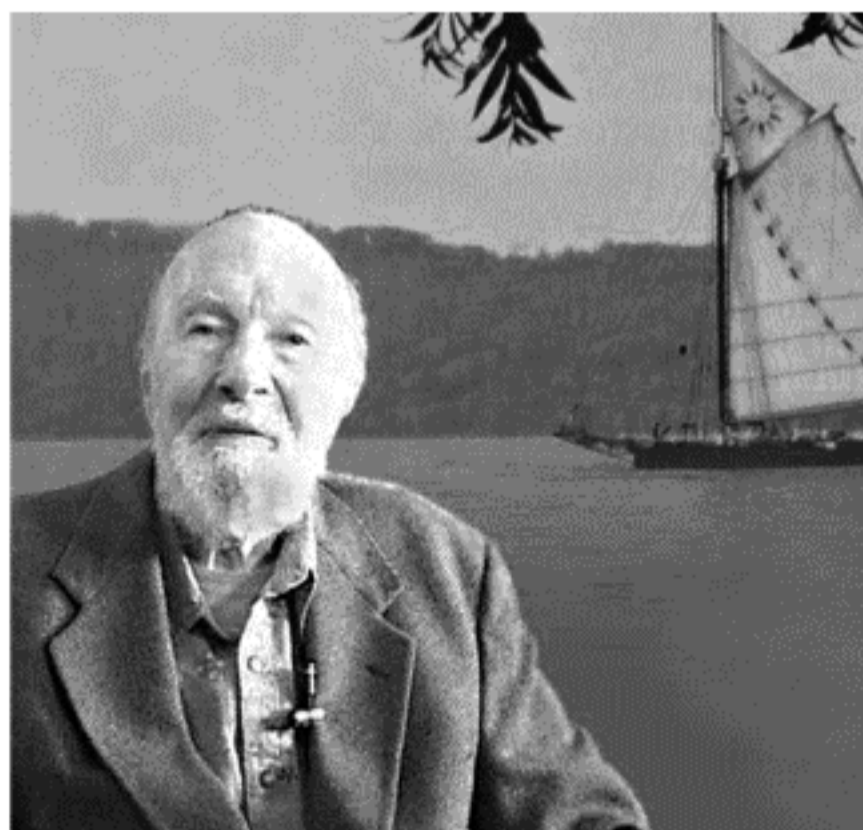
"Wile E. Coyote In Your Backyard: What You Should Know About Canis latrans," will be sponsored by the Catskill Institute for the Environment (CIE). The program is free and the public is most welcome. (Contd. Pg. 7)

CONSERVATION CLASS AT TRI-VALLEY



The conservation class at the Tri Valley Central High School has been remarkably busy this winter season. Under the direction of Agriculture Teacher, Mr. Robert Hayes, Special Education Teacher, Mr. Steven Fritz and Teacher Aide Mrs. Joan Conjura, they have totally revamped their greenhouse. (Contd. Pg. 3)

"CLEARWATER NATION" TO BE SCREENED AT ASK



"Clearwater Nation," the 2009 documentary film featuring Pete Seeger and introducing Clearwater's "Next Generation Legacy Project," will be screened at the Art Society of Kingston, in the Rondout section of Kingston, March 6th, 8:30 pm following the monthly First Saturday art reception. (Contd. Pg. 9)

LOCAL MAN'S BOYHOOD DREAM COMES TRUE



Charlie "Chuck" Martin in a recent photo with Harlem Globetrotter team members. On Chuck's right, is Curly Neal.

CWC HEARS REPORT ON GRASS BIOENERGY PROJECT

A pilot project funded by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) to determine whether pelletized grass and hay can be used as an efficient heat source is gaining steam. The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors was recently briefed on the status of the project by Paul Cerosaletti of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Delaware County, which was contracted by CWC to conduct the study. (Contd. Pg. 4)

DEPUTIES COMPLETE FIELD TRAINING

Sullivan County Sheriff Michael Schiff (center), congratulates Deputy Sheriff Joelle Beaumont (left) and Deputy Sheriff Eric Youmans (right) on their successful completion of field training. Deputy Beaumont received awards in firearms, academics, and best overall



average while in basic training at the Orange County Police Academy. Deputy Youmans is believed to be the first Sullivan County DARE student to become a member of the Sheriff's Patrol. He attended DARE classes taught by then Deputy Don Starner (now Detective Sergeant), in the Tri-Valley School District in 1994. With the completion of field training, both Deputy Sheriffs will now be assigned to patrol the 1,000 square miles of Sullivan County.

SC SHERIFF WARNS OF SCAMS

Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff warned citizens on Sunday of two scams currently being perpetrated in the county.

The first scam involves a telephone caller posing as a Direct TV salesman offering an upgrade in the satellite service. The caller offers a "special deal" for \$9.95 to upgrade the number of channels the person receives. The caller then asks the victim for an ATM card number and the security code on the back, to complete the transaction. "The con men are very crafty," said the Sheriff. "We don't know if they are working off a list of Direct TV subscribers or if they are calling randomly until they find someone who has the service". (Contd. Pg. 2)

TOWN OF NEVERSINK PARKS & REC -SUGAR -The Some Like It HOT

Musical at Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre on Thursday, May 13. We will leave the Town Hall at 9 am and return at approximately 6 pm. Price includes admission, lunch and motor coach transportation. If you plan to attend \$70 per person must be paid no later than March 2. (See details of all events on Pg. 8)

COUPLA WHITE CHICKS PERFORM IN BENEFIT FOR MOUNTAINDALE COMMUNITY



Carol Montana (left) and Sharlene Hartman perform in "A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking." (Contd. Pg. 8)

PROJECT BLACK HISTORY MONTH CLOSURES WITH JOHN HENRY REDWOODS POIGNANT PLAY



(Bottom Left to Right) Kirrin Tubo, DeLois "Cookie" House, Reva Padu (top Left to Right) Kevin McDaniel, Sirozi Padu.

As February draws to a close, celebrate Black History Month with The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop with a staged reading of contemporary African American playwright, John Henry Redwood's No Niggers, No Jews, No Dogs! The title is rather provocative and refers to the Jim Crow signage that populated much of our country well beyond the 1949, North Carolina setting of the show. But don't let the title fool you - the play is heartwarming, warm, nostalgic, unaffected and positive. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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

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ON THE FRONT BURNER : Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of they tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Psalm 51:1

COLLEGE NEWS

Area residents make the Dean's List at Oneonta

The following local residents were among 1,357 students from the State University of New York College at Oneonta who earned Dean's List honors for the fall 2009 semester.

Zachary Cosentino of Woodbourne and **Sean Whipple** of Neversink were among those named.

To qualify for the Dean's List, undergraduate students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher while carrying a course load of 12 semester hours or more.

Local students named to U. Albany fall Dean's List

The following local students were named to the fall Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement:

Sarah Evans and **Jillian Jonas** of Woodbourne.

Morrisville State College names fall '09 Dean's List

Morrisville State College recently announced those students who were named to the Dean's List for the fall semester.

Brittany Klee, **James Sullivan** and **Amber Wynkoop**, all of Grahamsville were honored.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must achieve an average of 3.0 to 3.99 for the semester and complete 12 credit hours.

OBITUARY

Donald L. Shelton, 78, of Richmond VA, formerly of Grahamsville, NY, passed away on February 16, 2010.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Ivory Shelton; his sister, Evelyn Germano and a brother, Paul Shelton. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Audrey Shelton; a daughter, Doris Lambert and husband, Jerry; a son, Donald L. Shelton Jr. and wife, Anne; a son, Ronald P. Shelton and wife, Margo; a daughter, Karen Suslosky; and a daughter, Patti McComb and husband, Larry. He was idolized by his nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Survivors also include two sisters, Maxine Shelton and Ima Dreher.

Donald was a U.S. Army veteran and retired from the Local 17 Laborers Union.

Services and interment were private. Donations may be made to the American Heart Association.

DAYS OF YORE.... Today's History

February 22, 1950 - Winter cracked down in earnest last week after starting out very mild. Last week's 16 inches of snow strained snow removal facilities, and caused the closing of the Tri-Valley Schools last Tuesday and Wednesday. Temperatures are hitting record lows for this time of year and weather reports indicate severe weather will continue.

Cold weather has slowed progress on the foundation for the new diner to be located on property rented by Howard Beasley from George Anapel, situated between the fire house

property and the Anapel barn. It is reported that the building will be a large "Silk City Diner" brought in from New Jersey. Mr. Beasley expects to keep it open 24 hours a day including Sunday.

Mrs. Hazel Low has sold that which remains of the Lows Corners property to the Rockland Light and Power Company.

Wire-tapping is nothing new to those telephone subscribers who have used the hometown party line.

John D. Sheeley has been appointed substitute clerk to serve in the Grahamsville Post Office in the absence of William Krum, under acting Post Master Wilson Van Wagner.

Jack Sterling, who has the early morning Arthur Godfrey spot on WCBS, will salute Claryville Thursday morning, February 23rd from 6 to 7:45 a.m. He will spotlight the activities, interests, personalities and history of this hamlet.

February 24, 1960 - The February meeting of the W.S.C.S. of the Sundown Methodist Church was held on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Earl Hamilton. There were 14 members and one guest present. The ladies worked on the new patch quilt or knitted for the Missionary project.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickelson of Grahamsville are the parents of a son born February 18th at the Liberty Loomis Hospital.

Fifteen members attended the Regular Meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary in the Neversink Firehouse on Thursday. Immediately following the business meeting, Marion Brand showed colored slides of local events. Afterward, refreshments were served by Anne and Virginia McGuire.

Remodeling of the Community Hall in Neversink has been started. Roedon Construction has contracted to do the work.

For variety in winter meals Use frozen foods today. A bossy cow may be content To always lunch on hay. But we get tired of the same old thing Cooked in the same old way. KUM TO KRUM'S

February 25, 1970 - Fourteen students at Tri-Valley Central School have been added to the National Honor Society as members. The students have been selected on the basis of academic achievement, general conduct and staff recommendations. Included are: Stephen Currey, Glenn Elitz, Michael Dean, Sandra DeWitt, Kathryn Herrmann, Mark Jawers, Theresa Martorana, JoEllen Murray, Deborah Marshalek, Mark Petersen, Pamela Strangeway, Valerie Ward, Judy Towne and Michael Wolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence of Loch Sheldrake have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Holly to Anthony Verga. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Nino Verga of East Rockaway. Miss Lawrence is a graduate of Tri-Valley Central School and is a junior majoring in Nursing at Plattsburgh State University College.

