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THE ARTS UPSTAIRS



On Sunday, The Arts Upstairs entertained with a unique afternoon of art, music, food and festivities. Among the noted guests who enjoyed the happening were Jon Sennett, who recently announced his candidacy for Ulster County D.A., Ulster County Sheriff, Paul Van Blarcum and

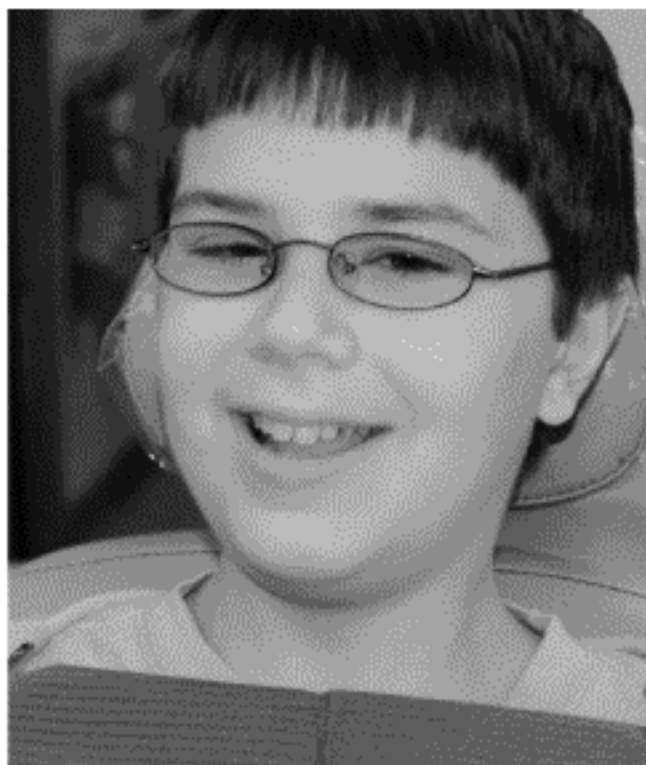
Kathleen Nolan, MD, MSI, the new Director of the High Peaks Region of Catskill Mountainkeeper that has opened a new office in Woodstock.

Music was provided by H. Henry Herman on the fiddle and James Krueger on guitar.

H. Henry Herman, was born in Callicoon where he grew up on a farm and began, in his words, "scratching a life and a fiddle around Sullivan, Delaware and Ulster county".

James Krueger, singer and songwriter, whose 'music grows out of his love for rural America as gracefully and tenaciously as the first spring flowers' has just recorded his latest CD, "The Unspoken Hope of Love". (Contd. Pg. 3)

PRASAD wishes all children happy healthy smiles



TVCS student, Jesse Kitzmiller, knows the importance of a healthy and happy smile

During February, National Children's Dental Health Month, the staff of PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program thanks the community for their support of our mission. Incorporated in 1996, PRASAD CDHP is a certified New York State Department of Health Article 28 Clinic and School Based Health Center approved to operate at New York State schools.

Since incorporation, PRASAD CDHP has served more than 62,000 children, and provided more than 170,000 procedures at different community and school sites in Sullivan and Ulster counties.

Sullivan County has one of highest rates of tooth decay in the Hudson Valley region. The New York State Department of Health statistics for 2002-2004 showed that 64 percent Sullivan County's of third-grade children had dental caries. That surpassed

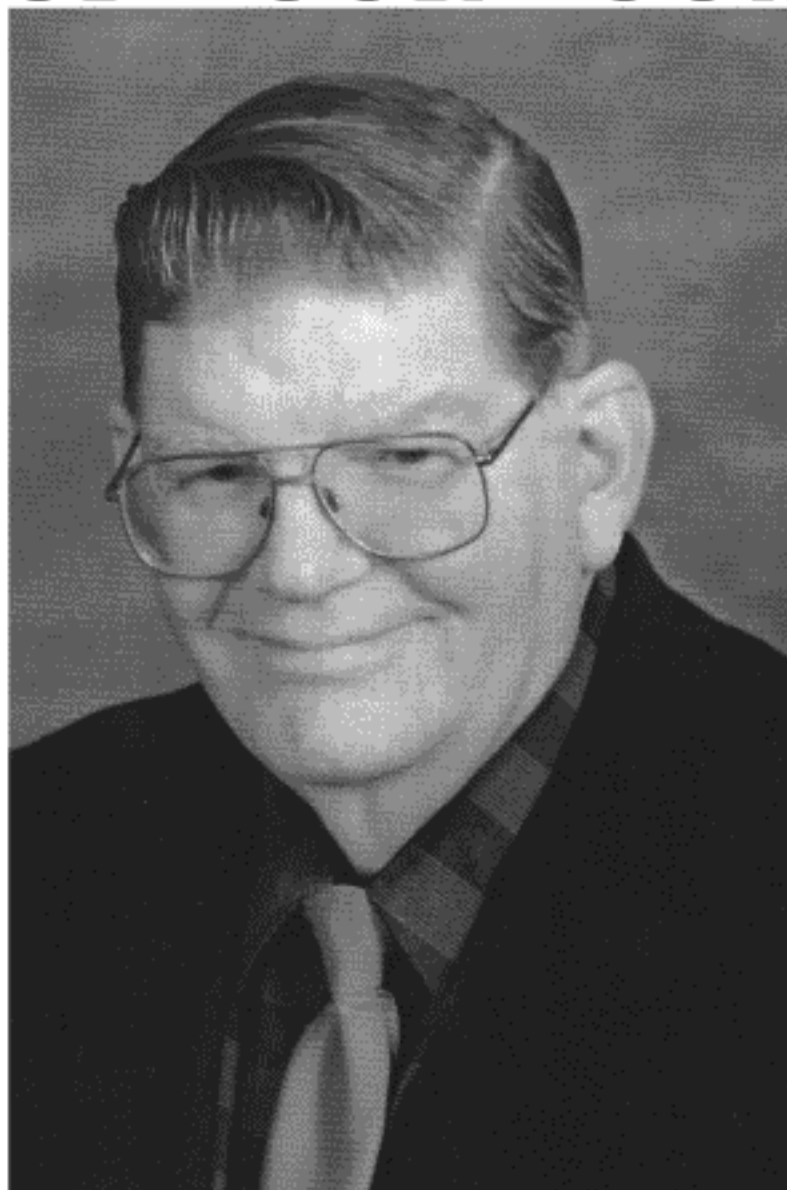
the statewide rate at the time, which was 54.1 percent. Thanks to PRASAD CDHP and the local dental providers, the percentage of untreated caries is now down to 26.9 percent, an improvement over the statewide rate of 33.1 percent. Sullivan County Legislator, Leni Binder, has said of PRASAD CDHP, "...when you look at it dollar-for-dollar and the good it does, it probably is the best program we have in the county."

Still, there remains a lot of dedicated work to be done to continue this momentum in addressing the needs of the children in our community. For information or to support our

We wish all children happy healthy smiles and look forward to serving the community in the coming year!

PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program, a philanthropic expression of the SYDA Foundation, provides dental care services and dental health education to children in Sullivan and Ulster counties. For more information, visit us at www.prasadcdhp.org or call 845.434.0376.

WE HAVE LOST A FRIEND AND RESPECTED MEMBER OF OUR COMMUNITY



George Haag, known to most of us as a "Stretch" passed away early in the morning February 17, 2011, due to complications from surgery, at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, NY.

Many will remember "Stretch" as the Code Enforcer for the Town of Neversink and Denning, while others will remember him as a volunteer fireman who held just about every position in the Grahamsville Fire Department. And most recently, he will be remembered for all the work that he and his wife, Mary Lee have done at the local Food Pantry at the Grahamsville Methodist Church. All who knew "Stretch" will remember him for his generous heart and warm smile.

"Stretch" will be greatly missed among his family and friends in the Tri-Valley community. (See Page 2)

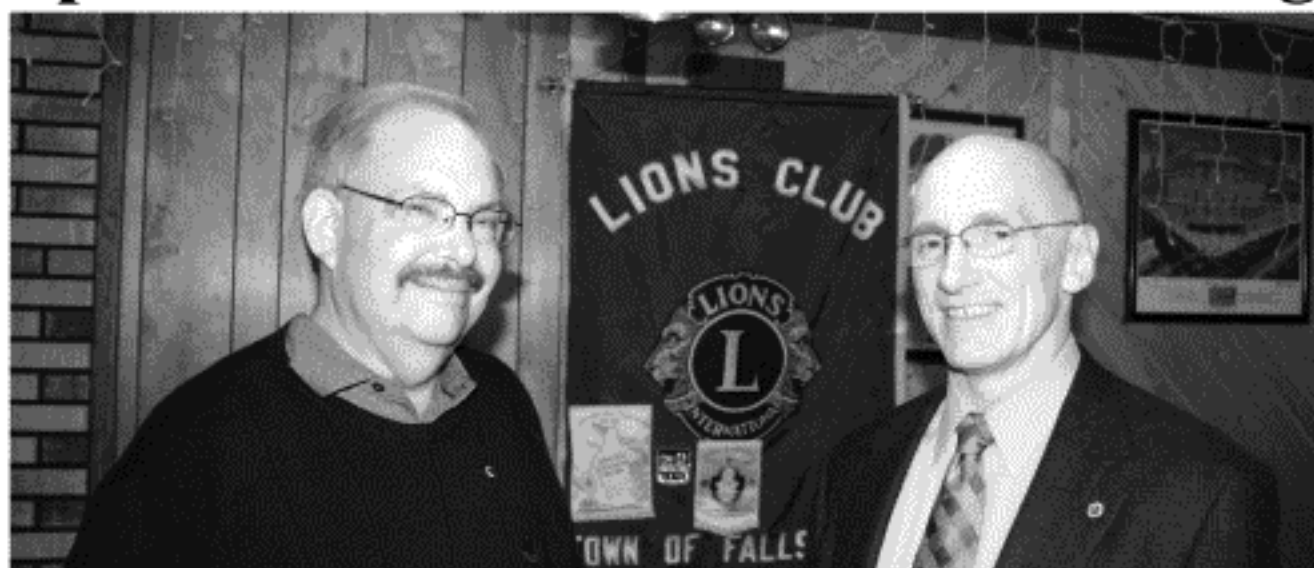
The charge of the light brigade, perhaps...or the power of SUNY Sullivan

Loch Sheldrake (Feb. 14, 2011) SUNY Sullivan's solar panels. You've heard about them. You've read about them. You might have even seen them. But what do they do and how can you tell?

