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GRAHAMSVILLE UMC THRIFT SHOP FEBRUARY UPDATE

The Grahamsville UMC Thrift Store will be open for shopping on Saturday, February 20, 2010 from 9am-1pm. Bring a friend and come shop on all three floors for gently used clothing and household items. For more information, call 985-2283.

TRI-VALLEY FFA DINNER AND MEETING

The Tri-Valley FFA has planned a Pot Luck Dinner and Annual Meeting for Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 6:15 p.m. Snow Date is Thursday, February 25. It will be held in the High School Cafeteria. All past and present members of the FFA are invited. Anyone else is welcome to attend. Please bring a covered dish to share. Any questions, call the school at 985-2296.

SULLIVAN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District is pleased to announce their annual spring Tree & Shrub Program. The District offers a wide variety of deciduous and conifer species. Tree size and age allows for you, the purchaser, to select what's right for your needs. We offer a range of quantities, from small amounts for the homeowner to large quantities for the landscaper or large parcel planter, at reduced costs to promote conservation plantings. (Contd. Pg. 4)

APPLICATIONS NOW ON-LINE Program Begins at Winter Conference on February 20

Applications for the 2010 Sullivan Renaissance program are now available on-line at www.sullivan-renaissance.org. Sullivan Renaissance officially begins its 10th Anniversary at the Winter Conference and Expo on Saturday, February 20 at CVI Building in Ferndale.

Applications for beautification and community development grants are accepted between February 20 and March 24. They must be returned by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24 at the CVI Building. (Contd. Pg. 4)

CWC PROVIDES LOANS, STORM-WATER ASSISTANCE

MARGARETVILLE, February 10, 2010 -The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) recently approved two sizeable loans - one to complete the renovation of a major new performance space in Tannersville, the other to purchase and renovate a farm supply retail store in Delhi.

The CWC Board of Directors also accepted the high bid for the purchase of the former Hitching Post inn and restaurant in Grand Gorge. The property, which had been purchased by the previous owner with a CWC REDI loan, was acquired by CWC through foreclosure. It will be sold to Holly Augi-Perofsky of Jefferson, who submitted the highest offer at a January 8 bid opening.

A loan of \$850,000 to the non-profit Catskill Mountain Foundation was approved in January. It will provide the resources to complete reconstruction of the Orpheum Theater by this summer. The 300-seat Tannersville theater will provide a state of the art venue for musicals, plays, and other performances staged by school and community groups as well as professional booking agents. "We believe this new facility will be a destination economic driver for the Mountaintop," explained CWC Economic Development Director Michael Triolo. (Contd. Pg. 6)

NYS DECENTRALIZATION GRANTS AWARDED FOR CULTURAL PROGRAMMING IN 2010



Carolyn Steinberg and NYS Assembly-member, Aileen Gunther at awards ceremony at Delaware Valley Arts Center in Narrowsburg

Nineteen Sullivan County non-profit organizations received \$20,000 in Decentralization Grants (DEC) for 2010 cultural programming at a special awards ceremony held on Saturday, February 6 at the Delaware Arts Center in Narrowsburg, NY. Assemblymember Aileen Gunther was on hand to present the award checks. (Contd. Pg. 8)

SATURDAY MATINEE MOVIES RETURN TO SHADOWLAND THEATRE

"The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," "When Comedy Was King" and the original "A Star is Born" with Previews, Comedy Shorts, Flash Gordon Serial and Cartoon Programs in February, March and April

Revisiting its halcyon days as a thriving neighborhood cinema, Shadowland Theatre in downtown Ellenville, NY is inviting Lower Hudson Valley residents to return with them to those golden days of yesteryear for a series of three monthly "Matinees at the The Shadowland" classic movie programs.

Beginning Saturday, February 20, at 2:00 pm with "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," starring Basil Rathbone and Nigel Bruce, "The Shadowland matinees are designed to remind people what going to the movies was all about," says Brendan Burke, Shadowland's artistic director. "In addition to a feature film, each Saturday matinee program will have previews, an animated cartoon, a comedy or musical short subject and a chapter of a famous serial." (Contd. Pg. 8)

GET NOTICED BE GREEN!

All across the United States, painted rain barrel programs have generated a lot of good news. Now area businesses can join in and help the art students in Liberty and the conservation students at Tri-Valley by sponsoring a rain barrel with a donation of \$50 to \$75. The program is being facilitated through Delaware Highlands Conservancy with the help of Sullivan Renaissance and Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management. (Contd. Pg. 3)

RONDOUT NEVERSINK STREAM MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETINGS

There will be a Rondout Neversink Stream Management Group Meeting of the Rondout Creek Landowners above Sundown at the Sundown Church Hall on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. and for the Rondout Creek Landowners below Sundown, there will be a meeting at the Neversink Town Hall on Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 6:00 pm. The purpose of both meetings will be to present the stream study.

TVTA CARES COMMITTEE CONTINUES ITS WORK BEHIND THE SCENES

It was a busy fall for the Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) Cares Committee!

The Community Garden is Growing - 500 square feet of raised-bed garden planters, filled with compost and soil, are ready for planting this early spring. Mr. Hayes and his 6th grade classes have already started lettuce and tomatoes in the greenhouse and will soon begin work constructing cold frames to help warm the soil as well as protect the beds from predators. The gardens will include salad-variety vegetables; the produce will be distributed this summer through local food distributions. (Contd. Pg. 3)

FIRST THURSDAY READERS

The First Thursday Readers Group has chosen "Marley and Me" by John Grogan for its February selection. This is a story of a young family in the making and their wondrously neurotic dog.

The meeting is at 1:00 pm at the Daniel Pierce Library. All are welcome.

TAXING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: ANOTHER ALBANY INITIATIVE STANDING IN THE WAY OF REBUILDING NY'S ECONOMY

The New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) last week unanimously adopted a resolution opposing a new tax on local Industrial Development Agencies (IDA) - a measure that had been tucked into the 2009-10 State Budget.

"If New York's answer to the recession is to tax economic development initiatives then we will never break out of this economic slump that has plagued our communities for decades," said NYSAC President Tom Santulli, the Chemung County Executive. "This is antithetical to the whole concept of economic development in our communities and it will cripple our efforts to bring jobs and businesses back to New York." (Contd. Pg. 7)

EMPLOYEES OF ERH CELEBRATED AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S GO RED DAY

The employees of Ellenville Regional Hospital celebrated the American Heart Association's Go Red day by wearing red to work! In further support of the American Heart Association (AHA), the staff at the Hospital will be participating in their Heart Walk on March 13, 2010. Hospital CEO Steven L. Kelley is the President-Elect to the Dutchess Ulster Chapter of the AHA.

American Heart Month is a time to spread awareness of the dangers of heart disease and stroke, and recommit to strengthening prevention, improving treatments, and helping all Americans live longer, healthier lives. Hundreds of thousands of American families are devastated each year by heart disease. (Contd. Pg. 6)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER :

COLLEGE NEWS

Kathryn Ruhlin of Neversink, NY, daughter of James and Nita Ruhlin, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2009 academic term at Elmira College. Kathryn is majoring in Psychology and Human Services. The Dean's List recognizes students that have a grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

SUNY Ulster announces that **Lois Lichtenberg** of Grahamsville's has been named on the Full-Time Fall 2009 President's List with a final average for the period of all courses taken 3.75 or higher, plus achievement of other requirements.

SUNY Ulster announces that **Steven Lichtenberg** of Grahamsville's has been named on the Full-Time Fall 2009 Dean's List with a final average for the period of all courses taken 3.30 or higher, plus achievement of other requirements.

SUNY Ulster Announces that **Angela Harte** of Neversink has been named on the Part-Time President's List.

GET WELL WISHES -

Get well wishes to **Larry Schafman**, who is the person who sends us all the great articles and pictures from the Fallsburg School District and other civic organizations including the Fallsburg Lions Club. A speedy recovery - we miss you and the kids!

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

February 15, 1950

About a dozen young people (grade 8 and over) gathered at the Methodist Church Hall last Sunday evening to make plans for a regular young people, society. Next Sunday they are to assist in the Sunday Vespers service over WVOS at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Burch entertained at dinner in honor of her mother, Mrs. Chester Hornbeck's birthday. Besides the hosts and guest of honor, the following were present: Mr. Chester Hornbeck, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck and family, Miss Vira Hornbeck, Mr. Ralph Slater, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton Botsford.

Robert Bullock, former Grahamsville resident, has been assigned an executiveship at Honolulu, Hawaii by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, according to word received here this week. Mr. Bullock, who was transferred from the Orange-Sullivan Boy Scout Council last year to a post at Norwich, expects to leave for his Pacific destination from L.A. on March 15. He will be accompanied by his wife, Emma and their two children, Betsy and Stephen.

The groundhog- or bear- did not see his shadow in Sullivan County on February 2. William George, Liberty weath-

er observer, is authority for the statement that it has been the mildest winter in half a century. There never has been anything like it since I can remember.

February 17, 1960

The new fire engine at the Grahamsville Fire House answered its first call last Tuesday night when the hen house on the Robert T. Many farm caught fire. The fire was discovered by Charles and Ruth Cross as they drove by the farm on their way home.

Miss Sara E. Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albro Brown of Lackawack, has been named to the Director's List for scholastic excellence for the half term just ended at the State University at Cobleskill. She plans to be graduated in June 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brooks are the parents of a son, Alan Scott, born on February 11 at the Memorial Hospital in Ellenville.

A Napanoch youth who was picked up for a violation of the Conservation Law on Nov. 16, was brought before Justice of the Peace, George Walter Erts of Denning on a warrant Jan. 19. He posted \$100 bail for a hearing on Feb. 9. At the hearing, he demanded an examination. Later he withdrew his demand and was allowed to settle under civil compromise for \$102.50. A companion, also picked up for the same amount at an earlier date. Fill is being put in and preparations made for the building of the new Town Hall near the center of town.

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February 18, 1970

Moe Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rubenzahl of Neversink, has achieved finalist position in the National Merit Scholarship competition. Moe has advanced from semi-finalist position and is now one of the 15,000 finalists in the entire nation. If he is successful in receiving the Merit Scholarship, he will be one of one thousand such students in the country.