The Tri-Valley PTA has sent a set of by-laws for the proposed organization to all parents in the Tri-Valley Central School District. The March 2nd meeting will be concerned with the adoption of a constitution and by-laws and also an opportunity for review of current building needs and possible solutions. February 21, 1980 - James and Helen Marks, proprietors of the Neversink Garage and General Store, otherwise known as "Marks' Store", celebrated their 25th anniversary of the store's opening on Thursday, February 14th, Valentine's Day.

Sgt. Paul Hnatiw, son of Walter and Ann Hnatiw of Sundown was discharged from the Army last week at Travis Air Force Base in California. He is now in Wyoming, Michigan visiting old friends and will be home one of these days.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Kortright of Neversink have just returned from a vacation in Kaiserslautern, Germany where they visited their son, Don and his wife and their two grandchildren.

Francis I. Low, 84, of Napanoch died Friday, February 15, 1980 in Ellenville Community Hospital. Mr. Low was born June 2, 1895 in Beaver Dam, Grahamsville to Egbert and Carrie Brundage Low. He was a lifelong area resident.

SCAMS (From Pg. 1) In the one case the Sheriff's Office investigated in the Town of Liberty, the con artist conducted the entire scam in the Spanish language, and wiped out the victim's bank account within several hours. "Once you have established an account, Direct TV will always bill you. They will not be looking for an ATM card number over the telephone", said the Sheriff.

In the second scam, a telephone caller with a heavy Indian accent called a woman in White Lake and advised her that she had received a \$7,000 stimulus grant from the US government. All she had to do was send a \$200 processing fee via Western Union, to the company handling the grant. The company was located in New Delhi, India. When the woman questioned why the US government was using a company in India to distribute stimulus grants, she was quickly told by the caller, "what is the matter, haven't you heard of outsourcing?". The woman quickly notified Sheriff's Detectives who investigated the scam. "These scam artists are using a telephone forwarding system to hide their identity and location" said Sheriff Mike Schiff. "When you call their telephone number which is located in California, the phone ring 3 times, pauses, and then gets redirected to another number overseas. These telephone numbers often get disconnected within a few days", said the Sheriff.

As for Western Union, Schiff cautioned citizens about using this service. (Contd. Pg. 12)

HERE AND THERE

Her many friends were dismayed to learn that Jeanette Erath suffered a stroke on Wednesday, Feb. 17. She was taken to Orange Regional Hospital, but too much time had elapsed to apply the "clot-buster" that has been so effective in some cases; and she was transferred to Westchester Medical Center soon after. Nephew Bruce and his wife Kathy came down over the weekend; they and others who have seen her report that she seems to be making good progress. You are in our thoughts and prayers, Jeanette; get well soon!

We had some exciting news in our family this weekend: Grandson Aaron in Virginia has been accepted at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis! He reports for induction on July 1 - no time wasted. Aaron, we're proud of you - congratulations! (Like many others, we believe that being boastful about your grandchildren is inalienable privilege, guaranteed in the Grandparenting Book of Rights.)

Finishing out the February birthday list, Meghan Terwilliger, Jeff Simerson, and Christy Horos all celebrate on 2-27; Christy should have eight candles to blow out. And on the same day, Bill and Connie Vurckio celebrate a marriage which, according to my notes, began in 1949! (You can do the math.) March starts off with Virginia (DuBois) Rhynders and Brianna Worden (she will become a teenager) on 3-1; Lisa Costa, daughter of Joe and Debbie, on 3-2; Kathy Denman, 3-4; and Spencer Quick, 3-8. Going back to 3-4, on that day Ray and Elise Hornbeck can wish each other Happy Anniversary 49 times! Congratulations to all!

When we told you a few weeks ago that Edith Porter would be 93 on Feb. 7, we hadn't talked to her nephew, Stretch Haag. After the item appeared, he mentioned that she had been hospitalized shortly before her birthday, but was soon back home and living her independent life style. I would say "More power to you, Edith," but obviously you've got plenty of your own!

One of my favorite quote sources is Mark Twain; here's one example:

"Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside."

Have a good week. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

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

CONSERVATION CLASS AT TRI-VALLEY

(From Pg. 1) The greenhouse is an important part of the class's activities. Their efforts have improved the energy efficiency of the greenhouse and significantly increased their growing area. In addition they added a small engine repair area and tanks for fisher projects. These improvements allowed for projects for growing plants for the Tri Valley rain garden, which will debut in the Spring of 2010, and to start seedlings in hopes of growing food for the school lunch program. This task also made it possible for the club to force plants and bulbs in the greenhouse for the Sullivan Renaissance Winter Forum on February 20, 2010.



Other projects that kept the students busy included the revamping of the heating system, adding solar blankets for the future solar water heater and ventilation and irrigation improvements. The community will continue to benefit from the students' efforts as they have increased the storage space for the Renaissance Grahamsville Community Program plants for the winter.

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FALLSBURG RECEIVES GRANT FOR FREE CHAMBER MUSIC FROM NYS COUNCIL ON THE ARTS THROUGH DVAA

On February 6 the Town of Fallsburg received a grant of \$1,100 for a free concert series that takes place in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, South Fallsburg. New York State Assemblymember Aileen M. Gunther presented the check to Peggy Friedman from St. Andrew's. The funds originate from the New York State Council on the Arts regranting program and are administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance.

It will be used to help pay musicians for the following two concerts:
CHAMBER MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW'S presents **THE NINTH SEASON OF FREE CONCERTS** -5277 State Route 42, South Fallsburg **FREE!** 845-292-8967 for required reservations (Next Col.)

Saturday, May 22, 8 pm Goldberg Variations: harpsichordist Kenneth Cooper will perform this memorable and complex work by Johann Sebastian Bach. Professor Cooper will also deliver a commentary and offer some contemporary examples of the genre.

Saturday, October 23, 8 pm Flute Force: flutists Elizabeth Brown, Sheryl Henze, Rie Schmidt, Wendy Stern will perform Suite of Dances by Hieromus Praetorius; Jours d'ete a la Montagne by Eugene Bozza; Travelogue (1995) by Elizabeth Brown, Flutists of Tivoli by Alla Borzova; and Georg Philipp Telemann's Quartet in D Minor.

Chamber Music at St. Andrews offers two free chamber concerts a year, performed by outstanding musicians, that enrich, inspire and bring pleasure to Sullivan County audiences. All are invited to come and bring their families and neighbors.

This series is supported in part with funds from the 2010 Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the NYS Council on the Arts, administered in Sullivan County by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, and by the generosity of many individuals and businesses.

BUDGET TIME IN ALBANY! WHAT SHOULD BE DONE?

The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County invites you to their monthly meeting on Friday, February 26, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the Legislative Hearing Room at the Government Center, Monticello, NY.

The speakers will be Justin Cunningham, Executive Director of StateWide Senior Action Council, and Dennis Tracey, Executive Director of New York State Alliance of Retired Americans. Please come with your questions and concerns as they prepare for their Annual Advocacy Day in Albany on Tuesday, March 9th. Everyone is welcome! Become informed on the issues and share your experiences with friends and neighbors.

On Advocacy Day, they will be leaving at 7:30 a.m. from the bus station side of the Government Center in Monticello, and at 7:45 a.m. from the Woodbourne Firehouse; leaving Albany at 3:00 p.m. Call 985-7901 to reserve a seat.

For further information, call 807-0241 or 985-7901, or write SLAC, P.O. Box 1065, South Fallsburg, NY 12779. SLAC is affiliated with NY StateWide Senior Action Council.

SC TRAIL ASSOCIATION POKER RUN

The Sullivan County Trail Association 2010 Poker Run will be held Sunday, February 28, 2010 at Mongaup Pond State Campsites, DeBruce, NY.

Registration begins at 9:00 a.m., first sled out at 9:30 a.m. Last sled out at 12:00 noon. Riders must return to start by 3:00 p.m. to qualify. All snowmobiles must be registered and insured to participate. Prizes awarded for the top 3 hands. Refreshments provided.

In case of cancellation, alternate dates will be March 7 & 14th. For information, please call (845) 985-2636 or (845) 292-7838.

TV SPORTS UPDATE - Joe Iaturo

Indoor Track News

Girls Section 9 Class B Champions-Boys 7th

Last week the TV Girls claimed the 3rd part of the Indoor Triple Crown by winning the 2010 Section 9 Class B Championship behind an outstanding Team effort which had 17 Girls add to the winning point total of 94 1/2 points to defeat 2nd place MHAL rival Onteora who had 86 points. Individual Section Champions were Seniors Tehnyat Khan (Shot Put) and Junior Caroline Bertholf (3000). The 1600 Relay "rose to the occasion" to place 1st, with Agnes Pompeii, Kristen Offringa, Bernadette Tierney and Aurora Boyes carrying the baton to victory. Other scorers for TV making the Team Championship a reality were: 2nd place Ashley Weintraub (walk), Dominique Darby (SP), 3200 Relay (Bertholf- Sarah Heikkinen-Weintraub-Naomi Weise), 3rd place Kristen Offringa (HH), Michelle McNutt (Walk), Heidi Furman (SP) 4th place Bertholf (1500), Samantha Martin (Walk), Karyn Sheeley (HJ), Mareena DiMilia (LJ & TJ), 5th place 800 Relay (Kaitlyn Torres-DiMilia-Pompeii-Sheeley) 6th place Sheeley (LJ), Victoria Tingley (PV). In the non-scoring weight throw TV showed its dominance by placing 1st thru 3rd with Darby-Furman and Khan. Tomorrow 12 Girls will enter the State Qualifier meet seeking Lifetime Best Performances and a possible spot in the State Championship. Good luck!

The Boys Team last week was led to the 7th place team finish behind the 1st and 2nd place finish of Senior Brendan Moore in the 55 and 300 Dash. In the 13 team competition TV got other top finishes from Junior Brian Edwards (3rd-SP), Senior Michael Freeman (6th-600), 800 relay (6th Moore, Andrew Malone, Damon Lopez, Brendan Tierney), 3200 Relay (5th Freeman, Jim Bernstein, Chris Whipple, Nat Tompkins) and 1600 Relay (6th Freeman, (Next Col.)

