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

The Townsman will resume the *ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD* in the February 4th, 2010 issue.

All ads for the February *One Dollar, One Line, One Item* flyer must be received in our office by **Friday, January 29th 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 Buidling or email it to: [tvtownsman@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)

## TRI-VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE REGISTRATION FOR 2010 SEASON

Tri-Valley Little League will be holding registration for all boys and girls ages 5-15 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Town Hall in Grahamsville. All new players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate.

Registration dates are: January 23rd and the final registration dates is January 30th, 2010.

If you have any questions call Tom Mitchell at 985-7419. In case of inclement weather also call 985-7449 and listen to the message.

## SULLIVAN BOCES APPOINTS NEW DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

The Board of Education of the Sullivan County Board of Cooperative Educational Services is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Lawrence Thomas, of Marathon, New York, as the new District Superintendent. Mr. Thomas was appointed at the special Board of Education meeting held on January 13th, to fill the position that was vacated by Martin Handler back in September of 2008. Mr. Thomas will begin his role as District Superintendent on February 1st. (Contd. Pg. 4)



## FREE WORKSHOP LOOKING AT STEPS TO TAKE WHEN A FAMILY INCOME DROPS-Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County is offering a workshop on steps to take when your income is reduced.

A workshop will be held on January 28th, 2010 from 12:00 -3:00pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County- Unemployment isn't just a financial strain; it can affect the entire family. Minimize the stress of job loss with tips discussed in this workshop. Learn how to take action so you and your family can ease the burden of job loss as much as possible. Presenters Sean Welsh and Susan Dollard. A light lunch will be served.

This Class is free and open to the public, but you must pre- register with Linda at 845-292-5250, there must be a minimum of 10 pre registered participants for this class to be held.

For more information contact: Sean Welsh, Consumer Educator, Gerald J. Skoda Education Center, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty NY 12754 Phone 1 877-292-5250, Fax 845-292-2154.

## CENTRAL HUDSON INSTALLS MICROGRID R&D PROJECT TO IMPROVE SERVICE RELIABILITY



Seeking to improve service reliability in the most cost-effective manner, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation has installed and constructed a micro-grid distribution system in the Frost Valley area of Ulster County as a research and development project. Co-funded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, this project will test technologies that could improve the reliability of electric service in that region at a lower cost than the traditional method of building a new distribution circuit. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## FALLSBURG LIONS CLUB DONATES TO HAITI RELIEF

At the monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Fallsburg Lions Club on January 14, members magnanimously answered the call from Lions Club International Foundation (LCIF) Chairperson Al Brandel for support of disaster relief to the victims of the horrible earthquake in Haiti on January 12. LCIF awarded an immediate Major Catastrophe Grant of \$50,000. Contributions from Lions Club all over the world have begun pouring in to increase that number dramatically. Lions have always been there to offer hope and healing to people who are in desperate need. As stated by Lion Brandel, "It's through Lions' commitment to serving those suffering from the earthquake's devastation will receive some sense of normalcy."

## TIMELY TALK FROM THE RED CROSS IN FALLSBURG

Just prior to the horrible earthquake that has



Left to right are Fallsburg Lions Club President Larry Schafman, Secretary Miranda Behan, and Red Cross on Greater New York Senior Coordinator of Mass Care & Sheltering for Hudson Valley John Cascone.

devastated Haiti, the Fallsburg Lions Club hosted John Cascone, Senior Coordinator, Mass Care & Sheltering, Lower Hudson Valley for the American Red Cross in Greater New York, at its monthly dinner meeting on January 7 at Nardi's Frankie and Johnny's Restaurant in Hurleyville. (Contd. Pg. 6)

## HELP FOR HAITIAN VICTIMS

"What can I do to help the people of Haiti?" That's a question that many of us have been asking ourselves since that island nation was devastated by an earthquake on January 12th. At CrossWay Assembly of God, we are serving as local coordinators for Convoy of Hope, an organization which exists to feed millions in need through children's nutrition initiatives, citywide outreaches and disaster response. Convoy of Hope is already on the ground in Port-au-Prince distributing food, water and medicine. If you should choose to give, 100% of your donations will go to help the people of Haiti. You can go to [www.convoyofhope.org](http://www.convoyofhope.org) to donate directly, or you can send checks to CrossWay Assembly of God, PO Box 480, Woodbourne, NY 12788. Please write "Haiti disaster relief" on the memo line. If you have any questions, please contact the church at 845-434-8263 or go to

[crosswayaog@aol.com](mailto:crosswayaog@aol.com) or <http://www.ministrywatch.com/profile/convoy-of-hope.aspx>.

Visit our website at [www.crosswayaog.com](http://www.crosswayaog.com). Let's reach out as a community to touch the people of Haiti.

## BONACIC RECEIVES FARM BUREAUS "CIRCLE OF FRIENDS" AWARD

State Senator John J. Bonacic(R/I/C - Mount Hope) has been named by the New York State Farm Bureau to be a member of the "Circle of Friends" for his support of farmers and farming issues. "Much of this region's economy is based on agriculture. I am honored by this recognition," stated Senator Bonacic. (Contd. Pg. 12)

## SC LONGBEARDS MEETS WITH SENATOR BONACIC



On January 12, 2010, representatives of the Sullivan County Long Beards met with State Senator John Bonacic at the Sportsmen & Outdoor Recreation Legislative Awareness Day in Albany. Here, Senator Bonacic (back row, far left) is pictured with Fran D'Auria (Secretary), Hank D'Auria (Event Chairman and Treasurer) and Jim Cole. Bonacic and the group discussed their legislative issues.

## SC LONG BEARDS "STRUT" THEIR STUFF

The National Wild Turkey Federation, NYS Chapter held its Annual Banquet and Leadership meeting last weekend at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo. There are 57 NWTFF Chapters throughout the State. Once again, the Sullivan County Long Beards walked away with some of the most prestigious awards. For the fourth year, we won the "Boss Gobbler" Award for the most JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship) signed up in NYS, breaking our own state record. Also for the first time, the "Boss Gobbler" Award for the most Regular members in NYS and the Stanley Cup equivalent of the NYS Chapter the "Regional Directors Appreciation Award" for the best "Overall Achievements" for a Chapter in NYS. (Contd. Pg. 8)



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Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501.  
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**ON THE FRONT BURNER :** Before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth; with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity. Psalm 98:9

**DAYS OF YORE.....**  
**Today's History**

**January 18, 1950** - Nine firms submitted bids for the proposed construction of the main dam at Downsville on Tuesday. Low bidder was Carlo Bianchi & Company, of Framingham, Mass. Their bid was \$17,902,275. S.A. Healy Co. was fourth lowest; John Arborrio of Poughkeepsie was fifth; Walsh-Perrini, sixth and Frazier-Davis, seventh.

Anna Catherine Becker Dulaff died Saturday, January 14th after a long illness. Mrs. Dulaff had lived for most of her lifetime in Claryville and vicinity.

Mr. Carl Carlsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C.T. Carlsen of South Hill, has been promoted from bookkeeper to note teller at the First National Bank in Ellenville.

The Will Huson house, vacated just before Christmas, has been razed and the excavation filled in. No trace of the dwelling remains.

The January meeting of the Grahamsville WCTU was held at the home of Mrs. Milo TerBush on January 11th. The ladies were joined by several of the husbands for the good dinner. The January program is given to legislation and fittingly so for during the program the President, Mrs. Grace Harris, reported on the Langer bill to limit liquor advertising in Interstate Commerce. Mrs. Elsie VanValkenburg gave a summary of the new study book, "It's Smarter Not to Drink", published by School and College Service, Columbus, Ohio.

John Kenney, Fremont Democrat, was elected Chairman over Bruce Denman, Neversink Republican, by a ten to five vote at the organizational meeting of the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors. The voting was along party lines.

**January 20, 1960** - The WSCS of the Sundown church will hold an all day meeting on Thursday, January 21, at the Charles home, Sundown. A covered dish luncheon will be served. Ladies are reminded to study the third chapter of Luke and to bring their bibles.

Mr. and Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck were dinner guests with Mr. and Mrs. Arlington Visscher on Thursday. Friends will be glad to hear that Mrs. Manville Wakefield, who has been confined for several months, is now getting out more. She is well enough that she gets out to be with her little ones for sleigh riding.

Proudly we make known that the name of Inez George Gridley again appeared in the 9th January edition of the *New York Times*, under her poem titled "Home Coming". Best wishes for continued success and congratulations to I.G.G.

By the middle of this year it is expected the Board of Water Supply of New York City will advertise bids for the three remaining big contracts in its Delaware Supply System: Cannonsville Dam, intake works at Cannonsville Reservoir and outlet works at Lows Corners at the (Next Col.)

Merriman Dam. Cannonsville Dam and reservoir will cost about \$60 million according to estimates. The dam will be a rolled earth embankment about 1,500 feet long and 175 feet high. It will impound about 280,000 acre-feet of water from a 450 square mile area drained by the headwaters of the Delaware River's West Branch.

**January 21, 1970** - Two Tri-Valley graduates from the class of 1969 have been selected for listing in "Who's Who Among American High School Students". Patricia Osterhout, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Osterhout and John Higgins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins are currently among the 53,000 outstanding students covering the entire nation.

On Saturday, January 17th, Robert McIntosh of Woodbourne and Beverly Searl of Liberty were united in marriage by Pastor Walter. Their attendants were Kenneth and Melody Mullinex.

**Cub Scout's Work**  
by Douglas Baloy, Den 5

A Cub Scout's work is never done,  
Although he does have some fun.  
We hike and run and are so true,  
Under the moon and skies so blue.  
We are loyal and so fair,  
If you're in trouble, we'll soon be there

Mrs. Floyd VanWagner, president of the Sundown W.S.C.S., reports that eight hospital gowns for small children were completed and that Mrs. Nelson Phillips, a member of this group, will take them to Liberty Loomis for immediate use. In the future, along with sewing, we will refurbish toys for the children's ward. It was a very good meeting. Ten members were present.

**January 17, 1980** - The Board of Education met on January 3, 1980 and heard reports from seniors John Sheeley and Thomas Krom, who participated in the exceptional student's program, "Understanding Our Political System." Three Tri-Valley students attended five seminars with local, state and federal leaders during the months of November and Dec, 1979.

Congratulations to grandparents Floyd and Gladys VanWagner and to maternal grandpa, Don Smith of Liberty on the birth of grandson Christopher Brian, who was born to Fred and Sue VanWagner of Woodbourne on December 24th at 3:47 p.m.

The Town of Neversink Planning Board welcomed some new faces at their regular meeting on January 8th. Joining the Board is Ronnie VanAken of Sundown, and the new Board Secretary will be Terry Shaver. Fond farewells were given (Next Col.)

to Carol Furman who leaves to assume her newly elected position as Councilman on the Town Board and to Mickie Costa who leaves as Secretary of the Planning Board to take over her new duties as Town Clerk due to the resignation of Georgie Lepke. Georgie was recently appointed as Deputy County Treasurer. Dick Coombe took over his duties as newly elected County Treasurer.

**CAS ARTS CENTER**  
**New Exhibition, Shifting Perspectives**

February 6 - March 14, 2010 - *Shifting Perspectives*

The Catskill Art Society proudly presents *Shifting Perspectives*, a new exhibition featuring the work of artists Christine Gedeon and Joel Edwards at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY. This exhibition explores the concept of progression through line and the invention of new pictorial spaces. From a similar starting point that is precise and hard-edged, both artists arrive at work that creates a visual balance between organic and graphic, spontaneous and planned. Gedeon interprets topographical landscapes using a sewing machine, fabric and paint on raw canvas through an improvisational approach. Edwards, a Livingston Manor resident, applies and removes paint to create a textured surface within an orderly abstract, geometric composition. Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursday - Saturday from 11am-6pm, Sunday 11am-3pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

February 6, 2010 1pm CAS will host an **Artists' Talk** for its new exhibition, *Shifting Perspectives*, at 1pm on Saturday, February 6. This event is free and open to the public.