Susan Dorothy Hill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hill was baptized by Pastor Walter at Sunday morning worship at the Methodist Church. Rudolph and Clarice Herrmann were the godparents and Vincent Zanetti received Susan on behalf of the congregation.

Carol Ackerley of Grahamsville and Chester Hook of Neversink were united in marriage by Pastor Walter on Sunday evening, February 15. Glenola Curry and Earl Beach were the attendants. The couple will reside

in Grahamsville.

Everyone who attended the Tri-Valley Squares Workshop and Club Dance on Sunday surely enjoyed the festive evening. The auditorium was tastefully decorated for Valentine's Day and our Angels decorated the Fire Hall for the Workshop.

February 14, 1980

Airman First Class Jeffrey D. Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Richards of Grahamsville, has arrived for duty at Ramstein Air Base in Landstuhl, West Germany. Airman Richards, a medical administration specialist, was previously assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. He is a 1975 graduate of Tri-Valley Central High School.

Percy Bunton, 84, of Claryville died Thursday, Feb. 7, 1980 at Community Hospital, Ellenville. Mr. Bunton, a former Town of Denning Justice of the Peace, was a retired Denning and Ulster County Highway Dept. employee. A lifelong area resident, he was born May 17, 1895 in Claryville.

Ann Higgins, talented artist from Sundown, is now a member of the Audubon Artist's Society and the Hudson Valley Contemporary Artists.

The Grahamsville Fire Dept. was called out on Friday afternoon to a brush fire on the Horace Sheeley property opposite the firehouse. They were assisted by the Neversink and Claryville Fire Depts. The fire was halted just before it reached a number of buildings after burning over three acres.

Applications are now available at the Tri-Valley Guidance Office for summer jobs with the Youth Conservation Corps. Enrollees will be selected from Sullivan County for various outdoor conservation projects. Enrollees will be paid \$3.10 per hour for 40 hours a week for six weeks beginning July 7

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HERE AND THERE

Don't start a conversation these days with "Hi! How are ya" unless you really want to know. Most people we know are coming down with, suffering through, or just getting over coughs, colds, sore throats, and related aches and pains. Don started his a month ago, and kept it long enough to give to me last week. From my computer room window looking up Hastings Drive, I can identify the culprit: WIND! The evergreens lining the road are tall and sturdy, but their tops and outer branches are getting lots of exercise. Our winter has produced very low snow accumulation and almost no sub-zero temperatures, but it has brought us cold, biting winds, often at twenty mph or more - and many of us have the sniffles to show for it. Brrrr!

Two seven-year-olds start our birthday list this week: Wade Bonnell, son of Scott and Patti, joined the family on Feb. 14, 2003; and Jasmine Irwin, daughter of Gerald and Tracy, arrived the next day. (Family legend says that Mom was determined that her daughter should have a birthday all by herself, not share it with a bunch of valentines.) On Feb. 18, Shaun Smith, son of Leslie and Monica, will turn 11. The next three are all Furmans: 2/20 - Van Furman, son of Chip and Julie, age 3; 2/22 - Carol Furman, mother of Chip; 2/23 - Adam, brother of Van, age 5. Finishing the week at 2/25 is Bonnie LaDuke (young at heart). We omitted one name, in order to make a special birthday greeting to a special gentleman: Don Erath will celebrate his 90th birthday on Feb. 19! A great big Happy Birthday to you, and to all the other youngsters named above!

Two quick up-dates: 1) Karen Wolfe tells us that her dad, Karl Allison, is showing improvement and feeling better after his period of illness a few months ago. 2) Correction: Ann Conklin of Loch Sheldrake is NOT retiring from her home beauty-shop business now or in the foreseeable future. We're happy to be able to pass on both items of good news.

How many die-hard racing fans sat through six hours of the Daytona 500 Sunday afternoon? Modern technology has produced some wonderful things, but when we hear about Daytona or Toyota, we begin to think the Amish were right: Keep it simple!

"It's necessary to relax your muscles when you can. Relaxing your brain is fatal." (Stirling Moss, race-car driver)

Have a great week. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

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

TVTA CARES COMMITTEE CONTINUES (From Pg. 1)

"We'll need hands at harvest time," says Hayes, "and we could use some deer fencing, too."

If you have fencing to donate or would like to participate in the community garden project at Tri-Valley, please contact Robert Hayes at school, 985-2296 (ext. 4214 or rhayes@tvcs.k12.ny.us).

Holiday Gifts Brought Joy to Many - Tri-Valley staff members along with other individuals and community groups joined to collect gifts for the children in 30 district families. The gifts were distributed along with the holiday food baskets prior to winter recess. Special thanks to Secondary School guidance counselor, Dana McDonald, who coordinated this effort!

Generous Food Donations Stock Local Pantry - Thanks to the many at Tri-Valley Central School and throughout our community who so generously donated food or money for the holiday food distribution in December. Partnering with the Grahamsville United Methodist Church Pantry, the Neversink Ladies Auxiliary, the Grahamsville Reformed Church as well as numerous individuals, the Cares Committee helped provide holiday meals and additional groceries to 50 families in the Tri-Valley District. Thanks, too, Mrs. Cappiello and the FCCLA for providing holiday goodies with each basket!

We are already looking ahead to a food drive and distribution in the spring (prior to our spring recess), in June (with summertime lunch items and fresh produce), and in late August (including backpacks, school supplies, and fresh produce).

Food collection boxes are located at the main entry of Tri-Valley, outside the Elementary School office as well as at the Town Hall and Post Office. We continue to appreciate and accept gift cards and cash donations. For more information, please contact Mary Zanetti (ext. 4247, mzanetti@tvcs.k12.ny.us).

Bags and bags of high-quality cloth- (Next Col.)

ing have been donated this year by our generous community! We now have two clothing closets - one at each building level - bursting with coats, shoes, pants, shirts, sweatshirts, and more. Secondary School students can visit the clothing closet during the school day (located outside Mr. Adams' office). Elementary clothing will be distributed to parents upon request. So many wonderful items are available and we are anxious to move the clothing to the families that need it. To schedule an appointment or for more information, contact Deb Swett at the Elementary School (ext. 4229, dswett@tvcs.k12.ny.us), Michelle DiMilia at the Secondary School (ext. 4132, midimili@tvcs.k12.ny.us), or school nurse Diana Grey (ext. 5508, dgrey@tvcs.k12.ny.us).

And don't forget about The Loft, the formal and business attire "shop" operated by our local PTO and housed in the Secondary School.

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) Cares Committee is a group of Tri-Valley teachers and staff members who help supply food, clothing, and other necessities to struggling families of children enrolled in the Tri-Valley Central School District. For additional information on the work of the TVTA Cares Committee, please contact Jeanne Fiedler, ext. 5505, jfiedler@tvcs.k12.ny.us.

GET NOTICED, BE GREEN (From Pg. 1)

For a donation of \$50 to \$75, a business will become associated with civic pride, clean water, and generosity. A beautifully painted rain barrel will be displayed at the business during the month of May in a "barrel parade" much like the cow parades of the 1990's but with an environmental twist. The parade will increase foot traffic, while promoting storm water management and student involvement. For the cost of the supplies and labor needed to create a unique rain barrel, sponsoring businesses will be listed in all press releases as well as other media created to promote education about rain barrels. At the end, the barrels will be auctioned off at a benefit for the Liberty Scholarship Fund.

For more information, or to sponsor a barrel, contact Delaware Highlands Conservancy's Melinda Ketcham by phone at 845-807-0535 or by e-mail at nyland@delawarehighlands.org. All donations payable to Delaware Highlands Conservancy.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

There will be an AARP Driver Safety Program at the South Fallsburg Community Center (Former Ambulance Building), Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, NY on Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To register, call Sonny Smith at 434-5311 or 434-8922 (leave message).

Sonny Smith, an AARP Certified Instructor, will give this 8-hour course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate that entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-5311 (Daytime) or 434-8922 (Evening). The fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sonny Smith. Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired & Senior Volunteer Program volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging.

AARON BENNETT JOINS CATSKILL MOUNTAINKEEPERS

Catskill Mountainkeeper, the leading advocacy organization dedicated to the Catskill Mountain Region has hired Aaron Bennett as Regional Director for Greene, Ulster, and Delaware counties. Bennett, a life long resident of the area, was previously employed by The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development for more than 11 years, most recently as the Director of Programming, where he oversaw their education and natural resource programs.

Aaron brings extensive knowledge of the issues facing the northeastern Catskills, the "high peaks" region, the Catskill Park and Forest Preserve, and the NYC Watershed to Mountainkeeper. He will augment the work that Catskill Mountainkeeper is doing regarding the challenges of the proposed Belleayre Resort at Catskill Park development, sustainable energy projects, ridge-top development, land preservation, the revival of our town centers, advancement of recreation opportunities and other important issues.

In response to his appointment Aaron said, "What I respect so much about Catskill Mountainkeeper is that they are honest brokers. While their primary goals are to protect the resources and wellbeing of the region as (Next Col.)

well as pursue much needed sustainable growth, they have the integrity and courage to acknowledge both the pros and cons of complicated and difficult issues and work toward realistic and satisfactory resolutions. They are beholden to no one, do not follow any other organization's agenda and are dedicated solely to what's in the best interest of the region."

Ramsay Adams, Executive Director of Catskill Mountainkeeper, is excited about Aaron's ability to contribute to Mountainkeeper's mission, "Aaron is the right person at the right time. He brings over a decade of community activism, extensive knowledge of the issues in the region and achievement to us. He is a great fit for Mountainkeeper."

SPANISH MOSS

By Peggy DeWire



Remember the opening scene of "Gone with the Wind", showing a carriage clip-clopping smartly down a long curving drive lined with live oak trees draped in festoons of gray Spanish moss? What a graceful landscape at Tara!

Spanish moss (Tillandsia usneoidae) thrives in the warm humid southern United States, the West Indies and South America. Our most lush moss belts stretch across the Gulf States and Florida.

Indians of this area called it "itla-okla" meaning free hair and used it in many ways such as for tea, for bandages and for clothing. Here on Sanibel Island, Calusa squaws wove mini skirts.



Because Spanish moss hangs down instead of standing in an upright rosette, it doesn't look anything like the other 500 kinds of air plants (epiphytes) in the Bromeliad family, including pineapples.