Malone, Lopez and Matt Huebsch). In the non-scoring weight throw Huebsch placed 4th and Kyle Denman 6th. Good luck at State Qualifier!

Alpine Ski

Junior Kendra Erts will have participated at the New York State Alpine Ski Championship after this article has been written. She has qualified for her 2nd State Championship which is being held at Bristol Mt in Rochester. Kendra is only the 3rd girl in TV History to qualify for two State Ski Championships.

Congratulations!

COYOTES OR COYDOGS?

By Peggy DeWire



Recently I was asked what animal was howling at night in the hills around Grahamsville. Coyote? Coydog? Farmers worry about losing livestock, especially calves and lambs. Hunters worry about deer overkill. Pet owners worry about the safety of their cat or dog. Let's get some answers.

The Eastern coyote (*Canis latrans*) is an intelligent adaptable animal that has spread from upstate New York to the New York City line. And, strange as it may seem, coyote habitat improves near humans. For one thing the natural food supply of rabbits, rodents, squirrels and deer expands to include cats, small dogs, garbage, bird seed and pet food. By DEC figures there are 12,000 coyotes in New York.



Coyotes and feral dogs can interbreed and produce hybrid pups called coydogs which are sterile because their two DNA strains are incompatible. Coydogs have the reproductive cycle of dogs, not coyotes and give birth to sickly pups at the wrong time of the year (Jan.) when survival is virtually impossible. These factors keep the gene pool of coyotes separate from dogs.

Coydogs were seen at the leading edge of coyote range expansion from 1950 to 1970 but they were doomed to perish shortly after that.

Experienced woodsmen and DEC game wardens say there are probably no coydogs in New York now. So what we are hearing are Eastern coyotes. How did they get here? Scientists have two theories.

The first is that they were here already before the first Europeans came to North America. Early NY settlers had no word for coyote and wrote that "big wolves" and "small wolves" abounded in the thick woodlands. When pioneers cut down most of the forest, the coyote nearly disappeared along with beaver and wild turkey, and later rebounded as habitat conditions improved.

The second theory is that western coyotes extended their range eastward and adapted to the habitat of eastern America and Canada. Whichever theory is true, coyotes have been in New York since 1950 and are a permanent part of our environment.

The Eastern coyote looks like a skinny medium-sized police dog with thick fur and pointed ears. Its full bushy tail is carried pointed down. The animal is 4-5 feet long, tail included, weighs 35-45 pounds (males more than females). If you hear a coyote family of five or six howling at night it sounds like the woods must be overflowing with coyotes. A few animals can make a tremendous amount of noise.

Our Eastern coyote forms a family of the adult pair and their pups of this year. Together they hunt and defend a home territory of 10-15 square miles against other coyotes. At the end of summer the youngsters are driven from the parents' territory and travel up to a hundred miles searching for vacant territory to claim for their own. Eastern coyotes feed on whatever is in season and are superb mousers the year around. In spring their diet includes frogs, plants and insects; in summer berries and woodchucks; in fall small animals, and game birds; and in winter road kill deer and other carrion. In hunger emergencies coyotes attack and kill weakened deer.

Coyote predation on deer herds has proven to be a natural and good control according to DEC surveys over the past twenty years. With old and sick animals culled out, deer numbers have risen along with growing coyote population in both northern and southern zones of New York.

There's a long hunting season on coyotes (Oct.-March) as well as legal trapping. Coyotes disturbing livestock or domestic animals can be shot anytime and anywhere in the state without permit or license.

The best way for farmers to protect livestock, especially at calving and lambing time, is to build fences around shelters in night pastures. A guard dog will usually keep coyotes away.

Pet owners should know that coyotes consider as fair prey cats and small dogs that roam free outdoors. Protect your pet by keeping track of it outside during the day and sheltering it at night. Owners of large and medium size dogs have little to worry about because coyotes (35 lbs.) know they're outmatched and trespassing on your territory.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES:**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

SEALED BIDS ARE REQUESTED FOR REFUSE/RECYCLING REMOVAL BY THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT GRAHAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 12740.

Instructions to bidders, bidding specifications, and bid forms may be obtained from the District Clerk at Tri-Valley Central School, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, New York 12740.

Sealed bid forms must be in the hands of the District Clerk at 2:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at the Administration Building, Tri-Valley Central School District 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740 in order to be opened and considered. Any bid received after this date and time will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Each bidder is required to comply in all respects, with the provisions of Section 103-D of the General Municipal Law. All bids must include a proper certification of non-collusion (form provided in bid materials), and a copy of a resolution authorizing execution on behalf of a corporation, if bidder is a corporation.

The Board of Education hereby reserves the right to waive any informality in bidding, and may accept all or part of any bid and reject any and all bids if determined to be in the best interest of the district.

Dated: February 8, 2010

Martha Lee Ter Bush, District Clerk
Tri-Valley Central School District
At Grahamsville, NY 12740

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NOTICE of the ANNUAL REPORT FILING:

AS required by New York State Town Law § 29(10-a) the Town of Denning ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the year 2009 has been completed and filed with the New York State Office of the State Comptrollers. The report is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725. Call 985-2411 for further information.

Joy Ann Monforte,
Town of Denning, Town Clerk 2/28/10

**LEGAL NOTICE
BIDS REQUESTED**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to §103 of the General Municipal Law, sealed bids are requested for the purchase of:

**NEW HEAVY DUTY TANDEM DUMP
BODY & INSTALLATION TO
NEW TOWN OWNED CHASSIS**

Specification for said tandem dump body & installation may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY during regular office hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the above mentioned address no later than 2:00 pm on Tuesday March 9, 2010 at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD, TOWN OF NEVERSINK
LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK
DATED: FEBRUARY 19, 2010

2/25; 3/4

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DATED: FEBRUARY 17, 2010 2/25; 3/4

**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
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Will hold a Regular Board Meeting
On Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.
In the Secondary School Library
Lower Level

CWC HEARS REPORT (From Pg. 1)

Five indoor stoves and five outdoor, biomass hydronic furnaces have been installed at six sites in Delaware, Greene and Ulster Counties. The three-year pilot project, funded by \$195,500 from the Catskill Fund for the Future, has installed units in offices and highway garages at Franklin, Andes, Hunter and Jewett, and at the Ashokan Center in Olivebridge. A unit will soon be installed at Brookside Hardware in Margaretville.

The Harmon P68 pellet stove in a recreation and dining hall at the Ashokan Center will be demonstrated from 11 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 6 in conjunction with the Center's Maple Festival. Cerosaletti will give a presentation on grass pellet technology at 2 p.m. The public is most welcome.

The pilot project is monitoring all ten devices for effectiveness, efficiency, and operation and maintenance issues. Air quality impacts will also be evaluated. Preliminary results have been positive, according to Cerosaletti.

The first device, a biomass furnace installed to heat the Town of Franklin highway garage, has used half a ton of grass pellets per week since October 2009, supplemented by only 75 gallons of fuel (Next Col.) oil during this period. Historically, the building has

required up to 125 gallons per week (up to 200 gallons during especially cold weather).

Grass pellets, which cost \$225 per ton, represent a significant potential savings to the town, and can reduce the town's reliance on fossil fuels and foreign energy sources, while keeping all of the municipality's energy dollars in the local economy.

Testing stoves, tweaking them to work well with grass biomass, perfecting pellet production and conducting cost-benefit analyses will help propel the development of grass pellets as a low-tech, small-scale, environmentally-friendly, renewable energy source that can be locally produced, processed and consumed, allowing unused or underutilized agricultural land to once again be a source of revenue and jobs.

Said Cerosaletti, "We are in the infancy of understanding and developing robust, high efficiency, residential scale biomass combustion technology in the United States. I am confident we will be able to make the technology work. Pellet stoves and furnaces in general are extremely efficient, low-emission devices."

Added CWC Executive Director Alan Rosa, "Once it's perfected, this technology will give residents and businesses alternatives to heating their home, stores or offices. CWC believes that this may be cost effective and at the same time give farms another source of income in these challenging economic times."

Pellets for these stoves are being produced by EnviroEnergy LLC (www.enviroenergyny.com), a firm started in 2008 by Bob and May Miller and son and daughter-in-law Mike and Mary Lou in Wells Bridge, Otsego County. They have been purchasing hay from farmers within a 40-mile radius. Working part time, the plant has been producing about three tons of pellets a day. In addition to supplying the CWC project, they sell pellets by the 40-pound bag to individual homeowners who had primarily used wood pellets in their pellet stoves.

The Millers, former dairy farmers, have made great strides in developing a durable, optimum pellet size with consistent energy content with a BTU comparable to wood pellets, Cerosaletti says. The company has become a registered biomass processor under the USDA Biomass Crop Assistance Program, which will offer subsidies to farmers to produce biomass.

Already, two other entrepreneurs have expressed interest in establishing pellet plants locally, Cerosaletti said. But first, the demand for pellet stoves that can work with a variety of biomass sources needs to be there, which he says is where the pilot project will have an impact.

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

SC REACHES TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CSEA SHERIFF'S CORRECTIONS LOCAL 853


The County of Sullivan has reached a tentative agreement with the CSEA Sheriff's Corrections Local 853. The tentative agreement would cover the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2012. The tentative agreement is subject to a ratification vote by the membership of the CSEA Sheriff's Corrections Local 853, and a formal resolution of ratification by the County Legislature. "The conclusion of this process, addresses the issues and concerns of the CSEA, as well as, the concerns of the Sheriff's Office. Now, we may once again turn our undivided attention to running a safe and efficient corrections system, as an integral part of the County's overall Public Safety," said Sheriff Michael Schiff.

"This tentative agreement with the Corrections Unit provides a fair deal for the taxpayers, and some movement toward parity for the Corrections employees," said Jonathan F. Rouis, Chairman of the County Legislature. "While neither side gets everything that it may seek in a collective bargaining process, this agreement reflects the best that the County may offer with the continued economic recession as the reality backdrop," added Rouis.

