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## NATURAL GAS, DRILLING FLUIDS SPEW FROM CLEARFIELD COUNTY WELL

In light of the recent spill in the Gulf, it is interesting to hear about the recent fracking fluid spill in our neighboring state in Clearfield County, PA.

Pennsylvania environmental officials said natural gas and polluted drilling water were pouring from an out-of-control well in rural Clearfield County.

A one-mile radius of Moshannon State Forest was evacuated last Friday morning after a gas well ruptured near the Punxsutawney Hunting Club. (Contd. Pg. 12)

## NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING FOR NEVERSINK RIVER LANDOWNERS

A Neighborhood Meeting to explain this summer's walkover study will be held on Thursday, June 10th at the Claryville Reformed Church Hall. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## FLY FISHING FIELD DAY PLANNED JUNE 19 AT FROST VALLEY YMCA

Frost Valley YMCA will host a Fly Fishing Field Day on Saturday, June 19 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## TRI-VALLEY LIONS NEWS- NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED



Incoming Officers (sitting left to right) Lions Jack Clark, Liza Salvemini, Fran Fuller, Carol Clark; (standing left to right) Carmen Salvemini, Gene Froehlich, June Schmitz, Don TerBush, with Stu Wizwer and Buddy, Lion Monte LaHanko's seeing eye dog

On Tuesday, June 1, 2010, Lion District Governor Elect, Stu Wizwer installed the incoming 2010-2011 Tri-Valley Lions Officers at their monthly dinner meeting at Nardi's Restaurant in Hurleyville, NY. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## THE "NOT ONE MORE" SAFE TEEN DRIVING PROGRAM OF SC REACHES OUT TO RESIDENTS FOR HELP

Each year students die or become seriously injured as a result of driving or being a passenger in a vehicle. This is a statistic that the "Not One More" Program is hoping to reduce with the development of an expanded safe teen driving initiative to include a driving simulator program. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## YMCA, HOSPITAL GET FUNDS FOR SAND AND SALT STORAGE

The Catskill Watershed Corporation Board of Directors recently approved two grants of \$50,000 each to help an Ulster County camp and educational facility, and a Delaware County hospital construct buildings to store road-de-icing materials. (Contd. Pg. 9)

## TVCS RAIN GARDEN



A Rain Garden; what is it? Well it is sort of a drain, with a reservoir that removes excess water, to provide a proper environment to grows flowers, vegetables, and fruit trees.

There is this steep hill behind Tri-Valley School, just below the baseball field, that had been dumping runoff rainwater on the walk near the school's back doors creating a nuisance. There was a solution to end the problem, a Rain Garden!

As explained by a group of TVCS students, they formulated a proposal and then went before the Tri Valley Board of Education seeking their permission to do this project.

This same group of enthusiastic knowledgeable students also maintain the City Little League Field, the Tri-Valley School Baseball field, the Community Garden, Community Sign Project as well as other landscaping projects landscaping at hotels. Grossinger's, we are told, is next on their agenda.

The students learn how to properly operate a transit theodolite, dump trucks, backhoes, pumps, hand rakes, shovels, plus planting, all skills that are needed to meet each of these students' goals, to run a small business after graduation. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## ULSTER CO SHERIFF ANNOUNCES GRADUATION OF 23 STUDENTS



Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum announces the graduation of 23 students from the Corrections Officer Basic Academy with Firearms, Spring 2010 session, held at the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center (Contd. Pg. 4)

## CWC AWARDS 23 EDUCATION GRANTS

Twenty-three education grants totaling nearly \$120,000 were recently approved by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) Board of Directors. The awards will go to schools and non-profit organizations serving school-age students and their teachers in the Catskills and in New York City. This is the 13th year that grants have been distributed for projects and programs to heighten awareness and understanding of the New York City water system and its vast Watershed West of the Hudson River. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## GRAHAMSVILLE UMC PLANS FINAL MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

The Grahamsville UMC Mission Team will hold their final fundraiser Chicken BBQ on Saturday, June 19, from 5-7p.m. at the Neversink Fire Dept. Pavilion. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## MUSEUM'S CHICKEN BARBECUE TICKETS NOW ON SALE!

Time and the Valley's widely-popular Old Time Fair and Chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, July 31st at Neversink Town Hall on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, New York. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE UNDER THE TENT

The yellow tent is up and the Daniel Pierce Library Used Book Sale is underway! Great bargains are available: paperbacks - 25 cents; hardcovers - 50 cents; and a bag full of books for \$3.00. Donations are welcomed. Come and visit often because the selection changes as we add more donations. All proceeds will benefit the Children's Room in the new addition. Thank you for your continued support. If you have any donations or questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

## RED HILL FIRE TOWER NEWS

The cab and cabin at Red Hill Fire Tower will be staffed by volunteers from June 12 to Oct. 11, 2010 - 10 am to 4 pm including Mon., July 5 and Mon Sept. 6th.

Guides will not go up in fog. There is always a good view from the top landing of the Tower on days we are not staffed.

Take a hike! Come visit with one of our great volunteers.

## COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE AT ERH

In an effort to increase the regional blood supply, Ellenville Regional Hospital will hold a community blood drive with the American Red Cross. The drive will be held on Friday, June 11, 2010 from 1:00pm - 6:00pm at Ellenville Regional Hospital.

The statistics are clear. About every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. Every day, 34,000 donations are needed in the United States to help save the lives of cancer patients, accident victims, children with blood disorders among others. This affects every member of our community, where they work, live and play, whether it's a friend, family or neighbor who needs blood. Just one pint of blood can help save as many as three lives

## TRI-VALLEY LIONS RABIES CLINIC



The Tri-Valley Lions held its semi-annual Rabies Clinic from 6 to 8 pm on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds. 125 dogs and cats were vaccinated by Dr. Eric Hartelius.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised; so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Psalm 18:3

**THANK YOU**

We, the Conjura family, would like to take this opportunity to thank, from the bottom of our hearts, you all for the kindness shown, with the passing of our DEAR wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother, ("Gi Gi"). Thank you for all the telephone calls, sympathy cards, MASS cards and flowers. Nancy will be missed by the many she knew and will always be remembered by her beautiful smile!

**DAYS OF YORE....**

**Today's History**

**June 7, 1950** - About 100 friends and neighbors gave Town of Denning Supervisor and Mrs. Leron H. Dean a surprise party at the Methodist Church Hall Saturday night, June 3rd, to celebrate their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Four local boys, Arthur Ter Bush, James and Mario Costa and Raymond Denman, were the cause of much anxiety early Sunday morning. The boys started for Long Pond about 6:30 Saturday evening to fish. They never found Long Pond and it was not until daylight that they found their way out to the road. They spent a cold, rainy night in the woods.

The mercury on Monday morning dropped very close to the danger line in 'cold spots' in this section. 32 degrees was reported unofficially at Ladleton.

C.J. Perkins checked his traps and found a bobcat and a game warden. George Parks, the warden, had stepped on 2 steel traps and both nabbed him. Mr. Perkins shot the bobcat - but let the warden go.

Miss Marilyn Mickelson attended the South Fallsburg H.S. Junior Prom Saturday evening at Woodridge.

At the monthly meeting of the Tri Valley Teachers' Association on Monday, the following were elected for the school year 1950-51:

President, George Mayberry; Vice President, Ruth Ackerley; Secretary, Madelene Adams; Treasurer, Otto Edkin.

**June 8, 1960** - Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Virginia DuBois and Mr. Ralph Rhynders on June 25th.

Miss Wanda Smith and Mr. Donald Terwilliger will be married on Sunday, June 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Eugene Ross were given a testimonial dinner in his honor at Wenigs in Napanoch on Saturday evening by the faculty of the Tri Valley Central School. All members of the faculty were present to honor him on receiving his Doctorate.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Krom of Neversink are the parents of a daughter born June 1st at Maimonides Hospital in Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Curry have a baby girl born at Liberty Loomis Hospital on Monday morning, June 6th.

On Wednesday evening, a Farewell Party for the Rev. and Mrs. Howard West is being held at the Grahamsville Church Hall. All their many friends are cordially invited.

**June 10, 1970** - Miss Karen Ulrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ulrich of Neversink has been named valedictorian for the Class of 1970. The salutatorian will be Miss Caroline Dickerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dickerman of Red Hill.

Troop 187, sponsored by the Grahamsville Fire Department, is proud to announce that Louis Boncek, Jr. has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Louis and Jimmy Stover of Liberty appeared before the Board of Review Monday evening, June 8th, at St. Peter's School in Liberty.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of the late Archie Ackerley of Thunder Hill. Mr. Ackerley was 81 years old and was well known to many Sundowners.

Pamela Sue Houghtaling, daughter of Carl and Jane Houghtaling of Neversink, was baptized by Pastor Walter on June 7th. George Gruner received the child for the congregation. The Godparents were Louise DuBois and Bradley Houghtaling.

**June 12, 1980** - Bonnie Jean Mentnech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Mentnech of Sunrise Drive, Woodbourne, graduated from Nursing School on May 30th, 1980. A 1977 graduate of Tri-Valley, she attended Charles S. Wilson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Johnson City, N.Y.

Tim Allison, son of Karl and Betty Allison of Big Hollow Road has returned home from

his first year at Syracuse U. Tim was a freshman majoring in Civil Engineering and maintained an overall average of 3.8 the entire year. He will spend the summer working at Carrland's Dairy and will return to Syracuse in the fall.

Happy birthday to Aunt Jennie Slater on the 12th.

Jean and Tim Conjura celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary on June 9th. Happy First Anniversary to Joe and Missy Iatoro on June 10th.

Lynn I. Krom was among 970 young men and women who graduated from the State University of New York at Cobleskill during that college's 62nd commencement. Lynn received an Associate degree in Secretarial Science. Lynn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krom of Grahamsville.

**A CULTURE OF CHANGE - The First 500 Days of the Office of Ulster County Comptroller**

January 1, 2009 not only ushered in a new form of government in Ulster County, it also marked the beginning of comptroller Elliott Auerbach's effort to create an independent agency of the people serving to protect the public's interest.

"May 16th marked the 500th day of our new form of government here in Ulster County," said the county's first comptroller. "It is a milestone for responsive and responsible government and we wanted to document the culture of change and use this indicator to look back, catalog our successes and track our thresholds," explained Auerbach.

"500 Days of Accountability" is a comprehensive report of initiatives and outcomes the Comptroller has compiled that signifies the efforts he and his staff have undertaken to discover and report on the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which county government is run.

"We began our first few months authoring two reports on internal control practices within the County. That analysis identified several deficiencies, including a flawed financial management and reporting system. In addition, it brought to the surface the need to protect County staff with whistleblower protections, which the legislature subsequently acted upon," said Auerbach.

"We reviewed and improved the claims auditing function by which my staff serves as the last line of defense in assuring only valid, authorized claims are paid," said Auerbach. "As a result I reinstated the use of claimant certifications to create an additional layer of accountability."

The "500 Days" report lists a range of issued audits and reports from small cash counts to the massive review of the Ulster County Department of Health. "Our analysis of the Department of Health identified broad opportunities for improved processes and controls," said Auerbach. "It also swept out from under the carpet the long-known need for control over nepotism - family hiring and working for family." That report revealed how seriously dysfunctional government can become when a husband/wife team had unfettered control within the public domain.

"In this position it pays to remain dexterous," said Auerbach, "like cautioning a legislative committee not to allocate funds of tens of thousands of dollars for a convicted killer's medical bills without a full audit of the charges."