This air plant isn't a parasite sucking sap out of its host tree. It lives on air, extracting all the food it needs from dust and water particles in the atmosphere.

Its first tiny roots merely anchor the moss firmly to a limb while it absorbs dissolved chemicals such as calcium; K, potassium; Mg, magnesium; and Ph, phosphorous. The plant is 25% water.

The bark of the live oak and pecan trees has high concentrations of these chemicals and support long healthy moss garlands.

A gray beard is a good weather gauge according to old timers. If only the tip dances, the forecast is a good fishing day. If the whole clump sways, the wind is blowing more than 15 knots - poor fishing on choppy water.

In summer Spanish moss grows tiny yellow flowers between the leaves. Fragments of moss are carried from tree to tree by wind and by birds building nests.

When a strand of moss dies, the outer gray-green sheath shreds away, leaving a black fiber known as hair. Dry moss hair is frizzy and springy, making excellent stuffing for horse collars, furniture and carriage seats. Your grandpa's Model T Ford probably had moss hair seats.

It is also a good binder in mud and clay chimneys and plaster. When the Absinthe House was built in 1806 on Bourbon Street in New Orleans and recently needed repairs, moss in the original plaster walls was in such fine condition that it was used again, 150 years later.

The Spanish moss industry flourished into the 1930's. Moss pickers brought countless bales to factories for cleaning and ginning. Now plastic hair-moss dominates the market. Spanish moss harvesting is regulated and supplies only floral and medical businesses.

All the Mayo Clinic doctors use sterile Spanish moss in surgical dressings because it can absorb more liquid than the same weight of cotton and also has an antiseptic effect.

I have wonderful memories of watching moss pickers harvesting and curing the festoons. First they fastened a loop of barbed wire to a pole, poked this up into a hanging clump and twisted it down into a waiting pick-up truck.

Once back home the pickers washed off bugs and debris and hung the moss over fences or clotheslines to dry and cure for two weeks. Then it was baled and delivered to the factory for 16 cents a pound.

Spanish moss and other air plants have been on earth for more than 300 million years. Beautiful and useful, itla-okla - long may it wave.

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

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

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

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

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

Dated: February 8, 2010

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

2/18; 2/25/10

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning Planning Board has postponed its monthly meeting. It has been rescheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the Denning Town Hall; 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 set to begin at 7:00 P.M.

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING PLANNING BOARD

Alden Thayer, Chairman
February 10, 2010

2/18/20

**TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740****AGENDA****BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

February 18, 2010

7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting
Secondary School Library Lower Level

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. GUESTS
- B. TREASURER'S REPORT
- C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
 1. CSE Recommendations
 2. Minutes
 3. Building Use Forms
 4. Personnel
 5. Items for Discard//Disposal/ Declared "obsolete"
 6. Construction Update
- D. Budget presentation Administrative Component
- E. OLD BUSINESS
- F. BUSINESS REPORT
 1. Warrants
- G. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- H. ADJOURNMENT

SULLIVAN FIRST ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS - Sullivan Renaissance 2010 Winter Conference and Expo

FERNDALE - Nine individuals, businesses and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to improving the appearance of Sullivan County will be recognized with "2010 Sullivan First Achievement Awards" during the Sullivan Renaissance Conference and Expo on Saturday, February 20 at the CVI Building in Ferndale, NY.

This year's "Sullivan First Achievement Awards" will be given to:

- Cherise Barasch - for her continuous efforts to engage students in projects and her commitment to helping them make a connection to the natural environment
- Ruth McCoy - for her volunteerism as a youth leader in the community
- Joe Tinari - for his efforts in making the Fosterdale Motor Lodge the first certified green lodging facility in Sullivan County
- Damian Velez - for his volunteerism and ongoing contributions to the community
- Chris Williams - for his volunteerism and ongoing contributions to the community
- South Fallsburg Action Committee - for its ongoing participation in Sullivan Renaissance and the outstanding work that volunteers have accomplished these last few years
- Temple Beth'el - for the new sign as an example of best practices for signage
- Rock Hill Health Mart Pharmacy - for construction of the new pharmacy and Cardinal Square, which demonstrates best practices
- Canal Towne Emporium - for preservation of the historic character of the building, which demonstrates best practices

Sullivan Renaissance begins its 10th year of beautifying Sullivan County with this conference featuring exhibits and workshops on the significance of flowers in beautifying a community, community gardens, rain barrels, youth leadership and economic development.

All are welcome. There is no registration fee for this conference, which begins at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast and expo. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 1:00 p.m.

The keynote address and two of the workshops will be led by C.L. Fornari, a gardening expert, author and professional speaker who believes that the lessons learned in the garden are relevant to work, relationships, spirituality and personal growth.

Details of this year's Sullivan Renaissance grant program will be announced and 2010 applications will be available.

Workshops and presenters include:

- Creating and Managing a Successful Project - Helen Budrock
- Painless Permits & Permissions - Allen Frishman, Marcia Fink, Glenn Gidaly
- Ask the Experts: Gardening with Nurseries - Renee Davis, Will Foster, Tom Manza
- Moving from Inspiration to Installation - C.L. Fornari
- Cultivating Kids - C.L. Fornari
- YOUth Can Make a Difference - Laura Quigley, Denise Frangipane
- Rain Barrels + Rain Gardens: Making the Most of Rain - Heather Jacksy, Robert Hayes
- ABCs of Community Vegetable Gardens - Challey Comer, Pierre-Luc Moeys
- Economic Development Charrette Follow-up - Luiz Aragon

Workshop space is limited to the first registrants. To obtain a workshop registration form, visit the website at www.sullivanrenaissance.org or call Sullivan Renaissance office at 845-295-2445. To send in a registration form, email to sgonzalez@sullivanrenaissance.org; fax it to 845-295-2746; or mail to Sullivan Renaissance, c/o Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754.

Conference attendees will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite exhibit. Door prizes will be awarded at the conference conclusion.

This is a recycling event; appropriate receptacles will be provided for attendees. (Next Col.)

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Additional funding

has been secured by NYS Senator John J. Bonacic and Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther.

For more information, call 845-295-2445.

APPLICATIONS NOW ON-LINE Program Begins at Winter Conference on February 20 (From Pg. 1)

Applications for beautification and community development grants are accepted between February 20 and March 24. They must be returned by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 24 at the CVI Building. Grants to successful applicants will be awarded at the Spring Forum on April 15 at the CVI Building. Beautification and community development projects must be completed by Monday, August 2. The Sullivan Renaissance Awards Ceremony will be held on August 9.

Several other Sullivan Renaissance grant programs have different deadlines and requirements. These include: environmental, municipal and seasonal grants; internship and scholarship programs for young people. Check the website for more details.

In addition to outlining the new 2010 Sullivan Renaissance grant program, the Winter Conference will feature flower exhibits by garden businesses; presentation of the 15th Annual Sullivan First Achievement Awards; and a keynote address by gardening expert and author C.L. Fornari. Workshops include: the significance of flowers in beautifying a community, community gardens, rain barrels, youth leadership and economic development.

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SC SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT (From Pg. 1)

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To order, please contact the District Office at (845) 292-6552, ext. 101 and request the brochure and order blank. The application deadline is Friday, April 2, 2010. Tree pickup is Friday, April 23 and Saturday, April 24 at the District Office.


SULLIVAN COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONTRACTOR TRAINING

The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District is pleased to announce they will be holding a contractor training seminar for Stormwater soil erosion management. This seminar is directed towards contractors and developers who will be disturbing soil of one acre or more. It will be held on March 23, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, NY. The cost of attending the seminar is \$50 per person and pre-registration is recommended as space is limited. Photo ID is required to attend.

Under the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation's Stormwater Permit GP-08-001, all developers, contractors and subcontractors must identify at least one trained individual from their company that will be responsible for implementation of the SWPPP, and have at least one trained individual on site on a daily basis when soil disturbance activities are being performed. Also, developers must have a qualified inspector conduct regular site inspections. Qualified inspectors and trained individuals must have 4 hours of training in the principles and practices of erosion and sediment control endorsed by NYS DEC, SWCD, or CPESC Inc. The training is good for 3 years.

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CWC PROVIDES LOANS, STORMWATER ASSISTANCE (From Pg. 1)

A low interest loan of \$1,120,000 to WB Delhi, LLC was also approved by the CWC Board at its January meeting. The principal in the firm is Francis Jenkins III, managing member of WB Farms, a farm and forest land holder in the Town of Stamford. Jenkins has acquired the former Great American store at 69 Main St., Delhi which is to be renovated and leased by Tractor Supply Corporation as a retail outlet.

In other business, the CWC Board recently approved a \$25,000 grant to the Town of Halcott to conduct a stormwater infrastructure planning and assessment project. The Town will contribute a 15% match for the project, which will include mapping, modeling and analyzing capacity of the Town's culverts, bridges and other stormwater infrastructure.

Another Stormwater Retrofit Program grant was awarded in February to the Town of Shandaken, which will undertake a drainage improvement project in the hamlet of Pine Hill. \$10,000 of the \$104,125 grant will be released immediately to produce a detailed scope of work and design of the project which is intended to address water quality issues in the Bush Kill Creek and its tributaries by better managing and treating runoff from Main Street, Bonnie View Avenue, Turnpike Road and Elm Street.

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

EMPLOYEES OF ERH CELEBRATED AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S GO RED DAY (From Pg. 1)

Even though the risk factors for heart disease can be prevented or controlled, it is the leading killer of both men and women in the United States. And yet, heart disease is preventable. By leading a healthy lifestyle, Americans can lower their risk of heart disease by as much as 82 percent. This means following a heart healthy eating plan, getting regular physical activity, maintaining a healthy weight, and not smoking. Even if you're diagnosed with heart disease, there are many steps you can take to extend your years and increase your quality of life. Americans with heart disease should eat a low-fat, low-sodium, nutritious diet, get regular physical activity, take their medication, and talk to their doctor.

This American Heart Month, talk with your doctor about your personal risk for heart disease and the steps to take to lower it. By encouraging all Americans to adopt a healthy lifestyle, we can reduce the threat of heart disease and become a healthier country.

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TAXING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: (From Pg. 1)

Local Industrial Development agencies received bills this week from the State Department of Tax and Finance, causing uproar among IDAs and county leaders from across New York.