The tentative agreement generally reflects the agreements that the County has previously reach with the Teamster Local 445 County Unit, Laborers International Union Local 17, Teamsters DPW Supervisory Unit, and the New York State Nurses Association. The only outstanding collective bargaining unit is the Sullivan County Policemen's Benevolent Association, which has also been offered generally the same agreement as the other units have settled.

"This agreement provides a much needed move toward parity for the members of the Corrections Unit, which will assist the County with critical recruitment and retention efforts of Corrections Officers," said Elwin "Woody" Wood, Vice Chairman of the County Legislature and Chairman of the Personnel Committee. (Contd. Pg. 6)

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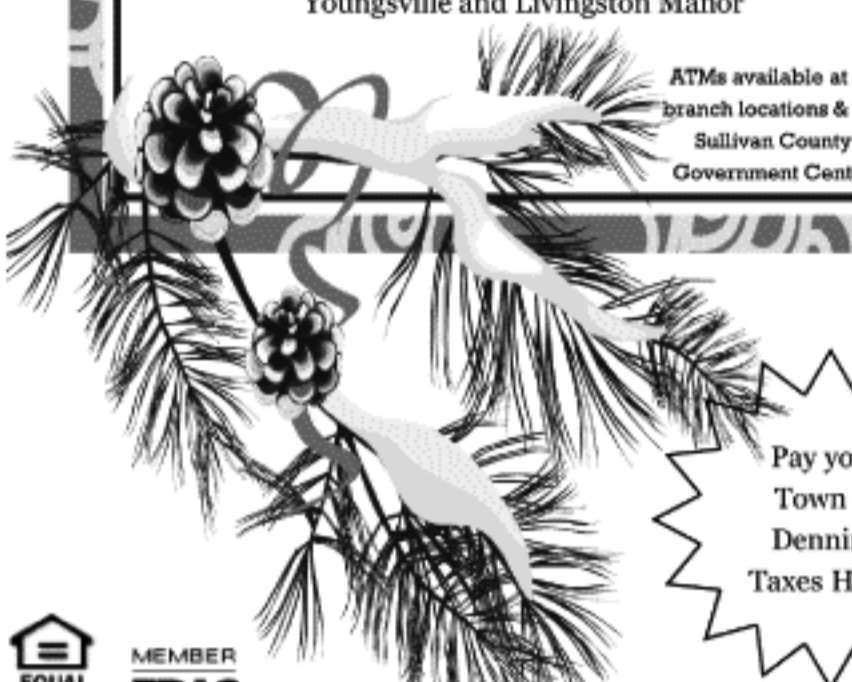


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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT HOLDING RENEWABLE ENERGY AND VALUE ADDED GRANT WORKSHOP

Farmers and rural small business operators interested in renewable energy and value-added projects should attend a grant workshop sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development agency on Tuesday, March 2. The workshop is being held at the Columbia County Cornell Cooperative Extension office at 479 Route 66 in Hudson from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. USDA Rural Development's Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP) provides grants and loan guarantees to farmers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements. Eligible projects include biomass, wind, solar, geothermal and hydrogen; energy efficiency projects reduce energy usage in existing buildings and processes. Last year, 39 New York projects received more than \$1.4 million through the program.

The Value-Added Producer Grant (VAPG) program assists agriculture producers in developing and implementing business plans for value-added activities. Value-added activities are projects that create additional revenue from existing crops and other production. Examples include the processing of raw commodities to a finished product - such as apples to apple butter or milk to ice cream - and the direct marketing of farm crops. Awards may be made for planning activities or for working capital expenses, but not for both. Applicants must provide matching funds at least equal to the amount of the grant requested.

Contact the Middletown office at (845) 343-1872, ext. 4 for more information or visit USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ny>.

TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CSEA

(From Pg.4)
"I am pleased that this agreement has been reached, as I have advocated for the Legislature to provide support on the parity issue, not only to address the recruitment and retention concerns, but in recognition that the vast majority of these positions work in a 100-year old facility, providing around-the-clock service," said David A. Sager, Vice Chairman of the Personnel Committee. The County and CSEA have held numerous negotiation sessions spanning several months that was briefly delayed pending internal union actions and petitions filed with the New York State Public Employee Relations Board. The petitions were either settled or withdrawn, which allowed the collective bargaining sessions to restart in earnest last September.

"The CSEA agreement continues a trend that recognizes parity issues, but also enables the County and the Sheriff to institute measures that will further increase efficiency and provide a compensation level that more closely matches the work associated with a particular position," said David P. Fanslau, County Manager.

"This agreement reflects the most equitable agreement that has been reached between the County and the Corrections Unit employees that I have seen in my 25-year career with Sullivan County," concluded Jail Administrator Hal Smith.

NOTE TO THE EDITOR:

Today's shoe that dropped is the "financial derivatives" that our "too big to fail" financial firms sold to the European Governments - may well bring down the European Union and the Euro as they turn over more stones in Greece, Italy, Germany, France, Spain, - let alone other world governments that bought into the easy way to shift debt into the future.

Check this story out - it can only get worse as more shoes drop - <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/14/business/global/14debt.html?ref=todayspaper>

Remember that our Congressman Maurice Hinchey was against derivatives back in 1994 - and he was right then and is now right.

We need strong financial regulations and we need them tomorrow before any of the "too big to fail" firms take another world tour with their dog and pony show.

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COYOTES - (From Pg. 1)

The panel will include Dr. Roland Kays, Curator of Mammals at the NYS Museum, who will speak on "New York's Coyote/Coydog/Coywolf: What is it and how did it get here?"; Dan Bogan, Ph.D. candidate, Cornell University, discussing "Suburban coyote behavioral ecology: Implications for ecology and management," and Robin Holevinski, Ph.D. candidate at SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, who will address "Foraging Ecology and Population Status of Eastern Coyotes."

Dr. Kays is the Curator of Mammals at the New York State Museum where he studies the ecology and evolution of temperate and tropical carnivores. He is the co-author of a recent paper on coyote-wolf hybridization, and of the Mammals of North America (Princeton University Press Field Guide, 2009).

Bogan has studied coyote behavioral ecology since 2001. His current research addresses coyote behavior and management recommendations for suburban landscapes.

Holevinski worked as a wildlife biologist with the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation for several years before pursuing her doctoral research on eastern coyotes. Her presentation will focus on assessing coyote kill rates of white-tailed deer using GPS collar technology, and determining coyote population status with the use of non-invasive genetic techniques.

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

For information and weather confirmation, call 845-687-5231.

PROJECT BLACK HISTORY MONTH (From Pg. 1) Although it is about race, it is about larger issues of hate, love, vengeance and forgiveness. The staged reading is being presented at the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville on February 28th by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

Dynamic, rich characters draw the audience a picture of the Cheeks family and the struggles affecting them - they are visited by Yaveni, a Jewish scholar from Cleveland who is researching the effects of prejudice on both Blacks and Jews. Powerfully written, Redwood's play offers a poignant look at the strength of family and friendships. Under the direction of Oliver King of Kauneonga Lake, the talented cast includes DeLois "Cookie" House of Ellenville, John Neails of Monticello, Reva Padu and Sirozi Padu of Narrowsburg, Kirrin Tubo of Callicoon and Kevin McDaniel of Hurleyville. Sally Gladden of Woodridge is producing.

The reading will be staged for one performance only - Sunday, February 28th at 5:00 pm at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street in Hurleyville. Admission is "pay what you can!" and donations in any amount will be gladly accepted. No advance reservations are necessary, but plan on arriving early for best parking behind the museum, or park along Main Street. For additional information, phone (845) 436-5336 or visit us online at www.scdw.net

COUPLA WHITE CHICKS PERFORM (From Pg. 1)

The Mountindale Community Development Project and Big Sky Productions proudly present a staged reading of John Ford Noonan's hilarious play, *A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking* on Saturday, March 6 and Sunday, March 7.

"A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking" was originally seen Off-Broadway with Eileen Brennan and Susan Sarandon.

The story takes place in the kitchen of an upscale Westchester County home. Maude Mix is a suburban housewife who bakes cookies for good causes and schedules her life - reading, running, tennis lessons, etc. - down to the minute.

When her "hyper-friendly" neighbor, Hannah Mae Bindler - just moved up from Austin, Texas - walks in uninvited and asks for some coffee and girl talk, Maude tells her "this is not going to work, we have no future as neighbors." But Hannah Mae is not so easily deterred and she pesters Maude into a friendship that will eventually go above and beyond the normal definition. The N.Y. Daily News said "A Coupla White Chicks..." was "dandy" and Time Magazine called it "A lighter than air comedy."

The show will feature local actresses Sharlene Hartman of Middletown as Maude Mix and Carol Montana of Grahamsville as Hannah Mae Bindler. (Contd. Pg. 9)

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PROGRAM FLYER 2010

WHEN: Thursday, May 13. **SUGAR The Some Like It HOT Musical Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre**

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall at 9 am and return at approximately 6 pm. Price includes admission, lunch and motor coach transportation.

SIGN-UP: **If you plan to attend \$70 per person must be paid no later than March 2.**

Pizza & Egg Decorating

WHEN: Friday, March 19.

WHERE: Tri Valley High School Cafeteria 5:30 pm

DETAILS: Come have a quick dinner & decorate eggs to take home. All supplies will be provided.

SIGN-UP: **If you plan to attend \$5 residents/ \$10 non-residents must be signed up no later than March 9.**

Pizza & Stepping Stones

WHEN: Friday, May 7.

WHERE: Tri Valley High School Cafeteria 5:30 pm.

DETAILS: Come have a quick dinner & create your own cement stepping stone to take home. All supplies will be provided.

SIGN-UP: **If you plan to attend \$5 residents/ \$10 non-residents must be signed up no later than April 6.**

Bronx Zoo

WHEN: Saturday, June 12.

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall at 8 am and return at approximately 6pm. Price includes admission and motor coach transportation.

SIGN-UP: **If you plan to attend \$40 per person must be paid no later than May 4.**

Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island

WHEN: Saturday, September 18.

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall at 8 am and return at approximately 6pm. Price includes admission and motor coach transportation.

SIGN-UP: **If you plan to attend \$52 per person must be paid no later than June 8.**

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre Yankees vs. Toledo Mud Hens

WHEN: Thursday, July 15.