The shroud is now lifted! You're invited to see for yourself what all the good news is about. We invite you to monitor the performance of SUNY Sullivan's 3 kW Photovoltaic Array on Lightgauge at <http://lg514.d.lighthousesolar.com>

The Photovoltaic (PV) Array is installed in SUNY Sullivan's sustainability cluster which includes the college's straw bale structure; community garden; geothermal pump house... which heats and cools the entire campus; and, soon, a small wind turbine will be up and running. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Fallsburg Lion Steven Ruwoldt Speaks to the Club at Dinner Meeting



Steve Lippen and Steven Ruwoldt at Fallsburg Lions Club Dinner Meeting

At the monthly dinner meeting on February 17, Fallsburg Lion and CEO of Catskill Regional Medical Center Steven Ruwoldt informed the members about some of the exciting changes and additions coming to the hospital. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked; but he blesseth the habitation of the just. Proverbs 3:33

OBITUARY

George Christian (Stretch) Haag passed away early in the morning on February 17, 2011 due to complications from surgery at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern, NY.

He was born December 1, 1941 in Staten Island, the son of George and Helen Haag.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Lee Haag; his mother-in-law, Edith Porter; sons, Kenneth Haag, Karl Haag, Keith Eighmey; daughter, Louise Dayton; grandchildren: Kelly Eighmey, Keith Michael Eighmey, Mary Lee Warren, Michael Haag, Austin Eighmey; great-granddaughter, Chloe Warren; brothers, Mark (Chip) Haag and Matthew; sister, Ruth Ann Phillips; many nieces, nephews and extended family members and good friends.

He was predeceased by his parents, his brother, Karl; his granddaughter, Stephanie Diescher and his father-in-law, Rufus Porter.

George was a scholar, a farmer, metal worker, civil servant, Eagle Scout, pillar and choir member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church and respected member of the community. He had a love for many things; just to name a few, baseball, football, NASCAR. He received his Associate's degree from Delhi and later his Bachelor's degree from Rhode Island University. For many years he worked as a dairy farmer. Soon after he began working for VAW Aluminum in Ellenville and later he retired from being a Code Enforcer for the Town of Neversink and Denning.

He was a devoted family man with a great and generous heart. His activities through the years included Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, past member of the Grahamsville First Aid Squad, was an avid sportsman, and co-managed the Grahamsville Food Pantry with his wife, Mary Lee.

Firematic Services were held at the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne on Monday, Feb. 21. A Celebration of Stretch's Life was held at the Grahamsville Methodist Church on Tuesday, Feb. 22, the Rev. Bob Kersten officiating. Burial was in Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

Stretch's family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Grahamsville Food Pantry, PO Box 86, Grahamsville, NY 12740.

Wilbur "Bill" Worden, a lifetime Sullivan County resident, entered into rest on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility in Liberty. He was 66.

The son of the late John Jerry and Mary Hook Worden, he was born July 29, 1944 in Stamford, NY. Bill was a maintenance foreman at Sullivan County Community College and a member of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church.

He is survived by two sons, William Worden and Theron Worden, both of Liberty; a daughter, Wendy Pegram of Liberty; three stepdaughters: Vanessa Shields of Pine Bush, Amber Vitch of Callicoon and Tanya Sperling of Richmond, VA; a stepson, Tony Vitch of New Castle, NE; three brothers, Curtis Worden and his wife, Robin of New Windsor, Robert Worden and his wife, Janna of Grahamsville and John Worden of Neversink; five sisters: Josephine Ingold of Glen Spey, Cheyenne Kelly of Barryville, Frances LeMay of State College, PA and Theresa Worden of Neversink; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; his former wives, Genieve Macarthur of Liberty and Helen Jakubowicz of Delray Beach, FL and his stepmother, Vivian Rivino Worden of Neversink and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his second wife, Jeanette Vitch Worden.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 18 at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, the Rev. Bob Kersten officiating. Burial was in Hurleyville Cemetery, Hurleyville, NY.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sullivan County SPCA, 25 Rock Hill Drive, Rock Hill, NY 12775.

Helen A. Martin of Grahamsville passed away on February 17, 2011 at Ellenville Regional Medical Center, peacefully with her family by her side. She was 71. The daughter of the late Abraham and Ann Pilgrim Colson, she was born March 15, 1939 in Manhattan.

Helen was a warm, loving person, her smile and genuine kindness will be deeply missed.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend who will be missed by all who knew her.

Survivors include her loving children: Nancy Parks of Swan Lake, Laurie Shader of Polack, LA, Jennifer Thomas of Ulster Park, Kathleen Westphal of Livingston Manor and Matthew Martin of Mongaup Valley; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one brother, James Colson of Port St. Lucie, FL and one sister, Pearl Rose of Palenville, NY. She was predeceased by her husband, Clifton Martin in 2008.

Funeral Services were held February 21 at the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne, the Rev. Bob Kersten officiating. Interment followed at Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery, Liberty.

THANK YOU

About two weeks ago, I came home in somewhat of a bittersweet time. It was great to see the area and its true beauty. The Neversink Reservoir was a gorgeous winter scene. The snow and cold felt good. I spent a short time at TVCS to observe the amazing expansion of the theater and the gymnasium that looks better everytime I see it. That is where it all started years ago in "Bear Country".

However, this was not the homecoming I expected. It was a very sad time for my family and me. If you read the Obituary of the Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman on February 10th, you know my Mother, Olympia Martin, passed away, which shocked everyone. She was very vibrant, fun loving, caring, a hard worker, and compassionate lady. For those who knew her, they had great memories. For me, she was a terrific teacher, mentor, supporter, and an inspiration for us all. Her smile could warm anyone hearts. She was loved by all. She was liked by all. Her charisma made it all possible. The community lost a very special lady.

On behalf of the family, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and wishes to the community and thank you for the kind words of sympathy and condolences.

Chuck Martin

(Chuck stays in touch as he is the author of Voices from the West Coast...)

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

February 14, 1951 - Mr. and Mrs. John Amthor of Woodbourne celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Feb. 11 at their home. The Amthors were married in Eureka and lived in that vicinity until 1939 when they moved to Woodbourne.

Mr. Raymond Cole Jr. of Ferndale and Miss Thelma Gladys Houghtaling of Claryville were married at the Lows Corners Parsonage on Saturday night, the Rev. J. Milton Harris officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Houghtaling of Neversink accompanied the couple and assisted in their wedding. Mr. Cole left for the Army on Tuesday and Mrs. Cole will continue to keep house for her father in Claryville.

Mrs. Edith Slater Whipple, widow of Howard Whipple, died February 7, the day before her 79th birthday. Mrs. Whipple, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Slater, was born in Claryville. Surviving are five children: Roy, Winfred, Gladys, Carrie and Clara.

The public will be offered their first opportunity to inspect the new home of the Grahamsville Fire Department, Inc. on Friday evening, February 16th. The 55 members of this local volunteer organization are justly proud of their efforts in making this worthwhile contribution to their community and the surrounding area.

February 15, 1961 - Miss Julianne Nash, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent P. Nash of Neversink, and a student at Cortland State University College has been named to the Dean's List for the semester just ended.

Miss June Eleanor Wicks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Wicks of Upper Nyack, and William John Schulte, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schulte of Pepacton Hollow Road, Grahamsville, were married at the First Reformed Church of Nyack on January (date was omitted) 1961. After a trip to Niagara Falls and Canada, the couple will reside in Grahamsville. (Contd. Pg. 3)

HERE AND THERE... Now news this week. P.A.H.

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

DAYS OF YORE... (From Pg. 2)
Orval Elmer Ackerley died Saturday at the Haverstraw Hospital. He was 46 years old. He was born July 12, 1914 to Daniel P. and Edith Davis Ackerley. He is survived by his father and step-mother, Mrs. Beatrice Ackerley; six brothers: Ivan, Herbert, Arnold, Leonard, Elijah, Reuben and a sister, Virginia Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Albro Brown of Lackawack announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Elizabeth, to Peter G. Close, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Close of Mayfield, NY. An April wedding is planned.
February 10, 1971 - Anniversary wishes to Rev. and Mrs. Irving Marsland Jr., 25 years on the 16th; Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti, 24 years on the 16th; and Rev. and Mrs. Donald Walter, 25 years on the 16th.

Word from Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Johnson (Diane Zanetti) is that they have just experienced two minor earthquakes which moved their building off the foundation and cracked walls. This is in Panama.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Smith had a birthday supper for their daughter, Wendy Susan and her aunt, Mrs. Jane Green on Monday evening. Also attending were Mrs. George W. Smith, Mrs. Emma Melconian and Mrs. Theron Hasbrouck.

Tri-Valley Central School students from grades 7-12 were entertained on Thursday by the Juilliard String Ensemble. Prior to the performance, the players visited many classrooms to add a personal touch to the event.
February 12, 1981 - Phillip Carlsen recently graduated from Albuquerque, New Mexico Fireman's Academy after a six-month intensive training program in the firematic profession. Upon his graduation on January 16, 1981, Phillip received the Top Cadet of the Class Award. Phillip, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lou Carlsen, is a 1971 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

Sophie Morris, 100-year old resident of Liberty and the first Postmaster of Neversink, died Monday at Community General Hospital after a short illness. Mrs. Morris, born June 5, 1880 in Neversink, was the daughter of Henry and Emma Dixon Bonnell.

Anniversary wishes to Chet and Carol Hook, married eleven years this coming Saturday.

The Worldwatch Institute in Washington reports that 7% of homes in the U.S. are now heated at least partly by wood stoves and furnaces. In New England it is about 50%. By the year 2000, they predict the use of wood as a world fuel would climb by at least 50% in volume and would supply 10% of the world's energy.

SC to offer prescription Drug discount card to all County Residents

Sullivan County Manager, David P. Fanslau, today introduced the Sullivan County Prescription Drug Discount Card, which will be provided free of charge to all Sullivan County residents through a partnership with ProAct Inc.

"The cards will provide users with savings between 10 to 50 percent, depending on the medication and the brand. While the program will be of most benefit to residents lacking prescription drug insurance, all county residents are eligible to participate regardless of age or income. The card can also be used for discounts on medication for pets," said Jonathan F. Rouis, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature.

"We are glad to provide access to this new discount card that will expand services, with opportunities for vision services, lasix services, hearing aid services, and other services," said Legislator Ron G. Hiatt, Chairman of the Health and Family Services Committee. "The services may also include access to dental insurance services, and residents are encouraged to contact ProAct, Inc. for more information," added Hiatt.

Beginning next week, ProAct, Inc. will mail over 40,000 Prescription Drug Discount Cards to Sullivan County residents. The card offers county residents a hassle-free way to save money on prescription drugs. There are no enrollment forms to fill out, no membership fees and no income requirements. Users need only to present the card that is contained inside the mailer to their pharmacy along with a new prescription or refill in order to receive savings. The discount card can be used at any pharmacy in the area and at over 56,000 pharmacies nationwide.