As a result of creating a Comptroller's Blog, Auerbach has had real-time communication with taxpayers. His fraud prevention workshop for not-for-profit organizations was well received and Auerbach said his Comptroller's Advisory Committee has challenged him to ask new and different questions of County operations.

"Because we pull back the curtain to let the light shine on County government," said Auerbach. "I established heightened ethics standards for my staff. It is our job to reveal the facts, not spin them."

Elliott Auerbach is the first elected Comptroller in Ulster County. "500 Days of Accountability" can be found on the comptroller's website at:

[www.ulstercountyny.gov/resources/comptroller](http://www.ulstercountyny.gov/resources/comptroller).

**HERE AND THERE**

Over 60 people gathered at the Rockland House outside of Roscoe last Friday evening to sing 'Happy Birthday' to Larry Schmitz, in recognition of his 75th year. "Surprise parties," like government secrets, are often leaked, but not this one. In addition to family members, there were Woodbourne Firemen buddies, Woodbourne Prison work buddies, other Woodbourne gathering hall buddies, hunting buddies, and co-workers from his years of independent construction work - and not one of them spilled the beans! Congratulations, Larry; and when June 3 rolls around next year, keep your ears open!

Donna (Hill) Conklin called to share a couple of personal milestones. On June 8, Tuesday of this week, she will celebrate a birthday. We don't reveal ages between 21 and 80 as a rule, but we'll give you a clue on this one. The second milestone: On June 27, she and Steve will celebrate their 40th anniversary - and she hadn't turned 20 yet when they were married. .... Other June anniversaries on our list include Tim and Joan Conjura, 37 years on June 9; and Robert and Karen Curry, 44 years on June 18. And oh yes, let's not forget Don and Wanda Terwilliger, who will celebrate their 50 years together on June 12 at the local UMC with their church family. Congratulations to all you 'keepers'!

For June birthdays, we have Grandson Matthew, who turned 12 on June 6; John Harvey Hamilton, June 11; Bethany Hamilton (John's niece), June 22; and Barbara Slater, (his mother) June 23, who shares the day with Elsie Wynkoop (no relation). .... Congratulations to all our celebrators!

To my readers: I'm taking a break from column writing for a few weeks. I feel as though I'm getting stale lately, so I'll take a short vacation and come back, hopefully with batteries re-charged. If you have items you'd like to see in print, please call Hulda Vernooy - 985-2268, and she'll be glad to help. So, for the next month or so, take good care of yourselves and each other. .... (pah)

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy**

No news this week.  
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

**MUSEUM CHICKEN BBQ (From Pg. 1)**

The DELICIOUS chicken BBQ runs from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bi-Centennial Square across from Neversink Town Hall. It includes Miller's Barbecued chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, tomato and cucumber salad, dinner roll, bottled water and dessert. Adults are \$10 and children under 8 are \$7. Dinners are available to eat in or take out.

Held rain or shine, the Old Time Fair runs from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with pie auction, horseshoe, corn-husking and skillet throwing contests, children's old fashioned games, bake sale and white elephant sale, music by Steve Jacobi and Fiddlin' Around, and local history exhibits throughout the day. **ADMISSION IS FREE.**

Tickets are now on sale for the Chicken BBQ. They can be purchased at Neversink Town Hall on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville or from any Time and the Valleys Museum Trustee. Due to the popularity of this delicious BBQ and the limited number of tickets, advance purchase is suggested. Call the Museum at 845 985-2262 ext. 313 or Georgie Lepke at 845 985-5017 or Kathy Denman at 845 985-2285 to arrange for purchase of your tickets.

This event is a fund raiser for the Time and the Valleys Museum dedicated to preserving and sharing the history of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds. The money raised will be used to help open the new museum, co-located at the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville.

Please call us at 985-2262 x 313 for more information or go online at:

[www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org).

**GRAHAMSVILLE UMC PLANS FINAL MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER (From Pg. 1)**

Please purchase tickets in advance from Team members! Tickets are \$10 for a delicious meal of bbq chicken, cole slaw, baked potato, baked beans, roll, beverage, ice cream and cookies.

The Mission Team will travel to the Appalachian Mts. in southeastern Kentucky July 31-Aug 8. They will work there at Henderson Settlement and surrounding mountain communities, part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. They will be putting an addition onto a mobile home for (Next Col.) a

single mom and her 3 children. We will provide a full report upon our return!

For more information on the Chicken BBQ or Mission Trip, please call 985-2283

**TRI-VALLEY LIONS NEWS- (From Pg. 1)**



The above members are the Service Award Winners for their attendance and dedication for the 2009-2010 year. (standing left to right) Pete Furman, June Schmitz, Carmen Salvemini, Pauline Vetter, Don TerBush, Eunice Sheeley. (sitting left to right) Jack Clark, Carol Furman, Esta Jacob, Fran Fuller, Horace Sheeley.

**TVCS RAIN GARDEN (From Pg. 1)**



Not only is this a wholesome worthwhile program, but the action of completing each task helps builds courage within each individual by virtue of the pride of the accomplishment of each responsibility

The teachers have developed an excellent exchange of communication with these student and their position based on mutual respect and understanding with each position

The quality of engineering and the beauty of the landscape work is equally as impressive as the discipline and enjoyment the students have developed in order to accomplish their goal as a team.

Pictured in the group are students Dustin Brackman, Steve Brock, James Curry, Shawn Edwards, Robert Frunzi, Dan Luiso, Brent McKeon, Mark Morris and Anthony Somers,

The teachers in the group are Mr. Robert Hays, Mr. Steve Fritz, Mrs. Joan Conjura. Guest Artisan, Mr. Phil Dariano, and the Administration of Tri-Valley Centrel School were very supportive of the goup and this project. Stop by and see their accomplishments for your self.

**TRI-VALLEY ANIMAL LOVERS CLUB HOLDS SECOND WALK**

The Tri-Valley Animal Lovers Club Walk starts at 9:00 am on June 12th and goes until 12:00 pm. Those coming should park down by the covered bridge, and walk up to the pavilion to register and pay for admission (\$8 for a family, and \$5 for others.) They have the entire fair grounds to enjoy walking. We have a dog wash station for \$5, a picture station for \$3 and bandanas being sold for \$1. All the money earned goes to the ASPCA.

**SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS: CHOICES FOR LONG TERM CARE**

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information on long term care services in Sullivan County.

The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, June 16, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd Floor) at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public.

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point (Next Col.)

of Entry Coordinator, SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701, or (845) 807-0257.

**TVCS SPORTS - Joe Iaturo Girls Varsity Track and Field News**

**Team wins Section 9 Class C Championship**  
The 2010 Team season ended May 26th at Ditez Stadium with the Girls Track and Field Team winning the 2010 Section 9 Class C Championship. This is added to the OCL Division IV title won earlier in the season. The Section 9 Championship was the 4th in a row, 7th in the decade and the 23rd Section Title under Mrs Iaturo.

Individual Champions were: Kelly McNamara (Shot Put and Discus), Caroline Bertholf (2000 Steeplechase), Amanda Martin (Pentathlon). Heidi Furman (Hammer-Javelin).

A special Congratulations goes to 27 of the 43 Team members who qualified as a New York State Scholar Athlete Team, with each Team member having a 90 or better average. This is a school record. Congratulations to all Team members on a great season!

**Boys Varsity Track and Field News Team Finishes 3rd at Section 9**

The Boys Track and Field Team finished the "Team" aspect of the season also at Dietz with a great effort to place third behind Pine Plains and arch rival Sullivan West. Junior Brian Edwards (Shot Put) and Soph Rafael Ramirez (Hammer) were Individual Section 9 Champions.

The boys concluded their season with a 4-1 record and 2nd in the OCL Division IV Title to Liberty. The Boys also qualified for the New York State Scholar Athlete Team award with 12 members attaining a 90 or better average. Congratulations to all!!

**Ryan Loughney National Champ**

Ryan Loughney a recent graduate of Tri-Valley, now attending Ashland University, won the Hammer throw at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championship at Johnson Smith University in Greensboro, North Carolina. This achievement of winning a Collegiate National Championship puts Ryan as the only TV graduate ever to win an individual National Championship. Congratulations!

**JACK-IN-THE-PULPIT**

By Peggy DeWire



"I love turnips, Mom," the Iroquois boy said as he raked another one out of the boiling pot with a wooden spoon.

American pioneers learned to look for this distinctive spring plant in moist eastern woodlands. They called it Bog Onion or Indian turnip or Jack-in-the-Pulpit.

They also learned that the bulb was poisonous eaten raw but became a safe, spicy delicacy when cooked.

Bears coming out of hibernation in spring root out and eat Jack-in-the-Pulpit because the irritating peppery bulb expands the bears' shrunken bowels to normalcy.

A Jack-in-the-Pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*) grows 12-18" tall from an underground stem or corm. In spring it sends up a stout stem that looks like a green candle which unrolls into two three pointed leaves and a flowerstalk.

Tiny white flowers cluster around a finger-like shape that we call Jack (spadix) and a leaf-like canopy arches over Jack like an old-fashioned pulpit.

This pulpit (spathe) is striped with maroon and green or white and green.

Some botanists say this is due to sunny conditions during growth so that dark Jacks are found in shady deep woods, light Jacks in open locations.

However, I've found both growing side by side and tend to think that sunlight isn't the sole deciding coloration factor.

By late summer the pulpit dries up and drops off, exposing a cluster of green berries that ripen into bright red. Birds and animals eat these and people can too but only after boiling them.

Jack-in-the-Pulpit is classified in the Arum family (Araceae) along with skunk cabbage and the calla lily.

On your next woodland walk, I hope you find on of these uncommonly pretty flowers to transplant in your garden. Another choice is to order a Jack-in-the-Pulpit from a wildflower catalog.



**LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES:****Pool Passes & Swimming Lessons**

Pool passes for the Town of Neversink Pool located at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville will be going on sale at the Town of Neversink Town Hall on June 14th. The cost of a pass is \$10.00 per person with children under 3 no charge. Forms are available in the Lobby. The Town Hall is open daily from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Town of Neversink residency is required. The Pool is scheduled to open on June 30, 2010.

Swimming Lessons registration will also begin on June 14th at the Neversink Town Hall. Forms are available at the Town Clerk's Counter. Any child who lives in the Tri-Valley School District and/or Town of Neversink is eligible to participate in the Swimming Lessons Program. There is no fee.

For more information on either of the above please contact the Town of Neversink Town Hall at 845-985-2262 x-300 or 307.

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**Quotes Requested  
Spring/Fall 2010 Pruning, Trimming &  
Clean-up**

The Town of Neversink Town Board is requesting cost proposals for the Spring/Fall 2010 pruning, trimming and clean-up of all trees and shrubs in the following locations: Town Hall - including parking lot area, Bi-Centennial Square Park, Town Pool at fairgrounds, bottom of Denman Mountain Road, entrance to Fairgrounds, First Aid Squad Building, Chestnut Woods Monument and Welcome to the Town of Neversink flower boxes. If you are interested in performing this work, please submit a cost quote to the Town of Neversink Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 273 Main St., PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 by 4:30 pm by Monday July 12, 2010. For more information please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 845-985-2262 x 307.

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**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IS REQUESTING PROPOSALS FROM ELIGIBLE AGENCIES INTERESTED IN COLLABORATING WITH THE TRI-VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS.**

Instructions and specifications may be obtained from the Pupil Personnel Office at Tri-Valley Central School in Grahamsville, New York (845) 985-2296 Ext. 5516.