DETAILS: Leave the Town Hall at 9:30 am and return at approximately 6pm. Price includes lower level ticket, all-you-can eat hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches and as much soda and water you can drink, a Yankees Cap, Game Program & Transportation. Check them out at www.swbyankees.com

SIGN-UP: **If you plan to attend \$20 residents/\$35 non-residents must be paid no later than June 8.**

Zoom Flume

WHEN: Saturday, August 7.

WHERE: Waterpark East Durham, NY

DETAILS: The school bus will leave the Town Hall at 8 am and return at approximately 6pm. Please bring money for the snack bar as no food will be provided. Save your seats now, spots go FAST!

SIGN-UP: **If you plan to attend \$10 residents/\$34 non-residents must be signed up no later than June 8.**

Procedure to Attend Events

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

1. **COME &** fill out permission slips & bring payment to the Town Hall Upstairs Parks & Recreation office between 3 pm & 6 pm on Tuesdays.
2. **MAIL** permission slips & payment to Parks and Rec. Dept. PO BOX 307 Grahamsville, NY 12740

Please Make Note of the following: • For your convenience Permission Slips can be downloaded from our website www.townofneversink.org or picked up in the Parks and Rec. office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. • Trips maybe cancelled due to a lack of sufficient participants or inclement weather • If you need to contact the director for any reason I can be reached at the Town Hall on Tuesdays between the hours of 3 pm and 6 pm; any other time please leave a voice mail at 985-2262 ext 312 or email me at racerrj12d@aol.com

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Contact Information

Jamie Brooks, Director.

COUPLA WHITE CHICKS (From Pg. 8)

Sharlene Hartman has a B.A. in Broadcast Communications from San Francisco State University and is the creator of the Emmy nominated children's show "Kid's Stuff", which she also hosted. She attended The American Conservatory Theater in San Francisco. After graduating from The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles, she came to New York. She has done numerous commercials and live industrial work for many corporations, as well as many plays.

Carol Montana has a Bachelor's Degree in Theatre Arts from SUNY at Stony Brook and a Master's Degree in Dramatic Form and Structure from the University of Connecticut. She's the founder and artistic director of Big Sky Productions and has directed over 40 plays, and acted in more than 15.

A portion of the proceeds from both performances will benefit the Mountandale Community Development Project (MCDP). The MCDP is committed to the sustainable development of Mountandale as a year-round business and arts community that enriches the lives of residents, merchants and visitors through creative and innovative initiatives. The MCDP embarks on meaningful projects that foster the growth of Mountandale through the support of economic development, arts, culture & history, the environment, recreation, education and housing.

In conjunction with this production, Nonni's Trattoria & Pizzeria of Mountandale is offering a "Good Neighbor" Dinner Special: two delicious dinners for \$21.95. Entrees include: Stuffed Flounder, Stuffed Pork Chop, Chicken Francese, Shrimp Fra Diabolo, or Chicken Cordon Bleu. All dinners served with antipasto and fresh homemade bread. This special is only good with ticket purchase for the Mountandale production of "A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking". Nonni's Trattoria & Pizzeria is located at 4 Post Hill Road in Mountandale. Please ask for details when you call to make your show reservations.

Tickets for "A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking" are \$10 plus one non-perishable food item which will be donated to Sullivan County food pantries.

"A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking" will be performed on Saturday, March 6 at 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 7 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mountandale Community Room at 62 Main Street in Mountandale.

Reservations are suggested; please call 845-434-4747 or 845-985-7783.

"A Coupla White Chicks Sitting Around Talking" is being performed by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

"CLEARWATER NATION" (From Pg. 1)

After the film there will be a Q&A by filmmaker Pamela Timmins. Admission is free. For more information about this event please visit ASKforArts.org. In development are plans to show the film in all seven cities that participate in Art Along the Hudson. For more information on AATH please visit www.artalongthehudson.com.

Pamela Timmins is an accomplished landscape painter, photographer and now a video artist/filmmaker. A native New Yorker, she has studied at the Pratt Institute, The New School University and privately with Geoffery Gleaves and William Segal. Reflecting her artistic and environmental concerns, she has produced, through her production company Pamorama Productions, documentary/promotional DVDs for Clearwater Inc. (featuring Pete Seeger), Pacifica Radio, the Ulster County Quadricentennial Arts Council, The American Italian Cultural Roundtable, author and environmental attorney Michael Diamond and jazz musician/photographer Peter Leitch, among other artists. For more information about Ms. Timmins visit www.newappleproductions.com and click on Pamela Timmins.

SUCCESS AND LAUGHS AT SHADOW-LAND


With only 90 reservations on the sheet Saturday at 1:45 pm. when Brendan Burke walked out to welcome everyone at 2:10 pm to the first of the three matinees, ushers had just seated nearly 170 people in a 148-seat theater. A success by any standard!

Audience reaction was strong plus lotsa popcorn purchased before the welcome and during intermission. *The Popeye* cartoon, the *Three Stooges Meets the Mummy* comedy short and chapter one in the *Flash Gordon* serial - a hit, drawing laughter, especially campy Flash. And the prevue for next month's feature, "When Comedy Was King," drew belly laughs. -Marty Rabkin

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LION OR LAMB?



Weather-wise March can bring a blizzard or the sweet smell of Spring. Either way it is almost always a windy month.

Named after the Roman god of war, Mars, leads us to believe that the battle of the strong March winds has long had its gusty reputation!

The ancients believed the blustery March winds carried their wishes to heaven while the teasing breezes were a promise of a new season and a fresh start, blowing the

past away ridding the heart and home of the shadows of the dark winter.

In Norse mythology, Norori, Suori, Austri and Vestri (Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western) are four dwarves mentioned in the *Prose Edda* book *Gylfaginning* who each support one of the four cardinal points, together upholding the heavenly dome, created from the skull of the jötunn Ymir, or Frost Giant. They also represent the four winds corresponding to the four stages of the cosmic tree Yggdrasil, which can compare with the four giants who also personify the winds in Greek mythology.

Boreas was the Greek god of the cold north wind and the bringer of winter. His name meant "North Wind" or "Devouring One". Like, Norori, who dwelled in heaven in Noatun, Boreas governed the course of the winter winds. While Norori, not only governed the course of the wind and calmed the sea and fire it was Norori, that men called upon while at sea and in the chase. It was believed that Norori, was so rich in land and gods that he could give richly of these to those who ask.

Boreas was depicted by the ancient Greeks as being very strong, with a violent temper to match. He was frequently shown as a winged old man with shaggy hair and beard, holding a conch shell and wearing a billowing cloak.

The Greeks also named the winds from the east, west and the south. Eurus represented the unlucky east wind that was thought to bring warmth and rain. Why they thought warmth and rain was unlucky, is probably just as strange to us in the Northeast, as it was to the Norse who experienced long winters. The symbol for Eurus, an inverted vase, spilling water, is often depicted in ancient art on pitchers, vases, etc.

Zephyrus, was the Greek's god of the west wind, a/k/a Favonius in Latin. The gentlest of the winds, Zephyrus was the messenger of spring. It was thought that Zephyrus lived in a cave in Thrace. Then there was the god of the southern wind, Auster, the embodiment of the sirocco or hurricane like winds from Africa that brought heavy cloud cover, fog and humidity.

The battle of the March winds are upon us once more. It is time to open the windows on a warm windy day and let the air blow around the house allowing the fresh chi to enter your home. Whether this March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb or the opposite, we know spring is almost here and winter will soon be banished.

PARENT CONNECTION

Nowadays, we have to use every tool we have to positively communicate with our teenage children. This past Christmas, we got our 11-year old son a cell phone. He was beyond excited! Little did he know, we were just making our lives easier. He used to hide in his room, thinking we didn't notice that he forgot to take the garbage out. Text #1: "come and take the garbage out". Text #2: "Now!". Text #3: "I'm coming to get your phone!" and out he runs! So, we take his phone away for an hour. Next time, it only took one text. How does this benefit us? I can continue what I'm doing and I don't have to yell. It also increases our "really cool parent skills" because we belong to the elite group of texters. Of course we don't text our children when we're in the same room, only my husband and I do that. Our privacy has been missing for 17 years and texting has given some of that back to us; but that's a whole different subject!

I got away with a lot as a teenager. Why? There were no cell phones! Our parents couldn't track us down. A little tip, when your high school senior is out at a party, call - don't text! You want to hear what's going on. You can do your own safety assessment. If you text, someone else could be responding and you would never know.

Living in a small town has its advantages. When there's a party on a Saturday night, all of the teenagers in town know about it and they all hang together. Yes, it's great for them, but much better for us. We know more than they think we know! Information travels and we, as parents, learn to ask the right questions. What we do with this information is what really matters. We know that our children are not gathering together for tea and crumpets. We have to remember what it was like for us at that age. But, it's so important to talk to your child. They should fully understand how alcohol impairs and makes us do irrational and stupid things. This behavior can be life threatening. They should also be deathly afraid to get into a vehicle with a driver that's been drinking. This is where texting would come in handy. It's easier to text, "Mom, can you come get me?" - rather than speaking those words. Your child should always know that he has this option, whether you're the EDD (Emergency Designated Driver) or someone else that's sober and responsible is. In this case, technology can save lives!

I was watching Oprah a few weeks ago and I was so upset to hear about a child that got hit and killed by a car when the driver was texting. To see all of the people involved in this tragedy and to feel this sadness for them not only made me feel so sorry for their loss, but it also made me realize how that could happen to any of us. I often pull up next to a car and see their cell phone in their hand, either texting or waiting to receive a text. I've done it. I am much more aware of this now. You have to turn off the temptation! We're curious because we're human! There should be a "status update" that we could set to "driving," should someone text us. Someone needs to invent that! When you drive, turn off your phone or at very least, set it to "vibrate" to lessen the temptation.

One more bit about technology - the importance of Facebooking (ladies, you're gonna want your husbands to read this!)... I know it seems unfair that we might put off making dinner for a few minutes because we're on "Suzy's Wall," but our happiness is very important as a mother and a wife. How is Facebooking unhealthy? It's not... We are able to connect with people that we haven't seen in years! Other benefits include the following: posting pictures of your husband because he's so handsome, posting pictures of your children because we're so proud, posting jokes/funny things that make people smile and laugh, advertising items for sale (like a table saw or golf clubs), sharing recipes, keeping ourselves fit (i.e. "heading to the gym," sending birthday wishes (which saves us money on birthday cards), and sharing positive parenting strategies. Overall, Facebook allows us to socially network, which fulfills an important need in our adult development and happiness. In turn, we are able to sustain healthier relationships and enjoy positive parenting.