There are currently 39 counties in New York offering this program. Over 1.6 million prescriptions have been filled using this program with a savings of over \$43 million dollars to participating county residents.

Residents should contact ProAct directly with any questions at 1-877-776-2285 or visit their website, www.proactrx.com. ProAct, Inc. is a Pharmacy Benefit Management Company based in Central New York and a division of Kinney Drug.

THE ART UPSTAIRS (From Pg. 1)

The ambrosial refreshments and drink were provided by Mama's Boy, located at the corner of Church and Main Street in Phoencia.



Jon Sennett, candidate for UC District Attorney exchanges ideas with Kathleen Nolan, the new Director of the High Peaks Region of Catskill Mountainkeeper in Woodstock, at The Art Upstairs event on Sunday.

The Arts Upstairs, located at 60 Main St. Phoencia, NY is a cooperative group formed by local artists to promote the arts in a setting of mutual respect and open communication with all members of the community. They encourage and welcome participation from persons of all ages, points of view, and walks of life. The 5 Senses opened on Saturday, and will run through

March 12. The gallery is opened Fridays 3-6; Saturdays 10-6 and Sundays 10-4. Sundays event was sponsored by the Shandaken Democratic Committee.

Institute for Family Health is Designated One of the First "Teaching Health Centers" in the U.S. & the Only One in NYS - Grant increases the number of doctors to be trained in upstate communities

The Institute for Family Health announced today that it will be one of the first federally-funded Teaching Health Centers in the country. The Institute's program seeks to address critical shortages of primary care physicians across the state by training 12 additional physicians in the next five years. According to the Center for Health Workforce Studies, over three-quarters of the primary care physicians now practicing in high-need New York State communities completed their residency training within the state - a trend the Institute says it hopes to accelerate.

"The Institute has a strong track record of training family medicine residents who continue to practice in high-need communities," said Dr. Neil Calman, President and CEO of the Institute for Family Health. "It's no secret that New York State is facing a shortage of primary care doctors, particularly in rural and low-income communities. By adding residency positions through the Teaching Health Centers program, we'll attract more committed family physicians to the Mid-Hudson Valley, many of whom will choose to stay here once their training is complete."

Last week, the Institute for Family Health received a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration, the federal agency charged with making health services available to all Americans. The Institute, a non-profit health center network, is one of only 11 organizations to receive this inaugural funding, and the only one in New York State. The Institute's Teaching Health Center grant will permit its Mid-Hudson Family Medicine Residency Program to expand from 18 to 30 residents, with the first four additional residents beginning in July 2011.

In a statement announcing the awards, HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said, "The Teaching Health Center program is an integral part of our mission to strengthen the nation's primary care workforce and ensure that all Americans have adequate access to care."

The Institute for Family Health's Mid-Hudson Family Medicine Residency Program has trained almost 200 family medicine residents since 1979, roughly two-thirds of whom continue to serve rural communities. The program is based at the Institute's Kingston Family Health Center, one of six Institute centers in the region that offer primary medical care and other health services to area residents, regardless of their ability to pay. Residents also train at The Kingston Hospital and several other Mid-Hudson health care facilities. For the Teaching Health Centers program, the Institute will add resident training opportunities at its New Paltz and Ellenville Family Health Centers, as well as the Ellenville Regional Hospital, a rural critical access hospital.

Steve Kelley, President and CEO of Ellenville Regional, was delighted by the news. "Recruiting doctors to our rural community is one of our biggest challenges. Having residents will help staff our hospital, and help recruit new doctors to our community. It will also help us retain physicians who will enjoy the benefits of participating in a teaching program."

The Institute for Family Health (www.institute2000.org) is a federally qualified health center network that operates 26 practices in New York State. The centers offer primary care, dental care and mental health care for children and adults.

Dad, Cooper and the Plymouth



With the temps in the 60's yesterday afternoon Bob Drown went over and got his Dad so that Cooper and he could take 'Dad' for a ride in the Plymouth.

Bob said, "Just wanted to take advantage of the nice Spring-like day towards the end of Febuary. Now winter won't seem as long since the three of us got to go for a ride in the "Wayback Machine" as Professor Peabody from "Rocky and Bullwinkle" use to call his time machine."

In 2002, the Institute became the first health center network in the state to have an electronic health record and practice management system. In 2009 all Institute centers received the highest recognition from the National Committee for Quality Assurance as Patient Centered Medical Homes.

A BLACK SQUIRREL

By Peggy DeWire



My friend sputtered excitedly over the phone, "Guess what! I've got a black squirrel eating sunflower seeds at my bird feeder. Is it rare?"

I said, "Sure is, since only about one in a hundred squirrels is black, though it's the same animal as a gray in all other ways except color."

You can find the black phase ones today in random areas of the Northeast and southern Canada. Locally there's more on the Pennsylvania border along the Delaware River.

Early in the spring the Eastern gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) prepares a bulky leaf-and-twig nest high in a tree for its litter of 4-5 babies, born blind and naked. In the south a second litter follows later.

At six weeks the squirrelets leave their nest to practice tree climbing and jumping from limb to limb. Also how to control their bushy tail as a parachute for landing, a balance on tiny treetop limbs, a fluffy blanket for sleeping.

Squirrels eat nuts, fruits, insects, grain and corn. I've watched a squirrel tap a maple tree by chewing through and licking the sweet sap. Everybody knows what amazing acrobatic tricks a squirrel does to get seeds out of birdfeeders.

In the fall when nuts ripen, a squirrel descends to the ground and digs dozens of shallow holes to bury nuts, one to a hole.

During the lean winter months, his sensitive nose leads him straight to each buried meal. Since squirrels don't hibernate but sleep for just a few days during the coldest winter weather, finding the hoarded food supply becomes vitally important.

Squirrels live 4-5 years if they manage to avoid foxes, bobcats and hunters.

When the first settlers landed in America, there were probably a billion squirrels living in the dense hardwood forest that blanketed eastern America. They could travel from Grahamsville to Mississippi without ever coming down to the ground.

One hundred years later this wilderness has been opened up by relentless lumbering and burning. Settlers planted corn and grain fields in the woodland clearings. In the shrinking habitat squirrels overran these small farms and were shot by the thousands.

In the early 1900's, hunting seasons were established and the squirrel population leveled off throughout the U.S. Today in America squirrels have adapted to living at the edge of human civilization comfortably. Sometimes they have become pests in city parks where they compete with pigeons. Or on farms with corn cribs. Or in yards with birdfeeders.

I really hope that you'll get lucky and have a black squirrel appear one day at your feeder or on your next walk outdoors



Fallsburg Leos Club Has a Great Vision



The group as it left the Lions District 20-0 Convention in November 2010. Left to right are Morgan Vegliante, Logan Mednick, Shari Mednick, and Samantha Wiles.

Morgan Vegliante has a pioneer spirit. As a member of the Fallsburg High School Wellness Committee for the past few years, she is committed to the good health of the students and the rest of the community. Her family has a long history of serving others. Her dad Steve is now Town Supervisor of Fallsburg and a Town of Fallsburg Lions Club member. His father was a Lion in Queens; her Uncle Steve, a Lion Past President and predecessor to Steve Vegliante as Town Supervisor; and her grandfather Monroe is a Lion and Past President.

When Morgan heard about the Lion's Screening Eyes Early or SEE Program at a Wellness Committee meeting, she became immediately interested in bringing the program to the school district.

She pursued the idea with the high school principal Michael Williams and then with the Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz. They encouraged her to carry through with the Fallsburg Lions to work out the details.

After enlisting the support of close friends that were also devoted to community service, Samantha Wiles, Logan Mednick, and her brother Cody, Morgan went to a Fallsburg Lions Club Dinner meeting and expressed their interest about getting involved to bring the SEE Program to Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD). Samantha and Logan's parents are also members of the Fallsburg Lions so the interest of the children became focused on creating a Leo's Club at FCSD. Leo's are young Lions that are dedicated to serving their community.

The four founding members of the Fallsburg Leo Club attended a regional convention of Lions in November 2010 and at a meeting with the Leo Club administrator for the area asked if they could be trained to screen children as part of the SEE Program. In less than a month a training session was held by Bethel Lion Larisa Dyrzka. Besides the four Fallsburg Leos, Town of Highland Lions Carol Bliefernich and Janelle Jones received training.

Once the program is approved, the Fallsburg Leos will be able to help screen children under six years old in FCSD to check for amblyopia, an eye condition commonly known as "lazy eye." Discovered in early childhood through a painless and reliable use of a special camera that is non-invasive, amblyopia can then be treated and corrected saving a child from vision disorders and possible blindness later in life. If you want to find out more information about this program or about the Fallsburg Leo Club, please contact the Club's Faculty Advisor, Ms. Shari Mednick, at (845) 434-4110 or at smednick@fallsburgcsd.net.

NAMI Family-to-Family to be offered in Sullivan County

(Monticello, NY) If someone you love has been diagnosed with a mental illness, you are not alone! The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness. Over 1,100 affiliates in communities across the country engage in advocacy, research, support and education. Members of NAMI are families, friends and people living with mental illnesses such as major depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and borderline personality disorder.

In Sullivan County, Friends and Advocates for Mental Health (FAMH) is the local NAMI affiliate. FAMH will be offering a free, 12-week course for families and friends of individuals diagnosed with serious mental illness, NAMI's Family-to-Family Education Program - scheduled to begin at the end of March and run thru the middle of June. The course is taught by trained NAMI members who have lived with this experience and offers education and support for families and friends of people with mental illness. The course teaches the knowledge and skills that family members need to cope more effectively.

Over 200,000 individuals nationwide have taken this course and have gained information, insight, understanding and empowerment. Many describe the impact of this program as life changing. "All my feelings of frustration, confusion, guilt and anger turned to understanding and compassion after taking this course," says one family member graduate of Family-to-Family. "The strength of the course, because it's taught by family members, is that they bring to this a litany of insider knowledge about how we're going to handle the trauma of coming through this very, very difficult experience," says Joyce Burland, family member and one of the authors of the Family-to-Family curriculum. "The strength of that is what makes this unusual - and every family must have this knowledge because it's the only way you learn how to cope with the problems that come with these illnesses and learn how to re-establish your own life in the midst of this chaos."

Speaking from the perspective of an individual whose family has gone through the training, one gentleman said "The moment that my family was educated - the moment that they knew that it wasn't their fault and that it wasn't my fault - that this was truly an illness, really helped in my recovery process. I cannot overemphasize how much it helped to come home and to talk openly. I think it saved my marriage."