February 6, 2010 2-4pm - CAS will host an **Opening Reception** for its new exhibition, *Shifting Perspectives*. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

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

**iPHONE COMMUNITY GETS POST OFFICE**

Apple Computer's App Store online store now offers a new free U.S. Postal Service application for iPhone and iPod touch mobile digital devices.

The new USPS Mobile application takes advantage of Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) capabilities, using the Locator function to show Post Offices, Automated Postal Centers and Collection Boxes in closest proximity to the user. Maps and directions - driving, walking or mass transit, to the closest location also are provided. (Contd. Pg. 6)



**HERE AND THERE**

Medi Beluli of the Grahamsville Deli is a remarkable man. Last summer he underwent major surgery and several weeks of convalescence. He has just recently returned from about a month's visit to his native Albania, where he spent the holiday season with family members and friends. It's good to have you back with us, Medi!

Wanda Terwilliger says her knee is doing quite well following arthroscopic surgery shortly before Christmas. Keep up the good work, Wanda. Fred Costa was hospitalized for a few days recently, but has returned home this past week. We're sending you lots of cheery good wishes, Fred. We haven't heard any reports on Sheila Benton for some time; we hope she is aware of the many thoughts and prayers we're sending her. ... Community friends and neighbors extend their condolences to the Lounsbury family on the recent passing of Paul's mother.

All car owners expect to take their vehicle in to a dealer for periodic servicing and check-ups, a task which usually doesn't take too much time or money. But when Hulda Vernooy took her Toyota in to the dealer in Monticello, she wasn't so fortunate: the trip cost her over two hours and \$150! It seems that a mouse in her garage decided to lay in supplies for the months ahead. He started gathering seeds, brought them inside the garage, and found some places to store them. When the serviceman came out to explain the delay to Hulda, he showed her five filters packed full of seeds! The workman told her that if she hadn't brought the car in for servicing, she probably would have had to replace the heating system in time - approximate cost, \$800! Moral of her story: if you have an industrious mouse around, seal up all the entrances to your garage!

We have three more historical events occurring in past Januarys to recall. On Jan. 24, 1848, gold was discovered at Sutter's Mill in the new territory of California. The following year, the Gold Rush was in full swing as some 800,000 people headed west to seek their fortune. ... On Jan. 27, 1973, Americans cheered as the Viet Nam conflict came to an end. ... And on Jan. 28, 1986, we mourned when the shuttle Challenger exploded 74 seconds after lift-off, killing seven crew members, including a civilian school teacher, Christa McAuliffe. The tragedy halted the space program until September of 1988.

Birthday celebrators in the next few days include three Garber ladies: Darlene (Garber) Nielsen and her two sisters-in-law, Mary (Mrs. Roy G.) and Betty (Mrs. Wayne G.), all on Jan. 27. Also on 1-27, Matthew Ryan, son of Mike and Paula R., turns 9. On 1-29, our neighbor (and part-time cat-sitter), Cheyenne Hennessey, will be 14; and on 1-31, Logan McKeon, son of Sean and Lynn M., will celebrate. Back up to 1-28, when Bill and June Schulte will count 49 years together. Congratulations and best wishes to all the above.

The media coverage of the horrendous death, destruction and suffering taking place in Haiti this past week leaves most of us with conflicting emotions: first, despair at not being able to help these unfortunate people who have lost all of what pitifully little they had; and second, our frustration and inability to understand why, with tons of water sitting on the airport tarmac or aboard ships in the harbor, very few of these victims have had anything to drink for four days or more. ... Our prayers go out to all the people of Haiti, for their survival and their recovery. .... (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.)

**SENIOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION COMMITTEE MEETING**

The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County (SLAC) invites you to their monthly meeting on Friday, January 29, 2010, in the Legislative Hearing Room of the Government Center, Monticello, NY.

The speaker will be Allison Epstein, the representative of Governor David Paterson in the Southern Hudson Valley. She will speak about the Governor's proposals to rebuild the economy and restore people's trust and confidence in government, including fiscal and ethics reform. She will also respond to questions from the audience.

This meeting, as all the meetings, (Next Col.)

is OPEN TO ALL. Please come, bring friends and voice your concerns. Other issues such as legislation to replace the Social Security COLA freeze will be on the agenda.

For further information, call 807-0241 or 985-7901, or write SLAC, P.O. Box 1065, Ferndale, NY 12734.

SLAC is affiliated with NY StateWide Senior Action Council.

**EXTINCTION IS FOREVER- Danielle Conlon**

Think back to when you were a child. What was your favorite animal to see in the zoo? Now imagine a world where your children or grandchildren will never see that animal.

President Richard Nixon said, as he signed the Endangered Species Act in 1973, 'Nothing is more priceless and more worthy of preservation than the rich array of animal life with which our country has been blessed. It is a many-faceted treasure of value to scholars, scientists, and nature-lovers alike, and it forms a vital part of the heritage we all share as Americans.'

The Endangered Species Act is the primary legislation in the United States that protects endangered plants and animals from extinction. There are currently 1,925 species on the list with 4,000 waiting to be added. As a result of the Endangered Species Act, it is estimated that at least 60% of listed species have recovered and barely 1% has gone extinct in the last 30 years. One species that has recovered is none other than our own nation's symbol. The bald eagle was reduced to pitiful numbers as a result of hunting and use of a pesticide known as DDT. By actively enforcing laws against DDT use and other dangers to the birds, the bald eagle was removed from the list in June of 2007.

The bald eagle is one of the Act's greatest successes. However, it will be the last if the Act is not strengthened. Before leaving office, George W. Bush eliminated regulations that required federal projects to be reviewed by scientists to analyze the impact they will have on endangered species. Now, federal agencies can build roads and power plants and order oil drilling with no regard for its environmental impact. With habitat destruction being the leading cause of mass extinction, now is not the time to make it any easier.

Some may not care if mass extinction continues But I do. I don't want to live in a world where the only jungles are concrete, where the only beauty is manufactured. I don't want to live in a world where my children read and learn about tigers and gorillas the way we once did about dinosaurs. I don't want to have to explain to my children that those fascinating creatures had once roamed this very earth, but are now gone, never to be seen again. And I don't want to tell them that I could have stopped it, if I had tried.

The Act needs to be strengthened. These animals need to be saved because once an animal is lost there is no going back. Extinction is forever.

**ROUIS ANNOUNCES SOLID WASTE REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Chairman Rouis announced Thursday the formation of a Select Committee to review the Solid Waste User Fee schedule adopted last December.

The Solid Waste Review Committee will be chaired by Legislature Vice Chairman Elwin "Woody" Wood will be comprised of Legislators Hiatt, Sager and Sorensen, as well as County Treasurer Ira J. Cohen, County Manager David P. Fanslau, County Attorney Sam Yagur, Real Property Tax Director Lynda Levine, Jeremy Gorelich, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce and representatives from the Supervisors, County Tax Collectors, and County Assessors Associations.

The immediate charge of the Select Committee will be to review the Real Property Class Codes and the assigned Solid Waste User Fee, particularly of the non-residential property class codes, to recommend reductions to current Solid Waste User Fees, and to expand the Solid Waste User Fee schedule to more equitably assign charges to the various Real Property Class Codes and sub-codes.

The Committee will also review the work that was completed by staff on the possibility of creating either a Solid Waste District, or a Solid Waste Authority, to fund the Solid Waste (Next Col.)

System. The Solid Waste System is separated into a Special Revenue Fund that will prevent any funds generated by either the tipping fee, per bag fee, or direct-billed user fee from being used to fund any other part of the County Budget.

The Committee is also committed to review reducing the fees assessed to volunteer and emergency first responder organizations.

"The Legislature made a commitment last December to revisit the Solid Waste User Fee schedule," said Rouis. "The County has an obligation to repay outstanding debt associated with the Solid Waste System, and to review and revise the revenue model to fund the Solid Waste System."

"The Select Committee will be charged with completing its initial review of the Solid Waste User Fee schedule in 90 days," said Rouis. "Thereafter, the Select Committee shall complete its review of the revenue model, and submit a report with recommendations on further revisions to the Solid Waste User Fee Local Law, the creation of a Solid Waste District or a Solid Waste Authority, and the appropriate level of Solid Waste services to be provided by the County Government," concluded Rouis.

**A POND IN WINTER**

By Peggy DeWire

As I drove past a familiar roadside pond that cold day, I saw it was covered with ice and nothing moved.



Quite a contrast to the lively place I remembered last summer with frogs and toads, turtles and dragonflies.

What was going on under the ice? How had the water changed? Was there enough food and warmth for pond life to survive in the winter?

A permanent pond has water 6-10 feet deep year round. It maintains fairly even temperatures with gradual seasonal changes. Light penetrates the shallow depths to the bottom so that plants grow from bank to bank.

The temperature of the water determines what level it occupies in the pond. A cold water layer at 39 degrees is the heaviest and drops to the bottom taking a myriad of tiny organisms down to winter safely in the mud.



A warm water layer at 32 degrees floats at surface level and freezes over, covering the pond with a blanket that keeps warmth from radiating out into the colder air above.

Enough winter sunlight filters through the ice for plants to make their own green food (photosynthesis). This ensures great plant crops of one-cell algae and diatoms harvested by small organisms which in turn feed bigger ones like frogs, turtles and fishes.

There are thousands of transparent diatoms in one glass of water. These micro-plants reproduce by the millions to form half the staple food crop in pond water.

Completing the other half are millions of one-cell animals called protozoan. They convert into protein pond water gases like oxygen and dissolved chemicals like calcium.

So pond life, eat or be eaten, still goes on in winter but at a much slower pace. Food is plentiful. Temperature stabilizes at 32 degrees. Oxygen level is maintained by the wonderful respiration exchanged between plants and animals. Plants breathe in carbon dioxide and expel oxygen while the animals inhale oxygen and exhale carbon dioxide.

The animals I saw last summer around the pond are all hibernating now, their body metabolism slowed.

Frogs bury themselves in the bottom mud and breathe through their skin.

Turtles cover themselves too and extract oxygen through the extra blood vessels lining their neck and from body tissues. In fact, by the end of winter, a turtle has so shrunken that it hardly fits its shell.

Pond insects in the larva stage crawl in the detritus on the bottom or cling to plant stems where they suck sap.

I drove on thinking that life in the pond under the ice is truly as lively in winter as summer.



## LEGAL NOTICE:


**NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**
**NOTICE OF PROJECT AVAILABILITY**
**Description:**

The City of New York will sell maple sap that can be harvested via tapping Sugar Maple trees on City watershed lands located at the following location:

- Aden Rd, Town of Neversink, NY.
- Approximately 275 taps may be installed.

**Project information:**

Bid Solicitation for one Sugar Maple Tapping Project.  
Sugar Maple Tapping Project #1918 (Aden Rd, Neversink)

**Availability of bid information:**

Bid Solicitation information and Bid Solicitation Packages are available by calling Charlie Laing, Senior Property Manager (845) 340-7218, or requesting via e-mail at: [claing@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:claing@dep.nyc.gov)

**Required contractor qualifications:**

1. The Contractor must maintain the required Workers Compensation and Disability Benefits Coverage.
2. The Contractor shall furnish and maintain a commercial general liability insurance policy.
3. The contractor should have demonstrated experience in tapping and extracting maple sap from Sugar Maple trees.

**Bid due date:**

All bid proposals must be received by DEP at 71 Smith Ave, Kingston, NY 12401 NO LATER THAN February 3, 2010 AT 3:00 PM, local time.

**Opening of bids:**

Sealed bids will be opened at the DEP offices at 71 Smith Ave, Kingston, NY on February 4, 2010. The projected date for awarding the bid is on or about February 4, 2010.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Section 276, Town Law, on the application of the Archie T. Dean Jr. for the purpose of a 3 Lot Subdivision located on Myers & Mutton Hill Roads and Drake Road, Neversink, NY (SBL #36A-1-11.1)

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, N.Y. on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD  
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## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 2010 of the Tri-Valley School Buildings for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, employees therein, has been completed and the report thereof is available at the office of Tri-Valley School District for inspection by all interested persons.

TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
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Secondary School Library Lower Level

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. GUESTS
- B. TREASURER'S REPORT
- C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
  1. CSE Recommendations
  2. Minutes
  3. Building Use Forms
  4. Personnel
- D. OLD BUSINESS
- E. BUSINESS REPORT
  1. Warrants
- F. EXECUTIVE SESSION
  1. Litigation
- G. ADJOURNMENT

**SULLIVAN BOCES** (From Pg. 1) "We are very excited about filling the District Superintendent position," stated Herb Bauernfeind, Vice President of the Board. "Larry Thomas is highly qualified and is known for his open communication style and his ability to make decisions based on facts and the best interest of the organization. His innovative approach and experience makes him an excellent choice for our BOCES," added Bauernfeind.

Mr. Thomas brings with him a strong commitment to academic excellence and a dedication to providing positive experiences for students. He believes in creating partnerships with the public and business communities to lead to greater support and enhanced student offerings. His experience and commitment has allowed him to positively impact the districts where he has worked.

Larry started his career at the Marathon School Districts as a Jr./Sr. high school English Teacher. Throughout his tenure at Marathon, he held the positions of High School Assistant Principal, District Director of Instructional Programs, and Elementary Principal. Larry obtained regional experience when he worked for the Tompkins Cortland Community College as the Jr./Sr. High Principal for a Regional Summer School Program, which consisted of a ten-district conglomerate. Larry Thomas also brings with him special education experience, which he obtained when he worked at Onondaga-Cortland-Madison (OCM) BOCES as the Director of Special Education. At this position, he also held the title of CSE/CPSE Chairperson. Larry is currently the Superintendent of Schools at the Otselic Valley Central School District where he has extensive experience in labor management and negotiations, grants management, staff development, comptroller audits, budgeting, and capital projects.

"We are very grateful to have been under the direction of both Anthony Micha and Martin Ruglis; their guidance helped us through this time of transition. We look forward to working with Larry Thomas to bring Sullivan County BOCES to a new level of excellence," commented Bauernfeind.

The mission of Sullivan County BOCES is to increase student performance in all component districts and communities. BOCES is known for its career and technical education programs, alternative education programs and special education programs offered to students K-12. BOCES also offers a whole host of programs for individuals and community members including: adult and continuing education, community and family support services, instructional support services for districts, curriculum development for teachers, and management services for school districts.

For more information please contact Sullivan County BOCES at (845) 295-4016.

**COUNTY ENCOURAGES DONATIONS TO RELIEF EFFORTS FOR VICTIMS OF HAITI EARTHQUAKE**

County Manager David Fanslau announced today that the County has added links on the County website ([co.sullivan.ny.us](http://co.sullivan.ny.us)) to recognized charities that have been established to aid the victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti last week. There is also information provided by the Federal Bureau of Investigation regarding fraudulent charities.

"The Earthquake victims in Haiti are in desperate need of assistance with the basic necessities like clean water and shelter. Please consider donating to recognized relief efforts if you are able," said Legislature Chairman Jonathan F. Rouis.

"The Citizenry of Sullivan County have showed their compassion for the victims of tragedy on countless occasions, and once again there is a need to call upon our residents to assist the victims of the horrific earthquake in Haiti last week," added Legislature Vice Chairman Elwin "Woody" Wood.

"As the Chair of the Public Safety Committee, I have witnessed first-hand the damage natural disasters have unleashed on its victims. For those that have the ability to donate to relief efforts in Haiti, I encourage you to do so, through a recognized charity, to aid the Haitian earthquake victims," said Minority Leader Leni C. Binder.

"Sullivan County is a community rich with diversity, but united with compassion for all. It is time for all to be thankful for what we do have, and reach out to the Haitians in their time of great need," said Legislator Jodi Goodman.

The following charities and their links have been placed on the Sullivan County website:

Action Against Hunger; Action Aid USA; ADRA International; American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee Inc.; American Jewish World Service; American National Red Cross; AmeriCares; CARE; Catholic Relief Services; ChildFund International; Christian Reformed World Relief Committee; Clinton Bush Haiti Fund; **Convoy of Hope**; Cross International Inc.; Direct Relief (Next Col.)

International; Doctors without Borders; Episcopal Relief and Development; Fernande Valme Ministries Inc.; FINCA International, Inc.; Friends of Hospital Albert Schweitzer Haiti; GlobalGiving; Grant Foundation dba Hospital Albert Schweitzer; Haitian Health Foundation; Hope For Haiti; International Orthodox Christian Charities; International Relief and Development Inc.; Lutheran Disaster Response; Mercy Corps; Mission Aviation Fellowship; Oxfam America; Partners in Health; Project HOPE; Save the Children; Salvation Army; Shelter Box USA; United States Fund for UNICEF; United Way of America; World Hope International, Inc.; WORLD VISION INTERNATIONAL

The FBI issued a statement to remind Internet users who receive appeals to donate money in the aftermath of last Tuesday's earthquake in Haiti to apply a critical eye and do their due diligence before responding to those requests. Past tragedies and natural disasters have prompted individuals with criminal intent to solicit contributions purportedly for a charitable organization and/or a good cause.

Therefore, before making a donation of any kind, consumers should adhere to certain guidelines, to include the following:

- Do not respond to any unsolicited (SPAM) incoming emails, including clicking links contained within those messages.
  - Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as surviving victims or officials asking for donations via e-mail or social networking sites.
  - Verify the legitimacy of nonprofit organizations by utilizing various Internet-based resources that may assist in confirming the group's existence and its nonprofit status rather than following a purported link to the site.
  - Be cautious of e-mails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files because the files may contain viruses. Only open attachments from known senders.
  - Make contributions directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf to ensure contributions are received and used for intended purposes.
  - Do not give your personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions. Providing such information may compromise your identity and make you vulnerable to identity theft.
- For more information please contact, David P. Fanslau, County Manager, (845) 807-0450.

**LIBERTY CSD ANNOUNCES PROMOTION OF CAROL NAPOLITANO AND LORINE AMERAND**

Napolitano will assume the position of assistant superintendent, and retain her duties as director of curriculum, a position she has held for the past two and a half years. Lamerand, the district's business manager, will continue to serve in this capacity and will assume most of the responsibilities of recently retired Edward Rhine, the former interim assistant superintendent for business. Having served the district for more than five years, Rhine's position was eliminated following his retirement.

"Ed's service to our district was invaluable," says Superintendent Michael B. Vanyo. "However, the decision to reassign his responsibilities makes a lot of sense. It was an opportunity for us to look at our existing staff and utilize their talents without sacrificing quality of service. In these difficult economic times, it is always important to reevaluate positions and look for ways to be more cost effective. We feel that by promoting Carol and Lorine to these positions we can accomplish this task."

Originally from the Hudson Valley, Napolitano's career has spanned many different levels of educational administration at all grade levels. She has more than 30 years of experience as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and director of curriculum for districts in and out of New York State.

Lamerand, a Sullivan County native, has served as the treasurer for the district since 2002 and business manager since 2008. Prior to that, she worked at Livingston Manor School District as a senior accountant and tax collector for nine years.


"We are excited to have these outstanding individuals transition into their new leadership roles," states Vanyo. "Their professionalism and dedication are invaluable to the district and the community."

**CONCERNED NEW YORKERS TO RALLY IN ALBANY**

On January 25th, hundreds of concerned New Yorkers will join representatives from environmental and conservation groups including Catskill Mountainkeeper, Citizens Campaign for the Environment, Environmental Advocates of New York, and Sierra Club - Atlantic Chapter and dozens of other local and regional groups, (Contd. Pg. 7)



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**TIMELY TALK (From Pg. 1)**  
 Mr. Cascone spoke about the need for volunteers, financial donations, and providing of meals and set up spaces to feed and house people that have been dispossessed by man-made and natural disasters. He addressed the role of the Red Cross globally in times of great need, even though he was focused on the Hudson Valley. If people wish to volunteer their time, their money, a facility for use in community emergencies, or any related services, they can contact Mr. Cascone at (845) 673-5695 or through e-mail at [casconej@nyredcross.org](mailto:casconej@nyredcross.org).

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 The announcement of the application for iPhone and iPod touch devices expands the Postal Service's move last fall to provide easy-to-use functionality to mobile phone users. Additional USPS applications for other internet-enabled mobile devices are in development.




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**RALLY IN ALBANY** (From Pg. 4) at a rally in West 77)Capitol Park on the west side of the State Capitol to call attention to what is arguably the most pressing threat to the health of the state's environment-- our drinking water, our air and our landscapes --the rush to drill for natural gas in the Southern Tier and Catskills regions. at a rally in West Capitol Park on the west side of the State Capitol to call attention to what is arguably the most pressing threat to the health of the state's environment-- our drinking water, our air and our landscapes --the rush to drill for natural gas in the Southern Tier and Catskills regions.

The natural gas industry is eager to drill in New York. Drilling companies propose to use a dangerous technique, called hydraulic fracturing or "fracking," to extract natural gas buried beneath the rock of the Marcellus and Utica Shale formations. In other parts of the country, fracking has poisoned wells and spilled toxic chemicals across landscapes.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is currently reviewing comments submitted on its draft natural gas drilling guidelines. The DEC's draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement has been called inadequate by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, New York City Council, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and members of Congress including Representatives Hinchey, Arcuri, Massa, Nadler, and many others.

Catskill Mountainkeeper has ordered buses to bring people from across the state to attend the rally. Buses are scheduled to depart from Livingston Manor, Narrowsburg, Oneonta and Binghamton. Buses coordinated by other groups are also scheduled to depart Syracuse, Ithaca and Horseheads.

According to Catskill Mountainkeeper Program Director "We have a clear message for Governor Paterson 'There are significant, legitimate concerns about the dangers of hydraulic fracturing for natural gas in New York State and those concerns have not been addressed by the DEC. The current process must be abandoned and a new process that addresses our serious concerns needs to be adopted.'"  
WHO:

Hundreds of New Yorkers are expected to attend. Invited speakers include state and county legislators, among others. Participating groups include Citizens Campaign for the Environment, Sierra Club-Atlantic Chapter, Catskill Mountainkeeper and Environmental

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**CENTRAL HUDSON** (From Pg. 1)

The micro-grid system is driven by a separate generator, which will operate in the event of a power outage. The micro-grid serving the Frost Valley area will automatically separate from the larger grid until utility power is restored. The project will assess the costs and benefits of this approach over a five-year period.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new system was held on Thursday, January 14 at the electric substation and generator site, located at 5 Hunter Lane in Claryville, New York. After a brief explanation of the substation circuitry and tour of the generator and enclosure, a reception and luncheon was held at the Frost Valley YMCA dining hall where participants heard a presentation on events that led to the project completion.

For more information contact John Maserjian at Central Hudson-(845) 471-8323.

**SC LONGBEARDS** (From Pg. 1)

The Long Beards would like to thank all of their loyal members for their help in achieving these awards. Without the JAKES, their parents and especially our volunteers, these accomplishments could not have been achieved. We appreciate all of your efforts and loyalty and promise to once again try to improve and keep events new and fresh. We have some exciting surprises for you again this year.

Our calendar will be out soon, so check your email box, it will also be posted on line at [www.sullivancountylongbeards.org](http://www.sullivancountylongbeards.org), if you would like a copy and are not on our email list, please send us your address. Also, please remember our Annual Banquet on April 18th at the Rockland House, tickets will be available soon, so please get them early as seating is limited. You can call the Banquet Chairman, Hank D'Auria @ (845)439-3738 or ask any of the regular members to reserve your tickets. Hoping we all have a safe, healthy and productive New Year.