Seriously, life should be fun and full of friends. The more friends you have, the better your quality of life! That's how I feel, anyway. See you next week.
Darlene Beiling Email: cofdarlene@aol.com



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

By: Greg J. Goldstein, Town of Neversink Supervisor

Assessor's Office The Aged Exemption forms will be sent out January 6th and will need to be returned with the current income information by March 1, 2010.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms The New York State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council has adopted a rule implementing "Amanda's Law", which mandates the installation of carbon monoxide alarms in most dwellings in New York State. A copy of the regulations can be obtained from the Building Department at the Town Hall in Grahamsville. These regulations will go into effect on February 22, 2010.

Dept. of Motor Vehicles The DMV will be at the Town Hall from 10 AM to 2:30 PM on March 11th and April 15th.

Emergency Situations I would like to remind everyone that if they are faced with an emergency situation (i.e. no heat, electricity, etc.) and need assistance from the Town to please call me at the Town Hall or at my home (985-0027) so that I am able to get you the help needed or at least reach out to the appropriate authorities for assistance.

Historian's Office New for 2010 - Carol Smythe, Town Historian, will have designated office hours for the convenience of the public on Wednesdays from 1 PM to 4 PM for research and/or questions and Fridays 1 PM to 4 PM by appointment.

Sewer Project Update The sewer project has reached final completion! Those homeowners who are part of the extension project should have received a letter from the Town. The City has extended the hook-up period until June 30, 2010. You or your contractor may stop in at any time to obtain your no-fee permit, even if you are not hooking up until the spring. This would make it less burdensome for John Perrella, CEO, rather than everyone coming at the same time in the spring for their permits. John can be reached at 985-2262 ext. 302.

Stream Management Program The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District and NYC DEP, along with cooperation from the Towns of Neversink and Denning will be developing stream management plans for the upper Rondout Creek and the East and West Branches of the Neversink River. It is through this effort that they will be looking at ways to prevent damage to property owners caused by chronic flooding, erosion problems, etc. We are happy to report that they now have a staffed office located in the Town Hall and can be reached at 985-2581.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 985-2262 ext. 301.

Anyone interested in having the Supervisor's Corner e-mailed to them, please contact Brenda Devore @ 985-2262 ext. 306 with your e-mail address. She will put you on a list to receive the column when it comes out each month.

SULLIVAN COUNTY RESPONDS TO HEALTH RANKINGS REPORT

Sullivan County Officials today have responded to the release of a new report that ranked New York's counties on select health outcomes and health factors. The report was issued today by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, and placed Sullivan County just above the Bronx in overall health outcomes. (61 out of 62) compared to other counties in the state. This report studied data from 2000 - 2006. Therefore, recent initiatives that have been implemented since 2006 were not considered and their impacts weren't included in the data that generated the various rankings.

"This report is important because it helps us to identify factors that are making it difficult for residents to maintain a healthy lifestyle and helps us understand how we compare to other counties in the state. With this knowledge, we can take steps to improve the health of our residents," said Jonathan F. Rouis, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature. "The rankings, although new, are not a total surprise. We've known for some time that our county faces challenges, and this program gives us the information needed to continue to take action steps," continued Rouis.

The overall health outcomes include Mortality (50%) as defined by premature death before age 75, and Morbidity, which includes the following four items, the first three as reported by residents through a phone survey: self reported health status (10%), poor physical health days (10%), poor mental health days (10%), and the last, Low Birth Weight (LBW) (10%) as measured for this ranking. Three of the four morbidity rankings are subjective and only one is objective. What this means is that "morbidity" is being measured by primarily non-scientific methods. Sullivan County's Low Birth Rate in 2007 was 8.3%, the same as the Low Birth Rate on average for New York State in 2004-2006.

"The three causes that contribute the largest combined number of potential years of life lost in Sullivan County are, in this order: Cancer, Accidental Death (such as car accidents, drowning, poisoning, etc.) and Heart Disease. Accidental Death rates for all ages, in particular, are about twice the state average," said Legislator Ron Hiatt, Chairman of the Health and Family Services Committee.

"While the poverty rate is traditionally high in rural counties, the factors in this report don't directly correlate to Sullivan County's population. We have already been working on many of the issues noted in the report. Certainly, I have been aware of the high cancer rate in the county because of my family's history. These numbers are a percentage and it compares us with the counties that have a much higher population. Ten out of 100 is 10 percent and ten out of a million is less than 10%," said Leni C. Binder, Minority Leader and Vice-Chair of the Health and Family Services Committee.

"Premature deaths from cancer could easily be a result of the high percentage of people in Sullivan County with no health insurance. According to the latest statistics, among people not eligible for Medicaid or Child Health Plus (ages 19-64), 22% have no health insurance, and are likely not getting good preventive medical care," said Christopher A. Cunningham, Commissioner of the Division of Health and Family Services.

"Early death from heart disease could (Next Col.)

partially be the result of a lack of physicians in some parts of the county as well as the long trip to any tertiary heart centers: people living close to such a facility have a much better chance at life saving intervention, for example, then someone living 100 miles from such a center, as Sullivan County residents do," said Carol S. Ryan, Director of Public Health Services.

"The County Health rankings also show how Sullivan County ranks in factors which have the ability to impact health. The factors include Health Behaviors (30%), including tobacco and alcohol use, diet and exercise, and unsafe sex; Clinical Care (20%), including access to medical care and quality of medical care; Social and Economic Factors (40%), including education, employment, income, family and social support and community safety; and Physical Environment (10%), which includes environmental quality and the built environment (air quality, liquor stores and access to healthy food stores).

Sullivan County's rankings in these 4 Health Factor areas were: Health Behaviors: 50 out of 62; Clinical Care: 56 out of 62; Social and Economic factors: 59 out of 62, and Physical Environment: 51 out of 62; Overall, Sullivan County is ranked 58 out of 62 in Health Factors.

"Since 2006, new efforts have already been made to improve access to medical care, for example. The new federally qualified health center in Monticello, a new physician's office in Livingston Manor, the improved car seat program, the Cribs for Kids program, and the Community Health Worker program are all examples of efforts instituted recently that are expected to improve health in Sullivan County," said David P. Fanslau, Sullivan County Manager.

"This is also an opportunity to make people aware of the Rural Health Network, whose mission it is to improve health in Sullivan County in three priority areas: maternal and child health outcomes, substance abuse, and access to health care. These areas have been identified in these rankings and so it validates what the RHN has been working on," added Ryan.

"Many other health and mental health promoting initiatives are in place in Sullivan County and it is disappointing that these factors are not included in the rankings. For example, in addition to the RHN, there are the Dream Team, Communities That Care, Community Unity, Boys and Girls Club; various support groups, Integrated County Planning group, the many activities funded by the Youth Bureau, etc. in place. These also measure the spirit and hope that a community demonstrates in attempting to improve the well being of their residents," added Rouis. "I hope in future rankings these efforts will be part of the ranking of the well being, or health of the Sullivan County community," concluded Rouis.

NYS COUNTIES CREATE BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON FARMING

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) has announced the creation of a new Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future of New York Farming in New York State.

The announcement was made by NYSAC President and Chemung County Executive Tom Santulli at the business meeting during NYSAC's Legislative Conference in Albany on February 10, 2010. (Next Col.)

Recognizing the plight of our hard working farm community, the Association of Counties has convened this task force to address the challenges facing New York farmers. In particular, the task force will examine pending legislation affecting farm operations in Albany and Washington, D.C.

"Agriculture remains the number one industry in New York, but this ranking is in jeopardy as the farm industry in New York faces unprecedented challenges from every direction," said Santulli. "This task force will bring together county leaders, many of whom are farmers, to address these challenges and preserve this industry for our future generations."

County leaders serving on this Blue Ribbon Task Force include: Hon. Doug Berwanger, Wyoming County, Chair; Hon. Robert Nichols, Steuben County; Hon. John Becker, Madison County; Hon. Alan Grattidge, Saratoga County; Hon. Barbara Brown, Oswego County; Hon. Terry Wilbur, Oswego County; Hon. Amy Tresidder, Oswego County; Hon. Stephen Keblish, Herkimer County; Hon. Joseph Gozelski, Wyoming County; Hon. Jim Brick, Wyoming County; Hon. Ted Hopkins, Allegany County; Hon. Esther Ledley, Genesee County; Hon. Mary Pat Hancock, Genesee; Hon. Mike Hein, Ulster County Executive; Hon. Greg Edwards, Chautauqua County Executive; Hon. James Eisel, Delaware County; Hon. Richard Decker, Chenango County

"Our county leaders understand that we have a responsibility to preserve and protect the farming industry in New York State, and they have stepped up to support and serve on this task force," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario.

NYSAC is accepting nominations from additional county officials interested in serving on the Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future of Farming in New York State. The New York State Association of Counties is a bipartisan municipal association serving all 62 counties of New York State including the City of New York. Organized in 1925, NYSAC's mission is to represent, educate and advocate for member counties and the thousands of elected and appointed county officials who serve the public.

SCAM (From Pg. 2)

"Western Union, Moneygram and similar companies are great for sending money to relatives or friends in an emergency, when they can't wait for a check in the mail. If someone wants you to "wire" money to pay a fee for funds they will send you later, or as part of a work at home program, a red flag should go up immediately," said the Sheriff. "The scammers love to use money telegram systems because they typically have the victim wire the funds to a large city. The scammers can then retrieve the money from any one of several hundred telegram agents within that geographic area. Even if you were to catch it in time, it would be very difficult to have the police on the other end watch every single location", said Schiff.

Anyone who may have been a victim of these scams are urged to call the Sheriff's Office at 845-794-7100

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*The Rantings & Ravings of a Dirty Old Man
 by Karl H. Messinger, M.D.*

The above piece was contributed by Tom Smith from his *Collection of Old Writings*



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**Covered
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March 6, 2010
5:30 pm
**Sundown United
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**at the Sundown
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**Thrift
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**Grahamsville
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Saturday
Mar. 20, 2010
9 am - 2 pm

GRAHAMSVILLE REFORMED CHURCH
ROAST PORK DINNER
 March 6, 2010 Saturday
 4 - 7 pm

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STATE OF THE COUNTY 2010 ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE TAKES BOLD STEPS TO PROTECT TAXPAYERS, ADDRESS CHALLENGES AND MOVE THE COUNTY FORWARD

In his State of the County address, delivered last night before the County Legislature, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein issued a moratorium on spending to continue addressing what he characterized as a moment of "great challenge", one that requires courage, cooperation and genuine leadership.