People taking the Family-to-Family course will attend with other family members and friends in a confidential setting, gaining insight into how mental illness affects their loved ones. The course is an eye-opening look inside some of today's current brain research related to mental illness. Course participants will learn how families can become advocates for better treatments for their relatives. They will learn about available medications and the latest treatment options as well as learn to cope with worry and stress and to focus on self-care as well as caring for their loved ones.

Classes will be held at Stepping Stones, 14 Pelton Street in Monticello for 12 consecutive Thursday evenings, starting March 31st and running through June 16th from 6:30 - 9:00 pm. Class size is limited to 23 and classes fill up quickly. Registration is required by the second week in March as the course facilitators would like to schedule family visits prior to the first session. Co-facilitators are Lori Schneider-Wendt, Mary Moore and Zhaniiza Khanii Kevii. For additional information, or to register for Family-to-Family, phone the FAMH office at (845) 794-1029.

Hinchey Speaks Out on House Floor Against Job Crushing Republican Continuing Resolution Spending Bill

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) took to the floor of the United States House of Representatives to oppose the Continuing Resolution spending bill put forth by Republicans in the House. The full text of his remarks follows. A video clip can be found here: <http://bit.ly/eyT8NV>

"Yesterday was Valentine's Day but the majority is showing no love throughout the district I represent and all across the rest of this country. The new majority said they would cut wasteful spending but instead are slashing jobs for police officers, jobs for firefighters, jobs for teachers and many other jobs all across the country.

"They told us they would work to eliminate needless layers of bureaucracy, but instead, they're cutting heating assistance for the elderly, food aid for young mothers and infants, and college aid for 15,000 students in the district that I represent and hundreds of thousands of other students all across the country.

"They said they would focus on the economy but instead they're eliminating energy research and development that we need to create green jobs and compete with other countries around the world. They're sending the workers home on 76 high-speed rail projects underway in 40 states, all very necessary.

"This hurts real people. It does nothing to address our long-term deficit, and middle-class families are the ones who pay the price. The American people don't want more hidden cuts and budget tricks. We need a plan. We need a solid, secure, positive plan. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Fallsburg Lion Steven Ruwoldt Speaks to the Club

(From Pg. 1)

The upcoming WSUL/WVOS Heart-a-thon on February 26 will focus the fund-raising to purchase CTA software for CRMC's new 64 slice CT Scan. This package does imaging of the heart in such detail that it will eliminate the invasive procedure of a diagnostic catheterization. At the present time, patients have to travel to other counties for a cath. The new procedure will take only fifteen minutes, save valuable travel time to a patient, and save lives by disclosing any clogged arteries or damaged valves. The cost is \$100,000 so people in Sullivan County are urged to contribute through the Heart-a-thon. Steve Lippen, who has chaired the Fallsburg Lions Club participation in the event for several years, spoke to the Club with Steve Ruwoldt to encourage Lions to man the phones on the 26th alongside the newly formed Lion's Leo Club students from Fallsburg Central School District.

Two other exciting changes coming to CRMC are digital mammography and the completion of the newly expanded Emergency Room, with the outside addition scheduled for a mid July date and the interior renovation for September. Clearly CRMC is bringing state of the art technology and majorly improved service to the community, and the Fallsburg Lions are pleased to be a part of it.

Children Tell Cuomo: "We Love Our Water" with Valentines From Youth Across NY



NY-Students from the Albany Free School joined fracking opponents at the capitol building last week in delivering hundreds of Valentines from around the state to Governor Andrew Cuomo. The Valentines, most made by elementary school students, express children's love for clean water, and urge the Governor not to let New York's water be destroyed

by gas drilling practices.

"We need the Governor to keep our water safe for today's children, and for future generations," said Susan Zimet, of the group **Frack Action**, which sponsored the event.

Children in Buffalo, Towanda, Collins, East Concord, Glen Sprey, New Paltz, and New York City participated in the Valentine-making effort.

For pictures of Valentines from children across New York: <http://bit.ly/eSCMXw>

The power of SUNY Sullivan

(From Pg. 1)

The PV Array was funded by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority through the SUNYGreensNY consortium of Alfred State and six community colleges to build sustainability training capacity across the state. It feeds the geothermal pump house, where it powers the lights and peripherals and then to the power grid. SUNY Sullivan uses it for instruction in our Green Building Maintenance and Management curriculum and for PV installer courses taught through our department of Workforce Development, Continuing Education & Lifelong Learning.

You can view the output, check to see if we are feeding the grid, monitor the environmental impact and even tell if it is sunny here at SUNY Sullivan.

NYSERDA Releases RFP Regarding Climate Smart Communities

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is seeking proposals from qualified organizations to provide Regional Climate Smart Community Coordinator services under the New York State Climate Smart Communities (CSC) Program in New York State. The purpose of these coordinators is to support municipal action through education and outreach to local governments on climate change mitigation and adaptation within the designated regions. The goal of this program is to help reduce New York State's greenhouse gas emissions by 80 percent of their 1990 levels by 2050. Up to \$1,700,000 in grant funding is available over three years, with additional funding becoming available pending future auction proceeds of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI). For more information, visit: <http://www.nyserda.org/funding/2141rfp.asp>. (Katy Vescio)

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"What's Shakin' in Shandaken?" Greetings and salutations from the "Heart of the Park,"

As always, everyone is welcome to visit the Town of Shandaken website (shandaken.us) to get up-to-date information on events and activity within the Town and region.

Phoenicia IS the "Coolest Small Town": Budget Travel Magazine has completed its survey of "Coolest Small Towns" and out of twenty towns throughout the US, Phoenicia was voted sixth. Congratulations to everyone who worked to get the vote out. Linda Sella, Phoenicia School principal, has contacted the Town and some of the children have created artwork in celebration of this honor. They are offering to donate their works for display at local businesses, to show their pride in Phoenicia. Anyone interested in showing some of the children's work please contact the Elementary School at 688-5580. Again, great job to everyone that supported us and voted.

Health Center: We are saddened by the loss of services from Maverick West in Phoenicia. They are opening their new offices in Boiceville and we wish them the best of luck. In the interim the Town of Shandaken owned building is vacant, we are open to possibilities for the future of this space, but ideally would love to continue offering medical services from this facility. If you are a medical practitioner or work in a related field and are looking for space, please contact my office (688-7165) at your earliest convenience.

Shandaken Day: Although August seems far off in the distance, it's time to start coordinating efforts for eighth annual Shandaken Day. This year's celebration is to take place in Phoenicia, celebrating Chichester, Phoenicia and Woodland Valley. This year also marks the Twenty-fifth anniversary of the placement of the Eagle at the entrance to Phoenicia. We would like to get together with interested individuals over the next month to start the planning of what is sure to be another successful event. Please contact my office (688-7165) if you are interested.

SHARP Funds: The Town through the SHARP Committee has monies available, for qualified homeowners and business owners, for emergency relief. Whether your situation involves flood damage, or if you've lost your boiler and don't have the money for an emergency repair, contact Buffy Kibe, Director of SHARP. She can assist you in filing for repair work or flood damages. Call 688-5777 Mon.- Fri.

Parks & Recreation: The Town in an effort to create a more comprehensive approach concerning our Town Parks and recreational assets is looking to establish a standard Parks and Recreation Board. This is a change from the Ad Hoc committees that had been annually appointed. This board will not increase costs or reduce the services offered. The new law establishing this volunteer board was presented at our last meeting and is available online. A public hearing is slated for March.

Board Meetings: Town Bd. - First Mon./ month; Planning Bd. - Second Wed./month; **ZBA** - Third Wed./month

Warmest regards... Robert A. Stanley, Supervisor, Town of Shandaken

The Olive Branch

FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN -Paula Rhodes

Good Morning My Friends,

What a lovely week we are having! A little rain to wash away some snow ~ a little chill to remind us we live in New York and it is still winter; but, a lovely week. And that being said, I would like a chicken! I would actually like two chickens and one rooster! His name by the way will be Larry and I don't know why. Dillie said she would loan me some, because every time I say "I want a chicken," Gary says I better be frying it!! Sylvia said I could name all of her chickens but that is just not the same. I need Larry the Rooster and his Lovely Ladies Lula & Leslie, The Dixie Chickens! I even know what breed of chicken I want. One that doesn't get very large, like banties, and Dillie has some. Maybe I will rent them from her! Dillie's Chicken Rental Service! She also has sheep; I need some gardening done. I "wanted" sheep to eat all of that nasty not really bamboo stuff that has taken over my beautiful little creek. You should hear Gary when I say I want sheep! But, back to Larry and His Lovely Ladies Lula & Leslie. I could collect little tiny Dixie Chicken Eggs and make little tiny Dixie Chicken Devil Eggs! And I am the Queen Dixie Chicken, so I need real Chickens! If Gary is correct, and indeed I don't need chickens, I can give Larry and His Lovely Ladies Lula & Leslie back to Dillie and get some stuffed chickens! I can sit them in my new chicken house ~ Oh I forgot to tell you about my chicken house! Wait until you hear about that! I started a little rock garden last year and it will be the perfect place for Larry and His Lovely Ladies Lula & Leslie. I just hope the bears don't find them. I wonder if you can stuff a chicken. Oh, how I entertain myself.

Well, it's been a slow pudding cup week for Family of Woodstock, so I made them PB&J sandwiches and spaghetti. I like PB&J sandwiches and again I got the inspiration from Grandson Grayson. I have told ya'll he won't eat anything. Well, I being from the South and eating some of the strangest combinations of food, decided I needed to make him one of my dad's PB&J sandwiches! You take three tablespoons of peanut butter I prefer creamy and one heaping tablespoons of grape jelly and mix well ~ spread on soft white bread and cut into little squares. He loved it next to PB & Banana. You would be surprised at how different it tastes! I have actually seen a recipe for a PB&J pie Oh! I better run I hear a pie calling.

Have a lovely week and enjoy the warmth!

The Dixie Chicken

RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES



- Fred Perry, Owner of Reservoir Music Center; 3179 Route 28, Shokan, NY 12481. 845-657-6127.

Howdy y'all, and welcome to another week's Reservoir Music Notes in The Townsman. I'm so excited about our summery weather this week that I can barely write, but I'll try.

I haven't received any feedback on last week's column, which is kind of discouraging. I hope somebody out there cares about live music, because if nobody does, pretty soon, there ain't gonna be anywhere to hear music in a live setting. The weather's warming up soon, so show your love by getting out of the house and catch some music live. You know you've got cabin fever anyway, so it's a win-win situation.