**DELHI ARTIST EXHIBITS AT CWC**

Fifteen colorful and evocative landscapes by Delhi artist Carol A. Steene are on view at the Catskill Watershed Corporation's office, 905 Main Street, Margaretville, through March 26.

"A Walk Through the Seasons," from a snowy view out a window of the Hamden Covered Bridge, to a springtime look at Lake Wawaka in Halcottsville, can be viewed during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The CWC is closed January 18 and February 15.

Artist Steene specializes in watercolor, but also works in oil, pastel and acrylic. She enjoys experimenting on different surfaces, and looking for interesting light and shadow patterns for solid compositions.

Steene studied illustration and design at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City and began exhibiting in the Hudson Valley in 1995 and in Delaware County in 2000. She received an honorable mention at a juried show in Poughkeepsie. Her work is in the permanent collection at the MURAL Gallery in Stamford, and has lately been seen at group shows at the Viviana Hansen Gallery in Franklin, and Delhi Antiques and Fine Art. Prints are available at Casa Art Gallery in Andes and Rachel's Framing and Fine Art, Delhi.

The CWC is a non-profit organization based in Margaretville. It is 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.

**HUDSON VALLEY EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIUM TO OFFER PANDEMIC FLU EMERGENCY PLANNING FOR SENIOR MANAGERS SEMINAR**

The Hudson Valley Educational Consortium (HVEC) is offering a seminar on "Pandemic Flu Emergency Planning for Senior Managers" on Friday, February 5 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The seminar, which will be presented by Marc

K. Siegel, M.D., is designed to provide senior managers with an understanding of how to effectively plan and implement pandemic flu emergency planning measures at their respective organizations. Orange County Community College will videoconference the seminar to the other HVEC member-colleges - SUNY Rockland, Sullivan and Ulster - where attendees will be able to interact in real-time with the presenter and students at all of the locations. This seminar will be of most interest to senior managers who want to better understand the dynamics and phases of a pandemic flu emergency as well as the psychological and emotional impacts that pandemic-related fear can have on employees and their families.

Dr. Siegel is a practicing internist, an associate professor of medicine at NYU Langone Medical Center and the Medical Director of Doctor Radio with NYU Langone and Sirius/XM Satellite Radio. Dr. Siegel is an expert in examining contagions as well as the fear that accompanies them.

The cost is \$195 per person. For more information and to register for these and other upcoming HVEC courses, please call the colleges' respective continuing education departments: SUNY Orange (845) 341-4890, SUNY Rockland (845) 574-4151, SUNY Sullivan (845) 434-5750 x4398 and SUNY Ulster (845) 339-2025.

The Hudson Valley Educational Consortium is a collaborative effort among SUNY Orange, Ulster, Rockland and Sullivan to create broader access to academic programs and workforce training throughout the four-county region.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ASK? MUSIC AS MUSE**

There's no denying the appeal of music from the simple lullaby to the atonal quartet.

It's everywhere in our culture today: the Twilight movies' soundtracks, the phenomenal Susan Boyle, Bach's Cello Suite #1 for an American Express commercial. The car in the next lane jumps to the rhythm of blasting hip-hop and Pete Seeger strums on.

Some people live within the sound chamber that is their head, plugged into iPods. Others will attend concerts and carry the sounds' memory with them, humming to themselves. Still others will sing in choruses at informal get-togethers with friends. Elements of music - form, composition, color, contrast, rhythm and repetition - are also elements of the visual arts. All artists, then, use many of the same elements to arrive at a finished piece. February's Members' Show, "Music As Muse," will look at the various ways artists feel the beat and make their canvases sing. The Main Gallery will be alive with the sight of music.

**FEM PRINT NOW!**

"FEM PRINT NOW!" is a compilation of prints by female artists working in New York State. These young women have been trained in printmaking programs at the State University of New York at New Paltz, Cooper Union, Sarah Lawrence College and the College of St. Rose.

The exhibition includes techniques such as lithography, monotype, woodcut and digital printmaking. "FEM PRINT NOW!" is intended to be an on-going project for collaboration between local female printmakers and artists.

Participating artists include: Ann Julia Bratnick, Wendy Chan, Elizabeth Cooper, Jennifer Culkin, Erin Dinan, Phoebe Doran, Caitlin Gilbride, Melissa Mandel, Elizabeth Rozencranz, Kate Sanderson and Sophie White. Erin Dinan, of Kingston, conceptualized and curated this exhibition. Dinan received her MFA in printmaking at SUNY New Paltz.

The Arts Society of Kingston, a regional center for the arts, presents a diverse range of visual art exhibitions, performances, workshops, classes, and other arts-related programming for the benefit of artists, art-lovers, and the general community of the Hudson Valley. Through its initiatives, ASK provides opportunities, resources, and education for artists. In carrying out this mission, ASK enriches the quality of life, bridges cultural gaps, and increases awareness and appreciation of the arts. For more information, please visit [ASKforArts.org](http://ASKforArts.org).

**INAUGURAL WINTER FESTIVAL**

An incredible Family Event, the Inaugural Winter Festival will be held on Saturday February 6, 2010 at Lippman Park, Rt 209 Wawarsing, NY from 12 noon - 4pm. There will be games & activities for all ages including skating on Lippman Park Pond, sledding, cross country skiing, broom ball, a visit by Frosty, snowman building, complementary cocoa, ice hockey, snowshoe poker run, horse & sleigh rides and much, much more!

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**GUNTHER: DR. KING'S PRINCIPLES REMAIN APPLICABLE TODAY AND SHOULD BE LOOKED TO FOR INSPIRATION**

Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gave his life fighting for equality and social justice, and this Jan. 18 the country will again honor his legacy and celebrate the life of a leader whose principles continue to resonate today.

His teachings and tireless pursuit of justice energized the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s and began a new era of tolerance across the country. At a time when African-Americans had to sit at the back of the bus, had to eat in separate restaurants, had to use service elevators and had to attend segregated schools - Dr. King spoke openly and courageously about these injustices, and his words helped change the fabric of our democracy.

As we prepare to recognize Dr. King, it's important to realize the lasting effects he has had on our great nation, effects that are with us for more than one Monday in January. While some of the larger realizations of Dr. King's dream emerge - Barack Obama as our first African-American president and David Paterson as our first black governor of New York - there is still much to be done on behalf of all New Yorkers to eradicate the many inconsistencies existing between the hope of equality and the lack of it.

Discrimination, prejudice, ignorance, fear, hatred and violence continue to limit the personal, economic, social and civil liberties and freedoms of New Yorkers throughout the state.

Continuing Dr. King's model, we need to persevere in the face of hardship and remain steadfast in our fight against injustice and for equality. We who serve in the Legislature must follow Dr. King's lead and recommit ourselves to replacing ignorance with understanding, hatred with tolerance, resignation with hope and theoretical equality with actual, applicable equality.

To do that, we must ensure fair wages in the job market, keep the college dream alive for those who seek it, provide affordable health care for families and individuals, increase assistance for our neediest community members, support marriage equality for all New Yorkers and rid our communities of intolerance and violence. Dr. King's teachings espouse



these principles, and his words from over 40 years ago remain as true today as they did then, "Now is the time to make real the promises of democracy." On this day of commemoration, let us recommit to the work of Dr. King.

I will continue to champion civil rights causes - to realize the dream of Dr. King - so that all New Yorkers are free to realize theirs.

- Aileen Gunther Assemblywoman  
98th Assembly District

**HEART DISEASE IN WOMEN**

On Wed. Feb. 10, The Wellness Committee of Margaretville Hospital and Mountainside Residential Care Facility Auxiliary has announced that Dr. Aneta K. Dimova will present a discussion of "Heart Disease in Women" on Wednesday, February 10 beginning at 5 p.m. the Purcell Center in Margaretville. Admission to the lecture is free. Information: 845 586-2631 or 845 254-3315

**SENATOR GILLIBRAND VISITS SULLIVAN COUNTY**

Last week U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand completed her 62-County tour across New York State with a visit to Sullivan County on Friday, January 15, 2010. Since her appointment last January, Senator Gillibrand has been travelling to every single county in New York State, meeting with constituents about the challenges in their communities and pushing her plans to create jobs and make health care more affordable.

While in Sullivan County Senator Gillibrand hosted an economic development roundtable at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts with local business and community leaders to discuss the local challenges and her plans to create jobs in the region and promote local growth. She plans to work with local communities and state leaders to cut taxes to create jobs, build new transportation and water infrastructure, improve health care technology, invest in research and development of alternative and renewable energy, and focus on local economic development projects.

**GUNTHER: ASSEMBLY AND SENATE ANNOUNCE JOINT LEGISLATION TO OVERHAUL ETHICS LAW -Sweeping campaign finance and ethics reform will lead to stiffer penalties, greater oversight and increased disclosure to make government more accountable**

Aileen M. Gunther (D, C, I - Forestburgh) announced the Assembly and Senate have reached an agreement on major ethics reform legislation that will increase disclosure of outside income for legislators, enhance enforcement and create independent ethics entities. This legislation continues the Assembly's commitment to making state government more open and accountable, and has the support of good-government groups like New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG), Citizens Union, the League of Women Voters and the former executive director of the New York State Lobbying Commission.

"The Assembly and Senate have come together on comprehensive ethics reforms that will reduce the influence of lobbyists on state government and increase campaign finance requirements to help restore public confidence in our democratic process," Gunther said. "We hope the governor will join us in our efforts to make state government more responsible and transparent."

Gunther noted that this bill - for the first time - sets up an independent legislative investigative body and requires disclosure of legislators' income categories. The agreement creates the following bodies to address the influence of special interest money, lobbying and ethics, and to perform investigations in state government:

- **Joint Legislative Commission on Ethics Standards:** This body would be responsible for ethics disclosure, training enforcement and education for legislators and staff, advisory opinions, and the imposition of penalties for violations. It would also perform random reviews of financial disclosure statements of elected officials as well as post them online.

- **Legislative Office of Ethics Investigation:** This new, independent office would consist of eight members and receive referrals from the Joint Legislative Commission on Ethics Standards and the Assembly and Senate standing committees on ethics, as well as complaints about ethics violations from the public.

- **New York State Commission on Lobbying Ethics and Compliance:** A six-member independent state

commission focused on lobbying, two of its members would be appointed by the governor, and the remaining four by each of the legislative leaders. Commission members would serve four-year terms, with a chair and vice-chair elected by the majority of its members.

- **Executive Ethics and Compliance Commission:** This commission would be reconstituted to oversee the executive branch's ethics compliance, replacing the current Commission on Public Integrity.


The governor, comptroller and attorney general would each appoint two commissioners. Financial disclosure statements of elected officials would be reviewed by the commission and posted on the commission's Web site, providing an extra layer of transparency.

Gunther said each of the four oversight bodies would have an executive director appointed by a majority vote to a fixed three-year term, giving the executive director independence, more security and immunity from outside pressure.

"Ensuring that ethics board commissioners are truly independent is an important step toward opening up state government and making it more accountable," Gunther said. "The old lobbying commission was a strong and effective body before it was folded into the Commission on Public Integrity. It is important that we return to a structure that focuses just on lobbying."

Gunther said the legislation lifts the veil on financial disclosure information by making more categories of value no longer confidential. The measure requires additional financial disclosure - especially with respect to consulting services, business and appearances before state agencies. It amends consulting disclosure requirements to exempt an expanded list of professional relationships and requires disclosure of consulting clients that are not exempt.

In addition, lobbyists and clients of lobbyists would be required to disclose business relationships with the state. The legislation would increase financial disclosure requirements by splitting an existing category into two new categories on financial disclosure forms - amounts between \$250,000 and \$1 million, and amounts of \$1 million or more. (Contd. pg. 12)



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**RALLY IN ALBANY** (From Pg. 4) at a rally in West Capitol Park on the west side of the State Capitol to call attention to what is arguably the most pressing threat to the health of the state's environment-- our drinking water, our air and our landscapes --the rush to drill for natural gas in the Southern Tier and Catskills regions.