The new tax imposed on these local economic development programs were issued by the State as a means of "cost recovery of central government services to various public authorities" according to a letter from the Deputy Commissioner of Taxation and Finance accompanying the bill received by all local Industrial Development Agencies this week.

The invoices received from the state included no description of how the individual charges were assessed, what services provided by the state were charged for, what time period the assessment covered or what sources of IDA revenues were utilized to determine the amount of the tax.

Local IDAs are funded by county government appropriations, fees generated from private activity bond sales used to finance business growth and expansion, and other grants received from state, federal and local sources.

"This proposal was enacted last year and must be rescinded," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. "We will be taking this up with Governor Paterson's administration to understand the intention of this proposal and ask that the matter be reconsidered."

The New York State Association of Counties is a bipartisan municipal association serving all 62 counties of New York State including the City of New York. Organized in 1925, NYSAC's mission is to represent, educate and advocate for member counties and the thousands of elected and appointed county officials who serve the public.

SHADOWLAND (From Pg. 1)

The series will continue on Saturday, March 20 with "When Comedy Was King," a feature-length film devoted to Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy and Keystone Kops, the great clowns of silent comedy, followed on Saturday, April 24 with the original "A Star is Born," starring Janet Gaynor.

Series coordinator Ray Faiola explains that, "In the golden days of cinema, you received full value for your admission ticket - prevues, shorts, cartoons and either a single or a double feature. Matinee audiences, which often included younger patrons, also saw a chapter of the latest cliffhanger serial. Our aim is to recapture that 'everything-but-the-kitchen-sink' feeling with this series while presenting programs that the entire family, however large or small, can enjoy."

The matinee program for February 20 will include:

- **Prevues of Coming Attractions**
- **A cartoon, "Popeye the Sailor Meets Sindbad the Sailor"**
- **A short subject with The Three Stooges in "We Want Our Mummy"**
- **Chapter One of the serial "Flash Gordon"**
- **Intermission**
- **The main feature, "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes"**

Released in 1939, "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" was the second of 14 films about the great detective that would co-star Rathbone and Bruce. In this film, Holmes and Watson are up against their archrival Professor Moriarty, played by George Zucco. Starring with Rathbone and Bruce is Ida Lupino before she became Warner Bros.' lady tough guy.

"When Comedy Was King," released in 1960, was the second feature-length compilation by Robert Youngston of classic comedy scenes from the silent era. The all-star cast includes Charlie Chaplin, Harry Langdon, Snub Pollard, Charley Chase, Fatty Arbuckle, Gloria Swanson, Ben Turpin and, in their classic two-reeler of destruction "Big Business", Laurel and Hardy. From pratfalls to double-takes, from custard pies to pie-eyed villains, from indigent tramps to indignant dowagers, in 90 minutes, the film encapsulates what made the 1920s roar.

"A Star is Born" was "Photographed in Technicolor" and released in 1937. Produced by David O. Selznick and directed by William Wellman, the film stars Janet Gaynor as a young girl with dreams of stardom and Fredric March as a Hollywood stalwart whose prime is beginning to pass. It co-stars May Robson, Andy Devine, Adolphe Menjou, Lionel Stander and Edgar Kennedy. Faiola adds, "This is the ultimate Hollywood star story, alive with laughter and tragedy, lovingly punctuated by Max Steiner's beautiful score."

The "Matinee at The Shadowland" series is sponsored by six local Ellenville-Wawarsing area businesses: H&R Block, Matthews Pharmacy, Peters Markets, Richard's Restaurant, Silver Cup Diner and CR Studios.

Admission is only \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors, and tickets are available at the Shadowland box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY. For more information or to reserve seats, call 845-647-5511.

Shadowland Theatre is the leading professional nonprofit Actors' Equity company in the Lower Hudson Valley/Catskill Mountain region. Located only 90 miles from New York City in Ellenville, NY, Shadowland was named "Best of the Valley" by Hudson Valley magazine in 2004, 2005 and 2007; "2006 Cultural Business of the Year" by Ulster Development Corporation and Ulster County Chamber of Commerce; "Best Theatre 2006" by the Times Herald Record; and "Best Drama of the Year" by The Daily Record in NJ for The Good German. Founded in 1984, Shadowland performs in a restored 1920's Art Deco vaudeville/movie house converted to a 148-seat theatre.

For more information, visit <http://www.shadowlandtheatre.org>.

NYS DECENTRALIZATION GRANTS AWARDED FOR CULTURAL PROGRAMMING IN 2010 (From Pg. 1)

Allocated by the New York State Council on the Arts, the funding is administered by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA). The granted organizations represent 10 townships throughout Sullivan County, including the Towns of Tusten, Delaware, Callicoon, Liberty, Fallsburg, Lumberland, Forestburgh, Rockland, Thompson, and Highland.

Granted organizations are:

- Callicoon Center Band** for a summer concert series
- Callicoon Creek Park Association** for a concert series
- Cornell Cooperative of Sullivan County** for art workshops
- Delaware Valley Chamber Orchestra** for a local composers series
- Delaware Youth Center** for art and theatre work shops
- Ethelbert B. Crawford Library** for 12 free family events
- Forestburgh Theatre Arts Center** for a theatrical production
- Friends of Sunshine Hall Free Library** for winter cultural program
- Icehouse Arts** for three youth video workshops
- Liberty Free Theatre** for theatrical production
- Livingston Manor Free Library** for a Johnny Darling Frolic
- Sullivan County Community Chorus** for two concerts
- Sullivan County Historical Society** for music at the museum
- Sullivan Performing Arts** for the Liberty Jazz Festival
- Town of Fallsburg** for two free Chamber Music at St. Andrews
- Town of Lumberland** for concert cultural series
- Triad Dance Ensemble** for a post modern dance performance
- Tusten Historical Society** for a Narrowsburg Women's Chorus concert
- Western Sullivan Public Library** theatre classes or young people

DVAA seeks candidates to serve on future grant review panels. A likely panelist is a citizen informed about the arts and/or county cultural events. Duties consist of reading applications and participating in two meetings. To be considered, or for more information about the Decentralization Grant program, call (845) 252-7576. For more about this and other DVAA programs, visit ArtsAllianceSite.org.

WINTER ECOLOGY HIKE FEB 21 AT FROST VALLEY YMCA

A free Winter Ecology Hike will be held on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 1-3:30 p.m. at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville.

The hike will focus on how animals and plants in the Catskill Region handle winter weather. The hike will be on snowshoes and participants will explore how critters and plants adapt to life in the cold.

This event is open to all ability levels, ages 10 and up. Hikers may bring their own snowshoes or borrow a pair from Frost Valley.

Reservations are necessary for this event because participation is limited. Contact Reid Bauer at: rbauer@frostvalley.org or (845) 985-2291, ext. 397 to register or to request more information.

Frost Valley offers a different themed hike during each month of the year. For a Take A Hike schedule, check the calendar at FrostValley.org. Keep up with daily happenings at:

fvsommecamp.wordpress.com

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Frost Valley YMCA is located at 2000 Frost Valley Road, eight miles from Claryville and 14 miles from Big Indian in the Catskill Mountain High Peaks. It's open every day through four seasons, welcoming school children, family, group and business retreats every week from September through June. The camp is just 2.5 hours drive from metro NY/NJ and about 1 hour from Kingston.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FROST VALLEY YMCA

Friday-Sunday, February 19-21, 2010

A Girl Scout Winter Sports Getaway

will be held from Junior Girl Scouts will participate in the following: a class on dressing for the cold and how fabrics affect warmth, cross-country skiing equipment overview and a brief lesson, a snowshoe hike with lessons on first aid for cold weather, sledding education, making snow sculptures and trying snow painting,

learning all about snow and ice cutting. Scouts can complete 'Frosty Fun' and 'Winter Sports' badges. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org.

Sunday-Friday, Feb. 21-26, 2010: Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing in the Catskills (also offered Feb. 28-March 5)

Spend your days exploring the limitless trail network of New York's famed 'forever wild' Catskill Forest Preserve on snowshoes, cross-country skis or on foot as the best of all worlds is combined for the winter sports enthusiast. Held at Frost Valley YMCA's Straus Center Inn, Claryville, NY. Information/registration: (800) 454-5768 or visit: www.elderhostel.org.

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Sunday-Friday, March 14-19, 2010: Healthy Living in the Catskills

Yoga, Meditation and Massage. In the pristine forests of the Catskill Mountains, form new bonds between mind, body and spirit in an expert-led immersion in meditation, yoga, massage and healthy living. Held at Frost Valley YMCA's Straus Center Inn, Claryville, NY. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Information/registration: (800) 454-5768 or visit: www.elderhostel.org.

Friday-Sunday, March 19-21, 2010: A Girl Scout Eco Challenge

will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. The event will be devoted to all things outside, from the ways animals live in their habitats to learning about and enjoying the outdoor environment safely. It is open to Girl Scouts of all ages, from Brownies to Seniors who can begin work on their 'Adventure Sports' Badge. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org.

Friday-Sunday, March 26-28, 2010: A Women's Wellness Weekend


will be held at Frost Valley YMCA, Claryville, NY. A full weekend of workshops and activities aimed at providing relaxation and improved well-being. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, ext. 205, e-mail: reservations@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org.

Friday-Sunday, April 16-18, 2010: A Girl Scout Environmental Health Weekend

will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Scouts will earn badges while learning innovative ideas about how to be kind to the nature world at Badge work includes 'Your Outdoor Surroundings' and 'Environmental Health.' Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org. (Contd. Pg. 9)

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Friday-Sunday, May 28-30, 2010: A Girl Scout Equestrian Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Scouts can participate in horse-centered activities, while earning 'Horse Lover' and 'Horse Fan' Badges. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org.

Friday-Sunday, June 4-6, 2010: A Girl Scout Camping Adventure Weekend will be held at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville, NY. Scouts will earn assorted badges related to outdoor living skills, including Camp Together and Outdoor Cook Badges. Check-in starts at 5 p.m. Information/registration: (845) 985-2291, e-mail: info@frostvalley.org or visit: www.FrostValley.org. Frost Valley YMCA camp and conference center is located in the Catskill Mountain high peaks.

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BY GEORGE, IT IS WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY!