In his address, the County Executive highlighted the serious financial climate the County has operated within during the past year, including declining sales tax receipts, increases in unfunded and underfunded mandates and sharp increases in human services costs, all brought on by the severe global and national recession.

The County Executive said, "We must continue to make the same hard choices American families are making every single day." He added that he understands the frustration people are feeling about jobs, taxes and multiple layers of government that are seen as expensive and inefficient. He implored Legislators to join him in continuing to take the much needed actions required to weather the current financial crisis, reform the status quo and move Ulster County toward a brighter, and more sustainable, economic future.

The County Executive also cited New York State's \$7 billion dollar plus budget deficit, and even larger out-year deficits, as a cause for concern.

He criticized State budget proposals that would cut funding for long-term health care facilities, such as Ulster County's Golden Hill Health Care Center, which for many years received reimbursement from the State, at unacceptably low 1983 rates.

Despite all of the difficult circumstances, the County Executive sounded a positive note as he detailed the significant reforms and cost-cutting actions his administration has taken to protect County taxpayers. These include over \$6 million dollars in cost savings implemented by the County Executive in 2009, made possible by aggressive cost-cutting actions.

With a focus on economic development, the County Executive outlined his Administration's job retention efforts, including keeping Gillette Creamery in Ulster County. Gillette had received significant offers to move to Vermont, when the County Executive intervened and secured \$600 thousand dollars from Empire State Development Corporation to assist Gillette. As a result, over 60 jobs were retained and it is anticipated that Gillette will be making an additional \$5.7 million dollar investment in Ulster County.

Further, the County Executive discussed the "Credit for Success" bank consortium, an innovative small business lending program that was launched in Ulster County. Senator Schumer has embraced this idea and expects to expand it across upstate New York and potentially nationwide. The program gives small businesses on "Main Street" access to private capital, at no cost to County taxpayers.

The County Executive also reviewed his Administration's record with respect to new job creation, stating that over 440 private sector jobs had been created during the last year, with over 267 of those jobs currently filled. He indicated that Ulster County's unemployment rate is 1.2% less than the State average and 2% less than the national average. The County Executive emphasized, however, that the area unemployment rate is still unacceptably high and that "we must redouble our efforts to grow and keep jobs in our community."

The County Executive emphasized that Ulster County's future is promising; however, we must face tough choices now and focus on results, not rhetoric. Ulster County has what it takes to succeed and the County Executive is determined to work with leaders throughout Ulster County, regardless of political affiliation, to make sure that it does.

Finally, the County Executive called upon the Legislature to embrace its policy making role by:

- Saving taxpayers money by supporting, and encouraging participation in the Shared Highway Services Program;

- Conducting a thorough review of New York State's Social Services laws and policies in order to advocate on behalf of and protect Ulster County tax-

payers and Department of Social Services (DSS) recipients against fraud, waste and abuse;

- Ensuring the viability of Golden Hill, Ulster County's long-term health care facility;

- Studying Ulster County's economic development structure to determine if the Ulster County Development Corporation (UCDC)/ Industrial Development (IDA) model is the best and most effective one;

- Examining equitable funding methods for police protection services provided throughout the County;

GILLIBRAND PUSHES TO INCLUDE PUBLIC OPTION IN HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM RECONCILIATION PACKAGE - CBO Projections Show Public Option Could Yield Savings of At Least \$25 billion

In the continued effort to pass health care reform that lowers costs and leads to higher quality care, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is working to pass health insurance reform that includes a public health insurance option under budget reconciliation rules.

Senator Gillibrand joined Senators Michael Bennett (D-CO), Jeff Merkley (D-OR) and Sherrod Brown (D-OH) to write to Senate Majority Leader Reid highlighting findings from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) that said a public option could yield cost savings of at least \$25 billion. Bennet also pointed to the fact that a public option would provide Americans with a low-cost alternative to private insurance and improve market competitiveness.

In addition, the letter noted that there is substantial Senate precedent for using reconciliation to enact important health care policies, including the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), COBRA, and Medicare Advantage.

"Too many people in Washington believe that just saying you are for health care reform is a substitute for actually getting something done," the Senators wrote. "While some choose to stall progress under the pretext of principle, more and more Americans are losing the health care coverage they need. Coloradans deserve better than political leaders who care more about the special interests than the people we're supposed to represent. They deserve a Washington that is more concerned about the thousands of dollars being lost by families struggling to pay for coverage than the millions being spent by special interests intent on stopping reform in its tracks."

In the letter, the Senators also pointed to widespread public support for a public health insurance option as evidence that the American people see it as an essential component of health care reform that lowers costs and improves the quality of care.

Late last year, before voting in favor of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Bennet criticized the backroom deals, delay tactics and political posturing that led to the removal of the public option in health care reform.

The full text of the letter to Senate Majority Leader Reid is below:

The Honorable Harry Reid
United States Senate Majority Leader
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Reid:

We respectfully ask that you bring for a vote before the full Senate a public health insurance option under budget reconciliation rules.

There are four fundamental reasons why we support this approach - its potential for billions of dollars in cost savings; the growing need to increase competition and lower costs for the consumer; the history of using reconciliation for significant pieces of health care legislation; and the continued public support for a public option.

A Public Option Is an Important Tool for Restoring Fiscal Discipline.

As Democrats, we pledged that the Senate health care reform package would address skyrocketing health care costs and relieve overburdened American families and small businesses from annual double-digit health care cost increases. And that it would do so without adding a dime to the nation-

al debt.

The non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) determined that the Senate health reform bill is actually better than deficit neutral. It would reduce the deficit by over \$130 billion in the first ten years and up to \$1 trillion in the first 20 years.

These cost savings are an important start. But a strong public option can be the centerpiece of an even better package of cost saving measures. CBO estimated that various public option proposals in the House save at least \$25 billion. Even \$1 billion in savings would qualify it for consideration under reconciliation.

Put simply, including a strong public option is one of the best, most fiscally responsible ways to reform our health insurance system.

A Public Option Would Provide Americans with a Low-Cost Alternative and Improve Market Competitiveness.

A strong public option would create better competition in our health insurance markets. Many Americans have no or little real choice of health insurance provider. Far too often, it's "take it or leave it" for families and small businesses. This lack of competition drives up costs and leaves private health insurance companies with little incentive to provide quality customer service.

A recent Health Care for America Now report on private insurance companies found that the largest five for-profit health insurance providers made \$12 billion in profits last year, yet they actually dropped 2.7 million people from coverage. Private insurance - by gouging the public even during a severe economic recession - has shown it cannot function in the public's interest without a public alternative. Americans have nowhere to turn. That is not healthy market competition, and it is not good for the public.

If families or individuals like their current coverage through a private insurance company, then they can keep that coverage. And in some markets where consumers have many alternatives, a public option may be less necessary. But many local markets have broken down, with only one or two insurance providers available to consumers. Each and every health insurance market should have real choices for consumers.

There is a history of using reconciliation for significant pieces of health care legislation.

There is substantial Senate precedent for using reconciliation to enact important health care policies. The Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicare Advantage, and the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), which actually contains the term 'reconciliation' in its title, were all enacted under reconciliation.

The American Enterprise Institute's Norman Ornstein and Brookings' Thomas Mann and Molly Reynolds jointly wrote, "Are Democrats making an egregious power grab by sidestepping the filibuster? Hardly." They continued that the precedent for using reconciliation to enact major policy changes is "much more extensive . . . than Senate Republicans are willing to admit these days."

There is strong public support for a public option, across party lines.

The overwhelming majority of Americans want a public option. The latest New York Times poll on this issue, in December, shows that despite the attacks of recent months Americans support the public option 59% to 29%. Support includes 80% of Democrats, 59% of Independents, and even 33% of Republicans.

Much of the public identifies a public option as the key component of health care reform - and as the best thing we can do to stand up for regular people against big insurance companies. In fact, overall support for health care reform declined steadily as the public option was removed from reform legislation.

Although we strongly support the important reforms made by the Senate-passed health reform package, including a strong public option would improve both its substance and the public's perception of it. The Senate has an obligation to reform our unworkable health insurance market - both to reduce costs and to give consumers more choices. A strong public option is the best way to deliver on both of these goals, and we urge its consideration under reconciliation rules.

THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312 SOUTH
(See Page 8 for more events)

PIZZA & EGG DECORATING - Mar 19@ 5:30 pm. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents. Sign up by Mar 9

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

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

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

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AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

STORMWATER REQUIREMENTS SUBJECT OF CWC WORKSHOP

Planning board members, engineers, contractors and municipal officials interested in stormwater issues are invited to a free workshop sponsored by the Catskill Watershed Corporation Wednesday, March 10 in Fleischmanns.

"Before the Rains: Stormwater Rules Explained" will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at La Cabana Mexican Restaurant. Check-in begins at 8:30.

There is no charge for the workshop or the buffet lunch that follows, however, pre-registration is required by March 3. Go to www.cwconline.org, and click on the notice on the home page to register electronically. Call 845-586-1400 to obtain a paper registration form.

Planning and zoning board members may use workshop hours towards their annual training requirement.

The workshop will explain New York State and New York City Watershed regulations governing stormwater - why they matter in the pursuit of clean water, what the rules consist of and how they are enforced. When are Erosion and Sediment Control plans required for construction sites? What triggers the requirement for a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for a new building or other impervious surface? When is a certified on-site stormwater inspector needed? What are the responsibilities of the contractor, the designer, and the property owner?

A preview of new standards for post-construction SWPPP design and maintenance will be offered by Carol Lamb-LaFay of the Office of Environmental Quality, Region IV, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The standards, which are expected to be implemented by the DEC later this year, will emphasize incorporating "green infrastructure" to maximize natural infiltration of runoff. Local municipal codes may have to be modified to reflect the new requirements.