To be considered, three copies of the proposal must be received by the District Clerk by 2:00 PM on Wednesday, June 23, 2010. These copies should be sent to Tri-Valley Central School, 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, New York 12740, Attention: Martha Lee Ter Bush, District Clerk.

The Tri-Valley Central School District Reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted.

Martha Lee Ter Bush  
District Clerk  
June 4, 2010

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**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT'S BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Will hold a Regular Board Meeting  
On Tuesday, June 10, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.  
In the Secondary School Lower Library Level

**UC SHERIFF ANNOUNCE GRADUATION OF 23 STUDENTS (From Pg. 1)**

Under the direction of Sergeant Eddie J. Torres, the six-week course was held from Monday, April 5, to Friday, May 14 and is a requirement for working as a correction officer in a jail or state prison or as a peace officer. The following officers completed the training: (Ulster County) Walter C. Doyle, Jacob D. Jurkowski, Timothy C. Olah, Carel R. Soltyz, Cecil A. Towns, Emmett L. Vedder, III, Michael K. Warman; (Sullivan) Joshua C. Bates, Thomas E. Compasso, Eric S. Coulter, Shane T. Cunningham, Jannine H. Ellard, Stephen V. Nash, Lisa E. Newell, Robert J. Taylor, Jeff S. Wiener, Francis X. Whalan, George P. Williams; (Dutchess) Kenneth Carroll, Jr., Curtis Harris, Jr., Chion D. Robinson, Heidi A. Sabbagh, and Catherine D. Edwards (Dutchess S.P.C.A.).

**NOT ONE MORE (From Pg. 1)** Reality dictates that students do not have enough seat time behind the wheel to become experienced enough to handle the various hazards that arise while driving. Add into the equation, fast cars and drinking and you have a formula for disaster. Right now only a few of the school districts within Sullivan County offer driver's education to a limited group of students. With the fiscal climate the way it is, a lot of the school districts who at one time offered drivers education during the year, are now forced to reduce it to a summer school program or eliminate it altogether. Fortunately through the efforts of Phil Vallone, Rolling V Bus Company and Alan Kesten, Yellow Cab the school districts are able to provide the Alive at 25 Program but that is not enough! In order to make a difference the students have to have as many tools as possible to help them get enough training to handle the circumstances and responsibility that come with sitting behind the wheel of a vehicle.

The "Not One More" Committee of Sullivan County is working with Sullivan BOCES, local school districts, and the United Way of Sullivan County to purchase driver simulators to develop a comprehensive educational program that promotes safe teen driving, so that Not One More high school student is seriously injured or killed as a driver or passenger in a vehicle.

**Why Driving Simulators?**

Including a driver simulator into an existing driver's education or driver's safety program will increase the effectiveness of the overall program. The driver simulator provides lesson-based instruction that requires students to demonstrate skills and knowledge of safe driving without the hazards of being on the road.

Simulators safely put drivers in dangerous driving scenarios without the risk of injury. The simulators also provide students with individual records for each "driver" allowing the students to see progress as they improve their driving skills. The simulators are portable and can be shared by schools.

Before this effort can be rolled out, the committee needs to raise enough money to purchase the driver simulators. The simulators cost approximately \$11,000 per unit. Sullivan County BOCES has taken on the role of spearheading the effort to raise funds for the purchase of the units. Once they have raised enough money, BOCES will then coordinate the use of the machines with the school districts. With the help of the United Way of Sullivan County and the local school districts the committee is hoping to purchase at least one unit to be used in the 2010-2011 school year.

**Goals of the "Not One More" Program...**

1. To help prevent student deaths or injury as a result of driving accidents in Sullivan County.
2. To raise enough money to purchase several driver simulators to use throughout Sullivan County.
3. To work with school districts, Alive at 25, and private instructors to create a comprehensive training program that allows every student to receive sufficient driver safety training.

**History of the "Not One More" Program**

The "Not One More" Program was launched by the *Times Herald-Record* (THR) in June 2006, in response to a number of fatal crashes in the Hudson Valley. The effort started with a media campaign to heighten awareness about the importance of teen safety while driving. "Not One More" Forums in High Schools were held to educate, persuade and motivate teen drivers and their parents to drive safely. Community organizations which consisted of concerned citizens joined to promote safe teen driving. The initial diverse group included: Sullivan & Orange County Government, Sullivan BOCES, Orange-Ulster BOCES, Orange County United Way, Times Herald Record, New York State Police, local PTA/PTOs, School Resource Officers and other concerned citizens. Today the initiative is being established in the surrounding four counties.

Help make a difference for our future! Contribute to the "Not One More Fund" and be part of an initiative that will keep our teens alive. (Next Col.)

**How Can You Help?**

If you would like to make a monetary contribution towards the purchase of a driver simulator please contact: Kaytee Warren, Chief Professional Officer, Sullivan County United Way (845) 794-1771 or e-mail [unitedwaysullivan@verizon.net](mailto:unitedwaysullivan@verizon.net)

If you would like to volunteer to become a member of the steering committee please contact: Donna Hemmer, Director of Communications, Sullivan County BOCES (845) 295-4011 or e-mail [dhemmer@scbooces.org](mailto:dhemmer@scbooces.org)

**CWC EDUCATION GRANTS (From Pg. 1)**

A total of 293 Watershed Education grants have been awarded to date in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. The Round 13 grants approved at the May 4 CWC board meeting will fund projects ranging from streambank restoration to forestry management lessons; oral history interviews to water conservation curriculum development; classroom trout raising to development of a multi-media theater presentation based on naturalist John Burroughs' essay "Pepacton."

Several schools will send students to Frost Valley and Ashokan environmental education centers; others will host the ever-popular "City That Drinks the Mountain Sky," by Arm-of-the-Sea Theater. Recipients of CWC Education Grants this year include, from the Watershed: Jefferson, Gilboa-Conesville and Fallsburg Central Schools; Phoenicia, Delhi and Zena Elementary Schools; Catskill Center for Conservation & Development; Open Eye Theater; Pine Hill Community Center; and Northern Catskills Occupational Center.

New York City-based recipients are South Street Seaport Museum, Friends of PS 166, Central Park East II Elementary School, Horticultural Society of New York, University Settlement, Grow NYC, Rocking the Boat; Brooklyn School of Inquiry, NYC Audubon, Thomas Edison High School, Queens Museum of Art, PS 88 and Trout Unlimited.

The CWC is a non-profit, local development corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. For more information, go to [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org), or call toll-free 877-928-7433.

Teachers, parents and school administrators will find information on Watershed and environmental education resources and programs at [www.watersheducators.org](http://www.watersheducators.org)

**SUSPECT ARRESTED IN FORGERY THAT TARGETED SENIOR CITIZEN**

On May 23, 2010, Sullivan County Sheriff's Detectives were called to assist Town of Bethel Constables with a forgery case that targeted a resident of the Bethel Senior Housing in Kauneonga Lake. Constable Doug Ketcham received a call that several blank checks had been taken from an elderly victim, his signature had been forged, and the checks had been cashed in Grahamsville. Following several leads, Det./Sgt. Don Starner located the suspect, Amy Gilles, 20, of Grahamsville. Gilles had met the victim through her mother who had befriended the man while they both were in a physical therapy together. It is alleged that Gilles cashed four checks totaling \$3200.00 dollars. Amy Gilles was arrested and charged with four counts Forgery in the 3rd degree, four counts of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the 2nd degree, and Grand Larceny in the 3rd degree. All three charges are class "D" Felonies. Gilles was arraigned before Neversink Town Justice Keith Zanetti and remanded to the Sullivan County Jail without bail.

Anyone with information regarding crimes against the elderly is encouraged to call the Sheriff's 24 hour Senior Citizen Hotline at 845-807-0159. All calls are kept confidential

**VILLAGE OF ELLENVILLE MAN ARRESTED FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY**

James Anthony, 68, of 73 Bridge Highway, Ellenville, NY was arrested by Ulster County SPCA investigators in the Village of Ellenville on May 28th and charged with animal cruelty, a misdemeanor under state agriculture and markets law. Several dogs under Anthony's care were found in varying states of poor condition at 6 Broadhead Street. One dog suffered from a severed leg with bone protruding and a serious infection. Another dog was found emaciated and the remains of a decomposed puppy were discovered in the yard. A total of four adult dogs, and 6 surviving puppies were removed by the UCSPCA with assistance from Village of Ellenville Police. The dogs were transported to the UCSPCA shelter in Kingston where they are recovering and receiving medical attention under veterinary supervision. An investigation continues and additional charges may be pending. Anthony is to appear in Village of Ellenville court on Tuesday, June 8th for arraignment.

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The concept of a specific day to annually recognize the American Flag came 108 years later. In 1885, a Fredonia, Wisconsin when B. J. Cigrand, a school-teacher, arranged for the students in his school district to observe the resolution on June 14th as 'Flag Birthday'.

In 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, had his students participate in similar festivities.

By 1893, Philadelphia became the first city to actually celebrate Flag Day, and in the following year, New York was the first state to observe June 14th as Flag Day. In 1894, the governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings.

After many years of expanding community observances, President Woodrow Wilson established Flag Day on May 30, 1916.

Still many communities did not celebrate Flag Day. It wasn't until 1949, when President Harry Truman signed into an Act of Congress that National Flag Day be observed every June 14th.

The United States Flag Code, as adopted by Congress, states "The flag represents a living country and is itself considered a living thing."

The laws relating to the flag of the United States of America are found in detail in the United States Code. Title 4, Chapter 1 pertains to the flag; Title 18, Chapter 33, Section 700 regards criminal penalties for flag desecration; Title 36, Chapter 3 pertains to patriotic customs and observances. These laws were supplemented by Executive Orders and Presidential Proclamations

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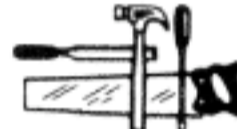
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**NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING** (From Pg. 1)

Beginning mid-June a watershed assessment team will begin a stream feature inventory of the Neversink River which should conclude in September. The field crew will survey the important features of the East Branch, West Branch and mainstem of the Neversink River. This includes documenting the conditions of stream banks and bed, streamside vegetation and the proximity and arrangement of roads, bridges and culverts.

Members of the field crew are from Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District, NYC Department of Environmental Protection and the private environmental services firm, Milone & MacBroom.

As part of this study, the stream will be organized into Management Units (MUs), or stream reaches subdivided using physical characteristics, property boundaries, location of infrastructure (i.e., bridges), and valley characteristics. Then, a set of recommended practices to address flooding and erosion hazards, water quality and stream ecology are described in a detailed report shared for input/comment by landowners, elected officials and the community at large.

Management strategies consist of voluntary measures to reduce the risks of living along Catskill streams and improve the ecology of the stream and floodplain while protecting the stream's many valuable resources. Ultimately, this plan is meant to assist watershed municipalities and residents in planning for a sustainable future for their property, infrastructure, water and biological resources.

We encourage you to become involved with the Rondout & Neversink Stream Program and look forward to meeting you at these upcoming community events:

**June 6 at 2:00 p.m.**

History of the Neversink River lecture by John Conway, Sullivan County Historian. Neversink Town Hall Grahamsville. Sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum.

**June 19 11:00 a.m.**

Rondout & Neversink Stream Program Update and Neversink Anglers Survey at Frost Valley YMCA Fly Fishing Day.