Washington's Birthday, that was traditionally celebrated on February 22nd, has somehow morphed into Presidents' Day that is observed on the third Monday of February, which is a segue into Presidents' Week. There seems to be a misconception that Presidents' Day is the unification of Washington's Birthday and Lincoln's Birthday, or that it is a celebration of all the US Presidents. However, in 1968, legislation (HR 15951) was enacted that affected several federal holidays, one of which was Washington's Birthday. It was shifted to the third Monday in February. This act was done to simplify the holiday calendar and also had the advantage of a three-day holiday weekend.

Interestingly not all states celebrate the date as Presidents' Day, as it has never been recognized on the federal level, instead they still celebrate the third Monday of February as Washington's Birthday, a federal holiday!

Before 1971, Washington's Birthday was one of nine federal holidays celebrated on specific dates which year after year, fell on different days of the week, with the exception of Labor Day. On January 21, 1971 the federal holiday was shifted to the third Monday in February by the *Uniform Monday Holiday Act*. A draft of the *Uniform Monday Holiday Act Bill of 1968* would have renamed the holiday to Presidents' Day to honor both Washington and Lincoln, but instead when signed into law on June 28, 1968, Washington's Birthday was uprooted from its fixed February 22nd date and transplanted to the third Monday in February.

Historic dates, like stepping stones create a footpath through our heritage. Experienced by one generation then recalled in future generations, it is through these annual remembrances that our heritage is honored. In 1879 the Forty-fifth Congress deemed George Washington's birth date to be February 22, an historic date worthy of holiday recognition.

When establishing that Washington's Birthday would be celebrated on the third Monday of February, I wonder if anyone ever checked a perpetual calendar to see that February 22nd will never fall on the third Monday in February, while on occasion, like this year, it could fall on a fourth Monday!

Every year we hear the same question being asked, "Is the third Monday in February Washington's Birthday, or Presidents' Day?"

Looking at the calendar that is hanging over my desk, it is clearly marked - February 22nd is George Washington's Birthday!

Happy Birthday George!

VOICES FROM THE WEST COAST...

For the last five years that I have been in the Sacramento Valley, there have been good days and days that I miss the most being in New York State; especially in the Catskills and around the Tri - Valley area including the important holidays or a good weather event. I know it sounds crazy, but I am an "island baby", born in Valley Stream, NY, but raised in the Catskills, which I have to remind myself sometimes, nevertheless, I like to relax in the good old Catskill-style New York State weather. I am hearing about the winter back home through the local news here in Sacramento and believe me, I am jealous. Right now in Sacramento, it is a cool 50 degrees with some fog, breaking in with some sunshine. Thursday through the weekend will be sunny and in the "s" word--sixties - which means, sixties and spring-like here. I see the chirping robins.

There is a disadvantage when we head towards the summer. Summers here are hot and dry. Sacramento tend to hit the triple digits-100+ degrees; sometimes up to 110 degrees. I was pleased to see the wet weather here in January for 11 days, but it has not put a dent in our drought-like conditions of the last three years in the Sacramento Valley. Most of the weather activity is in Southern California. Due to the massive wildfires that go through the area, the population in Los Angeles, need to watch out for mudslides, scarring the area. Although the wildfires were as close as Auburn and in the Tahoe area, the wet weather came as a blessing for us, with not much happening in Northern California. The snow pack is a welcome sight right now.

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you, as I send visions of the sun and warm thoughts that reflect the climate here in Northern California.

Although I suffer from allergies at this time, the cherry trees are in full bloom in the Sacramento Valley. The first six weeks of 2009 has been quite a 'trip' so far. For one reason, the NFL made this fan very happy and excited for the city of New Orleans. To clear the record though, I am still a fan of the Buffalo Bills- the true New York State football team. It is history to say the the Jets and Giants are New York State football teams. Checking the geography, yes, the Jets and Giants played at Yankee Stadium, the legendary Polo Grounds, and Shea Stadium but the reality is the Jets and Giants reside in East Rutherford, New Jersey. For 44 seasons of the Super Bowl, New Orleans played for a reason and a purpose that gave hope for all in Louisiana and the Big Easy itself. To me, the New Orleans Saints are this century's America's Team. The Saints kept a lot of heart during their losing seasons the last four decades, preceding Hurricane Katrina and the aftermath. It is so good to see the Saints bring home the Vince Lombardi trophy providing the city of New Orleans and Louisiana a new hope for the area.

Congratulations to the new Super Bowl Champions. Just recently here in radio, I am proud to say that KNCI has been nominated for "Large Station of the Year" by the ACMS- the Academy of Country Music. The awards will be on the weekend of April 18th. KNCI will be in competition with Baltimore, MD, Cincinnati, OH, and Raleigh-Durham, NC. This is a great honor. Kudos go to our east coast cities that made the medium market radio stations including WGNA of Albany, NY and a great station WYRK in Buffalo, NY (published in the Billboard Country Weekly).

With that in mind, our morning show, "Pat and Tom" did their annual cook-off for the Super Bowl. The recipes were selected by the hosts and boy, it was delicious! And it was more organized than last year. KNCI had celebrity judges: MMA Champion, the "California Kid" Urijah Faber, and Good Day Sacramento newscaster, (think of Good Day NY on Fox 5) Lisa Gonzalez; and a chef from two great restaurants in the Sacramento area. The treats were amazing and something different than pizza - oh yes,, of course, chicken wings. Items included Cheesy Piggy Poppers, Greek Sliders, and KNCI's Champion dessert this year, Death by Chocolate Cake. The winner gets to see Carrie Underwood at Arco Arena.

It looks like the Winter Olympics are hitting close to home, on this continent. GO USA!
More to come.... *Chuck Martin*

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STATEMENT BY SENATOR JOHN BONACIC REGARDING THE VOTE TO EXPEL HIRAM MONSERRATE FROM THE STATE SENATE

"We are responsible for each action we take. Former Senator Monserrate served as a Marine, police officer, and was one of the Senators who led the effort to help reform the Senate's rules last year. We honor our veterans. We support our police officers. We want reformers to succeed. The good actions he performed in those roles however, still do not authorize criminal conduct. Here, Mr. Monserrate was convicted of a crime associated with an assault on his girlfriend. There must be zero tolerance for domestic violence. Former Senator Monserrate's conviction, along with his complete failure to recognize wrongdoing, disqualifies him from holding the office he was elected to. Removing someone from an office they were elected to by the voters is a harsh consequence. In this case it is appropriate."

GILLIBRAND INTRODUCES JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT LEGISLATION

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Bob Casey (D-PA), Carl Levin (D-MI) and Mark Begich (D-AK) introduced legislation to create a job creation tax credit.

"While some sectors of the economy are doing better, middle class families and small businesses across New York are struggling in this economic crisis," Senator Gillibrand said. "We need to take aggressive action to help businesses create good-paying jobs and get New Yorkers back to work. The job creation tax cut would encourage businesses to begin hiring now instead of waiting for the economy to stabilize months or years down the road. It could create millions of new jobs at a time when unemployment is continuing to rise and nearly 850,000 New Yorkers are out work. Giving small businesses an incentive to create jobs is the right strategy to continue our economic recovery and create jobs for the thousands of New Yorkers who are ready to work."

"Over the last couple years the U.S. economy has steadily shed jobs and wages have largely been stagnant," said Senator Casey. "We have made progress responding to the economic crisis, but more needs to be done to get people back to work. Times are still tough across the board and margins are slim. That is why I am introducing this job creation tax credit to help employers hire workers, put money back into local economies and spur economic growth."

"Michigan has been among the hardest hit in the nation by unemployment, and so I am eager to join with my colleagues to propose this job creation tax credit," Levin said. "It is a sensible way to get businesses hiring again and keep our economy on the road to recovery."

Senator Begich said, "I am pleased to join my other colleagues in supporting legislation to put Americans back to work. In my home state of Alaska, unemployment has reached a record 8.8 percent. I will continue to work on finding ways to help businesses hire workers and keep Alaskans employed."

Senator Gillibrand's proposal builds upon the jobs tax credit enacted in 1977 and was responsible for the creation of 700,000 jobs. Employers who increase their payroll by hiring new employees will be eligible to receive a tax credit.

According to a report released by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) last month: "Providing tax credits for increases in payrolls would increase both output and employment."

Employers would only receive the credit if they increase payroll. This would address potential fraud where employees are let go and then rehired in order to obtain the tax credit.

Small businesses are the backbone of the American economy and are the real jobs engines of our economy. In recognition of this and to have the maximum impact on job creation, small businesses would receive a larger credit than large employers. The proposal would provide a tax credit of 20% for small employers and 15% for large employers - those with more than 100 full-time employees.

The credit would only apply to an employee's wages up to the Social Security wage base of \$106,800.

The employer would be eligible to receive the tax credit for one year.

GILLIBRAND PRAISES FIRST LADY OBAMA'S LET'S MOVE CAMPAIGN

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand joined First Lady Michelle Obama today to kick off Let's Move -- a new campaign to fight the childhood obesity epidemic and improve health and nutrition for our children.

Senator Gillibrand issued the following statement praising First Lady Obama's leadership to put our children on a path to healthier, more successful future:

"First Lady Obama understands that child obesity is a crisis that our nation must urgently address.

"Every New York child deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential. But too many of our children do not have access to the healthy, nutritious meals and exercise opportunities they need to get there.

"I've worked hard since day one to rid our schools of the unhealthy foods that hold our children back, and give all schools and families the resources they need to provide healthy, nutritious meals in the lunchroom so our children can succeed in the classroom.

"I am pleased to partner with First Lady Obama and my colleagues in Congress in this effort. I look forward to continue working with all of them to address this crisis and ensure the health of our future generations."

Kicking off the Let's Move campaign, First Lady Obama, members of the President's cabinet and other community leaders voiced their support for legislation that Senator Gillibrand has introduced to ban sugary snacks and sodas from school vending machines and give students healthier choices for school meals.

Nearly 60 percent of New York adults are overweight or obese - with increasing numbers of children following the same path. Over the last 30 years, obesity among American children ages 6 to 11 has more than doubled - from 6.5 percent to 17 percent. In the same timeframe, obesity among 12 to 19-year-olds has more than tripled - from 5 percent to nearly 18 percent. Obesity puts children at serious risk of type 2 diabetes, heart disease, depression and poor performance at school.