We've got a pretty good week coming up and March promises to be very exciting, with shows by Dave Mason, Doctor John, Loretta Lynn, and quite a few other world class, top shelf musicians visiting our area. Here's this week's picks: Thursday, Feb. 24 - This is a little different than what I usually recommend. It's unusual, but a ton of fun. Make that 2 tons of fun. It's MISS ANGIE'S KARAOKE NIGHT at The Bearsville Theater. This happens almost every Thursday at the theater, unless a band is booked, and it's not your parent's karaoke night. It's really cool and a lot of fun, and there's usually quite a few actual really good singers who show up. It's a great way to loosen up and blow off a little steam before the weekend starts. It starts at 9 and admission is FREE!

Friday, Feb. 25 - Also at The Bearsville Theater, local favorites, "3". These guys have had a major label deal and toured nationally, so this is a great opportunity to catch them up close and personal at home in an intimate setting.

Friday, Feb. 25 - For those of you that don't mind a little drive, JIM WEIDER, one of the guitarists from The Levon Helm Band, will be bringing his own band to The Turning Point in Piermont, NY. Jim is considered a master of the Telecaster, and this tiny room is renowned for bringing national acts to it's stage.

Saturday, Feb. 26 - THE KANE BROTHERS BLUES BAND at The Bearsville Theater is this week's PICK of the WEEK, even though Taj Mahal and Robert Cray are in town, which is really sayin' something, but with their track record, the low \$15 ticket price, and factoring in the drive time, well, this show can't be beat! Plus, local youngster, CONNOR KENNEDY is the opening act, and I've been hearing lots of good things about him as well. Rather than go

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into detail about where these boys have been in their careers, I'm just going to direct you to www.bearsvilletheater.com, where all their accomplishments are detailed, and where you can also find out more about all of the shows at The Bearsville Theater.

Saturday, Feb. 26 - The ROBERT CRAY BAND pulls into The Paramount Center for the Arts in Peekskill, NY for the night. Robert is one of Eric Clapton's favorite modern guitarists, and is worthy of the distinction. This show will not disappoint even the most critical music fan.

Sunday, Feb. 27 - Rounding out the weekend, and the month, is the immortal TAJ MAHAL at UPAC in Kingston. Word is that Taj will have an actual band with him at this show, which, I think, is pretty unusual for him. Taj's early work with Jesse Ed Davis and Chuck Blackwell is on my all-time favorites list, and his more recent work, while not having the edginess and up tempo energy of those days, is still fantastic, so this is a rare opportunity to catch him locally.

Have a great week everybody!

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SC Sheriff Mike Schiff warns of telephone credit card scam targeting local businesses

On February 18, 2011, the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office received two reports of suspicious activity targeting local businesses. Sullivan County Sheriff Mike Schiff is asking local businesses in the County to remain vigilant.

The scam is being perpetrated by telephone. A caller will contact a business owner, place an order for a large amount of goods or services and pay for it with a credit card. The caller then asks the merchant to tack on an extra \$500 or \$1000 dollars, keep a couple of hundred bucks for themselves and send the rest via Western Union to an address outside of Sullivan County.

"Anytime someone you have never met mentions Western Union or Money Gram, and they want you to add extra money on a credit card above the cost of the merchandise, that should throw up a red flag", said the Sheriff. Detectives believe the scam artists are using a local business list to make their calls. "We know times are tough and business owners would jump at a chance to make a large sale", said Schiff. "We ask that you proceed cautiously, and if you have any doubts, call us". The Sullivan County Sheriff can be reached at 845-794-7100.

Shandaken Theatrical Society, announces its upcoming production of Larry Shue's side-splitting comedy, *The Foreigner*

Phoenicia's resident theater company, the Shandaken Theatrical Society, is proud to announce its upcoming production of Larry Shue's side-splitting comedy, *The Foreigner*, opening March 4th.

The production is being co-directed by Amy Wallace and Michael Koegel, and stars Koegel in the lead role of Charlie a pathologically shy Englishman who proof-reads a Science Fiction Magazine by day and is a milquetoast of a husband by night. When his buddy drops him off at a back-woods Georgia lodge for the weekend, Charlie pretends to be a "Foreigner" who doesn't speak English in order to get a little solitude. But before he knows it, he has overheard quite a few of the local's darker secrets and sinister plans.

When he learns of a plot to take over the lodge and force out the owner, Charlie is forced into action. Using nothing but his wits, a fictional language and an assortment of local townfolk including a southern debutante, a dim-witted farm boy and an 80 year old widow, Charlie vanquishes the villains while discovering the inner-hero and extrovert in himself. The climax of the play is a hilariously clever piece of theatrical sleight-of-hand, that scares away the bejesus out of the more superstitious characters on stage.

When *The Foreigner* debuted in New York, critic for The New Yorker said "I laughed start to finish at one comic surprise after another," while The Village Voice called *The Foreigner* "...a constant invitation to relax and laugh at the foolishness of life."

Co-Director Amy Wallace is the Artistic Director of STS.

Michael Koegel has directed theater in regional and professional theater companies across the North East, including theaters in New York City, Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Syracuse. Additionally, he has worked as a writer, producer and director for a variety of television networks including *Nickelodeon*, *FX*, *VH-1*, *The Family Channel* and *PBS*. Koegel owns and operates *Mama's Boy*, Phoenicia's new coffee shop, he was last seen in STS's production of *Little Murders*.

The rest of the cast of *The Foreigner* includes Katherine Reich as the feisty widow Betty Meeks, the harmonica playing proprietress of the lodge; Alise Marie as Catherine the wealthy Southern Debutante; Mark Lerner as Reverend David Lee, Catherine's fiance; Joe Bongiorno as Catherine's

half-witted younger brother Ellard; Timothy Young as Froggy LaSeuer a British demolitions expert; and John Stobaueus as Owen Musser, local redneck and all-round trouble-maker.

The Foreigner runs for three consecutive week-ends, beginning on March 4th, performances are run Thursday, Friday and Saturday night at 8-m and on Sundays at 2. For information on the play you can go to the STS website <http://www.stsplayhouse.com>. For tickets please call 845- 688-2279.

CAS ARTS CENTER -New Exhibition: Discards, a solo show of work by Jeff Christensen

The Catskill Art Society is proud to present *Discards*, a solo show of work by Jeff Christensen, at the CAS Arts Center at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor, NY. The paintings in *Discards* rifle through the psychic sidewalk to retrieve some gold and some dross from the piles awaiting the waste removal trucks. The exhibition is divided into two sections: *Love Is All Around Us*, which takes abandoned love letters as its springboard; and *Welcome To Taboo*, which discreetly takes a seat in the psychiatrist's office to glean inspiration.

Jeff Christensen was a graphic designer in New York City from 1983-2002 and has been a full-time resident of Sullivan County since 2003. He and his wife operate *Hamish & Henry Booksellers*, and he also hosts a weekly world music show, *Night Out*, on WJFF.

CAS Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursday - Saturday, 11am - 6pm, and Sunday, 11am - 3pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

March 5, 2011, 2pm - Artists' Talk - CAS will host an artists' talk for *Discards* from 2pm-3pm on Saturday, March 5, 2011. The event is free and open to the public.

March 5, 2011, 3pm - 5pm - Opening Reception - CAS will host an opening reception for the exhibit, *Discards* on Saturday, March 5, 2011 from 3pm - 5pm. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

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



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Following a tour of the college's geothermal heating and cooling plant and a look at our new Photovoltaic Array, there will be presentations on Green Future, Green Careers; Credit/Academic courses; and on Professional and Continuing Education opportunities in the Kaplan Student Union.

Participants will then have an opportunity to engage in small group discussions on college admissions; renewable and efficient energy/online programs; electric cars, conversion and maintenance; green food services/facilities management; and green building maintenance/environmental science.

SUNY Sullivan has become a leader in greening initiatives and sustainability. With opportunities for degree-seeking students and adults interested in discovering how green learning can enhance your skillset, then you know where you should be on Saturday, March 5. You need to be at SUNY Sullivan.

For more information and to register, call Kristin Geeslin, director of continuing education and lifelong learning at 845.434.5750, ext. 4382, or email her at kgeeslin@sullivan.suny.edu.



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Hinchey, Polis & Holt Renew Fight to Protect Drinking Water

Adding star power to efforts to regulate the environmentally risky form of natural gas drilling known as hydraulic fracturing today were Gasland Director Josh Fox, and actor turned activist Mark Ruffalo. The pair joined Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), Congressman Jared Polis (D-CO) and Congressman Rush Holt (D-NJ) in sounding the call for baseline federal rules and oversight that would protect against the contamination of drinking water and other broad scale environmental impacts.

"If hydraulic fracturing is so safe, why is the industry so afraid of letting the EPA make sure," asked Hinchey. "If the chemicals they are using aren't seeping into people's drinking water, why is the industry so afraid of a requirement that they tell us what they are injecting into the ground? This is the same industry that lied about their use of diesel fuel in the fracking process, and there is no reason to expect that they'll change their ways anytime soon. I want to thank Josh Fox and Mark Ruffalo for asking the tough questions and using their star power to raise awareness about this important issue. What they are doing is so critically important, and I'm doing everything I can to support their efforts."

"We want safety and science to be at the center of our nation's energy policy because our air, water and own health are at stake," said Polis. "Supporting natural gas shouldn't mean sacrificing our health or environment. I'm excited that we will reintroduce the FRAC Act soon, and will push to correct other loopholes that have been slipped in under the radar and pose a danger to our constituents. We're willing to fight hard on our end here in Congress, but change happens when our citizens demand action. Josh Fox and Mark Ruffalo have done an amazing job bridging the gap between government policy and grassroots support and built up an army of believers devoted to the cause."

"Our loyalties shouldn't lie with the oil and gas industry. Our loyalty should lie with families - like those along the Delaware River - who rely on the waters for drinking, recreational and industrial use, and who are now threatened by hydraulic fracturing," Holt said. "I thank my colleagues, Maurice Hinchey and Jared Polis for fighting for legislation to require hydraulic fracturing to comply with existing safe water laws. And I thank Josh Fox and Mark Ruffalo for shedding a spotlight on this issue. I hope they'll come back in a few months - this time as Oscar winners - as we move forward to enact this important public safety legislation into law."

Ruffalo, a resident of Sullivan County, New York, which is in Hinchey's district, has helped lead the fight for stronger statewide rules to govern the gas extraction process in Albany. His efforts helped achieve a temporary moratorium on drilling throughout New York State. Fox, director of the Academy Award nominated documentary *Gasland*, has also been a leader in the charge to stop unregulated natural gas drilling throughout the country.

Hinchey is the co-author of the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals (FRAC) Act, which he introduced in the previous Congress with Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO). The bill was co-sponsored by Polis and Holt and seeks to eliminate the so-called 2005 Halliburton exemption, which prevents the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating fracking through the Safe Drinking Water Act. The legislation would also require the disclosure of chemicals used in the hydraulic fracturing process. Hinchey is also the author of language that initiated an ongoing EPA study to determine the environmental impacts of the drilling technique.