The natural gas industry is eager to drill in New York. Drilling companies propose to use a dangerous technique, called hydraulic fracturing or "fracking," to extract natural gas buried beneath the rock of the Marcellus and Utica Shale formations. In other parts of the country, fracking has poisoned wells and spilled toxic chemicals across landscapes.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is currently reviewing comments submitted on its draft natural gas drilling guidelines. The DEC's draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement has been called inadequate by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, New York City Council, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, and members of Congress including Representatives Hinchey, Arcuri, Massa, Nadler, and many others.

Catskill Mountainkeeper has ordered buses to bring people from across the state to attend the rally. Buses are scheduled to depart from Livingston Manor, Narrowsburg, Oneonta and Binghamton. Buses coordinated by other groups are also scheduled to depart Syracuse, Ithaca and Horseheads.

According to Catskill Mountainkeeper Program Director "We have a clear message for Governor Paterson 'There are significant, legitimate concerns about the dangers of hydraulic fracturing for natural gas in New York State and those concerns have not been addressed by the DEC. The current process must be abandoned and a new process that addresses our serious concerns needs to be adopted.'"

Hundreds of New Yorkers are expected to attend. Invited speakers include state and county legislators, among others. Participating groups include Citizens Campaign for the Environment, Sierra Club-Atlantic Chapter, Catskill Mountainkeeper and Environmental Advocates of New York.

This is the first time in 2010 that New Yorkers will rally in Albany to call on Governor David Paterson and other state leaders to protect New York's environment from the dangers of natural gas drilling.

New Yorkers can sign up for the rally at:

<http://www.citizenscampaign.org/fracking-action-day/register.asp>

New Yorkers can register for bus seats at: <http://www.catskillmountainkeeper.org>

Catskill Mountainkeeper is a community based environmental advocacy organization, dedicated to creating a flourishing sustainable economy in the Catskills and preserving and protecting the area's long term health. We address issues of water integrity for the Delaware and Susquehanna River Systems, the defense of the vast woodlands that encompass the Catskill Forest Preserve and the New York City Watershed as well as farmland protection. We promote "smart" development that balances the economic needs and concerns of the Catskill regions' citizens and the protection of our abundant but exceedingly vulnerable natural resources.

## ONGOING LEGIONNAIRES' INVESTIGATION AT GOLDEN HILL

Ulster County Public Health Director, Dr. LaMar Hasbrouck, said that two cases of Legionnaire's disease have been confirmed among residents at Golden Hill Health Care Center, the County's long-term residential care facility. Both patients had been hospitalized for pneumonia prior to the diagnosis of Legionnaires'. One patient, with underlying chronic medical conditions, has since passed away. The other patient was treated successfully and released.

Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck has announced that an exhaustive on-site environmental assessment of the Golden Hill Health Care Center was conducted on Thursday, January 14th. The investigation was led by the State Health Department and focused on the facility's water distribution system.

More than 30 water samples have been submitted to the State Health Department for testing; preliminary results may be available late next week. Residents with respiratory symptoms are being closely monitored.

The facility is taking all precautions recommended by county and state health officials to protect residents, staff and visitors. Preventive measures generally focus on eliminating the sources of aerosolization of water, such as the use of showers, and the use of bottled water instead of tap water for drinking.

Staff, residents and their families have been informed about the Legionnaires' disease and about precautionary measures. Walter G. Frey, Jr., Chair of the Health Services Committee of the Legislature has been fully briefed. Results of water tests will be reported as they become available.

Legionnaires' is caused by a type of bacteria called Legionella. Legionnaires' disease is not spread from person-to-person. Instead, most people get the disease from inhaling the bacteria when they breathe a mist or vapor (small droplets of water in the air) that has been contaminated with the bacteria.

Persons most at risk of getting sick from the bacteria, include persons 65 years of age or older, smokers, those who have chronic lung disease and people with weak immune systems.

## UC FLU VACCINE

**H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE** - The Ulster County Health Department plans to offer free H1N1 vaccinations at five locations throughout the county during January and February. No appointments are necessary. Clinics are open to all New Yorkers six months and older who want the vaccine. The clinic schedule is as follows: Saturday, January 23, 2010 at the Trudy Resnick Farber Building, 50 Center Street, Ellenville, NY 12428 10:00 am-1:00 pm; Saturday, January 30, 2010, St. John's Episcopal Church, 207 Albany Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Wednesday, February 3, 2010 VFW Post 8645 101 Route 208, New Paltz, NY 12561 4:00 pm-7:00 pm; Saturday, February 6, 2010 Saugerties Senior Center 207 Market Street, Saugerties, NY 12477 10:00 am-1:00 pm; Wednesday, February 10, 2010 Town of Olive American Legion Hall 26-28 Mountain Road, Shokan, NY 12481 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

For weather-related clinic cancellations, please listen to your local radio stations. You can also find out more about clinic cancellations by calling the Ulster County Health Department Flu Hotline at 845-340-3093.

**SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE:** The Ulster County Health Department (UCHD) is offering seasonal influenza vaccinations to adults 18 years and older at the Health Department's regularly scheduled immunization clinics. Appointments are necessary. Please call the District Office nearest you to schedule an appointment. Kingston: 340-3070; Ellenville: 647-2343; New Paltz: 883-6155; Saugerties: 246-2621

For those not eligible for Medicare Part B coverage, there will be a \$20.00 charge for influenza vaccination, payable at the clinic. Senior citizens who have Medicare Part B benefits will be able to obtain their vaccinations through Medicare. The recipient must be entitled to Part B coverage on the date of service, Medicare Part B must be the primary insurance coverage, and the Medicare Card must be presented on the date of service. For updates call Ulster County Health Department Flu Hotline at 845-340-3093 or log onto [www.UlsterCountyNY.gov/health](http://www.UlsterCountyNY.gov/health)



**BONACIC AWARD** (From Pg. 1) The Farm Bureau gave Senator Bonacic the "Circle of Friends" award based on his consistent support of issues of importance to New York State's agriculture industry. This past October Senator Bonacic helped organize a dairy forum in Albany to raise awareness of the crisis state of dairy farmers.

"Farming remains this State's largest industry. Supporting our farmers means jobs not only on farms, but also in transportation, food processing, and at the retail level," said Senator Bonacic. "I look forward to continuing to advocate for the needs of New York's agriculture community in this region and throughout the State," concluded Senator Bonacic.

### JOINT LEGISLATION TO OVERHAUL ETHICS LAW (From Pg. 9)

Last year, the Assembly conducted public hearings on ethics reforms to obtain New Yorkers' opinions on the issue. A bipartisan ethics reform bill was passed in the Assembly in June 2009. The ethics reform for legislators built into this new legislation is structured similar to the independent oversight body used in the U.S. House of Representatives.

**Campaign finance reform** - This legislation also strengthens enforcement of the state's campaign finance laws. It creates an enforcement unit within the New York State Board of Elections with a mandate that at least 35 percent of the board's annual budget be dedicated to the unit to promote increased enforcement of campaign finance laws. It expands the jurisdiction of the enforcement unit and promotes the independence of the enforcement counsel by making the office a 4-year term.

Also included in the legislation are comprehensive campaign finance measures that shine a light on candidates and their financial disclosures and increase penalties for failure to follow the law. The legislation:

- requires that candidates with independent expenditures that cost more than \$1,000 must disclose who paid for the expenditure;
- increases the penalty for the failure to report to the state Board of Elections from \$500 to \$1,000 and creates a new penalty up to \$10,000 for the failure to file three or more campaign finance filings in an election cycle;
- expands the types of political communications that must be filed to include broadcast, electronic communications, and satellite schedules and scripts, and prohibits falsely identifying the source of political communications;
- requires the state Board of Elections - upon request - to issue formal opinions on the proper use of campaign funds;
- mandates that independent communications expenditures for candidates or ballot initiatives in excess of \$1,000 be subject to the same filing requirements currently in place for candidates and political committees;
- creates a new penalty for accepting an excessive contribution and requires a refund of the excess amount and a potential fine of two times the amount of the excess plus a civil penalty up to \$10,000;
- requires itemization of credit card payments and other similar payments; and
- requires a third periodic filing of campaign finance statements during the legislative session.

"Transparency, oversight, and tough enforcement are essential. When these reforms become law, the days when financial statements have information redacted and officials are not punished for failure to comply with disclosure law will be over," Gunther said. "An immediate priority for this legislative session is that we significantly strengthen the New York's ethics laws so that integrity is brought back to state government."

### UC EXECUTIVE ADDRESSES THE ISSUE OF NEPOTISM AND URGES LEGISLATURE TO PASS LOCAL LAW

Citing the need to immediately "end nepotism or even the appearance of such" County Executive Michael P. Hein issued Executive Order No. 1 of 2010, Regarding Employment of Relatives, which is directed at all departments, boards, agencies and commissions under his jurisdiction.

The County has seen how nepotism can cause significant problems within County departments.

The County Executive believes that residents of Ulster County deserve the highest quality government; a government with integrity. The existence of nepotism often creates either an appearance of impropriety, real problems or both, as seen in the former administration of the Health Department.

The County Executive ordered that within 60 days, all Department Heads, as well as board, agency

and commission heads under his jurisdiction, review their operations for any potential nepotism-related conflicts and issue findings based on this review.

"This Executive Order is a critical first step toward Ulster County ending nepotism," said County Executive Hein. Also today, the County Executive strongly urged the Legislature to pass a local law with regard to this issue.

Citing his desire to eliminate conflicts of interest between work-related and family-related obligations, or even the appearance of such, he issued Executive Order No. 1 of 2010 and looks forward to working with the Legislature to enact important legislation to address the issue of nepotism.

### UC EXECUTIVE ANNOUNCES OFFENDERS TO PAY SHARE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM COSTS

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to announce that EVOLVE, an important domestic violence prevention and education program, will be able to continue. The County Executive's redesigned proposal to fund the program calls for domestic violence offenders to now pay for a share of the program costs. Those monies would be obtained through a fine imposed at sentencing, in much the same way that DWI education and prevention programs are funded.

"Domestic violence is a terrible scourge on the people of our community and it often impacts those who are the most vulnerable. The EVOLVE program has played an important role in educating and counseling offenders. That being said, the burden of paying for the EVOLVE program should not rest solely on the shoulders of taxpayers. It makes perfect sense to have individuals convicted of domestic violence help fund their own treatment," said County Executive Hein.

EVOLVE was in the budget of the Ulster County's Community Corrections Program (CCP) and was administered by contract with FAMILY of Woodstock, Inc., a multi-human services nonprofit organization, based in Kingston, New York. The Community Corrections Program was a larger, non-mandated program that was eliminated in the County's 2010 budget. The County Executive, however, recognizes the importance and value of continuing the EVOLVE program, as an effective means of preventing the incidences of domestic violence and he has developed an alternative funding proposal, which includes the sentencing surcharge.

Michael Berg, Executive Director of FAMILY of Woodstock, said, "Family of Woodstock is very pleased that the County Executive has acknowledged the importance the EVOLVE program plays in the County's effort to prevent domestic violence. The new funding stream will allow EVOLVE to run at its current level, while it seeks to obtain additional funding to sustain it through 2010."

In the Fall of 2009, County Executive Hein issued a proclamation designating the month of October as "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" and the County Office Building was illuminated in purple lights, in conjunction with a national awareness campaign. A Domestic Violence Awareness Night was also held to kick-off the month-long campaign and featured speakers from the human services, law enforcement and justice administration communities, along with several domestic violence victims who shared their personal stories with the audience.

### BONACIC IN SUPPORT OF EXPELLING MONSERRATE FROM THE SENATE

"Senator Monserrate's conduct the night he attacked his girlfriend was reprehensible. Whatever other good he may have done in his career as a Marine, Police Officer, and member of the City Council and State Legislature cannot overcome that conduct. Mr. Monserrate has had his due process - now the consequences of his actions must come."