As the first New Yorker to serve on the Senate Agriculture Committee in nearly 40 years, Senator Gillibrand has been fighting childhood obesity and working to improve childhood nutrition since day one, authoring legislation to ban trans fats from all school meals, give schools more federal resources to serve healthier, more nutritional meals and give families better access to better nutrition.

SENATORS PLAN EXPANDS TAX CREDITS FOR RETIREMENT PLANS, MAKES 401(K)s MORE SECURE AND TRANSPARENT- PROMOTES AUTOMATIC IRA ENROLLMENT - COUNTY-BY-COUNTY REPORT: Approximately 5 Million New Yorkers to Retire in 20 Years -- More Than A Quarter of NY's Population

With approximately 2.1 million New Yorkers set to retire in the next 10 years and approximately 5 million to retire in the next 20 years, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today unveiled plans to help hardworking middle class New Yorkers save for retirement. Her new legislative agenda would expand tax credits that match contributions to retirement plans, protect 401(k)s with more security and transparency, and encourage automatic enrollment in Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to help more middle class workers plan responsibly for retirement. Americans lost over \$2 trillion in their individual retirement savings as a result of the financial crisis, making retirement harder for millions of middle class New Yorkers.

"The horrible economy is making it extremely difficult for middle class New Yorkers to save for retirement," Senator Gillibrand said. "Every hardworking New Yorker deserves the opportunity to retire and feel safe in their golden years. To do that, we have to provide more opportunities for people to plan ahead and save for their retirement. My legislative agenda would help more middle class New Yorkers stay on track to an affordable retirement by extending tax credits that match contributions to retirement plans, protecting 401(k)s with better oversight and transparency, and making businesses

automatically enroll employees in IRAs so every hardworking New Yorker can stay on a sturdy path to retirement."

More than a quarter of New York's population will be retiring over the next 20 years - many of whom suffered extreme losses to their retirement savings.

- In New York City, approximately 850,000 will retire in the next 10 years and approximately 2 million will retire in the next 20 years - almost 25 percent of New York City's population.

- In Western New York, approximately 170,000 will retire in the next 10 years and approximately 390,000 will retire in the next 20 years - nearly 30 percent of Western New York's population.

- In the Rochester/Finger Lakes Region, approximately 140,000 will retire in the next 10 years and approximately 330,000 will retire in the next 20 years - nearly 30 percent of the region's population.

- In Central New York, approximately 115,000 will retire in the next 10 years and approximately 270,000 will retire in the next 20 years - over 25 percent of Central New York's population.

- In the Southern Tier, approximately 80,000 will retire in the next 10 years and approximately 180,000 will retire in the next 20 years - nearly 30 percent of the Southern Tier's population.

- In the Capital Region, approximately 135,000 will retire in the next 10 years and approximately 305,000 will retire in the next 20 years - nearly 30 percent of the Capital Region's population.

- In the North Country, approximately 50,000 will retire in the next 10 years and approximately 125,000 will retire in the next 20 years - over 25 percent of the North Country's population.

- In the Hudson Valley, approximately 265,000 will retire in the next 10 years and approximately 620,000 will retire in the next 20 years - nearly 30 percent of the Hudson Valley's population.

- On Long Island, approximately 340,000 will retire in the next 10 years and approximately 785,000 will retire in the next 20 years - nearly 30 percent of Long Island's population.

Since the start of the recession, Americans who invested in the stock market lost more than \$2 trillion of their investments in their retirement plans. As a result, only 13 percent of Americans who are approaching retirement say they feel confident and secure enough to retire as they had planned.

Pushing retirement even more out of reach, more businesses are reducing their matching contributions to 401(k)s or other retirement accounts. According to a study by Brown & Tedstrom, less than half of workers expect to receive retirement income from their employer or government pensions as part of their retirement plan - putting more pressure on their individual retirement accounts that were hit hard by the economic downturn.

Today, Senator Gillibrand unveiled an agenda to help make retirement affordable for New York's middle class.

Improving and Expanding the Saver's Tax Credit for more New Yorkers

Under current law, some New Yorkers are able to receive a tax credit matching a portion of their retirement savings. The tax credit is limited to very few New Yorkers, is complex and difficult to claim, and is not refundable -- meaning taxpayers with limited tax liability are unable to collect it.

To correct this, Senator Gillibrand is proposing legislation that would expand eligibility for the credit to families earning up to \$85,000 a year, simplify the credit to match 50 percent of retirement savings, and make the credit refundable so lower-income families can take full advantage of the credit.

Improving Transparency and Reliability of 401(k)s

Most Americans who receive employer-sponsored retirement benefits do so through 401(k) plans, making it critical that we appropriately regulate 401(k)s to promote effective use and ensure their safety and transparency. (Contd. Pg. 14)

PARENT CONNECTION

If you don't have a sense of humor, parenting can be way more stressful than it needs to be. Sometimes you just have to laugh! Sure, you may need to turn around, but it's the laughter that heals all of the pain (and at times, embarrassment). We've all been at some local event when our young child has a melt down... we pick him up (screaming) and carry him out to the car. All eyes are on you! It's usually the ones without kids that judge. As parents, we understand!

I've been working with children for over 20 years and would never claim to be a perfect parent. I'm a positive parent with a great big sense of humor! I went to pick our youngest up from day-care and the teachers were snickering as I walked through the door.

"Wait until you hear this!" she said to me. I know what my child is capable of, being the youngest of 3 and 14 years younger than his older sister. Thankfully, I can use this as my excuse. Apparently he said the "F" word, very nonchalantly, to his buddy as they were washing their hands together. "This is ----ing stupid" to be exact. As the parent of this cute little (Next Col.)

thing with a mouth like a truck driver, I said, "I'm so sorry"... what else could I say?

I'm so glad the teachers had a great big laugh today. I wanted to run out the door as I say to my baby, "Nicky, it's not okay to say that word."

He replies, "OH!" And that was it - lesson learned for the day... until the next naughty word...

Having a child that's graduating this year, I've relaxed over the years. Good or bad, I'm enjoying every moment trying not to sweat the small stuff. Saying to myself, "It could always be worse!"

I'd like to write an article each week about the "joys" of parenting. I have lots of ideas full of helpful information. I'd also like to hear from parents in the community. Did your child say something you'd like to share? I'm sure I speak for all parents in saying, we'd like to laugh too! Also, please let me know if you'd like more information on specific subjects (helpful hints to stop my child from biting, community resources, child development and so on).

Currently, I work for Sullivan County Head Start as the Early Head Start Manager. Early Head Start includes pregnant moms and children through age 3. I love my job! I enjoy the children and helping families to improve the quality of their lives through knowledge and support. I've received my Associates degree in Early Childhood Education from Sullivan County Community College and my Bachelor's degree through SUNY Empire, also in ECE.

Some of you will probably share "Circle of Fun Playschool" memories with me. My first group of children that attended "Circle of Fun," will be graduating high school this June. I look into their grown-up faces and I have the pleasure to say that I can still see their curious, little toddler expressions full of life and adventurous futures!

Parents will often remind me of the good ole' days when their child did something funny (or embarrassing) and I laugh, thinking there's nothing better than sharing this parent connection (and that it is so much funnier when it's their child and not mine).

See you next week!
Darlene Beiling, BS, ECE
COFDarlene@aol.com

presided at only one jury trial. Many of the cases he has heard were conservation violations, but now, a sign of changing times, traffic cases are increasing.

A man of many interests, George Erts has long been a student of local history. He has collected papers, clippings and photographs dealing with the past. The papers of Albert VanDover have been a good source of local history. Albert VanDover, son of Stephen VanDover came to Red Hill from the Irish Cape about 1842. At the first meeting of the newly formed town of Denning in 1849 he was chosen tax collector. He was instrumental in getting the first school in the town of Denning at Red Hill started and later taught the same school. Mr. VanDover was also Justice of the Peace of the new township for a number of years.

If you want to know about the history of a farm or settlement in this area chances are George Walter Erts can come up with the information.

At the 100th anniversary of the Claryville Reformed Church recently, Mr. Erts drew on his knowledge when he presented an interesting talk. Among other things he recalled that witchcraft had been an issue there.

George Erts believes a knowledge of the past ought to bring an appreciation of its true values and cast some light on the present. A man walking to Napanoch in the old days, not for a lark, but because it was the only way he had to get there. He wonders how our modern generation will look to historians years from now.

Born in Ellenville April 4, 1895, Mr. Erts has spent all but the first year of his life at Denning, one of the most beautiful spots in the Catskills. He has learned through years of observing the weather that nature can be very rough at times. There have been storms, floods, snowfalls, and extreme cold, but the longest time he and his family were cut off by snow was six weeks.

George Walter Erts has always been active in community affairs. Besides serving as Justice and taking part in Denning town board affairs, he has been school trustee, is a charter member of the Claryville Fire Department and has been active in church and fraternal affairs. He is a member of the Mongaup Lodge of Masons, the I.O.O.F. and is also a Maccabee.

Mr. Erts and his wife have a son, Harold, of Staten Island, and a daughter, Mrs. Ward DuBois of Kingston. They have four granddaughters.

Blessed with an inquiring mind, George Walter Erts, has been learning all his life. A conversation with him is an enjoyable experience. He is a good talker and a good listener, too. (I.G.G.)

Calvary Baptist Church
of Sullivan County at Loch Sheldrake, NY
5th Annual
Sportsman's Banquet Dinner
Saturday, March 20, 2010
Registration 4 p.m. - Dinner 5 p.m.
Rte 52 - Loch Sheldrake Fire Hall



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Monday Night Home Bible Study 7 pm
Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm
Friday Youth Night 7 pm



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Grahamsville United Methodist Church
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Sundays, 3 pm: Communion
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Rev. Paul Nulton
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Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.



Covered Dish Supper
March 6, 2010
5:30 pm
Sundown United Methodist Church at the Sundown Church Hall



Thrift Sale
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Saturday
Feb. 20, 2010
9 am- 2 pm

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

Menu: Roast pork, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, applesauce, assorted desserts & beverages.
Adult: \$10. Child 5-10: \$5, under 4 free
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Looking for a Lifeguard?
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SENATORS PLAN EXPANDS TAX CREDITS FOR RETIREMENT PLANS

(From Pg. 12)

To help protect New Yorkers 401(k)s, Senator Gillibrand is urging Senators Baucus and Harkin, Chairs of the Senate Finance and Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committees to include changes either in pension or tax extensions that must be considered this year. Specifically, Senator Gillibrand is pushing for changes to promote the use of safe and secure financial products that provide guaranteed income in 401(k) portfolios, encourage 401(k) plans to provide unbiased retirement planning advice and prevent conflicts of interest, and promote disclosure.