Egypt today, a curse or a blessing? A panel discussion at SUNY Sullivan

Before the people of Egypt took to the streets of Cairo to demand political changes, the average American's perspective on Egypt was limited to what they saw in the movies and what they remembered reading in sixth grade history textbooks. But now that the Egyptian situation has made front page news, Americans want to know more. And now they'll have that opportunity when they attend SUNY Sullivan's Egypt panel discussion, Wednesday, February 23 at 5:30 pm in the Seelig Theater. The panel discussion is free.

The panel organizers said that "when people not only want to know something about what's happening in the world, but need to know because what's happening on the other side of the world has a direct impact on them, someone has to step up to the plate and give the people what they want and need. By hosting a panel discussion at the college on the situation in Egypt, we will be fulfilling our mission as a community college. We will be a source of information and understanding for the people in the region."

Making up the panel will be Anne Ruskiewicz, professor of history; Thomas Lambert, professor of sociology; and Ryan Mead, a SUNY Sullivan graduate. Mead, who is pursuing a master's at SUNY Binghamton, is also an adjunct in sociology at the college.

Ruskiewicz will discuss the history of Egypt, Lambert will focus on the sociological and economic issues, and Mead will concentrate on the impact of social networking and what role social media tools played in the political transformation.

"With and Without", a Play Written and Directed by Jeffrey Sweet, Comes to ASK in February.

Beginning on February 11th, The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK), 97 Broadway, Kingston, will present "With and Without", a Play Written and Directed by Jeffrey Sweet; starring Terri Mateer, Joe Bongiorno, Holly Graff and Ron Morehead. The play will run February 11th - 13th, February 18th - 20th, February 25th and 27th, with all performances beginning at 7 pm. General Admission is \$15 and \$12 for ASK Members. For more information or to make reservations, please call 845-338-0331.

Jeffrey Sweet's "With and Without" is a witty, smart and often moving tale of the ties that bind and the ties that can so quickly unravel before our eyes. The scene is set for a week of wine, wit and relaxation. However Jill's husband doesn't show up at a lakeside vacation house and, instead of a holiday, the happily married Mark and Shelly have a ring-side seat of their friend's less than successful attempts to cope. The lake is serene but in the house old passions bubble to the surface in this 'dramedy' about the limits of friendship and marriage.

Jeffrey Sweet is most closely associated with Chicago theater. He has premiered plays at the Victory Gardens Theatre since the late seventies and is a member of its Playwrights Ensemble. Among his plays are "Flyovers" (Joseph Jefferson Award, best script), "The Action Against Sol Schumann and American Enterprise" (both American Theatre Critics Association prize-winners), "Porch", "Bluff", "Berlin '45" and "With and Without". Mr. Sweet wrote "Something Wonderful Right Away", an oral history of Chicago's Second City Company (a book which in turn inspired the creation of two other Chicago theaters) and two texts on playwriting, "The Dramatist's Toolkit" and "Solving Your Script". He co-wrote two musicals, "I Sent a Letter to My Love" (with Melissa Manchester, based on a novel by Bernice Rubens) and "What About Luv?" (with Howard Marren and Susan Birkenhead, based on a play by Murray Schisgal).

He serves on the Council of the Dramatists Guild, teaches at Philadelphia's University of the Arts, and guest lectures frequently at universities and theaters around the country. Mr. Sweet has also written for television. - MagnetTheater.com

SULLIVAN COUNTY LONG BEARDS & THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Sullivan County Long Beards & the Boy Scouts of America are excited to announce a new component to the agenda for the youth of the county. Along with the Boy Scouts of America, the Sullivan County Long Beards are adding an additional program [called Venturing] aimed at the older youth ages 14-20. This program is named and planned for the specific ages of youth that would like to explore more options in their love of the outdoors. They will be responsible in planning their own adventures along with adult members as advisors. This should be a great program and in the beginning stages we are looking for youth in the age limit above. Although this is in conjunction with the Boy Scouts there is no uniform required and is run by the individual members of the Venturing Group. It does however go under the Boy Scout umbrella and opens up a lot of land for these new "Venturers". If possible, we would like our first meeting to be Friday night February 25th at 6pm at our new meeting site THE GROOVILLE CHURCH at the intersection of DeBruce Road and Grooville Road in Livingston Manor. If you meet the qualifications above and would like to join or find out more information, please call either Pete Selvaggi @ (845)439-4609 or Fran D'Auria at (845) 439-3738 to reserve your spot.

Bill Creating Independent Election Redistricting Commission Put Into Motion

Governor Andrew Cuomo this week introduced a bill to create an independent redistricting commission to redraw all of New York's Senate, Assembly, and Congressional districts. The announcement comes weeks before the release of 2010 Census results.

The proposed Commission would consist of eleven members: two members are to be appointed by the temporary President of the Senate, two members are to be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, two members are to be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, and two members shall be appointed by the Minority Leader of the Assembly. The other 3 members would be chosen by those already appointed to serve on the Commission.

The Governor's bill, which has been intro-

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duced in the Assembly (A.5388), calls for an open and transparent redistricting process. Hearings in every region of the State will announce the Commission's redistricting plans and all materials and research will be available on the Internet. (Esteban Maccera)

Xbox LIVE Gamers Get Bald in Virtual Movement to Support the St. Baldrick's Foundation and Raise Awareness of the Need for Childhood Cancer Research Funding - Xbox LIVE Subscribers Encouraged to 'Shave' their Avatar's Head

The St. Baldrick's Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to raising money for childhood cancer research, today announced a virtual way to spread the word about the need to Conquer Kids' Cancer. To coincide with one of St. Baldrick's busiest months of signature head-shaving events, Xbox LIVE gamers are encouraged to shave their Avatar's head between now and St. Patrick's Day on March 17. The virtual shave is a public way to honor the many kids who typically lose their hair during cancer treatments. For more information and to share your bald Avatar, visit the Xbox LIVE Avatar Head-Shaving Day on Facebook, and spread the word to other users because it takes everyone, even Avatars, to help raise money and awareness to Conquer Kids' Cancer!

The first St. Baldrick's head-shaving event took place on March 17, 2000 and has since grown into the world's largest volunteer organization of its kind where volunteers collect pledges to shave their heads in solidarity with kids with cancer, raising money to fund childhood cancer research.

The Avatar head-shaving campaign is another creative concept from longtime St. Baldrick's supporter Lou Monteleone from Eldred, N.Y. Monteleone has been a long-time St. Baldrick's volunteer event organizer and shavee and is now challenging his fellow gamers to show their support! Given the fact that there are 24 million Xbox LIVE gamers, a legion of bald Avatars would make a bold statement against such a devastating disease.

Monteleone's unique events are inspired by his own experience at a St. Baldrick's head-shaving event where he witnessed the difference just one person could make in the life of a sick child. "I was really touched by what the volunteers were doing, and since then I have been actively involved doing as much as I can to help raise awareness and funds for life-saving research," Monteleone said.

"It takes everyone's help and generous support to achieve the Foundation's goal of funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers. Since the Foundation's first grants as an independent charity in 2005; it has committed more than \$56.9 million in research grants. In 2010, St. Baldrick's volunteers helped raise more than \$22.1 million by hosting more than 805 events and shaving more than 38,200 heads."

The St. Baldrick's letsCONQUER movement is raising awareness with the help of volunteers, donors, researchers, public figures and celebrities that have added their voices to the cause. Do your part, get involved! To locate or organize an event in your community, sign-up to shave, donate or volunteer, visit www.StBaldricks.org. You can also become a supporter on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and visit the St. Baldrick's YouTube and Vimeo channel.

About the St. Baldrick's Foundation

The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long and healthy lives. The Foundation funds more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government. St. Baldrick's funds are granted to some of the most brilliant childhood cancer research experts in the world and to younger professionals who will be the experts of tomorrow. Funds awarded also enable hundreds of local institutions to participate in national pediatric cancer clinical trials, a child's best hope for a cure. Since the Foundation's first grants as an independent charity in 2005; it has funded over \$56.9 million in childhood cancer research. For more information about St. Baldrick's, call 1.888.899.BALD or visit www.StBaldricks.org.

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IT'S A JOB KILLER!
Hinchey: Reckless, Thoughtless Republican Spending Bill Would Kill Job-Creating Taylor Biomass Energy Project Already Under Construction in Orange County Measure Slashes \$25 Billion in Funding for Department of Energy Loan Guarantees, Revokes Commitment to Montgomery Clean Energy Business

The Republican budget proposal on the House floor this week would kill the Talyor Biomass Energy project underway in Montgomery, NY and cost the jobs of more than 400 construction and permanent employees while stunting economic growth throughout the region. Two months ago, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) stood shoulder to shoulder with Montgomery, New York small businessman Jim Taylor and other local, state and federal officials as ground was broken on phase 1 of a state of the art biomass energy plant that will create hundreds of jobs and spur economic growth throughout the region. The Republican budget proposal, however, would rescind the funds for the Department of Energy Loan Guarantee that Taylor Biomass is relying on to finance this project.


After investing millions in private start-up costs and working for more than two years with Hinchey and federal officials for approval of key loan guarantees for its innovative energy project, Taylor Biomass is 60 to 90 days away from receiving the \$100 million in loan guarantees it was promised last year. The revocation of Taylor's loan guarantee would only save \$1 million based on estimates by the Congressional Budget Office.

"This is a disastrous bill that will kill more than 400 private sector jobs, damage the Orange County economy, and hurt a local small business," said Hinchey "I have been working for years to help initiate this project, but now the Republican spending bill takes back the loan guarantees that were already promised. Taylor Biomass has already broken ground on this project and invested substantial amounts of private capital already. Local workers are already at work preparing the construction site. This is a direct and tangible impact of the thoughtlessness and recklessness involved with this bill. No economic studies were conducted to determine how it would hurt the country. No hearings were convened to determine the impact on local jobs. These are the facts and we need to stand together and stop this job-killing bill."

Over the past two years, Hinchey and Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) worked with officials at Taylor Biomass to urge the U.S. Department of Energy to award the project a \$100 million loan guarantee to make the innovative green energy initiative possible. In August 2010, Taylor Biomass received notification that the project would receive the key loan guarantee pending a due diligence review, after both Hinchey and Schumer personally lobbied officials at the U.S. Department of Energy.

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In addition to the loan guarantee, the Taylor Biomass Project will also benefit from a 30 percent federal grant for clean energy projects. Both the loan guarantee and grant program were made possible by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which Schumer and Hinchey supported.