**July 31 from 10:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Old Time Plants for your Stream Buffer at The Old Time Fair Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville. Sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum.

An update will also be given at the Annual Meeting of the Neversink Association in September. There are many other ways to get involved in the Stream Management process throughout the development, adoption and implementation of the Neversink Stream Management Plan:

- attending public meetings
- participating in focus group discussions
- reviewing descriptions of stream areas you know well
- becoming familiar with plan contents
- assisting on working groups
- participating in workshops and activities like stream clean-ups or stream side plantings
- supporting town adoption of stream management plans
- communicating interest in implementing plan recommendations

Please contact our Field Office at 985-2581 or stop by the 2nd floor Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to meeting you during the coming months and hearing about your experiences on the stream.

**FLY FISHING FIELD DAY** (From Pg.1) This special event is a great introduction to fly fishing. Visiting experts will provide instruction on all aspects of the sport from casting techniques to identifying prime trout pools.

Fly Fishing Field Day is free to Frost Valley's Outdoor Sporting Members. Non-members who wish to try out their new skills on a stream after practicing on a pond, may do so for \$15 (this can be applied toward a sporting membership). Lunch will be provided. Frost Valley's Outdoor Sporting Membership is a program dedicated to the responsible stewardship of natural resources of water, wildlife, forests and soils, and to the personal growth gained from spending time in the outdoors. Outdoor Sporting Members have access to year-round programming at amidst Frost Valley's 6,000 acres. Memberships are available for individual programs (Trail Access, Fly Fishing and Sports Hunting) and there is also an all-inclusive combination membership. Sporting Membership opportunities include:

**Trail Access Membership, \$55** - Members enjoy hiking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing privileges on more than 30 miles of Catskill Mountain trails featuring a variety of terrain for every age and skill level. Day rates and year-round memberships are options. Trail Access is also provided as part of the other Sporting Membership programs.

**Fly Fishing Membership, \$250** - A Fly Fishing Membership provides access to more than six miles of trout streams, including the Neversink River, Biscuit Brook and Pigeon Brook. Frost Valley requires members to practice catch-and-release in all of its rivers and streams. Fly Fishing members also have fishing access to Lake Cole, White Pond and Reflection Pond, all of which are NY State licensed fishing preserves, where fishermen may keep their catch.

**Sports Hunting Membership, \$250** - Frost Valley's tradition of safe hunting and resource management are key provisions of the Sports Hunting Membership, while providing hunters a fantastic opportunity to harvest wild game. The Sports Hunting Membership includes spring and fall turkey seasons, big game bow and rifle hunting, as well as muzzleloader hunting.

**Outdoor Sporting Membership, \$350** - In addition to all of the benefits listed above, full Outdoor Sporting Memberships give participants exclusive access to back country camping at Frost Valley. Remote sites offer unmatched seclusion and natural beauty for those prepared with their own water and supplies - a true wilderness experience. Some sites have lean-to shelters. Access to these campsites is available to members by reservation for \$10 per site per night.

For additional information about the Fly Fishing Day or Outdoor Sporting Memberships, contact Natural Resources and Environmental Science Coordinator Reid Bauer at (845) 985-2291, ext. 397, e-mail: [info@frostvalley.org](mailto:info@frostvalley.org) or visit: [FrostValley.org](http://www.frostvalley.org) Outdoor Sporting Membership applications are available at: <http://www.frostvalley.org/hike-camp-fish-hunt/outdoor-sporting-membership-application.html> To keep up with daily happenings at [fsummercamp.wordpress.com](http://fsummercamp.wordpress.com) or join Frost Valley on twitter at [twitter.com/frostvalley](http://twitter.com/frostvalley).

**MIDDLE EASTERN ODD COUPLE TAKES THE STAGE IN "TWO JEWS WALK INTO A WAR" AT SHADOWLAND**

Shadowland Theatre opens its twenty-sixth continuous season with a new comedy based on actual events, "Two Jews Walk into a War..." After the death of their friend, two men who don't like each other very much find themselves to be the last two Jews in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Playwright Seth Rozin, currently artistic director of Philadelphia's InterAct Theatre, calls his play a "comic vaudeville." The story focuses on two real-life men, Zeblyan and Ishaq, who don't get along...at all. And now, they are the entire Jewish population in Kabul. Despite their hatred, this Middle Eastern odd couple must find a way to regenerate their synagogue - starting with the Torah, stolen by the Taliban. Based on true events drawn from the news, Rozin says, "This compelling story of faith and resiliency in the face of adversity will surprise, touch and entertain you."

"We're proud to offer this engaging and funny story," says Shadowland artistic director Brendan Burke. "This is an important and timely play and we're thrilled to share it with our growing audience." Directed by James Glossman, the show features John Pietrowski and Broadway veteran Reathel Bean.

Performances are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 pm, and Sundays at 2:00 pm from June 4 - 20. Tickets are \$28 for evening shows and \$24 for matinees. Shadowland offers a \$2 student or senior discount and "Pay What You Can" tickets are available for any Thursday or Friday performances. Tickets and season subscriptions are available through the Shadowland box office at 845-647-5511. The theater is located at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY.

**BENT AT SCDW RIVOLI THEATRE SOUTH FALLSBURG**

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop has been providing and promoting quality, award-winning Community Theatre in the Catskills since 1950. Our 60th Anniversary Season continues with Martin Sherman's powerful drama, *Bent* in the newly restored, air conditioned Nartoff Wells Auditorium of the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg for six gripping performances June 4-13.

In a time of war, two men find themselves in the most dangerous place of all - in love... During the Holocaust, while every Jew was a victim, not every victim was Jewish. Martin Sherman's powerful and controversial play from 1979 follows the story of Max (Matt Meinsen of Chester), a gay man down on his luck who leads a lascivious lifestyle at the onset of Adolph Hitler's purge of homosexuals in 1934. The play begins historically on "The Night of Long Knives" and follows Max on his journey as he flees the Nazis with his lover, Rudy (Jim Pillmeier of Putnam Valley), a dancer he is destined to forsake,

to imprisonment in the concentration camp at Dachau where he finds Horst (Rich Hotaling of New Windsor) who teaches him about life in the camps. Max learns the true meaning of love - both of another and of himself. The talented cast is rounded out with cameos by Ed Berens of Monticello, Phil Cappadora of Goshen, Tom Delfavero of Livingston Manor, Michael Herko of Youngsville, Joe Levner of South Fallsburg, Paul Popieneik of Woodridge and Paul Puerschner of Callicoon. Under the able direction of Constance Slater of Woodbourne, the group of actors deliver a riveting performance. Jim Schmidt of Hurleyville is Technical Director, Paul Puerschner does double duty as Stage Manager and Mike Gastwirth of Liberty is Assistant Stage Manager.

*Bent* will be staged in the newly restored, air conditioned Nartoff-Wells Auditorium of the Rivoli Theatre, 5243 Main Street (Route 42), South Fallsburg on Friday and Saturday, June 4, 5, 11, 12 at 8:00 pm and Sunday, June 6, 13 at 2:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, \$12 for Senior Citizens and \$7 for Students with a valid Student ID. Please note that due to mature content, this play is not suitable for children or for those who are disturbed by extreme violence or explicit sexual language. Don't miss our Friday Night Specials - in an effort to keep live theatre accessible, for those unable to afford regular ticket prices, attend any Friday evening performance, set your own price and "Pay What You Can!"

For additional information, phone (845) 436-5336 or log onto [www.scdw.net](http://www.scdw.net) Tickets will be available at the box office one hour prior to curtain for each performance or can be purchased in advance online @ [www.ShowTix4U.com](http://www.ShowTix4U.com) *Bent* is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. and is made possible by a gift from the Arthur A. Slater Memorial Fund.

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### YMCA, HOSPITAL GET FUNDS

(From Pg. 1) The CWC's Institutional Sand and Salt Program will provide the funds to Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville and to Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton.

Frost Valley, which uses 200 to 300 tons of sand and salt during an average winter on roads and parking areas throughout its sprawling campus, currently stores this material in a building not far from a water course. The proposed new, 24x36-foot pole barn, to be located 300 feet from a watercourse, will allow it to purchase materials off season and in quantity to save money and mix it properly.

Delaware Valley Hospital proposes to build a 60x45-foot addition to an existing structure to store 10 tons of sand and salt at its Village of Walton facility. The site is more than 100 feet from a watercourse.

Storing salt in secure buildings eliminates the potential for leaching into groundwater or running into nearby streams. Materials that are kept dry in such buildings also spread more evenly reducing the amounts used on roadways. Through this program, launched in late 2009, CWC reimburses institutions for the design, construction, upgrading, or replacing of storage facilities at schools, universities, hospitals, nursing homes, churches and children's camps licensed by New York State. Institutions that store 1,000 pounds or more of winter maintenance material within the Watershed are eligible to apply for funds. No match is required and there is a funding cap of \$50,000 per project.

CWC programs and projects are explained on the corporation's web site: [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org). Inquiries are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CWC's offices on upper Main Street, Margaretville, Delaware County, and over the toll-free line, 877-WATSHED (877-928-7433).

### FROST VALLEY YMCA MARKS FATHER'S DAY WITH HIGH FALLS HIKE

Frost Valley YMCA will mark the 100th anniversary of Father's Day with a free hike to High Falls on Sunday, June 20 starting at 1 p.m. High Falls is the most impressive natural landmark at Frost Valley and staff members felt it was the perfect hiking destination to celebrate Father's Day.

The moderate three-mile round-trip hike culminates at the 40-foot High Falls. The hike is open to community members < dads and non-dads alike. Natural Resources Coordinator Reid Bauer will serve as hike leader. Group size will be limited, so reservations are necessary. Contact Reid at: [rbauer@frostvalley.org](mailto:rbauer@frostvalley.org) or (845) 985-2291, ext. 397 to register or to request more information.

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**HEALTHY HABITS OF SUMMER**

Summer is quickly pushing through the fringe of spring and the warm weather is bringing us back out into the open. With the seasonal shift comes the promises and resolve we desperately require but failed to maintain. We announce to the world that we are going to look better, eat healthier and stop abusing our bodies (since clearly this is a winter behavior). As the summer wears on the combination of warm weather, long days and tempting cookouts quickly thwart our efforts. So what are the keys to success? How do we create healthy habits beyond summer? More importantly, how do we create a healthy mindset to propel personal change?

**Stop the cycle**

Circular patterns of unhealthy behavior will persist unless you break new ground. A critical eye of American advertising quickly reveals the ease with which our lives are portrayed. It is fashionable to live comfortable and carefree. Cars, clothes and portion sizes have all experienced a drastic increase in the last thirty years. Over the years I've noticed healthy people relax with activity and unhealthy people relax on the couch or the spa. Summer time may equal more daylight hours, so stop voting on American Idol and get outside! Just because it is 8pm does not mean you have to watch television. While there is nothing wrong with some couch time, how do we change our perception and ultimately our health? The summer sun gives us the hope of rebirth and a chance for change. This spark of motivation is great, but it fails to solidify itself as the cornerstone of healthy living. A quick search of the internet will reveal dozens of top ten summer health tips. My contention is these lists are details, not solutions to the greater problem.