Promoting Automatic IRA Enrollment

While 401(k)s are essential retirement planning tools for families that work for employers who sponsor these plans, many families simply do not have access to these benefits. Many of these workers also never enroll in IRAs that would allow them to receive tax reductions on their savings.

Nationwide, nearly 80 million Americans are not enrolled in any form of tax-deductible savings account. To help more Americans access these retirement benefits, Senator Gillibrand is advocating for a proposal to have employers automatically enroll their workers in IRAs and provide them with a tax break to help cover any administrative costs. To help advance this proposal, Senator Gillibrand is working with Senator Kohl, Chairman of the Special Committee on Aging, which she serves on, to hold a hearing on this proposal and identify how it could help preserve retirement security for middle class families.

GUNTHER: ASSEMBLY OVERRIDES VETO OF ETHICS REFORM BILL

In a news release last week Aileen Gunther, Assemblywoman 98th Assembly District stated, "Today, I cast my vote to override the governor's veto of the ethics reform bill that overwhelmingly passed both the Assembly and the Senate on Jan. 20 (A.9544). The Assembly acted in response to the public's call for bipartisan, meaningful ethics reform.

Governor Paterson's decision to veto this landmark ethics reform was a mistake: New Yorkers are demanding change in Albany."

"Although the governor claims the Legislature's bill does not go far enough, our sweeping reform has the support of numerous good-government groups. It establishes independent ethics oversight of the governor, the Legislature and all lobbyists, enacts stiff new penalties for failing to file financial disclosure forms, defines 'independent expenditures' and requires public disclosure of funding sources for the political campaigns they direct.

"This override was in response to the overwhelming support for changing the way Albany does business. Governor Paterson did not hear the people of New York but I did.

"With this historic measure, the Assembly demonstrates its commitment to making state government more open and accountable to the citizens of New York. Abuse of the system will no longer be tolerated. Reducing the influence of lobbyists in Albany is crucial to ensuring legislators are not beholden to special interest groups. And under this legislation, campaign finance filing requirements will be meaningfully strengthened."

SEPTEMBER "NATIONAL CHILDHOOD OBESITY AWARENESS MONTH"

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY) and George V. Voinovich (R-OH) introduced a resolution to designate the month of September as National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month, bringing national attention to a growing epidemic among youth in the United States. In addition, the resolution requests that the president issue a proclamation calling on the federal government, states, tribes and localities to observe September with programs that promote healthy eating and physical activity among all ages.

"Every New York child deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential. But too many of our children do not have access to the healthy, nutritious meals and exercise opportunities they need to get there," Sen. Gillibrand said. "I've worked hard since day one to rid our schools of the unhealthy foods that hold our children back, and give all schools and families the resources they need to provide healthy, nutritious meals in the lunchroom so our children can succeed in the classroom. I am pleased to partner with First Lady Obama and my (Next Col.)

colleagues in Congress in this effort. I look forward to continue working with all of them to address this crisis and ensure the health of our future generations."

"We should do all we can to reduce childhood obesity. Everything from education, exercise and eating right, to having healthy patient-doctor relationships," Sen. Voinovich said. "I am concerned about the health of kids in our country, especially in some of the rural areas of Ohio. We need a public-private partnership to tackle the obesity crisis and the unhealthy lifestyles that are contributing to the growth of health care costs in America."

Both senators are pleased that First Lady Michelle Obama is making childhood obesity one of her top priorities. Sens. Gillibrand and Voinovich look forward to working with the White House, administration and other interested parties to reduce childhood obesity. Since the mid-1970s, obesity rates in the United States have increased dramatically for both children and adults, raising concerns about the implications on the health of Americans. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate the annual expenditures related to overweight individuals and obesity to be more than \$264 billion - exceeding the cost of tobacco-related illnesses. In addition, spending on health care in the United States reached \$2.2 trillion or \$7,421 a person in 2007, or 16.2 percent spending share of gross domestic product - the largest share ever.

ED NOTES ON CHILDHOOD OBESITY:

While it is important that first steps toward raising the awareness of childhood obesity in this country have been taken, I hope that our elected officials include the fact that poverty is a key element in childhood obesity, a factor that must be addressed if a real solution for ending the obesity epidemic is to be found.

First Lady Michelle Obama has campaigned against childhood obesity and has included key factors such as busy parents with less time to cook healthy meals, too few physical activities in our schools and a corporate world that produces and advertises unhealthy foods, too much TV and too many video games, but has childhood poverty been directly addressed or included?

We don't have to look too far to realize that childhood obesity is certainly increasing rapidly. Childhood obesity occurs when a child is well above the normal weight for his or her age and height. Children who fall into this category are starting on a path that will lead to other health issues that were once maladies of the adult society. Now diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, heart disease, hypertension, sleep apnea, low self-esteem and depression are among childhood symptoms and diseases.

Combating excessive weight in children can be accomplished by improving the diet and exercise levels, but the economics of a family also has a great impact on food and nutrition.

Research according to Montague has indicated that the number of overweight children has increased by 50% in the past two decades. Income level certainly impacts this fact in many ways. For example, food insecurity comes about when a person has limited access to nutritionally valued foods. Approximately 14 million children live in food insecure homes where food may be scarce or diets altered due to limited incomes. Often fresh fruits and vegetables are too expensive for families in poverty. They spend more money on cheaper foods that are deficient in important nutrients and fiber, and are higher in fat and calories. We all know that white bread is much cheaper than a good healthy loaf of grain bread and that fatty meats are also less expensive.

Consider that there is also the poverty of understanding. Economics has sent many mothers out to work. At the end of a busy day they run to the drive through window or a restaurant picking up "healthy meals" that may include a yogurt parfait or salad, but what about the French fries and burgers?

Unfortunately, it takes a lot of work and even money to eat healthy which can be a major problem for people who live in poverty or where parents are too busy working to prepare healthy meals. Many don't have the time or energy, nor the resources.

Programs such as food stamps, that help poverty stricken families purchase food has not been a total solution.

To quote my son who I am sure was quoting an ancient philosopher, "If you give a family two fish, they will eat for a day, but teach them how to fish, and they can eat for a long time."

Education has always been a key to success. Our elected officials, our corporate executive officials, and so forth are well educated - perhaps it is time to educate the poor.

WEST PARK MAN ARRAIGNED ON ANIMAL CRUELTY CHARGES

Christopher Lyons of West Park, NY was arraigned in Town of Esopus Court on February 5th after being charged with two misdemeanor violations of Failure to Provide Proper Sustenance to an Impounded Animal under NYS Agriculture and Markets law. Prior to arraignment, Ulster County SPCA investigators and the Ulster County Sheriff's Office executed a search warrant at Lyons' residence and removed two pit bulls from the basement. Both dogs were examined by local veterinarians and found to have sustained injuries consistent with physical trauma. Based on these findings, Mr. Lyon's was arrested and charged with animal cruelty. This case will be heard in Town of Esopus Court on February 16th.

KINGSTON WOMAN SENTENCED IN ANIMAL CRUELTY CASE

Heather Miller of Kingston, NY, was sentenced in Town of Ulster Court on February 5th after pleading guilty to misdemeanor animal cruelty charges under NYS Agriculture and Markets law. Ulster County SPCA Investigators arrested Miller in September after finding her two dogs abandoned without food and water. The animals were confined to a single waste filled cage and both dogs were covered in fecal matter. The dogs were surrendered to the UCSPCA and Miller was ordered to pay \$1,141 restitution to the agency. In addition, she may not own any animals for three years. Failure to comply with the court order will result in a six month jail sentence for Miller.

PROJECT EARTH H2o

A Pennsylvania-based Project Earth H2o has named its new Vice President of Public Relations. Tiffany Morrin will now spearhead the company's media relations efforts.

Morrin is a long time, award winning journalist. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Oregon University, and has worked in television newsrooms across the country for the past 15 years. Prior to her experience in broadcasting, Morrin worked in the newspaper industry. She currently owns and manages a public relations business, The Write Place PR.

Project Earth H2o created a stainless steel, reusable water bottle. Denton founded the company in order to provide a safe and sustainable product that will have a positive impact on environmental and economic issues, and do something positive and constructive with the profits. All are causes in which Morrin strongly believes.

For the past year, Morrin has worked closely with a handful of startup companies, like Project Earth H2o, and has successfully helped to propel them into the mainstream media. Many of her PR partners have been featured in major newspapers and magazines across the country. They have also appeared on some of the nation's top radio talk shows and television programs, including: The Today Show, The Tonight Show with Jay Leno, and E! Entertainment's "Talk Soup."

"Project Earth H2o has all of the ingredients of success; a founder who wants to make a difference in the world, great supporters and believers such as myself, and a fantastic product," Morrin says. "We are already working on a few initiatives to put the company on the map and results are starting to appear. I can't wait to see what happens down the road."

"2010 is going to be an exciting and challenging year for our company, and we look forward to Tiffany playing a major role in our success," Denton says.

You can find more information about Project Earth H2o at <http://www.projectearthh2o.com>.

Project Earth H2o, which is based in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, is one of the nation's top "greenest" award winning companies. It was founded with the goal of helping to save the environment, while helping people save their health and money. Project Earth H2o's goal is to drive awareness to the profound negative environmental, economic and health issues related to and created by the production, transportation, and selling of single-use bottled water. We are a collective of health and environmentally savvy consumers who are making a positive difference by simply providing and purchasing safe, eco-friendly, 100 percent recyclable, high-grade, reusable stainless steel water bottles.

THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312 SOUTH

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

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

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

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

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SULLIVAN COUNTY YMCA BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Fallsburg Goodfellas 62 Millhouse Properties 52 Fallsburg Goodfellas were able to stay undefeated at 4-0 on the season with a 10 point victory over the Millhouse Property team.

Darius Buckner lead the scoring with 19 points and John Hinton added 19 with three 3 pointers. Al White was strong on the boards with 9 rebounds for Fallsburg.