The bill before the House this week to continue funding the federal government would rescind all "unobligated" funds from the Department of Energy's clean energy loan guarantee program, with the exception of funds for nuclear energy projects. Funding has yet to be officially obligated for the Taylor Biomass project.

Taylor's proposed biomass gasification facility enjoys strong support from the community, including from Orange County, which has committed to direct its solid waste to the facility. In addition to creating local jobs, the plant would also help to increase local public revenues and lower the tax burden for residents in the Town of Montgomery and Orange County while providing significant positive direct and indirect economic impacts.


Taylor Biomass Energy has previously received funding for its project through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and has worked diligently with local and state agencies to move this important initiative forward. Taylor's current operation, in which the company recycles the large percentage of the construction and demolition debris it accepts, demonstrates the company's innovative approach to waste management and its longtime commitment to environmental sustainability. (Contd. Pg. 13)

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Hinchey Speaks Out on House Floor Against Job Crushing

(From Pg. 4)
"The national debt we hold today was not created over the last two years as some people are saying. The fiscal crisis we are facing today was inherited from the Bush administration. Under the previous administration, annual budget surpluses were turned into annual deficits. It was vice president Dick Cheney who said deficits don't matter. Clearly, that's a lesson the new majority has learned well, because while they do cut spending with this CR, this bill will undoubtedly worsen our budget deficit. Why? Because it will kill hundreds of thousands of jobs. That means more people unemployed.

"The people didn't send us here to tend to the needs of Wall Street and oil company CEOs, so why does the majority stand against the plan to end special tax earmarks that would actually cut the deficit?"

"We could be discussing how to end government red tape. For instance, in five years, we could save many billions of dollars by allowing Medicare to negotiate lower prescription drug prices for seniors. But instead, the majority here wants to cut the administration budget for Social Security.

"This plan hurts New Yorkers and others all across the country. And it hurts the district that I represent - 15,000 college students in places like Ithaca and New Paltz will get hurt with the maximum Pell grant falling by \$800 as the cost of college continues to go up for students all across America.

123,000 low-income pregnant women and new moms in New York will get less assistance with the pre- and post-natal nutrition they need. That will happen to thousands and thousands of others all across the country.

"Nearly two million New Yorkers who applied for LIHEAP this year will find it harder to heat their homes next year, as will so many thousands of others across the country.

"Job training programs like job corps in Sullivan County will help high school dropouts get the training they need to get good jobs. They will get cut out, too. Like a blindfolded child at a piñata party, this continuing resolution takes a bat to all the wrong things at exactly the wrong time.

"I would urge my colleagues to oppose it, stand up for the American people, stand up for a real plan to reduce the deficit and fight to save the jobs this country needs so desperately."

At Least 8 Companies Publicly Listed in U.S., 18 U.S. Banks Directly and Indirectly in Business With Iran-Funding Nuclear Development

As American businesses continue to invest in Iran's energy sector, funding Iran's illicit quest for nuclear weapons, U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Mark Kirk (R-IL), and U.S. Representatives Ted Deutch (D-FL) and Dan Burton (R-IN) today introduced the Iran Transparency and Accountability Act.

The bipartisan legislation would require companies to disclose any sanctionable investments in Iran in their quarterly and annual reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and require U.S. banks to report sanctionable activities by their foreign correspondent banks.

The new legislation builds on the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act (CISADA) signed by President Obama last year to require companies to divest from Iran's energy sector or face sanctions. Iran, the world's leading state sponsor of terrorism, has continued to defy the United States and the international community by pursuing the enrichment of weapons-grade uranium. A nuclear-armed Iran would pose an existential threat to Israel and endanger U.S. national security by spurring a nuclear arms race in an already volatile Middle East region.

"When companies do business with Iran, they fund Iran's nuclear development, endanger America's national security, the security of Israel and all our allies," Senator Gillibrand said. "If we can bring greater transparency to any investment being made in Iran, we can defund the nuclear militarization of one of the world's most hostile nations. Companies must make a choice: do business with Iran, or have access to the U.S. economy."

"Americans should have the right to know if their investments are empowering a regime that threatens our national security, endangers the very existence of Israel, and risks destabilizing the entire Middle East," said Congressman Deutch. "By mandating self-disclosure and subjecting this information to public scrutiny, we afford the American people the opportunity to ensure their investment dollars are not undermining our national security objectives. In addition, this new level of transparency will enhance our ability to enforce the sanction laws against Iran already on the books."

"As the Iranian regime continues its pursuit of nuclear weapons and the Iranian people struggle for freedom, Congress must do more to expose companies that violate our laws and undermine our sanctions policies," Senator Kirk said. "This bipartisan legislation would hold bad actors accountable for subsidizing a dangerous and hostile regime."

Congressman Burton said, "A nuclear-armed Iran would perhaps irreversibly undermine the global non-proliferation regime and spur a nuclear arms race in the Middle East. Furthermore a nuclear armed Iran could cripple the world's economy by merely threatening to halt oil shipments through the Straits of Hormuz. Bringing greater transparency to any investment being made in Iran is critical to ensuring that sanctions are being enforced because there is still time for sanctions to work; but this window of opportunity will not be open for long. This bill is about asking the business community to standing up and be counted, do you stand with the rest of the world or do you stand with the Iranian regime."

The Iran Transparency and Accountability Act closes banking and securities law loopholes by extending the SEC's explicit authority to require the disclosure of business dealings in Iran by reporting companies, and requiring new Treasury regulations calling for banks' reports. Studies indicate that at least eight companies with listed affiliates on the NYSE or NASDAQ support Iran's energy sector, in addition to 18 U.S. banks that do business with foreign banks that also service Iranian institutions. Iran then uses these banking and securities law loopholes to gain access to U.S. markets, enabling them to circumvent sanctions, fund their nuclear ambitions, and continue supporting terrorist networks.

Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and its many front companies in the Iranian energy industry pose significant legal and reputational risks to publicly traded companies doing business in Iran. The IRGC has been identified by the U.S. as a key player in Iran's nuclear program, the regime's brutal human rights abuses against its own people, and President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's efforts to suppress Iran's democratic movement.

In addition to requiring reporting companies to disclose sanctionable investments in Iran or business with the IRGC to the SEC, the legislation would:

- Require the SEC to publicly post the list of reporting companies investing in Iran on its website, and provide that information directly to the President, the General Services Administration, and the appropriate Congressional committees.

- Require the President to investigate and determine within 180 days of receiving the SEC report any self-disclosures by companies that could lead to sanctions.

The bill also requires the Treasury Secretary to promulgate rules within 90 days of passage to implement a CISADA requirement that U.S. financial institutions report on any correspondent accounts with foreign banks that violate Iran sanctions.

As Iran attempts to take advantage of loopholes, increased sanctions have the effect of isolating the country from international commerce. Almost all of the world's largest international traders in refined petroleum products divested from Iran following last year's passage of tougher sanctions law, which also helped stem the flow of foreign investment and skilled labor for its energy sector that comprises 80 percent of Iran's export earnings.

Additionally, the U.S. State Department estimates that \$50 to \$60 billion in upstream energy investments have been froze as a result of the threat of sanctions.

POLITICAL SLANT

Frank Comando

Results of Palin Target ads - A Statement from the Palin camp, "Targets on Sarah PAC Map Were Actually 'Surveyor's Symbols'". This reporter listened and said, right?

PHOENIX - Democratic Rep. Gabrielle Giffords can walk while holding onto a cart, mouth the lyrics to easy songs and have simple conversations, according to family, staff, and her doctors, Mark Kelly said in an interview broadcast Monday on NBC that he can ask his wife questions and she can respond. "The communication is coming back very quickly," he said. Kelly said she is trying so hard that her speech therapist, which only a few days ago was trying to get her to talk more, is now asking Giffords to slow down and make sure she hears the question before giving an answer. Get well congressional representative Gabrielle Giffords.

House passes \$60 billion in spending cuts. The new Tea-Party congress slashed the budget. More a battering ram than a budget; a giant government-wide spending bill passed the House early Saturday morning, packing \$60 billion in Republican spending cuts together with scores of legislative riders to impede President Barack Obama in carrying out his policies. In a vote of 235-189, with not one democratic vote in the yea column, 186 democratic nays joined by 3 republicans went down in flames trying to stop the cutting vote that took place shortly before dawn capping an all-night session, and ending a marathon week during which literally hundreds of amendments were debated. Major cuts in the areas of Pell Grants for low-income college students are reduced, and School Turnaround Grants cut by almost two-thirds. Looks like small business, working class kids will have to get jobs to finish school, while foreign students under a different program will not be cut.

The Cuts concentrated on the last six months of this fiscal year and represent a 14 percent cut that will severely impact Obama's agenda at home and abroad. Foreign aid and State Department operations would be cut as much as \$10 billion from Obama's latest request.

The open process - and largely civil tone - represent a victory for **Speaker John Boehner (R-Ohio)**. However, by moving so far right to appease his large freshman class, Boehner picked up **no Democratic votes** and sacrificed what many saw as his best shot of scoring a quick win in the Senate at the expense of Obama. **Making cuts in the appropriations for the Department of Defense and the other departments and agencies of the Government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes**

Republican position, "The American people are ahead of us. They are asking us to go one step forward... to be bold," said Rep. Joe Walsh (R-Ill.), one of 147 Republicans, including House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-Wis.), who supported the cuts.

It is speculated around the hill that these cuts will contribute to **shutting down the US government in March**. Not a good thing in a time of war, when our troops and our citizens, need this government and our sovereignty intact. Financially crippling this government is a poor option in solving our countries problems.

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IT'S A JOB KILLER! (From Pg. 10)

Loan guarantees are an innovative approach that the federal government can use to support job growth in local communities while minimizing the use of taxpayer dollars. Under government loan guarantee programs, companies like Taylor Biomass go through an intensive vetting process during which the viability of the company's business plan is judged against factors like community interest and initial private investment. By guaranteeing the loan, the federal government spurs entrepreneurs to invest in the project because they know that their investment is safe.

Gunther: New Yorkers Can Support Volunteer Emergency Services on Tax Forms

Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther (D, C-Forestburgh) announced that this year, New Yorkers can opt to contribute to The Volunteer Firefighting and Volunteer Emergency Services Recruitment and Retention Fund on their state income tax returns.

The contribution line, a result of legislation Assemblywoman Gunther supported in 2009 (A. 2733-A), can be found on form IT-150, line 36h and on form IT-201 on line 60h.

"Our volunteer emergency service members are an integral part of our communities. This check-off makes it easier for New Yorkers to contribute to a fund that will help to recruit and retain the men and women who sacrifice their time and put themselves in harm's way to keep their neighbors safe, day or night."

For more information on the tax check-off, visit www.nystax.gov or call Assemblywoman Gunther's office at 845-794-5807.