**Adjust Your Head Space**

There are other seasons aside from summer! Believing summer will set you free is referencing a larger problem: looking to outside influences as the vehicle for change. The summer is a great time to start but keep the forward momentum going! For example, hiking in the summer can quickly translate to snowshoeing in the winter. As John Wiseman said, "there is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothes." Some of my best hikes have been in the cold, fall rain! Studies have shown those who engage in regular bouts of strenuous physical activity have lower incidents of stress and low rates of perceived discomfort. These tolerances are afforded to us all if we condition ourselves to the task.

Surround yourself with people as motivated, or more so, then you. Do not be intimidated if their fitness or outdoor prowess exceeds yours. I recall my first experience rock climbing was far more successful with the help of pros. Traveling with seasoned veterans creates comfort, drive, and unity. Still feeling intimidated? Well don't! Many outdoor enthusiasts enjoy sharing their passion with newcomers. The honest effort of a newbie will certainly earn respect in their eyes! Make summer a time to learn new activities and build on your skill set each year. Acquaint yourself with running or hiking this summer, and boating or biking next summer. A few summers ago I used a Pennsylvania State Parks book like a check list as I visited and explored over a dozen parks in one summer. Learn new skills, maintain old skills and find circumstances to test yourself.

Attack targets, not goals. I am reminded of the 1989 film, *Field of Dreams*, "If you build it, they will come." Health and fitness behaves much the same way. We spend too much time considering details and we never fully engage activities. Good, bad, or ugly, the sooner you get out there the better. Too often we lack the confidence to try and fail. For years I kayaked rivers with a recreational boat before I realized this was not how it's done. Embarrassing? It was like taking a dump truck off road but who cares. Years later I became involved with a solid group of pros and the rest is whitewater history.

Being healthy doesn't mean you have to be a stick-in-the-mud and playing outside doesn't mean extreme mountain biking! Take it slow, gather knowledge and have confidence. Don't be afraid to get out there and try an activity. It's ok to do it wrong until you get it right and it doesn't always have to be planned programming. If you see a pro on the trail be friendly and ask advice. Visit your local outfitter and pick their brain too! Make the most of summer daylight and adapt to other seasonal activities. Choose man-power over horsepower and don't forget to include the kids. Children are remarkable at adapting and engaging activity. Cookouts taste much better after a long hike, and boating together builds bonds!

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**GOSSIP GIRLS AND BOYS** -Danielle Conlon

There is no doubt that gossip swirls like leaves in an autumn breeze. The lazy and casual days of almost summer appear to create lazy and casual tongues. It is easy to pass judgment on a situation or a person based on a story heard. It is exciting to finally have something to talk about to pass the tedious hours of everyday life. However, is it wise to speak about anything without knowing the whole story? Would you feel comfortable standing at a podium talking about international relations in Saudi Arabia if you are not educated on the subject? Then why would you do the same concerning others?

Gossip is like a book. One battered and used library book passed from person to person. The story is based loosely on a truth, but illustrated with vivid imagery and inserted with fictional decorations to make the story more gripping. As the book gets passed around, pages go missing, words fade and more creative phrases are added to the margins. When reading this type of "book" you must understand that the whole truth will never be known.

Somewhere between what is said and what is known is what had happened.

Speech, opinions, thoughts, and ideas, are our most precious gifts and our most useful weapons. The human ability of verbal expression is the most unique and distinguishing trait of our species. A trait we have an unalienable right to; the freedom of speech. However, there are moral limitations. Opening one's mouth without opening one's mind is a dangerous route to take. To talk for the sake of talking, to pass judgment on persons or a situation without the facts, is not only detrimental to the speaker's credibility, but also is harmful to the subject. Speaking so loosely could be throwing the innocent to the lions, where they will be torn apart.

The practice of being quick to openly express a negative opinion about this community's youth is disheartening. In such a tumultuous world, shouldn't we be concentrating on creating a closer knit community, a community our children can be proud of and rely on for guidance and support instead of forming schisms of vicious rumors, gossip and judgments? The school year is coming to an end and the day of graduation for some is approaching. The day when some of us leave the safety and familiar of this small town for a college in a different town or state is looming nearer. We will meet new people and have new experiences. Shouldn't our hometown be one that we feel welcome and safe to return to, one that we are proud to call home? I would say that before anyone takes part in gossip, have faith in our local youth and to be the first to offer guidance and support. Our youth are the ones you cheer for at games, watch on stage and join in community celebrations. They are also the first that will wave hello when they pass you or stop to pull you out of a ditch if you need to. Gossip divides. In this town we are all connected in the one, simple fact that we are still one in a community and we should never forget that.

*Danielle Conlon is a Senior at TVCS and will be graduating this month. She is planning to continue her education in the field of environmental science.*

## NATURAL GAS, DRILLING FLUIDS SPEW FROM PA WELL (From Pg. 1)

The leak happened at a Marcellus drilling operation on McGeorge Road in the forest. The gas well is owned by EOG Resources Inc., officials said.

Around 10:30 a.m., officials were checking camps to make sure all campers were evacuated around the site of the leak. Officials said they were dealing with gas leaking into the air. According to state Rep. Bud George's office, initial reports from Process Equipment Manufacturers' Association said three of four wells were secured. The other well was releasing frack water and unignited wet gas, which caused the evacuation. Officials said an estimated 1 million gallons of frack water was uncontrolled as of 11 a.m. on Friday in the area of exit 111 on Interstate 80.

Hydraulic fracturing or "fracking" is the process of blasting millions of gallons of water deep underground to break up the shale and release the gas. Most of the frack water stays underground, but what comes up must be treated or disposed of in approved facilities.

In addition to the Emergency Management Agency and Department of Environmental Protection, teams from Texas were called to help control the situation and a command trailer was set up.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation officials said a portion of Route 153/Forestry Road was closed to traffic but there were no other major road closures.

According to the Associated Press, Department of Environmental Protection spokesman Dan Spadoni said no one has been reported injured and the drilling water hasn't reached a waterway.

The Federal Aviation Administration issued a flight restriction in the immediate area shortly after 11 a.m.

Spadoni said the accident happened late Thursday night when unexpectedly high gas pressure in the newly drilled well prevented crews from containing it.

He said emergency crews were at the scene all morning and companies that specialize in out-of-control wells were also on site. He says there are no homes within a mile.

WJACTV.com and WJAC-TV News had continuing coverage as details became available.

While the oil and gas industry frequently declare that there has not been a case in which fracking has caused drinking water contamination, there is a running list from Amy Mall at NRCD: [http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/amall/incidents\\_where\\_hydraulic\\_frac.html](http://switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/amall/incidents_where_hydraulic_frac.html)

## ASSEMBLY TO TAKE UP TEMPORARY POWER FOR JOBS EXTENDER

Assembly Energy Committee Chair Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) announced that the Assembly will soon take up legislation (A.11315) to temporarily extend Power For Jobs uninterrupted through June 16, 2010. He also called on the Senate and Governor to continue three way negotiations to resolve existing policy differences that are hindering efforts to create a stable and effective economic development program for New York businesses.

"New York needs a sustainable, predictable, long-term power program that encourages capital investment and job creation. The bill passed by the Assembly meets that standard while protecting upstate households and farms," Assemblymember Cahill said. "The Governor and some in the Senate have taken another approach. The Senate needs to pass their bill so we can work out the remaining differences."

Power For Jobs offers employers some relief from the high energy costs. However, the program is closed to new businesses and has required annual extensions for the past five years. This extender is important to hundreds of businesses and not-for-profits that depend on this program. The temporary extender ensures that entities currently receiving benefits continue to do so, while allowing more time to negotiate a new program.

"Once the Senate acts on their legislation, I am hopeful that we can work quickly to come to an agreement on a new and permanent low cost power program while protecting the upstate residents from rising energy costs," said Assemblymember Cahill. "In the meantime, I call upon the Governor and the Power Authority to continue the existing programs while we conclude legislative discussions in earnest."

There are many similarities between the Assembly's Power Solutions bill and the measure supported by the Governor and the Senate leadership. One point where the proposals diverge significantly is around the question about what to do with low-cost hydroelectric power currently going to upstate residents. Unlike the Governor and the Senate's plan to involuntarily redirect this resource away from residential customers and give it to businesses, Power Solutions provides for ratepayers to voluntarily exchange their access to hydropower in return for energy efficiency savings.

"Our plan protects upstate New York households and farms by allowing them to keep their current benefits if they so choose," Assemblymember Cahill said. "Instead of forcing customers to give up their power, we are presenting an option to consumers who would benefit from conservation programs and providing them with resources to save a considerable amount of electricity and lower their bills for years to come."

## BONACIC TO DEP COMMISSIONER HOLLOWAY: COME TO WAWARSING (NOW!)

State Senator John Bonacic (R/I/C - Mt. Hope), has requested that New York City DEP Commissioner Cas Holloway come to the Town of Wawarsing to meet with residents impacted by the DEP's leaking aqueducts.

"For too many years, the DEP has delayed acknowledging their responsibility. Now they admit they have ignored it, but still have yet to admit their responsibility. We are talking about people's lives here. The DEP Commissioner . . . Mayor Bloomberg, ought to come to Wawarsing, look these families in the eye, apologize for taking so long to admit the truth, and offer them just compensation. Anything else is just more of the same - a delay tactic," Senator Bonacic said.

Bonacic's representative attended a meeting of homeowners in Wawarsing last week where Bonacic's request was made to DEP official Ira Stern, that Holloway come to a meeting of the Wawarsing homeowners in the near future. Bonacic followed that request up with a letter to Holloway.

Earlier this year the State Senate unanimously passed legislation (S.6276) to authorize the use of \$4 million in State funding to buyout Wawarsing area families due to the ongoing seepage and leakage of the City's aqueducts. The funding comes from a \$15 million 2008 appropriation initiated by Bonacic to help flood victims who have been unable to sell their homes due to ongoing flooding and water problems.

"New York City, not the State taxpayers, should be on the hook here. Their years of denials however, left us no choice but to act. This new admission, that they should have done more a long time ago is a step in the right direction, but does nothing in the long term to help these families. We need action, not just words to right the grievous wrongs foisted upon the people of Wawarsing by the DEP," Bonacic said.

## UC EXECUTIVE PROCLAIMS JUNE "MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH" IN ULSTER COUNTY

County Executive and the Ulster County Department of Health Join With the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association in Encouraging Men to Get the Regular Check-Ups and Screenings That Can Save Their Lives

To help encourage men to seek healthier lifestyles and make the all-important preventative health care decisions that could save their lives, Ulster County Executive Michael Hein has proclaimed the month of June to be "Men's Health Awareness Month" in Ulster County. The observance of "Men's Health Month" is part of the County Executive's overall goal of making Ulster County the healthiest county in New York State.

Fully half of the diseases that afflict and kill men are either preventable or treatable if detected early, yet, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), men are half as likely as women to visit the doctor for the annual visits and preventative services that could save their lives. As a result, men on average now die six years earlier than women, a six fold increase from the one year difference recorded in the 1920's.

"Through strategic partnerships and effective public health awareness and education programs, my administration is committed making Ulster County the healthiest county in New York," said County Executive Hein. "Men comprise nearly half of our resident population. In order to reach our goal, we need men to get involved and make the choices that will help them live longer and healthier lives."

Dr. La Mar Hasbrouck of the Ulster County Department of Health added, "It is easy to ignore minor health issues, but the longer they go untreated the more likely they can develop into major problems. Stay on schedule with preventative screening exams by visiting your doctor regularly."