Gregg Semenetz was solid in the game for Millhouse with 15 points and 8 rebounds. Sean Fosse also had 14 points for Millhouse.

Pill Hard 67 Tri Valley Unknowns 63 Pill Hard was able to get in the win column improving to 1-2 with a tough 4 point victory over the Tri Valley Unknowns.

Rick Villegas had 28 points including four 3 pointers in the game. Ron Richardson had a double-double with 16 points and 18 rebounds in the game. Ronnie Totten was also solid from behind the arch with three bombs and he ended with 11 points.

Ian Exner was the top scorer for 19 points for Tri Valley with Ryan VanLieu added 14 points and Ted Degraw with 11.

Ellenville Old School 66 Millhouse Properties 60 Ellenville was able to put away a shorthanded Millhouse team to even their record to 2-2 on the season with a 6 point victory.

Reggie Steele the ageless one was solid in this game with 19 points most coming off his 9 rebounds in the game. Antoine Lewis also added 15 points with three 3-pointers Mike Acevedo had 10 points and 3 steals in the victory.

Derek Hahn had a double double with 24 points and 12 rebounds in the game. Sean Fosse continued his strong play also adding 22 points in the game. Millhouse record drops to 1-3 on the season.

The Dream 61 Tri Valley Unknowns 41 The Dream was strong on the boards and was able to put away the Tri Valley Unknowns by 20 points. The Dream Improves to 2-1 on the season with the victory.

Mike Brown had 15 points to lead the Dream scoring. Robert Dawson had 13 points with 7 rebounds and Pedro Martinez had 7 points and 9 rebounds in the game.

Ian Exner had 15 points and continues to be one of the best long range shooters in the league. Ted Degraw had 12 points also for Tri Valley who dropped to 0-4 on the season.

Monticello Chimney 54 Punisherz 42 Monticello Chimney used the 3 point shot to put away the Punisherz by 12 in this battle of undefeated Rec-League teams. Monticello Chimney is the only undefeated team left in the Rec-League at 4-0.

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- Star & Square Assoc. **Roast Pork Dinner** (see ad below)
- Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** - 9 am - 1 pm
- Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Meeting 7 pm Town Hall Upstairs Mtg. Room
- Claryville Fire District Meeting - 7:00 pm
- Time & the Valleys Museum work committee meeting 12:30 Neversink Town Hall
- Town Board Meeting - Town of Denning Town Hall - 7:00 pm
- Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- First Thursday Readers -1 pm Daniel Pierce Library -Selceton "Marley and Me" by John Grogan
- Sundown Methodist Church - **Covered Dish Supper 5:30 pm** -Sundown Church Hall
- Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4-7 pm
- Town of Denning Audit Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7:00 pm
- Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association
- Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** - 9 am - 1 pm
- Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

14th Annual Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Sullivan County Community College
Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>
Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>
Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>
Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>
 To find out what is happening at **Tri-Valley CSD:** <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

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

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

Jeffrey Brown had 13 points with 3 baskets from beyond the arch. Scott Codington also had 13 points for Monticello Chimney while Anthony Larry added a double-double with 10 points and 10 rebounds.

James Carr had 14 points to lead the Punisherz attack while Dashawn Williamson had 12 points the Punishers record now stands at 2-1 on the season.

Make it Rain 55 Ghostriders 31 Make it Rain got off to a fast start and was able to put away the Ghostriders by 24 points to improve to 2-1 on the season.

Mike Mann lead the Make it rain team in scoring with 16 points including three 3 point baskets. Keith Shaddock also hit from long range 3 times in the game and ended with 11 points. Tyrus Walker also chipped in 10 points.

Bruce Ackerley had 12 points with 8 rebounds in the game for the Ghostriders. Robert Jahrling had 8 points in the game as the Ghostriders are now even on the season at 1-1.

Liberty 39 All Stars 36 Liberty was able to survive an ugly defensive game against the All Stars by 3 points to improve to 1-1 on the season.

Ivan Rodriguez had 12 points and 5 assist in the game for Liberty. Adam Lake had 8 points while Mike Salvia also added 7 points and solid defense during the game.

William Watson had 16 points to lead the All Stars. Malik White had 6 points and 6 rebounds in the game as the All Stars drop to 0-2 on the season.

X-Factor 61 Bulldogs 44 X-Factor used a big game from James Baker to get their first victory of the season over the Bulldogs. X-Factor record now stands at 1-2.

James Baker had 26 points in the game with five 3 pointers in the game. Jayson Harris also added 12 points in the winning effort. Antoine Reid had 6 points and 6 rebounds in the game.

Bill Fioravanti and Daniel Halprin each had 13 points with three 3 pointers in the game for the Bulldogs who drop to 0-3 on the season.

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

Making Ends Meet- March 10th at 5:30-7:30 at CCE- This free workshop is open to the public. The class provides information on developing and using a household spending plan. We also explore ways to maximize resources and reduce energy use. Participants will receive a free (Next Col.)

money management kit. Please call Linda to pre-register at 845-292-5250.

Save Energy, Save Dollars-March 24th at 5:30-7:30 pm at CCE -This free workshop is open to the public. Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills. Also, learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. There will be free energy-saving materials to be provided to all participants. Please call Linda to pre-register at 845-292-5250

Income Tax Season Is Here

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

Are you unsure of your Consumer Rights? Do you have a Consumer Related problem? You can call Consumer Education for help. Helpline 845-292-5250

FREE FLU VACCINE CLINIC

Margaretville - A free H1N1 Flu Vaccine Clinic will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 3-7 p.m. at Mountainside Residential Care, Margaretville.

The vaccines are available for adults and children. Parental consent is required for children 17 years old and younger. Nasal spray vaccines are also available. Seasonal vaccine available (adults only) will be offered for those who haven't gotten it for this season.

The clinic will be held in Mountainside's Club Med. No appointment necessary.

"It's not too late. Before the H1N1 flu epidemic rises again, the public can get vaccinated for free," commented Nora Todd, RN.

For more information, please contact Ms. Todd at 845 586-2631, ext. 3147.

Margaretville Hospital and Mountainside Residential Care Center, an 82-bed skilled nursing facility, are located on Route 28, Margaretville. They are members of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley.

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Denning Democrats

The Town of Denning Democratic committee comments On the Local Scene;

Have you heard of CREDO? I received an email this week from the gun control thinkers of CREDO. This is the statement, "Demand Starbucks stand up for the safety of its customers and prohibit open carrying of guns in its coffee shops."

Are they referring to police officers, qualified guards of all sorts, qualified persons in varied occupations, who are federally background checked, then put through a long waiting list, and finally to get their carry permit, after a Supreme Court Judge's review? Do they want these people to give up their second amendment rights? Taking away our guns will leave all of us, - our entire country, totally helpless and at the mercy of an enemy. This is going on while terrorists are attacking the United States and we are at war in this world. Where is the logic? Is it logical to think, that approving gun control laws now is a distorted point of view? Yes.

The second amendment guarantees that guns, are part of our unalienable rights, and should be in the hands of the people. This right keeps the Law legal and U.S sovereignty intact.

On the World Scene;
The Economy

We all knew, "That the Financial collapse..."
The short answer is: "They did not use a gun, just a computer and steel nerves."

Vic Work

According to a NY Times article, you may use this link to contact Congressman Barney Frank, Chair of the Financial Services Committee and tell him what you think needs to be done to Goldman Sachs and AIG and the "too big to fail" financial firms:
<<http://financialservices.house.gov/contact.html>>

I am sure he will be happy to hear from you. Please get involved. If you do not think it is important, look at what the credit card companies did when they found they could get away with unfairly raising their interest rates, when President Obama gave them time to get in shape. Is this how the working class should be treated? For these are the great people of this country, they do not deserve this kind of treatment after making the insurance companies, banks, and the transnational corporations, and other countries rich and powerful?

Some people that are now in control of our government need term limits, and harsh regulations on these transnational corporations that have abused the rights of the people..

As always write all of your elected officials get involved, if you are not part of the solution you are part of the problem. Have a suggestion for Denning Dems email, denningdems@yahoo.com, or call 845.985.0501

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"



This week another double feature! This time for Science fiction buffs, from the master Sci-Fi writer Arthur C. Clarke and Stanley Kubrick, at 3:15 pm is "2001 A Space Odyssey," a 1968 classic to boggle your mind and entreat your senses. This classic sci-fi epic is about a mysterious monolith on the Moon that seems to play a key role in human evolution. Cast: Keir Dullea, Gary Lockwood, William Sylvester, and Daniel Richter Dir: Stanley Kubrick C-149 mins, TV-G. Then from the master Sci-Fi screen writers, Arthur C. Clarke and Peter Hyams at 6:00 pm it's "2010," a 1984 made classic sequel to "2001, A Space Odyssey." U.S.-Soviet crews investigate a mysterious monolith orbiting Jupiter. Cast: Roy Scheider, John Lithgow, Helen Mirren, and Bob Balaban Dir: Peter Hyams C-116 mins, TV-14. Catch them all on TCM February 20, 2010, at 3:15 PM, "2001: A Space Odyssey," and at 6:00 PM, "2010"

Quiz:

- A. What is the full title "2010"?
- B. Who played Frank Poole in "2001 A space Odyssey?"

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

February 18, 1930, the planet Pluto was discovered. Pluto orbits beyond the orbit of Neptune (usually). It is much smaller than any of the official planets and now classified as a "dwarf planet." Pluto is smaller than seven of the solar system's moons. Its diameter is 2274 km. Our Moon is 3476 km in diameter. Pluto is smaller than Io, Europa, Ganymede, Callisto, Titan, and Triton. Pluto, is named for hell in Roman mythology, and is synonymous with the Grecian Hades, the god of the underworld.

On February 22, 1732 the "Father of Our Country," George Washington was born. Today, too many people have forgotten this great man. It was on April 30, 1789 when George Washington was standing on the balcony of Federal Hall on Wall Street in New York, that he took his oath of office as the first President of the United States.

"As the first of every thing, in our situation will serve to establish a precedent," he wrote James Madison, "it is devoutly wished on my part, that these precedents may be fixed on true principles." Washington in his first term pursued two intertwined interests military arts, and western expansion.

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

- A. "2010 The Year We Make Contact"
- B. Gary Lockwood