"As a former prosecutor, but more importantly as a husband and father, I know that domestic violence is not a private problem - it is a crime. There must be zero tolerance for it. If a Member of the Legislature is convicted of a crime, his or her conduct should be reviewed and consequences should result. In this case, it is clear that the consequence should be expulsion from the Senate."

### GILLIBRAND TO OBAMA: GRANT TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS TO HAITIANS -

After a 7.0 earth quake devastated Haiti's capital city, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand offered her thoughts and prayers for families who lost loved ones in the record-breaking earth quake, and renewed her call to the Obama Administration to grant temporary protected status for Haitians who fled to America because of past violence and disaster.

Senator Gillibrand sent a letter to President Obama urging him to grant the temporary protected status of Haitians living in America.

"The extreme loss of life that many are expecting from the disaster in Haiti is heartbreaking and tragic," Senator Gillibrand said. "My thoughts and prayers are with the New York families that are fearing for their loved ones in Haiti right now. Many of these families have experienced far too much anguish already. It is for that reason that I am renewing my call to President Obama to grant these families temporary protected status so they do not have to live in fear of having to immediately return to a country ravaged with devastation."

Senator Gillibrand's letter to President Obama is below:

January 13, 2010

President Barack Obama  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We write to urge you to grant Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Haitian nationals currently residing within our borders. The earthquake that occurred yesterday, January 12, 2010, has devastated the Haitian capital of Port-au-Prince and the chaos that has ensued puts all the citizenry of that country at risk. Now is certainly not the time to deport Haitians into an overly burdened country.

Prior to the earthquake, Haiti was already facing a humanitarian crisis due to the four major hurricanes that ravaged Haiti in 2008 and was exacerbated by the country's extreme poverty. The earthquake yesterday has brought the operations of the country to a complete standstill. Many reports from Haiti describe the damage as "near total destruction" of all buildings, including hospitals, the Presidential palace, homes and many Embassies. The phone and electrical systems are inoperable and emergency services are nearly non-existent. TPS is needed because there is no way to safely return Haitian citizens to their country. The United States granted TPS to Honduras and Nicaragua in 1999, following Hurricane Mitch, and to El Salvador in 2001, following several earthquakes. As the program is designed, TPS would only be available to Haitians already living in the United States.

Haiti clearly meets the criteria for TPS designation and extending it would be one way to help address this catastrophe, as well as alleviate additional burdens on American assistance workers. We respectfully request that you grant TPS to Haitian nationals as soon as possible.

Sincerely,  
Kirsten E. Gillibrand  
U.S. Senator

### GILLIBRAND PRAISES OBAMA ADMINISTRATION FOR ANNOUNCING TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS TO HAITIANS

At the urging of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and 18 of her Senate colleagues, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano today announced temporary protected status for Haitians now living in America. Senator Gillibrand made her case to the President the morning after a record-breaking earthquake devastated the capital city of Haiti.

"The extreme loss of life that many are expecting from the disaster in Haiti is heartbreaking and tragic," Senator Gillibrand said. "My thoughts and prayers are with the New York families that are fearing for their loved ones in Haiti right now. Many of these families have experienced far too much anguish already. I want to thank President Obama for the measures he has taken to rescue Americans, deliver the aid that is needed on the ground in Haiti, and for granting Haitians living in America temporary protected status so they can live without fear of having to immediately return to a country ravaged with devastation."

This designation will allow Haitians living in America to continue living and working here for the next 18 months.

### SENATOR BONACIC ON GOVERNOR'S DECISION TO RESTORE THE STATE EDUCATION CUTS PREVIOUSLY THREATENED

"The decision by the Governor to restore the funds to our local schools is a good one. His actions really amounted to a shift of the costs of school finance onto property taxpayers. That is never a positive thing, and certainly not something that should be done in the middle of a school year."

"That said, the proposed reductions would not have been necessary in the first place had the Governor and his fellow New York City Democrats enacted a responsible State budget last year. He and his fellow Democrats negotiated the budget in secret, raised taxes and fees, and unfairly targeted the Hudson Valley to help fund New York City's transit system."

"New York needs a balanced form of government that cares about the entire State, not just New York City. We will continue to fight for budget and tax fairness so that each part of our State is treated fairly."



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**in Woodbourne**  
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 Convoy of Hope is already  
 in Port-au-Prince  
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 You can go to [www.convoyofhope.org](http://www.convoyofhope.org)  
 to make a donation  
 or you can send checks to  
**CrossWay Assembly of God**  
 PO Box 480, Woodbourne, NY 12788.  
 Please write "Haiti disaster relief"  
 on the memo line.  
 If you have any questions, please  
 contact the church at 845-434-8263  
 or go to  
[crosswayaog@aol.com](mailto:crosswayaog@aol.com)

**\*\* Ministry Watch** is an organization  
 that checks out Christian ministries and  
 rates them on their financial ethics and  
 transparency. **Convoy of Hope** was given  
 a grade of "A" and a "100" in every category.  
 You may visit their website at:  
<http://www.ministrywatch.com/profile/convoy-of-hope.aspx>.

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From the November 11th, 1959 Townsman:  
**MEET WILLIAM GEORGE** (No. 6 of a series)  
 William George was born November 4, 1883 on  
 Stone Cabin Mountain, the son of Halwick George  
 and Lena Veit George. Stone Cabin Mountain is 10  
 feet higher than Denman Mountain, being 3061 feet  
 in height. The George home was within a rifle shot  
 of the summit. A large rock right at the summit was  
 used for target practices in the days of Bill's child-  
 hood and a good hunting rifle was measured by the  
 amount of stone fragments it could detonate off the  
 rock with each shot.

Growing up, Bill attended the Denning school  
 during fall and spring. In winter he attended the  
 Red Hill school house as it was a much larger school  
 and stayed open all year. Attending the Middletown  
 High School, he graduated and then attended New  
 York University. His first charge was at Halls Mills  
 Schoolhouse, 1900-1901. In 1901 to 1902 he taught  
 at Lows Corners. He stayed at home and walked 17  
 miles a day for 32 consecutive weeks, correcting  
 papers each night at his home. Only a measles  
 attack kept him from being in attendance throughout  
 the school year without missing a day, such for the  
 vitality of those days. Mr. George commenced  
 teaching at the age of seventeen. From 1903 to  
 1905 he taught at Denning and also at Red Hill  
 schoolhouse.

In 1906 he took a U.S. Civil Service examina-  
 tion for teachers under the Dept. of Interior, the  
 Indian Service. He was appointed in 1906 and for  
 two years he taught the largest Indian School west  
 of the Mississippi at Fort Shaw, Montana. He  
 quickly became friendly with the students and their  
 parents many of whom took part in the massacre of  
 the troops of the Seventh Cavalry at the Little Big  
 Horn River led by General George Armstrong  
 Custer on the afternoon of June 24, 1876.

Many of the Indian chiefs of the allied Sioux and  
 Cheyenne tribes that attacked Custer were, if left to  
 themselves, very honorable and noble people, the  
 fact being that gold was discovered in the Black  
 Hills of the Dakota Territory in 1874 and sooners  
 and white settlers began swarming into the area.  
 General Custer was in effect sent into the area on a  
 punitive mission to destroy the Indians and allow  
 the territory and it's gold to go to the white settlers.  
 The Indians for the first and last time in the history  
 of western United States allied themselves and  
 many thousands of the Northern Cheyennes and the  
 four Sioux tribes were waiting encamped at the  
 Little Big Horn for Custer. Every man of the 225  
 men including Custer was destroyed by the Indians.

In 1906 at the 30th anniversary of the battle  
 William George, accompanied by Mrs. George  
 Armstrong Custer and two Indian chiefs who partic-  
 ipated in the battle rode out from Fort Shaw in a  
 prairie schooner to the site of the battlefield to show  
 Mrs. Custer where they had helped kill her hus-  
 band's troops. The Indian Chiefs were Weasel Head  
 of the Northern Cheyenne and Big Top of the  
 Blackfoot Sioux. Their sons Charles Weasel Head  
 and Fred Big Top were pupils of Mr. George and  
 drove the wagons to the battlefield site. The two  
 chiefs verified the recorded facts verbally to Mr.  
 George and Mrs. Custer, namely the troops being all  
 hacked to pieces and their guns taken. Chief Weasel  
 Head obtained the bugle. In his own words, "Music  
 horn me no can blow". These people proved them-  
 selves fine United States citizens all the rest of their  
 lives and their descendents have served this country  
 in several wars.

In 1908 Mr. George returned east and established  
 the awning business which bears his name today at  
 366 North Main Street, Liberty. Always in the fore-  
 front of civic and community activities, it is notewor-

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 ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL**

The Little Church with the Big Heart  
**Sundays, 3 pm: Communion**

Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner

Coffee hour follows service

All are welcome!

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Info: Mother Joan LaLiberté, 845-887-4742

thy that he was one of the first subscribers and boost-  
 ers for telephone service in Liberty. A list of Mr.  
 George's civic and fraternal posts is necessarily  
 incomplete. From 1919-1924 he served as tax collec-  
 tor of the town of Liberty. From 1924-1930 as  
 Supervisor, from 1911 to 1939 he was water commis-  
 sioner for 28 straight years. He is a past master of  
 Liberty Lodge F.&A.M. For many years he has been  
 official weather observer and recorder.

Bill is the last person known to many of us who  
 can make the Old West live again in story. He is the  
 source of much local history information. It might  
 be mentioned also that his ability as a shot at a run-  
 ning deer is well known. (Frank E. Low)

**RALLY NY MAKES ANNOUNCES  
 SPRING PLANS**

Early last week, the Town Council of Walton,  
 New York approved the special use road permits for  
 the 2010 edition of Rally New York USA. Together  
 with the three-year contract with the Town of  
 Thompson that encompasses the Village of  
 Monticello, Rally New York, Ltd. has road permits  
 for the event in place.

Rally New York USA, a two-day tarmac rally, is  
 unique in that it is the only National Championship  
 event in North America that is run entirely on tarmac  
 roads. Ken Block and Alex Gelsomino won Rally  
 New York USA in two previous years. Ken Block  
 recently announced the formation of Monster World  
 Rally Team and its participation in the 2010 World  
 Rally Championship.

2010 Rally New York USA will be entirely based  
 and headquartered in Walton, New York. The rally is  
 a head of the United States Rally Championship  
 ([www.usrallychampionship.com](http://www.usrallychampionship.com)) and allows full  
 reconnaissance of the rally route and pace notes. Each  
 of the two days is a separate round of New York Rally  
 Championship:

(<http://www.rallynewyork.net/nyrc.htm>).

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**Grahamsville Reformed Church**

Sunday School 9 A.M.  
 Worship Service 10 A.M.

Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper  
 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month

Looking for a Lifeguard?  
 Ours walks on water!

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor



**Feb. 6, 2010**  
**5:30 pm**

**Sundown United  
 Methodist Church**

at the Sundown Church Hall



## HINCHEY ANNOUNCES STAFF LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced several staff leadership changes in his office. Dan Ahouse, who has served as Hinchey's chief of staff for the past two years, has left the congressman's office and been replaced by Jeff Lieberson, who has worked as Hinchey's communications director for the past five years and also led his Washington office for the previous two years. Additionally, Mike Iger, who has led the congressman's legislative office, has been named the congressman's deputy chief of staff.

"I am extremely grateful for the hard work and years of service that Dan Ahouse devoted to helping me improve the lives of the people of New York's 22nd District," Hinchey said. "While we are all sad to see Dan go, I am very excited about having Jeff Lieberson help lead this office as chief of staff. Jeff is very capable and effective in his work and I am extremely confident that he will do an outstanding job of working with me to ensure that this office functions at the highest level possible. I am also delighted that Mike Iger, who is extremely talented, will serve as deputy chief of staff and lead a strong legislative team. Jeff, Mike, and Dan have all worked closely together through the years and I am confident this will be a smooth transition."