Dr. Debra Karnasiewicz, Special Advisor to the County Executive for "Healthy Ulster," said, "We need to get our community moving, making healthy food choices and being proactive about health. We need to create a culture that encourages, supports and rewards healthy choices. The goal is to promote healthier families, a healthier community and a healthier Ulster County; in fact, to make Ulster County the healthiest in New York State."

The Centers for Disease Control Recommends the Following Steps that Men Can Take to Achieve Healthier and Longer Lives:

### Get Routine Exams and Screenings

Based on your age, health history, lifestyle, and other important issues, you and your health care provider should determine how often you need to be examined and screened for certain diseases and conditions. These include high blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, sexually transmitted diseases, and cancers of the skin, prostate, and colon. When problems are found early, your chances for treatment and cure are better. Routine exams and screenings can help save lives.

### Eat Healthy

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away." There's more truth to this saying than we once thought. What you eat and drink and what you don't eat and drink can definitely make a difference to your health. Eating five or more servings of fruits and vegetables a day and less saturated fat can help improve your health and may reduce the risk

of cancer and other chronic diseases. Have a balanced diet, and watch how much you eat.

### Maintain a Healthy Weight

Obesity is at an all time high in the United States, and the epidemic may be getting worse. Those who are overweight or obese have increased risks for diseases and conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and stroke. Eat better, get regular exercise, and see your health care provider about any health concerns to make sure you are on the right track to staying healthy.

### Get Moving

More than 50 percent of Americans do not get enough physical activity to provide health benefits. For adults, thirty minutes of moderate physical activity on most, preferably all, days of the week is recommended. It doesn't take a lot of time or money, but it does take commitment. Start slowly, work up to a satisfactory level, and don't overdo it. You can develop one routine, or you can do something different every day. Find fun ways to stay in shape and feel good, such as dancing, gardening, cutting the grass, swimming, walking, or jogging.

### Be Smoke-Free

Health concerns associated with smoking include cancer and lung disease. Smoking triples the risk of dying from heart disease among those who are middle-aged. Second-hand smoke - smoke that you inhale when others smoke - also affects your health. If you smoke, quit today! Help lines, counseling, medications, and other forms of support are available to help you quit.

### Get Appropriate Vaccinations

They're not just for kids. Adults need them too. Some vaccinations are for everyone. Others are recommended if you work in certain jobs, have certain lifestyles, travel to certain places, or have certain health conditions. Protect yourself from illness and disease by keeping up with your vaccinations.

### Manage Stress

Perhaps now more than ever before, job stress poses a threat to the health of workers and, in turn, to the health of organizations. Balancing obligations to your employer and your family can be challenging. What's your stress level today? Protect your mental and physical health by engaging in activities that help you manage your stress at work and at home.

### Know Yourself and Your Risks

Your habits, work and home environments and lifestyle also help to define your health and your risks. You may be at an increased risk for certain diseases or conditions because of what you do, where you work, and how you play. Being healthy means doing some homework, knowing yourself, and knowing what's best for you.

### Be Safe - Protect Yourself

What comes to mind when you think about safety and protecting yourself? Is it fastening seat belts, applying sunscreen, wearing helmets, or having smoke detectors? It's all of these and more. It's everything from washing your hands to watching your relationships. Did you know that men at work die most frequently from motor vehicle incidents, machine-related injuries, homicides, and falls? Take steps to protect yourself and others wherever you are.

### Be Good to Yourself

Health is not merely the absence of disease; it's a lifestyle. Whether it is getting enough sleep, relaxing after a stressful day, or enjoying a hobby, it is important to take time to be good to yourself. Take steps to balance work, home, and play. Pay attention to your health, and make healthy living a part of your life.

To learn more about these tips and other things you can do to stay healthy, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/men/tips.htm> or [www.menshealthmonth.org](http://www.menshealthmonth.org).

The American Cancer Society encourages all men to get their age-appropriate cancer screenings. For more information about age appropriate cancer screenings, please contact the American Cancer Society at 1.800.227.2345 or visit on-line at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

### For uninsured Men

The Cancer Services Program of Ulster County provides colon, breast, and cervical cancer screenings to uninsured men and women in Ulster County. In observance of Men's Health Awareness Month, the program is offering free, in-home colon cancer screening kits to UNINSURED men between the ages of 50 and 64. Get your kit now by calling Cancer Services Program of Ulster County at (845) 339-7896, ext. 12.

## HINCHEY VISITS R & F HANDMADE PAINTS IN KINGSTON AS PART OF HIS DISTRICT-WIDE SMALL BUSINESS LISTENING TOUR

On Monday, June 7, 2010 at 11:00am, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) visited R&F Handmade Paints in Kingston as part of a district-wide small business listening tour to announce federal legislation designed to help small businesses.

Hinchey outlined a number of new laws that are providing tax credits and incentives to employers that create jobs. The congressman is also using his visits across his congressional district to learn about additional support that local small businesses need and to identify other potential legislative solutions to help them.

**"DUMP THE DEBT!" INITIATIVES AT CATSKILL ARTISTS GALLERY**

An exciting art auction is happening now at Catskill Artists Gallery, and will continue until July 3. The opening and start of the silent auction on Saturday May 15 provided a strong kickoff to a series of initiatives it has planned to "Dump the Debt!" by the end of the year. Each of the six members of the co-op gallery donated at least one original piece of art for the silent auction, and bidding started strongly. Bidding will continue until the

gallery's next opening, on July 3. The pieces are displayed on the gallery's website [www.catskillartists-gallery.com](http://www.catskillartists-gallery.com). Potential bidders may place phone bids or come in and bid in person. The bids will be updated on the gallery's Facebook page.

The gallery has successfully been holding its own in a difficult economy, but needs to get rid of some lingering debt in order to provide even more art and services to the local community -- and continue contributing to the downtown renaissance.

CAG currently provides a local venue for a wide range of high-quality fine art and fine craft in all media, styles and prices ranges. Customers have repeatedly expressed their delight in having found the gallery with high-quality work in a small town. Under one roof, local residents and tourists alike can choose from many works of art and craft that are unique, beautiful and reasonably priced.

Just as important is the venue the gallery provides for many area artists who have few places to display their work. CAG's consignors and members

can show few or many works, and can test the waters with new and experimental work, all in a supportive environment.

In the future, CAG hopes to provide art classes and life-drawing, be open for longer hours, and perhaps hire a part-time employee.

As President Buff McAllister says, "Since we're not the government we can't collect taxes or issue bonds; so we've had to come up with some more creative ideas." The next idea is a gourmet bake sale at the July 3 opening.

The Catskill Artists Gallery, at 38 South Main Street, Liberty, is open Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday noon to five. For more information call 845-292-0310 or go to the website or Facebook page.

**UPDATE ON SC LONGBEARDS' SPRING JAKE EVENT**

The Sullivan County Long Beards held their annual Spring Jakes Event, Saturday May 22, 2010 at Timberlake West Camp between Manor and Roscoe. There were 82 children present for a day of fishing, archery, laser & air rifle shoot and all round family fun. The winners of the fishing "High Hook" contest were Shaylen Lee-Brown with a total of 21 fish for the Girls Division and in the Boys Division Ethan Morgan had an all time high of 88 fish caught. The children were served hot dogs and drinks for lunch and all went home with some great prizes.

GRAHAMSVILLE REFORMED CHURCH  
**ROAST CHICKEN DINNER**  
July 9, 2010 FRIDAY  
4 - 7 pm

Menu: Roast Chicken, baked beans, potato salad, toss salad, bread, brownie sundae, beverages.  
Adults: \$10, Child 5-10: \$5, under 4 free  
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**BAKE SALE**  
Thank you for your continued support!  
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**LADIES AID BAKE SALE**  
July 3, 2010  
Saturday  
9am till sold out!!

Homemade cakes, cookies, brownies, pies; & other assorted treats.

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Grahamsville Reformed Church Memorial Hall  
For more info. call 845-985-7480

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\$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO USMC SGT EDDIE RYAN

**CHICKEN BBQ**  
Saturday, June 19, 2010  
5-7pm  
Neversink Fire Dept. Pavilion

To benefit the Grahamsville UMC's August 2010 Mission Trip to Kentucky. This is our final fundraiser.  
THANKS for all your support!  
Come eat in, or take out:  
BBQ chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, baked beans, roll, beverage, ice cream, cookies.

**Tickets \$10**  
Purchase tickets in advance from church and mission team members.  
For more info, or to purchase tickets, please call 985-2283.

**Vendors Wanted: Roscoe Independence Day Parade and Festival Saturday, July 3rd 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Main Street (Stewart Avenue) \$25.00 a spot. P/C Fran at 607-498-5777**

**Take a Child Fishing**

Sunday, June 13, 2010  
10 am to 2 pm  
Beaver Dam Lake  
Beaver Dam Road, Grahamsville, NY

- Children must be accompanied by an Adult
- Open to Children 14 years and under
- Bring a pole if you have one
- Bait and some poles are provided by the Club
- Refreshments are free
- A prize for every child that fishes

Sponsored by Beaver Dam Club and Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club

**FAMILY YARD SALE**  
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!  
OLD AND NEW ITEMS

Date: Saturday June 12th and Sunday June 13th.  
Time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Place: 4 Peekamoose Road, Sundown

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Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service/Children's Church 10:30 am  
Monday Night Home Bible Study 7 pm  
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Friday Youth Night 7 pm

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Saturday, June 12th  
From 9 am - 3 pm  
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Rain or Shine!  
For the Benefit of  
The Sundown United Methodist Church  
**COME AND JOIN US!**

**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

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Sunday Worship Service  
10:30am  
985-2283

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Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041

Bible Class 9:00 am  
Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
**Rev. Paul Nulton**  
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**Covered Dish Supper**  
July 3, 2010  
**Sundown United Methodist Church at the Sundown Church Hall**

**Thrift Sale 9-2 & Luncheon 11-1**  
**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
Tuesday  
June 15, 2010

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Daily Mass schedule:  
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Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.  
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
Sunday School 9 A.M.  
Worship Service 10 A.M.  
Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper  
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## HINCHEY CALLS ON PELOSI TO HELP MOVE FRAC ACT FORWARD, OUTLINES LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY TO PROTECT DRINKING WATER FROM RISKS OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING

On the heels of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's recent trip to Ithaca, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today urged the Speaker to bring his Fracking Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals (FRAC) Act up for debate and a vote in the House. Hinchey's bill would close a loophole created in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, which he voted against, that exempted hydraulic fracturing from the Safe Drinking Water Act. The FRAC Act would also require the oil and gas industry to disclose the chemicals they use in their hydraulic fracturing processes. Currently, the oil and gas industry is the only industry exempt from the Safe Drinking Water Act.

"As the big energy companies prepare to start drilling for natural gas without federal regulation and without a requirement to disclose the chemicals they will inject into the ground, it is now more urgent than ever that we pass the FRAC Act," said Hinchey. "Today I sent a letter to Speaker Pelosi requesting that she help move this essential legislation forward. We've seen what happens when energy companies are granted unfettered access to our precious natural resources without proper oversight. In the wake of one of the largest environmental disasters in our nation's history, as millions of gallons of oil spew into the Gulf of Mexico, it is abundantly clear that we simply cannot rely on the promises made by those who have everything to gain and nothing to lose from drilling. We cannot allow drilling to move forward without rules in place to protect drinking water and our overall environment."

In March, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the commencement of the Hinchey Study - a comprehensive investigation into the potential adverse impact that hydraulic fracturing may have on water quality and public health. Hinchey authored the provision that urged the EPA to conduct the study after questions were raised regarding the safety of the natural gas drilling process.