Joining her as a workshop presenter will be Joseph Damrath of the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Damrath is Stormwater Program Supervisor for the West-of Hudson Watershed where he oversees a staff of five stormwater specialists and inspectors within the Regulatory and Engineering Programs Section.

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

VETERAN AND MILITARY ENROLLMENT WORKSHOP AT SUNY ULSTER

SUNY Ulster has scheduled a comprehensive information session on Monday, March 8, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the DeWitt Library on the Stone Ridge Campus, to discuss higher education choices for Veterans

- 2/24/10 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 3/1/10 Time & the Valleys Museum work committee meeting 12:30 Neversink Town Hall
- 3/2/10 Town Board Meeting - Town of Denning Town Hall - 7:00 pm
- 3/3/10 **Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting**- 1:30pm Town Hall Grahamsville
- 3/3/10 Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 3/4/10 First Thursday Readers -1 pm Daniel Pierce Library -Selceton "Marley and Me" by John Grogan
- 3/6/10 Sundown Methodist Church - **Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm** -Sundown Church Hall
- 3/6/10 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4-7 pm
- 3/9/10 Town of Denning Audit Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7:00 pm
- 3/10/10 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 3/11/10 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 3/16/10 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 3/17/10 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association
- 3/20/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** - 9 am - 1 pm
- 3/24/10 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 3/24/10 Claryville Fire District Regular Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 3/26/10 Time and the Valleys Trustee Meeting - 7:00 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 3/30/10 Townof Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting 7 pm Upstairs Meeting Room @Town Hall
- 4/2/10 Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY
- 4/3/10 Sundown Methodist Church - there will be no Covered Dish Dinner this month

SAVE THE DATE!

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

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

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and Active Duty Personnel. Counselors from the Admissions and Financial Aid office will be available to discuss programs of study, transfer credits, VA tuition benefits and campus support services. This event is free and open to the public. SUNY Ulster is a Service Member's Opportunity College with flexible scheduling options and online course offerings as well as career and technical training programs in a variety of subjects. Contact the Admissions Office at 845-687-5022 or admissions@sunyulster.edu to reserve a seat or to find out about additional workshop dates.

SCDW CASTING CALL -NOEL COWARD COMIC FARCE BLITHE SPIRIT

When writer Charles Condomine decides to hold a séance as research for a new mystery novel, he has no idea that he'll end up being haunted by his annoying and temperamental, now-deceased first wife, Elvira - a ghost that only he can see. Not surprisingly, Charles' second wife, Ruth, isn't amused by his claim that Elvira is in the room, and the comedy quotient rises to a fever pitch when Madame Arcati, the daffy medium who conducted the séance, tells Charles she has no idea how to send this blithe spirit back where she came from!

Auditions: Wednesday, February 24th from 6-9 pm; Thursday, February 25th from 6-9 pm at Sullivan County Museum 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY 12747 - Performances May 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 at Rivoli Theatre, South Fallsburg]

Actors Needed: 2 men - 40s; 2 women - 40s; 1 woman - 30s; 1 woman - 50s+; 1 woman, any age

For additional information, to schedule an audition or arrange for an alternate audition time, contact director, Harold Tighe at (845) 807-7212 or @ tigheharlil@hvc.rr.com

SUNY ULSTER OFFERS NEW MEDICAL CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SERIES

SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional Education Department announces a new series of courses for Spring 2010, Medical Claims Administration. Learn practical skills that will land you a job in the field of medical administration. Previous office skills or experience is not necessary.

This series includes Medical Terminology, ICD-9-CM & Billing, CPT4 & Receivables and Medical Office Procedures. Classes begin March 16 and will meet on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

To learn more about this series or many other opportunities, contact the Continuing and Professional Education Office at (845) 339-2025, or view the entire schedule of Spring 2010 offerings online at www.sunyulster.edu.

SUNY ULSTER ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE PAULINE OLIVEROS PRESENTS WORLDWIDE TUNING MEDITATION

Internationally-acclaimed composer and performer Pauline Oliveros will present a workshop and group tuning meditation on "Deep Listening: A Practice for Our Time" on March 2, at SUNY Ulster.

Oliveros, executive director of the Kingston-based Deep Listening Institute, Ltd., will present an overview on

the deep listening practices and philosophy that she pioneered.

Audience members can take part in the Worldwide Tuning Meditation, an experience that brings many people together by sharing a simple way of sounding common vowels and listening together.

The event is the second in a series of three that are open to the public as part of her Larry Berk Artist-in-Residence at the college.

The event will be held at 7 p.m., in the Vanderlyn Hall Student Lounge, on the Stone Ridge campus. Suggested donation is \$8. For information, call (845) 687-5262.

FROST VALLEY YMCA UPDATES

Sunday, March 21: A Bowl-A-Thon hosted by Frost Valley YMCA. Funds benefit Frost Valley's Campership Program at Kiamesha Lanes. Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, ext. 208, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org/donate.

Friday-Sunday, March 12-14: Cub Scout / Boy Scout Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville, NY. A weekend of indoor and outdoor adventure for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org.

Sunday, March 14: A Maple Sugar House Hike will be held at Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville, NY. See the maple process from start to finish. **Free.**

Saturday & Sunday, March 20&21: A Maple Sugaring Open House will be held at Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville, NY. See the maple process from start to finish. **Free.**

Saturday & Sunday, March 27&28: A Maple Sugaring Open House will be held at Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville, NY. See the maple process from start to finish. **Free.**

Maple Sugar Open House runs from 9 am to 4 pm every half hour. For information/registration for Maple Sugar House Hikes: (845) 985-2291, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org. Frost Valley YMCA camp and conference center is located in the Catskill Mountain high peaks. See our website: <http://www.frostvalley.org/maple-sugaring/open-house.html> or <http://www.frostvalley.org/maple-sugaring/open-house.html>

SC PHILATELIC SOCIETY MEETING

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society will hold its meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at the Ted Stroebel Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello, NY.

They will have a five-lot mini-action and huge trading session. Members are asked to bring material to sell and trade. They will also review plans for the upcoming Stamp Show to be held August 8th at the Ted Stroebel Recreation Center.

The meetings as well as the Stamp Show are open to the general public and are free. For information, call Art at 794-2586.



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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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ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD FLYER IN THE MARCH 4th ISSUE

The Townsman will resume the **ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD** in the March 4th, 2010 issue and will continue to publish this insert the first week of each month.

All ads for the March **One Dollar, One Line, One Item** flyer must be received in our office by **Friday, February 26th at 3:00 pm**. You may either mail your ad along with \$1 to: The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740, drop it in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building or email it to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com

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Denning Democrats On the Local Scene

This message was sent to the Denning Democratic Committee from Ulster County Democratic Committee Chair Julian Scheribman, who asks that you please try to join us and the committee to Elect Paul Van Blaricum Sheriff at a Campaign Kick-Off Fundraiser, at the Hillside Manor, Friday, February 26, 2010 at 5:30 pm, for RSVP call 845-417-4123. For more information, please visit The Ulster County Democratic Committee website at

<http://ulstercountymocrats.com>

... and in another note from Julian-

We are pleased to report that we were blessed with two identical boy cherubs at about 1:30 in the morning on February 14th. Granger Emerson (the baby formerly known as 'A') and Gareth Augustus ('B') were about six weeks early, but they just could not wait any longer to meet all of you. Granger weighed in at 5 lbs, 6 oz and 17 inches (asleep). Gareth came in at 5 lbs 10 oz and 17.5 inches (with open eyes). Augustus is a family name on Shannon's side and Emerson recalls Julian's uncle Manny (and evokes their Boston origins). As for the names Granger and Gareth, well, we just like 'em.

The boys are getting some extra help due to their early arrival, but they are good sized and doing well. We hope to have them home in about a week. Mom was a real trooper through some difficult times and she is resting and happy. Daddy is fine too. And Hudson has no idea... Thank you for all of the support you have given us over the past several months. Warm regards, Shannon & Julian Schreiberman

Congratulations! From the Town of Denning Democratic Committee.

On the National Scene -Healthcare

This time some encouraging words from CREDO. The public option is not dead. Senator Michael Bennet of Colorado is pushing his colleagues to pass the public option through reconciliation, which requires only 51 votes. Sen. Bennet has written a letter to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid urging him to pass the public option this way. Call your Senators (202-224-4451, 202-224-6542) if you support, or have an opinion on this issue. Have a suggestion for Denning Dems email, denningdems@yahoo.com, Democratic Committee Chair Frank Comando



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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"



Tom Jones (1963) is a comedy misadventure, that just cries with laughter in this interpretation of the Henry Fielding novel of *Tom Jones*. This is the story of a country boy coming of age in 18th-century England. He becomes a playboy while trying to find himself. Cast: Albert Finney, Susannah York, and Hugh Griffith. Dir: Tony

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8:00 pm, Saturday evening, February 27, 2010, on TCM

Quiz:

- A. Who played Sophie Western?
- B. Who played Toms Mother?

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

A new business in Grahamsville, it's the Grand Opening of Grahamsville Automotive at 7430 Route 42 (same place as "The Old Sugarloaf Garage") is now under new management. Check out their ad and flyer, in this issue. Stop by and meet the new owners. Gnomes know good people when they meet them.

Are computer problems making you crazy? **Call Ken at 845 436 1555** for a Woodbourne appointment, or visit his shop at the **Middletown Flea Market** on weekends. Ken's cell 845 800 1054. We checked it out and Adnil purchased a wonderful 3 gig Hz Laptop at such a low cost, with a 160 gig hd, and an NVIDIA G- Force 256 meg video graphics card. Wow! We couldn't get a better deal. Check out Ken's ad in this paper. Have fun with your laptop Adnil!

At a time when a dollar needs to go further, do like Adnil and I do, stretch that dollar by shopping at **Peter's Market** in Ellenville. Serving great meats, fresh veggies, and all sorts of healthy foods, and one of the best Roast Beef Hero's going! I do not have to go far for a wide variety of herbal teas, to tantalize not only the tongue, but the spirit as well. Plus they have supplements you cannot find anywhere else. So shop at **Peters' Market** in Ellenville. They support small business, let's support them.

Do you like beautiful cards and photos? Check out **Pat Peters Art work**, while you are at **Peters Market**.

"Have a Great Day!"

Bye,

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

- A. Susannah York
- B. Joyce Redman