Lieberson will continue to coordinate Hinchey's communications operation while managing and overseeing the congressman's Washington office and his five district offices. Iger will continue leading Hinchey's legislative office while also managing the Washington side of the congressman's efforts to further develop a solar energy research and development hub in New York. Lori DuBord, who has worked in Hinchey's Kingston office for the past 16 years, will continue running the Kingston office in her position of district representative for Ulster and Dutchess counties. She will also now manage the congressman's solar initiatives in New York. Chris White will continue to serve as district representative for Orange and Sullivan counties and Dan Lamb will continue to serve as district representative for Delaware, Broome, Tioga, and Tompkins counties.

Liam Fitzsimmons, who works out of the congressman's legislative office in Washington, has been promoted to deputy legislative director and will help manage a variety of legislative matters with Iger.

"I am extremely fortunate to have such an extraordinary staff that works extremely hard in order to help improve the lives of the people I have the honor of representing in Congress," Hinchey said.

Dan Ahouse started off nearly 15 years ago as an intern in Hinchey's Washington office and served in numerous positions throughout his tenure with the congressman, including district director and then chief of staff. Ahouse is now working as Vice President for Government Affairs at Cablevision Systems Corporation located in Bethpage, Long Island. Ahouse said he was very excited about beginning a new chapter in his life and getting to spend more time with his family, but expressed great admiration for Hinchey and said he would very much miss working for him.

Lieberson expressed his gratitude toward Hinchey for trusting him to lead the office as chief of staff and conveyed a strong sense of optimism about what the congressman and his staff will be able to accomplish for the people of New York's 22nd congressional district in the future.

## ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES STRENGTHENS POSITION WITH RECENT STAFF ADDITIONS AND MOVES

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), which represents all of New York's 57 counties and the City of New York, today announced a series of staff moves designed to strengthen its county member outreach and advocacy efforts in Albany and Washington, D.C.

Dave Lucas has rejoined NYSAC as the Director of Finance and Intergovernmental Affairs, and will oversee NYSAC's governmental relations team and cover state-local finance issues and federal health insurance programs, including Medicaid. Mr. Lucas served as NYSAC Legislative Director from 1995-1997. Most recently Mr. Lucas led California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's health policy team in Washington. Prior to that post, Mr. Lucas had been with the New York State Division of Budget, where he developed and implemented New York's federal fiscal agenda.

"We are pleased to welcome Dave back to New York State. His health policy expertise and fiscal background will support and strengthen NYSAC's position as we represent counties, particularly in the ongoing federal health care reform negotiation and also in the midst of the fiscal challenges facing New York State and local governments," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. (Next Col.)

Additional Staff Moves include: Ken Crannell, who had been NYSAC Legislative Director, has joined the staff of Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy as a deputy county executive.

Mark LaVigne, who served as NYSAC Communication Director for the past five years, has been promoted to Deputy Director. Mr. LaVigne will continue to oversee NYSAC's outreach and communication efforts, and will also assist in the overall activities of NYSAC operations.

Jessica Morelli has been promoted to Deputy Director for Governmental Relations. In this position, Ms. Morelli will spearhead NYSAC's state legislative advocacy efforts in Albany.

"These changes with our NYSAC staff provide an excellent opportunity to restructure the association's focus and leverage our strengths—an important endeavor as our counties collectively address the fiscal challenges facing each of our communities," said NYSAC President Tom Santulli.

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.

## CONTINUED EROSION OF SALES TAX RECEIPTS LEAVE COUNTY COFFERS LACKING

The latest sales tax numbers out of Albany today indicate that 52 of the State's 57 counties are seeing continued decline in sales tax receipts—13 of them are seeing double digit decreases over the same period the last year.

The most recent data from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance includes the fourth quarter 2009 and year end (total year) sales tax collections by county.

"We knew the numbers would not be good, but no one predicted they would be this dismal. It begs for a more timely and transparent flow of information between the state and our counties. Then we would have been more prepared for this data," said NYSAC President Tom Santulli, Chemung County Executive. Chemung County's fourth quarter 2009 sales tax receipts were 7.2 percent lower than the same quarter in 2008—down 6.4 percent from 2008 to 2009.

New York counties rely heavily on two forms of revenue: sales taxes and property taxes. Deep and prolonged declines in sales tax revenue put pressure on counties to raise property taxes, cut services or layoff workers in order to keep our budgets balanced. These latest figures represent five straight quarters of decline in sales tax revenue.

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance initially collects data from retailers and sends local government their sales tax revenue on a period basis. While county budget officials have expertise in managing the lag time between sales tax collections and the revenue flowing to county coffers, this recession has revealed the need for reforms that bring greater transparency to the process.

"County officials are finding out too late what their sales tax numbers look like. We need greater transparency in order to better understand what is happening economically in some of our communities and how it will impact our budgets. The days of back of the envelop sales tax projections have got to come to an end," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. "We have the technology we need to open this process up, and we should."

NYSAC is proposing a dashboard-like information sharing system, the Joint Revenue Resource Center, that will provide a platform for enhanced revenue forecasts, especially of the sales tax, and serve as a forum for state and local fiscal managers to work together to improve the management and effectiveness of collective state-local revenue systems.

"We are not necessarily suggesting the state is holding on to our sales tax revenue; we just need greater transparency so that we can more effectively anticipate our revenue and manage our budgets," said Santulli.

## DECEMBER ECONOMY WATCH SHOWS STATE ECONOMY AT A CROSSROADS

The Economic Indicators contained in the December Edition of the NYSAC Economy Watch seem to indicate that the State is on the verge of commencing renewed growth. Events occurring in Washington and Albany over the next year, as the Federal and State Governments cope with the effects of the sharpest economic downturn since the great depression, could have significant impact on what path New York proceeds down in the months ahead: renewed growth or continued economic stagnation and decline.

"Economy is showing signs of improvement but what the legislature and the Governor do in the next few months in getting the State's fiscal (Next Col.)

house in order will have a significant impact on what path the economy takes in the year ahead," said NYSAC President Tom Santulli, Chemung County Executive. "The state needs a Will we have renewed growth or fall back into economic decline with further job losses and continuing increased burdens on counties to provide services to those in need."

New York's Business Barometer, The Index of Coincident Economic Indicators (ICEI) fell for the 4th consecutive month in November dropping .24 points since October. The ICIE has fallen just of a point since June, after 9 consecutive months of steep decline when the ICIE fell over 4 points.

Consumer Confidence, as measured by indicators generated by the Siena Research Institute and the University of Michigan showed increasing consumer confidence nationally but a degree of hesitancy about spending in New York.

The State's Unemployment Rate (before seasonal adjustment), fell to 8.4% in November, significantly below the national unemployment rate of 9.4%. A total of 38 of New York's 62 counties had their unemployment decline or remain stable from the previous month. Only 3 counties in New York exceed the national unemployment rate.

Consumer prices increased by 0.2% from last month for both the New York City Metropolitan Area and the Northeast Region. Increases in prices for gasoline and personal care products primarily drove the monthly increase.

Housing Sales as reported by the New York State Association of Realtors, decreased 5.6% for the month but were up 34% from a year ago.

Private Sector Jobs increased 0.2% since last month's report by the New York State Department of Labor's Division of Research and Statistics representing a modest increase of 14,000 jobs statewide. Private sector jobs have decreased by 2.4% since November of 2008 representing the loss of over 211,000 jobs.

General Business Conditions as measured by the Empire State Manufacturing Survey of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York leveled off in December following 4 months of significant improvement.

For more on the December Economy Watch, visit our website at [www.nysac.org](http://www.nysac.org).

## WITH LOOMING INTERNATIONAL TRADE AGREEMENT, GILLIBRAND STANDS UP FOR NY DAIRY FARMERS

As the Obama Administration moves forward on creating a Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement that could potentially include more dairy imports from New Zealand, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today urged the White House to consider New York and America's own reeling dairy economy before outsourcing any dairy needs to other countries.

In a letter to U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk, Senator Gillibrand wrote, "As the representative of a major dairy producing state, I believe that any trade agreement with New Zealand should take these factors into account. Especially given that the U.S. dairy industry is currently facing a protracted pricing crisis, an improperly crafted deal could deal a severe blow to the industry. I am especially concerned about the long-term national security implications of losing our ability to produce food here at home. We cannot outsource our dairy production to the lowest global bidder without risking the safety of our health and our local economies."

"New York Farm Bureau's dairy farm families greatly appreciate the efforts of Senator Gillibrand to make sure that the USTR understands the severe negative impacts of a proposed New Zealand Trans-Pacific Partnership to New York's dairy industry. While we generally support trade agreements, we feel that they must be on a level playing field, and this proposed agreement is not. It will not result in opportunities for our family farmers," said Dean Norton, President of New York Farm Bureau. "This proposed agreement will only put more financial stress on our struggling dairy farm families."

New Zealand has an extremely high degree of concentration in their dairy industry. According to the Foreign Agriculture Service, one company holds control of 92 percent of milk production. With this domestic strength, this one New Zealand company controls more than 40 percent of global dairy trade. If U.S.-New Zealand dairy trade is included in the TPP, it would only benefit New Zealand's dairy industry. Not only would America's dairy producers and processors and supporting businesses lose billions, but it would only offer small additional market opportunities.

As the first New Yorker to serve on the Senate Agriculture Committee in nearly 40 years, Senator Gillibrand has made New York's dairy farmers a top priority. Since day one in office, Senator Gillibrand has worked hard to deliver more emergency resources to dairy farmers to pull them back from the brink of bankruptcy, and provide real, long-term solutions to fix outdated pricing structures, and provide long-term growth and stability for New York's farm families.



**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**

[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
(845) 985-2262 extension 312

**FREE BOWLING** Ellenville Lanes -Feb 21 3-5 pm All families in TVCSD and Town of Neversink adults/non-residents \$10. Must sign up by Feb 9

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

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

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**VALENTINE PARTY FOR CAREGIVERS - SWEET TOKENS OF AFFECTION**

Valentine confections and gifts of affection will be included during a valentine party for Sullivan County informal family caregivers on February 13 (snow date of February 20) from 10 - 12pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County, sponsored by the Caregiver Resource Center.

Two activities will be presented; tokens of confection and gifts from the heart. Caregivers will learn how to make & decorate chocolate dipped pretzels and also create a beautiful valentine (such as a diorama or old-fashioned cameo valentine card) to give as a gift to your sweet heart or care receiver!

Caregiver social events encourages informal family caregivers to meet others (also assisting a family member who is ill, aging and frail, or coping with a disability) to learn from others, relax and become informed about other supportive services. New educational materials and resources will be available!

Caregiver Resource Center appreciates reservations ~ call 292-5250 and speak to Linda. Class size is limited to 20 (class will be cancelled without minimum of five registrants). Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County is located at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY.

**SC VISITORS ASSOCIATION 2010 VISITORS' GUIDE**

The Sullivan County Visitors Association has been accumulating information for the 2010 edition of their Sullivan County Catskills Visitors Guide. The guide features detailed listings of a wide range of tourism businesses including attractions, outdoor recreation, accommodations and restaurants. Over 150,000 copies of the guide are produced and will be used in response to all inquiries received as a result of the Association's and the Catskill Region's advertising campaigns. They will also be distributed at travel shows in which the Association and its members participate as well as at paid information centers in the northeast.

A listing in this guide is free of charge. All a tourism business needs to do in order to be included is to fill out the association's Tourism Business Profile. Although the deadline for submission of information has passed, the Visitors Association wants to be sure to list as many as possible of the county's tourism businesses in the guide. In order to ensure your inclusion in the 2010 Sullivan County Catskills Visitors Guide, please contact the SCVA at 747-4449.

**HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CONSUMER AND FINANCIAL ED. - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County**

Don't forget you still have time to register for - **"When Your Income Drops"** - January 28th, at 12:00-3:00 at CCE - Unemployment isn't just a financial strain, it can affect the entire family. Minimize the stress of job loss with tips discussed in this workshop. Learn how to take action, so you don't feel so victimized. A light lunch will be provided. (Next Col.)

**THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS**

- 1/23/10 Grahamsville Jubilee **Old-fashioned Hymn Sing** 7-8 Southern Blue Grass/Gospel Music 8-9:30pm Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall call 845-985-0402
- 1/26/10 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting - Town Hall Upstairs Meeting Room
- 1/28/10 Time & the Valleys Trustees Meeting 7:00 pm
- 1/30/10 Jubilee musicians Jam Grahamsville 1st Aid Bldg.
- 2/1/10 Time & the Valleys Work Committee Meeting 12:30 pm
- 2/3/10 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 2/4/10 Daniel Pierce Library First Thursday Readers - 1:00 pm
- 2/6/10 Sundown Methodist Church - **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 2/10/10 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 2/11/10 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 2/14/10 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 2/15/10 Town of Neversink Holiday - **Presidents' Day**
- 2/16/10 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 2/17/10 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 2/23/10 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Meeting 7 pm Town Hall Upstairs Mtg. Room
- 2/24/10 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 7:00 pm

Send your group's or organization's 2010 calendar of events to us so that we may keep our readers posted on what will be happening throughout 2010 in the Tri-Valley area.

**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>

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

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| SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP       | E & H PAINTBALL (Loch Sheldrake)  | LIGHTHOUSE DELI         |
| GRAHAMSVILLE DELI              | VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake) | NAPANOCH FLORIST        |
| LAGUEUX HARDWARE               | WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION          | JAME'S NAPANOCH GROCERY |
| CANNIE D'S                     | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)     | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY      |
| BLUE HILL LODGE                |                                   | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE      |
| ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) |                                   | PETER'S MARKET          |

Presenters: Sean Welsh and Susan Dollard  
 This class is free and open to the public, but you must pre-register with Linda at 845-292-5250. There must be a minimum of 10 pre-registered participants for this class to be held.

**Get Your Financial House In Order** Cornell Cooperative Extension, Wednesday February 3, 2010 at 6pm

Get off to a good start in 2010! Sean Welsh, Financial and Consumer Educator, will be offering a workshop on how to take control of your finances in these tough times. Learn how to organize an efficient system for paying bills and keeping track of important papers. Setting up a home office, temporary and permanent files, budgeting will also be covered. All participants will receive organizational supplies and handouts.

The class will be February 3rd at 6:00 pm at Cornell Cooperative at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd. Liberty, N.Y. This class is open to the public with a \$5.00 registration fee. Pre-registration is required. Call Linda at 845-292-5250

Save Energy, Save Dollars-February 16th at 5:30-7:30 pm at CCE -Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills. Also learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. There will be free energy-saving materials to be provided to all participants.

**Income Tax Season Is Quickly Approaching**

We are an AARP tax preparation site, with a focus on senior citizens and low income families and individuals by appointment only. You may call Susan Dollard to set up an appointment at 845-292-5250.

**RALLY NY** (From Pg. 13)

The program is as follows:  
**Thursday, April 15** - afternoon/ evening: Registration and scrutineering of competition vehicles  
**Friday, April 16** - morning: Reconnaissance of special stages in Walton  
**Friday, April 16** - afternoon / evening: Reconnaissance of special stages in Monticello, Ceremonial Start at Sullivan County Center in Monticello, racing at Concord Resort in Monticello, return to Walton in the evening  
**Saturday, April 17** - all day: Restart in Walton, racing in Walton, Ceremonial Finish at Delaware County Fairgrounds in Walton, post-event party and dinner in Walton  
**Sunday, April 18** - morning: Awards Ceremony  
 Rally New York, Ltd. is headquartered (Next Col.)

headquartered in Forestburgh, New York located ninety miles northwest of New York City in spectacular southern Catskill Mountains of Sullivan County. It is dedicated to furthering the sport of stage rallying in the United States.

The United States Rally Championship will continue its bold steps to make national competition in 2010 more affordable and accessible to a larger number of rally teams. The Championship structure minimizes or, for many teams, eliminates the need for repeated cross-country travel during the Championship season by providing competition on each side of the country. The final round of the Championship at the end of the year counts both in the Atlantic Division and the Pacific Division and together with the results from all previous rounds decides the top spots in the Championship. As a result, 207 competitors, drivers and co-drivers, participated during the 2009 USRC season, nearly twice as many as in any other championship series in North America.

Atlantic Division teams will be again competing for coveted cash travel subsidies that will be awarded to top six teams in the Division. The total of \$12,000 in subsidies will be distributed to Atlantic Division teams to assist them with travelling to the final round of the 2010 United States Rally Championship in Prescott, Arizona.

The Championship season consists of a combination of snow, gravel and tarmac events. Rallies in the United States Rally Championship allow for reconnaissance and pace notes. Tarmac events, full reconnaissance and pace notes make the United States Rally Championship unique in North America as no other series in North America encompasses all these features.

**ADVANCED DIRECTIVES - DID YOU FINISH YOUR DOCUMENTS?**

Have you always meant to start your Advanced Directives, or you gave them some thought, put the papers aside & then these papers were forgotten? On February 23 from 5:30-7:30 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty, the most basic of estate plan documents are explained - living wills, health care proxies and DNR's (Do Not Resuscitate). Examples of some basic forms, including 'My Five Wishes', and common terminology will be reviewed. Discussion will also include family and cultural issues that act as barriers to setting up advanced directives. Class presented by Bonnie Lewis. Minimum of FIVE pre-registered participants - cancelled by 1/22 if minimum not met. Light supper served and class is free. Start 2010 with this task checked off!





### Daniel Pierce Library

HOURS:  
Tuesdays & Thursdays - 11 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Wednesdays & Fridays - 11 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Closed Sundays and Mondays

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

On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm. 845-985-7233

**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](mailto:historian@townofneversink.org), or visit [www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

### REAL ESTATE



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### LISTINGS WANTED

845-985-0501

**FOR SALE:** Desirable Grahamsville rental investment property, 1 acre +/-, 4-1 bedroom apartments, good condition, great location, rented. Present capitalization rate 14.2 % asking \$199,000.00.  
*Listing # com4-1BR*

**WANTED ASAP** - Hunting property, acreage with cabin preferably near state land. **BUYER WAITING!**

### RENTALS

**BUILDING FOR RENT:** In Grahamsville (Old Post Office) Rent - 985-7411.

**APARTMENT FOR RENT:** 2 Bedroom Apartment, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, porch. Just became available. \$500 month. 845-985-7411.

**Large 3 room Apartment** in the heart of Grahamsville. 2nd Floor. Tenant pays own heat. Available now \$500. 646-331-7114 tfn

**Apartment for rent.** 2 bedroom, L.R., kitchen. Call 985-0107 tfn

**HOUSE FOR RENT:** 3 bedrooms; 2 bath, on 3 acres \$900. mo & utilities. Lease & security. 985-2829 pd 1/21/10

**STREAM VIEW UPSTAIRS APARTMENT FOR RENT** One bedroom \$625 monthly plus security. All utilities included. Available to move in immediately. Perfect for one-two people. Located on Davis Lane, Grahamsville, NY. Please call cell phone (845) 796-6319. b1/4-tfn

**FOR RENT: 1 Bedroom Apartment** at Chestnut Woods, heat and utilities included. No Pets. No Children. \$600 Month + security. 985-7790 pd 1/29

### WANTED

**House wanted to Rent** - 3 bedroom, Tri-Valley School District. Good References. Call (845) 647-4093 [oglesbysee@aol.com](mailto:oglesbysee@aol.com) b-tfn

### FOR SALE

**FOR SALE: 1997 Pontiac Van**, Transport, 7 passenger, 4 extra wheels w/snowtires; dependable, reasonable. **1997 Subaru Legacy wagon**, good shape, extra snowtires. 985-7564. tfn

**Silver Audi 1.8+** - 130,000 miles; leather interior, great gas mileage \$4,000 845-985-2790.

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

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

All ads for the February **One Dollar, One Line, One Item** flyer must be received in our office by **Friday, January 29th 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](mailto:tvtownsman@yahoo.com)

### FOR SALE GUNS/AMMO

**GUNS & AMMO for sale.** We have assorted firearms. Special orders welcomed. Call **3 Goldens @ 845-985-7195** leave message.

### PET BOARDING

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### HEALTH FOOD/CLASSES

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### Denning Democrats

The Town of Denning Democratic committee asks that we help our neighbors. Last week, a catastrophic earthquake struck near Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The full extent of the damage is still being assessed, but the death toll -- already in the thousands -- is climbing fast. Help through your local Community and Religious organizations. See page 1 and page 4 of this issues for recognized local charities.

Have a suggestion for the Dem committee, email, [denningdems@yahoo.com](mailto:denningdems@yahoo.com), or call 845.985.0501

Democratic Committee Chair  
Frank Comando

### ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

Clampett. A. Buddy Ebsen, "The Beverly Hillsbillies," Ted B. Mr. Yumioshi was wonderfully played by Mickey Rooney, but the socially of the moment stated that we were in a time of transition, it was believed that the character of Mr. Yumioshi should have been played by a Japanese actor.

### TRI-VALLEY PROPERTY FOR SALE

#### CLARYVILLE:

- **NEW** Renovated 3 bed/1 bath farmhouse with creek on approx. 1 acre \$299,000; with 6.42 acres \$329,000
- **NEW** Two quiet, pretty, level 1 acre, buildable lots. \$22,500 each. (1 lot is under contract)
- **NEW** 3 bed/2 bath restored farmhouse on 1.3 acs with dramatic ultra-modern addition, fine fixtures \$395k
- **RENTAL** Elegant 4 bed/5 bath home on 150 acre estate with Neversink frontage. \$1,900/mo + utils.

#### GRAHAMSVILLE /LOCH SHELDRAKE/JEFFERSONVILLE:

- **NEW** 3 bed/1+ bath farmhouse on 1 ac with stream. Beautiful floors, deck, views. \$159,000
- **NEW** 4 bed/2.5 bath single fam. home + two 1 bed/1 bath apts in attached bldg. In quiet section of Jeffersonville Village. Short walk to school. \$249,000
- Mini-estate with indoor pool, 2 ponds, manicured grounds and 9 private acs. 4 bed/3 bath \$749,000
- Dreamy 4 BR eyebrow colonial on 15.73 acres with views & stream next to city land. \$399,000.

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### Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"



#### Breakfast At Tiffany's (1961)

A young party girl's care-free existence reaches its pinnacle when she has a coming of age experience, during a chance meeting with a young writer who is captured by her radiance. Cast: Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard, Patricia Neal, Buddy Ebsen Dir: Blake Edwards BW-115 mins, TV-G Sunday January 24 2010 @

4:00 pm on TCM

Quiz:

- What show and role did the actor who played Doc Golightly become most famous for?
- What character was so wonderfully played, but not accepted by the public?

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

Well, if you are not making your reservations soon at **White Wolf**, or one of our other fine restaurants for Valentines Day, get busy, "time is a wastin'!" There are a lot of people in love this year, and you know your wife, lover, friend, or your significant other, is well worth it.

Baseball: Tri-Valley Little League signups are January 23 and January 30, 2010. Check it out on the front page of this week's paper.

Some historical facts on this date January, 21, 1189: The unification of Egyptian and Syrian forces under the command of Saladin, who employed these forces to reduce the Christian states and to recapture Jerusalem in 1187. In answer to this, all Christendom spurred by religious zeal in 1189 ceased all European wars, and united Philip II of France, and Henry II of England. At Henry's death in 1189 the English contingent came under the command of Richard I, better known as Richard Lion Hearted of England. The Holy Roman Emperor with his contingent of kings, including Frederic I of Germany, and Leopold V of Austria, adding their Knights initiated the Third Crusade. On September 2, 1192, Richard The Lion Hearted and Saladin finalized a treaty by which Jerusalem would remain under Muslim control, but which also allowed unarmed Christian pilgrims to visit the city. Richard I departed the Holy Land on October 9. The failure of the Third Crusade would lead to the call for a Fourth Crusade six years later.

Bye,

Knarf Odomoe

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