Hydraulic fracturing, also known as "fracking," is used in almost all natural gas wells. It is a process whereby fluids are injected at high pressure into underground rock formations to blast them open and increase the flow of fossil fuels. This injection of unknown and potentially toxic chemicals often occurs near drinking water wells. Troubling incidents have occurred around the country where people became ill after fracking operations began in their communities. Some chemicals that are known to have been used in fracking include diesel fuel, benzene, industrial solvents, and other carcinogens and endocrine disrupters.

## COUNTY MANAGEMENT PARTICIPATES IN LEAN GOVERNMENT WEBINAR FOCUSED ON GETTING WASTE OUT OF SOME DAY TO DAY PROCESSES

County Manager David P. Fanslau announced that Sullivan County's top management officials participated in a web-based seminar on Lean Government Wednesday that was hosted by the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC). The webinar was attended by the County Manager, along with Joshua A. Potosek, Deputy County Manager/Commissioner of Management and Budget, Richard A. Martinkovic, Commissioner of Public Safety, Robert A. Meyer, P.E., Commissioner of Public Works, Christopher A. Cunningham, Commissioner of Health and Family Services, and Luiz C. Aragon, Commissioner of Planning and Environmental Management.

NYSAC facilitated the webinar as our governments are being asked to do more with less, and county officials are looking at ways to continue delivering critical services in a more efficient and effective manner.

The "Lean Government" seminar was designed to explore the basics of getting waste out of some of the day to day processes that go into our government programs and services.

"I want to utilize the Lean Government process to build upon the performance management and performance budgeting paradigm that was introduced in 2007," said Fanslau. "There must be a systematic approach to identifying and eliminating waste, and we will explore the Value Stream Mapping approach," Fanslau added. The Value Stream Mapping approach will highlight the need for process improvement, which will assist in adapting to resource reductions, and provide for a lean process.

"Some of the basic principles of eliminating waste is to identify the defects of a current process, ensure a balanced workload for our employees, and fully utilize their knowledge, skills, and abilities," said Fanslau. "The DMAIC method will be employed, Define, measure, analyze, improve, and control the processes. There will be a renewed focus on the values-added processes versus the non-value-added processes," added Fanslau.

"The main objective is to fix and reform the systems that control the daily processes of our County government. The first area to be explored will be internal

processes, some of which are outdated, and that either have a negative impact on the County's General Fund, or add no value to the overall operation of the County government," concluded Fanslau.

Fanslau intends to prepare a plan to implement elements from the Lean Government Webinar that will be placed into operation this summer, for a report to the Legislature in September.

For information about the release, please contact David P. Fanslau, 845-807-0450.

## USDA ANNOUNCES FUNDING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO MICROENTREPRENEURS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES- Start-up capital available to help rural small businesses

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today during the National Summit of Rural America that USDA is seeking applications to support the development and ongoing success of rural microentrepreneurs and microenterprises. Funding is available from USDA Rural Development's Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program, which is authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (Farm Bill). The Rural Summit is an opportunity for rural Americans to share their vision and ideas for creating a more prosperous and more promising future for rural America.

"The Obama Administration and USDA understand that helping small, start-up businesses is fundamental in building a sustainable rural community," Vilsack said. "This new program will help provide access to capital, business-based training and technical assistance to the smallest of small businesses. We need to embrace new strategies to help create a thriving rural economy."

USDA assistance provided to rural areas under this program may include loans and grants to rural microenterprises and microentrepreneurs and business-based training and technical assistance grants to rural microborrowers and potential microborrowers. It also may include other activities as deemed appropriate by the Secretary to ensure the development of rural microenterprises.

Applications will be accepted throughout the year and awarded on a quarterly basis. For fiscal year 2010, applications must be received by July 16, 2010. The total amount available in fiscal year 2010 is \$45.1 million. Of this, \$36.2 million will be available for loans, \$7.6 million will be available for microlender technical assistance grants, and \$1.3 million will be available for technical assistance-only grants. More information on how to apply for funding is available in the June 3 Federal Register, page 31413

<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-13380.pdf>

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of 6,100 employees located in the nation's capital and 500 state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$138 billion in loans and loan guarantee

## OFFICIAL OPENING OF FARM TO TABLE AT TECH CITY

Luc Roels, Jim Hyland and the crew of Farm to Table Co-Packers celebrated the opening of their 20,000-square-foot production kitchen this past Friday with Congressman Maurice Hinchey cutting the ribbon and welcoming this newly formed company. Farm to Table Co-Packers is located at Tech City, the former site of IBM in Kingston.

Among the festivities was a tour of the facility including the kitchen where an old dishwasher from the days of IBM was converted into a vegetable washer along side of a conveyor belt that carried employees' lunch trays will now serve as part of the production line.

This versatile facility has many uses including rental space in a 1,200 sq ft freezer for participating farmers.

Farm to Table Co-packers is a unique full service food processing and contract packaging facility that works with local businesses and local farms to produce high quality food for distribution giving small and mid-size farms an attainable and cost effective way of preparing their products for market.

The products extend from fried pickles to chili, all made from Hudson Valley ingredients from nearby farms.

Farm to table is certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Congressman Hinchey secured \$350,000 in funding from Congress for the non-profit organization, Hudson Valley AgriBusiness Development Corporation, which in part, will go to Farm to Table as part of an effort to help local farms process and package their foods for the New York City market.

## Town of Neversink Residents Confused or nervous about the City sewer conversion?

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## HINCHEY JOINS KINGSTON AND NYS OFFICIALS FOR RONDOUT WATERFRONT PROMENADE RIBBON CUTTING - Congressman Secured More Than \$1 Million in Federal Funding for Project

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) joined Kingston Mayor James Sottile, State Parks Commissioner Carol Ash, and other state and city officials today for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Rondout Waterfront Promenade. Hinchey secured more than \$1 million in federal funding for the project, allowing for the enhancement of Kingston's waterfront walkway by constructing a landscaped trail along the Rondout waterfront.

"It took a lot of hard work to get us to where we are today, and now the people of Kingston will enjoy this beautiful walkway for years to come," Hinchey said. "I'm pleased that I was able to secure a significant level of federal funding that spared local taxpayers much of the expense associated with this worthwhile project. This project is helping to create jobs while transforming the city in a way that enhances the quality of life for everyone who lives and works here."

The now completed waterfront promenade provides public access to and along the waterfront and connects with the walkway already in place. The trail provides new waterfront recreational opportunities, with greater access to the Rondout and the waterfront commercial district. It links the proposed developments along the waterfront and serves as a destination for residents and tourists. Funds were also used for streetscaping, including trees, lighting, benches, and other amenities.

Kingston Mayor James Sottile said, "I have always said our plan for the waterfront is like a puzzle, with the Promenade being a major piece. My sincere thanks to Congressman Hinchey for his unwavering commitment to this community, its residents and businesses; and for his assistance in furthering the redevelopment of our waterfront. Thanks also to everyone at the NYS Department of State, NYS Department of Transportation and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation. I am very proud of the staff, Lochner Engineering, the contractors A. Colarusso and Son and McCarey Landscaping, and all the supporters for their hard work on the walkway. Our community should be proud of the successful completion of this terrific project."

New York Secretary of State Lorraine Cortes-Vazquez said: "The New York State Department of State and the City of Kingston have worked closely together to revitalize the Rondout Creek waterfront. Through funding from the Environmental Protection Fund Local Waterfront Revitalization Program for this exciting walkway project, we are pleased to continue this strong partnership. I wish to commend the City on its steadfast dedication in increasing public access for residents and visitors to this thriving historic riverfront."

Hinchey secured \$1.04 million in federal funds for the Rondout walkway from Congress as part of the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) measure. Additionally, \$200,000 from the federal economic recovery bill, which Hinchey actively supported and helped pass in 2009, was designated for the development of the walkway.

In addition to the funding Hinchey secured, the New York State Department of State (DOS) provided \$350,000 and the New York State Parks Department provided \$190,000.

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**  
[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312

**ALBI CONCERT & LUAU** Sunday, July 18. Outdoor Stage Town Hall Parking Lot 5-8 pm. Rain or shine! !

**PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY** - October 16 \$10 per person must be paid no later than July 27.

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

**HOLIDAY SHOPPING** - Tuesday, November 16. Colonie Center. **If you plan to attend \$20 per person must be paid no later than October 12.**

Look for coming details about Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 4

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- 6/9/10 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 6/10/10 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 6/12/10 Sundown WSCS Ladies Yard Sale at Sundown Church Hall 9 am-3 pm
- 6/13/10 Parksvill United Methodist Church Chicken over Biscuits Dinner 4:30-7. (Rt. 17-Red-light Parksville)
- 6/15/10 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 6/16/10 Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting-1:30 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 6/16/10 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association
- 6/19/10 Grahamsville UMC Mission Team Chicken BBQ from 5-7p.m.Neversink Fire Dept. Pavilion.
- 6/20/10 Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7 am until noon
- 6/22/10 Claryville Fired District Meeting 7:00 pm
- 6/23/10 Neversink Fire District Meeting 7:30 pm Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 6/24/10 Time and the Valleys Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm
- 6/29/10 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm - Upstairs Mtg. Room Neversink Town Hall
- 7/1/10 First Thursday Readers - 1 pm at the Library. Please join us.
- 7/3/10 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 7/3/10 Grahamsville Reformed Church Ladies Aid Bake Sale/White Elephant Sale 9 am till sold out.
- 7/4/10 Town of Neversink Holiday - INDEPENDENCE DAY
- 7/6/10 TV Lions Dinner Meeting at Nardi's Info 292-5839
- 7/6/10 Grahamsville Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9-2) and Luncheon (11-1)
- 7/6/10 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall
- 7/6/10 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting Denning Town Hall 7:00 pm
- 7/7/10 Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting-1:30 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 7/9/10 (Friday) Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Chicken Dinner 4-7 pm

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Time and the Valleys Museum Olde Time Fair-July 31  
 Grahamsville Little World's Fair - Aug 13, 14 & 15, 2010  
 25th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party Saturday, October 2, 2010 Rain or Shine!

Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>  
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 Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>  
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**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

Every Saturday night 8:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Presbyterian Church, 81 South Main Street, Liberty  
 Every Monday night 7:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Liberty Ambulance Building, 178 Mill Street, Liberty  
 Every Thursday night 7:00 p.m. **Al-Anon Meeting** Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Route 42, Woodbourne

**SHARPS COLLECTION PSA**

Ellenville Regional Hospital will be providing free sharps collection on Tuesday, June 22nd from 8:00am-10:00am. The sharps must in appropriate puncture proof containers. In addition, the hospital will distribute free sharps containers to replace the used ones that they accept. For questions on the sharps collection, please call 845 647-6400 ext. 350.

**DOZENS OF KITTENS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION AT ULSTER CO SPCA**

"Kitten season" is in full swing at the Ulster County SPCA. During this time of year, cats give birth to countless litters and animal shelters across the nation must assume the task of rescuing them. The Ulster County SPCA currently has dozens of beautiful kittens available for adoption at their shelter, which is located off Sawkill Rd. in Kingston. The adoption fee of \$125 includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations and a complete medical evaluation. The UCSPCA also has many adult cats in need of loving homes. The adoption fee for adult cats is \$75. Business hours at the UCSPCA are 11:30PM to 3:30 PM Tuesday through Sunday. The shelter is closed on Mondays. For more information about adopting a cat or kitten, please call 331-5377 x 218.

The UCSPCA is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing cruelty to animals in Ulster County. Donations may be sent to UCSPCA 20 Wiedy Rd. Kingston, NY 12401.

**JUST 3 MINUTES COULD MEAN \$500 - QUICK & GRITTY VIDEO SLAM DIGIT Media Exposition**

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance will award \$500 to a video artist on the closing day of DIGit, June 20 in Narrowsburg. All you have to do to be the winning artist is bring your digital camera to Narrowsburg that weekend and create a short movie (under three minutes).

Video artists of all skill levels are invited to share their digital creations at the Quick & Gritty Video Slam, a competition of three-minute videos, on Sunday, June 20 at 12 p.m. at Tusten Theatre. The winning video will receive a \$500 cash prize.

Last year, two \$500 grand prizes were awarded, thanks to an anonymous donor: Cass Collins' digital portrait Narrowsburg at Night and Margolis Method Center students' zombie flick DIGIT Feast. Two runners up received \$50 second prizes. So, whether you're inspired to docu-

ment your DIGit experience or the people you meet, you have an original scripted story you want to film, or you want to capture the local area from your own particular viewpoint, your thematic and creative choices are limitless.

There are, however, a few restrictions: all final pieces must be one to three minutes in length, must have been created entirely during the DIGit festival, must have been shot in the Hamlet of Narrowsburg, and must be submitted on DVD to the Tusten Theatre by 11 a.m. on Sunday, June 20 (no submission fee).

DIGit will screen all Quick & Gritty works at the Video Slam on Sunday, June 20 at 12 p.m. at the Tusten Theatre. Works will be judged live on-site, and the creator of the winning work will receive a \$500 cash prize. Other prizes may also be awarded.

DIGit is a digital media exposition, sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, that encourages creative and technical excellence and experimentation among individual artists and small groups working with digital tools. The Seventh Annual DIGit Media Exposition, June 18-20, includes continuous screenings, site specific performances, interactive concerts, and audio and video

**LIBERTY TO HOST COMMUNITY FORUM TO DISCUSS SCHOOL TAXES IN SULLIVAN CO**

The Liberty Central School District will host a county-wide forum to discuss school taxes on Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at the David E. Panebaker Auditorium at the Liberty High School. The event is open to the public and is intended to provide general information about how school taxes are determined.

"We are hosting the forum in response to a request from Town of Bethel Supervisor Daniel Sturm about concerns that residents had about their school tax rate," explains Liberty Superintendent Michael B. Vanyo. "We felt it was important to be proactive and provide information not only to Bethel residents, but to all county property owners so they can be better informed when their tax bills come in the fall."

Information at the meeting will be provided by New York State Regional Office of Real Property Services (ORPS) Representative John Wolham and Sullivan County ORPS Representative Lynda Levine. Liberty Superintendent Michael Vanyo will serve as moderator.

The purpose of the meeting is to share information with the public about how school taxes are calculated for individual property owners and will explain the following:

- o What an "equalization rate" is, how it is determined and how it affects school taxes;
- o Why school tax rates vary from district to district and why tax rates within one school district can vary from town to town;
- o What "assessed value" means and how it is determined for a piece of property; and

o How the School Tax Relief Program (STAR) impacts taxes.

Question for the panel may be submitted prior to the meeting via email. Please email questions to Allison Ruef at [ruefall@libertyk12.org](mailto:ruefall@libertyk12.org). Please place "Community School Tax Forum" in the subject line.

"The process of determining school tax rates can be very confusing, to say the least," says Liberty Business Manager Lorine Lamerand. "The goal of the forum is to explain how school taxes are determined in a straightforward, uncomplicated way."

For more information, please contact Liberty Central School District Communications Specialist Allison Ruef at 845-292-5400 ext. 2055 or [ruefall@libertyk12.org](mailto:ruefall@libertyk12.org).

**VETERAN AND MILITARY ENROLLMENT WORKSHOP AT SUNY ULSTER**

SUNY Ulster has scheduled a comprehensive information session on Monday, June 14, from 3:00 p.m. at the Business Resource Center, along Ulster Avenue in Kingston. This workshop will discuss higher education choices for Veterans and Active Duty Personnel. An Admissions Counselor will be available to discuss programs of study, transfer credits, VA tuition benefits and campus support services. This event is free and open to the public.

SUNY Ulster is a Service Member's Opportunity College with flexible scheduling options and online course offerings as well as career and technical training programs in a variety of subjects. Contact the Admissions Office at 845-687-5022 or [admissions@sunyulster.edu](mailto:admissions@sunyulster.edu) to reserve a seat or to find out about additional workshop dates.

**CCE ANNOUNCES A PHOTO CONTEST**

What does Agriculture in Sullivan County mean to you? Send us your best photos.

Enter a picture of a Sullivan County farm, tractor, garden, farm animals or work being done on the farm. What represents farming to you? Everyone is welcome to send in photos electronically. The 12 best will appear on a calendar to be sold this fall by CCE, as a fund raiser.

All entries must arrive by August 31, 2010 to be considered. If you have questions please call Susan Dollard at 845-292-5250.

Entries are to be sent to [smd243@cornell.edu](mailto:smd243@cornell.edu)

Parksville United Methodist Church  
 Chicken over Biscuits Dinner  
 4:30-7pm • Sunday, June 13, 2010  
 Adults \$8 • Child (5-12) \$3.50 under 5 free  
 (We are located near Rt. 17-Red-light Parksville)



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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)

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**Full-time, Seasonal-May through Labor Day** Frost Valley YMCA is seeking a Store Sales Associate for a full-time, seasonal position. Must be available for weekends and evenings. Minimum age required is 16 years. Customer service oriented with experience in handling cash/credit transactions. Contact Linda Campbell, Human Resources Director at 845-985-2291 Ext. 254 or [hr@frostvalley.org](mailto:hr@frostvalley.org). EOE 6/3; 6/10

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**Denning Democrats On the Local Scene,**

**Our Bodies, Our Health: Health care Reform's Impact on Women** Guest speaker: **LOIS UTTLEY** Co-Founder of Raising Women's Voices for the Health Care We Need Monday, June 14, 2010 7 pm - 8:30 pm Join us for this important discussion at our June meeting. **FREE** at the Rosendale Community Center 1055 Route 32 Rosendale, NY, RSVPs: [event@ucdw.org](mailto:event@ucdw.org) or call (845) 658-8055, for more information visit [www.UCDW.org](http://www.UCDW.org)

**On the National Scene, Copy of June 5th e-mail.**

Frank --Yesterday, I visited Caminada Bay in Grand Isle, Louisiana -- one of the first places to feel the devastation wrought by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. While I was here, at Camerdelle's Live Bait shop, I met with a group of local residents and small business owners. Folks like Floyd Lasseigne, a fourth-generation oyster fisherman. This is the time of year when he ordinarily earns a lot of his income. But his oyster bed has likely been destroyed by the spill. Terry Vegas had a similar story. He quit the 8th grade to become a shrimper with his grandfather. Ever since, he's earned his living during shrimping season -- working long, grueling days so that he could earn enough money to support himself year-round. But today, the waters where he has worked are closed. And every day, as the spill worsens, he loses hope that he will be able to return to the life he built. Here, this spill has not just damaged livelihoods. It has upended whole communities. And the fury people feel is not just about the money they have lost. It is about the wrenching recognition that this time their lives may never be the same. These people work hard. They meet their responsibilities. But now because of a manmade catastrophe -- one that is not their fault and beyond their control -- their lives have been thrown into turmoil. It is brutally unfair. And what I told these men and women is that I will stand with the people of the Gulf Coast until they are again made whole. That is why, from the beginning, we have worked to deploy every tool at our disposal to respond to this crisis. Today, there are more than 20,000 people working around the clock to contain and clean up this spill. I have authorized 17,500 National Guard troops to participate in the response. More than 1,900 vessels are aiding in the containment and cleanup effort. We have convened hundreds of top scientists and engineers from around the world. This is the largest response to an environmental disaster of this kind in the history of our country. We have also ordered BP to pay economic injury claims, and this week, the federal government sent BP a preliminary bill for \$69 million to pay back American taxpayers for some of the costs of the response so far. In addition, after an emergency safety review, we are putting in place aggressive new operating standards for offshore drilling. And I have appointed a bipartisan commission to look into the causes of this spill. If laws are inadequate, they will be changed. If oversight was lacking, it will be strengthened. And if laws were broken, those responsible will be brought to justice. These are hard times in Louisiana and across the Gulf Coast, an area that has already seen more than its fair share of troubles. The people of this region have met this terrible catastrophe with seemingly boundless strength and character in defense of their way of life. What we owe them is a commitment by our nation to match the resilience they have shown. That is our mission. And it is one we will fulfill.

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- **NEW** Lakefront cabin on Round Pond w/5 acres + 850 shared acres. Rare opportunity, only 9 other owners. \$699,000
- **NEW:** Simple cabin in secluded ravine flanked by creek and waterfalls, plus separate 2,400 sq ft "retreat space". \$325,000
- **REDUCED:** Renovated 3 bed/1 bath farmhouse with wraparound porch, creek off the Neversink on 1 acre \$249k
- **NEW** The Lodge: Super for entertaining. 3 bed/2 bath, 3+ acs with Great Room, open plan kit/din/lounge. \$269,000
- **NEW** 15+ peaceful acres at end of dead end road, partially cleared to enjoy views. Adj. to YMCA-owned land. \$120,000
- 3 bed/1+ bath farmhouse on 1 acre on stream. \$145k
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Starting this week, it is TCM's film marathon on Jacques Cousteau. The shows begin on June 11, 2010 at 6:00 am, with *The Cousteau Odyssey, The Nile - Part One (1977)*, followed at 7:00am, *The Cousteau Odyssey The Nile - Part Two (1977)*, 8:00am, *The Cousteau Odyssey, Calypso's Search For Atlantis - Part One (1977)*, 9:00am, *The Cousteau Odyssey, Calypso's Search For Atlantis - Part Two*, (too many in between films to list here) ending at 12:00 am on June twelfth, *The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau*, and at 1:00am *The Flight of the Penguins (1966)*.

- Quiz,  
A. What was the year Jacques Cousteau was born?  
B. What was the year Jacques Cousteau died?

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

**It's "Flag Day".** What does it mean? **Betsy Ross** would often tell her children, grandchildren, relatives, and friends of the fateful day when three members of a secret committee from the Continental Congress came to call upon her. Those representatives, **George Washington, Robert Morris, and George Ross**, asked her to sew the first flag. This meeting occurred in her home some time late in May 1776. George Washington was then the head of the Continental Army. Robert Morris, an owner of vast amounts of land, was perhaps the wealthiest citizen in the Colonies. Colonel George Ross was a respected Philadelphian and also the uncle of Betsy's late husband, John Ross. In June 1776, brave Betsy was a widow struggling to run her own upholstery business. Upholsterers in colonial America not only worked on furniture but did all manner of sewing work, which for some included making flags. According to Betsy, General Washington showed her a rough design of the flag that included a six-pointed star. Betsy, a standout with the scissors, demonstrated how to cut a five-pointed star in a single snip. Impressed, the committee entrusted Betsy with making our first flag.



In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777. Raising of the flag, recitation of the *Pledge of Allegiance*, singing of the National Anthem, *The Star-Spangled Banner* is the least we can do to honor the symbol of our country's freedom

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

B. Matahari Tama  
A. Richard Harris