Gillibrand Introduces Her First Bill of the New Congress Providing Property Tax Relief to NY Homeowners

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced that the first piece of legislation she is introducing in the 112th Congress is a bill to provide property tax relief for more than 1 million New York homeowners. Senator Gillibrand's legislation would enable all New Yorkers that pay property taxes to deduct the full amount of money they pay from their federal income taxes. Currently, only homeowners that itemize their federal taxes can deduct the cost of property taxes. Senator Gillibrand's legislation would make property taxes fully deductible for individuals who do not itemize their federal taxes, providing additional tax relief for up to 30 million Americans, including approximately 1.1 million New Yorkers. The Homeowner Tax Fairness Act would save New York homeowners approximately \$1 billion.

"I know how hard families and seniors are struggling with the rising cost of property taxes," Senator Gillibrand said. "Property taxes in nearly every part of New York are putting a financial strain on many families. We need to provide these families with some relief by allowing all homeowners, even those who don't itemize deductions on their tax returns, to deduct the full cost of their property taxes. This is not a Democratic idea or a Republican idea - it is a good idea and we have to get it done this year." Making Property Taxes Fully Deductible for All Individuals

Senator Gillibrand's legislation would expand and make permanent federal property tax relief for individuals who do not itemize their federal tax deductions. Filers who do not itemize their taxes would be able to deduct the full amount of their property taxes.

According to calculations based on data from the Tax Foundation and the U.S. Census, approximately 1.1 million New York homeowners do not currently itemize their taxes and therefore cannot deduct their property taxes. These New Yorkers would benefit from Senator Gillibrand's legislation and save approximately \$1 billion on their federal taxes.

In the Hudson Valley, the new property tax deduction could benefit up to 70,000 homeowners, saving up to more than \$100 million.

Before 2008, only taxpayers who itemized their deductions could claim a deduction for state and local

property taxes. Congress temporarily allowed non-itemizing taxpayers to deduct their property taxes in 2008 in an effort to help alleviate the housing crisis. However, this deduction was capped at just \$500 and expired at the end of 2009. Senator Gillibrand's legislation would allow all filers to deduct the full amount of their property taxes and make this property tax relief permanent.

The benefit of this legislation to homeowners would vary according to individual home values and tax rates.

MONTICELLO SPORTS LEAGUES

The Monticello Spring Flag Football League will be holding our organizational meeting on March 1, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Ted Stroebele Neighborhood Facility.

The league will be electing league trustees at this meeting all teams interested in playing this upcoming season should attend this meeting. The league will be playing 5 on 5 games on Saturday and 8 on 8 games on Sunday players fee will cover both leagues.

For more information please contact the Village of Monticello Recreation Department at 845-794-2351.

The Monticello Men's Softball League will be holding our organizational meeting on February 28, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Ted Stroebele Neighborhood Facility. The league will be electing league trustees at this meeting all teams interested in playing this upcoming season should attend this meeting. For more information please contact the Village of Monticello Recreation Department at 845-794-235

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STAR and the ENHANCED STAR forms are available at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725, or by mail.

ALL STAR and ENHANCED STAR applications must be RECEIVED by MARCH 1, 2011. Applications may be mailed to Assessor Michael B. Sommer at 28 Cooper Street, Accord, N.Y. 12404. For questions please call Michael B. Sommer, Town of Denning Assessor, at 626-4342 or the Town Hall at 985-2411.

Michael B. Sommer
Town of Denning Assessor
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning will hold a public hearing at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 prior to the regularly scheduled 7 p.m. Town Board meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. The purpose of Said hearing is for public comment of the Proposed Local Law #1 of 2011, Titled: Use of Town Dumpster and Waste Materials Law which replaces a Local Ordinance Titled: Use of Town Dumpster and Waste Materials of 1986. At SAID Hearing any and all interested person (s) will be heard either for or against. The proposed law is available for inspection in the Town Clerks Office during normal business hours.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Joy Ann Monforte
Town Clerk

2/20; 2/24

AS required by New York State Town Law § 29(10-a) the Town of Denning ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the year 2010 has been completed and filed with the New York State Office of the State Comptrollers. The report is on file with the Town Clerk and available for inspection during normal business hours at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

Call 985-2411 for further information.

BY ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Joy Ann Monforte,
Town of Denning, Town Clerk

February 17, 2011

2/24

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 103 of the General Municipal Law, The Town of Denning is seeking sealed bids for: #1 and #2 Stone Mix (Ton) Low Abrasion, Quarry Rubble (Ton), Screenings (Ton), Gabians (Ton), #1 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1A Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #1ST Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #2 Stone (Ton) Low Abrasion, #45 Stone (Ton), Sand - Snow & Ice Control (Ton) / No Clay, Loam or Organics, Item #4 (Ton) from Ledge Rock, Crusher Run (Ton) Tail Gate Spread, Dumped Rip Rap (Ton), Flat Bed Rip Rap (Ton), Cold Patch (Ton), Tailings (Ton), Bank Run (Ton), Kerosene (K1), and Heating Oil #2 fuel.

The material must be of such grade as to be acceptable to the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent. Sand for all locations shall be screened, clean, hard sharp and free from loam, clay, frozen lumps, loam or organic material with 100% passing through a 3/8 inch sieve.

Upon acceptance of bid price, bidder shall in turn notify the Town of Denning Highway Superintendent when he has at least 100 tons of material stockpiled in order that the testing may be done by the Highway Department or by a designated agent for final approval.

Bid forms are available from the Town Clerks Office or the Town Highway Superintendent. Forms must be in a sealed envelope with the company name clearly visible. Bids may be mailed to: Town of Denning, P.O. Box 277, Claryville, N.Y. 12725

All sealed bids must be received by Tuesday, March 8, 2011 prior to the Town of Denning Town Board Meeting; to begin at 7:00 P.M. during SAID meeting All Bids will be publicly opened and read. The meeting is to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725.

All material must be delivered to the Town, within the confines of the Town of Denning.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason.

The Highway Superintendent reserves the right to reject any unacceptable material.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

2/24

**TOWN OF NEVERSINK
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
EXPENDITURE OF HIGHWAY
MACHINERY CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Neversink will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York, at 7:15 p.m. prevailing time, on March 9, 2011, in connection with the expenditure of Highway Machinery Capital Reserve Funds. Said expenditure is for the purchase of a New 4x4 Pickup Truck with Plow and Sander and a replacement Stainless Steel Combination Dump Body, in an amount not to exceed \$64,000.00, at which time all interested persons will be heard.

Dated: February 15, 2011

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk

2/24; 3/3

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

During January and February 2011, the Town of Neversink will be conducting a Census of all dogs & puppies harbored within the Town. Each resident will receive a letter/form in their 2011 property tax bill in January. If the property taxes are paid by a bank/mortgage company, those residents will receive their letter/form with their receipt of payment in February. If you are a landlord please pass the letter/form on to all your tenants who reside on your property. All residents of the Town of Neversink are required to fill out the affidavit as to whether any dogs are harbored at the residence. If your dog is not licensed, you will be required to do so. Fees are \$2.50 if spayed/neutered plus a one-time \$5 penalty. If your dog is not spayed/neutered, the fee is \$10.50 plus a one-time \$5.00 penalty. Violations shall be subject to a fine, not to be less than \$25.00 per dog. You will need proof of rabies vaccination & spay/neutering. For information call Town Clerk Lisa Garigliano at 985-2262 x307

DEADLINE TO PAY TAXES

Sullivan County Treasurer, Ira J. Cohen, would like to remind property owners who received a County tax foreclosure notice during November 2010, the deadline to pay is February 28, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Payments post-marked February 28, 2011, will be accepted. Unless the unpaid delinquent taxes are paid in full, or an installment payment plan is agreed upon, the property will be foreclosed and slated for sale at public auction. For information about the installment plan, and any other questions regarding this foreclosure should be directed to the County Treasurer's Office at 845-807-0200.

The Treasurer's Office will accept payment in the form of cash, certified bank check, money orders, and MasterCard or Visa credit card. Certified bank checks and money orders should be made payable to the "Sullivan County Treasurer." Personal checks will not be accepted.

**SHERIFF AND FALLSBURG POLICE
MAKE ARREST IN MONTH LONG NARCOTICS INVESTIGATION**

On Wednesday February 16, 2011, at approximately 5:15 AM The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Fallsburg Police executed a "no knock" search warrant at 93 Karmel & Jacobs Road in Loch Sheldrake. The location was the subject of a month long investigation by law enforcement authorities who had received several complaints from area residents, including a report of a man with a gun on January 26th. Deputies from the Sheriff's Emergency Services Unit had to secure two pit bulls upon entering the residence. Both dogs were unharmed. The initial search of the home yielded some drugs and a handgun, but it wasn't until Fallsburg Officer Chris Rosa and his K-9 partner "Chase" conducted a search, that officers found the main stash. "The K-9 hit on the access panel of the hot tub in the bathroom where all the wiring and plumbing is located", said Undersheriff Eric Chaboty. "Without the K-9 we would have missed it", he said. Police recovered approximately two and half bricks of heroin with a street value of about \$3200. Police arrested Gregory Cochran, 35 and Kathlene Gizinski, 34, both residents of that address. Cochran was charged with Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 3rd degree with Intent to Sell, a class B felony, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 3rd degree, a class D felony, and Endangering the Welfare of a Minor, a class A misdemeanor. Gizinski was charged with Loitering in the 1st degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the 7th degree. Gregory Cochran was arraigned before Town of Fallsburg Judge Bart Rasnick and sent to the Sullivan County Jail without bail. Kathlene Gizinski was issued an appearance ticket and released on her own recognizance pending a future court date. NYS Conservation Police assisted at the scene.

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Create Your Own Scrapbook & PIZZA Friday, March 18; \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than March 1.

Tie Dye Tee Shirts & PIZZA Friday, April 29. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than April 5.

Mount Airy Lodge Casino Wednesday, May 11- \$25 Per Person includes Motorcoach transportation and \$35 in Free Play or \$40 Per Person includes transportation, \$35 in Free Play and the Show "American Homicidal" Please bring an additional \$15 to eat lunch with, must be paid no later than March 29.

Healthy Home-Made "Cooking" Class Saturday, May 21. \$15 Per Person must be paid no later than March 29.

Museum of Natural History Saturday, June 4. \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than April 26.

ALBI CONCERT & HOT DOG LUAU Sunday, July 17.

The Buddy Holly Story Forestburgh Playhouse July 27. \$30 residents/\$46 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.

ZOOM FLUME Saturday, August 6. \$10 residents/\$34 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28.

Rhinebeck Fair Thursday, August 25. \$15 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than June 28 this includes admission & transportation.

Pumpkin Decorating & Pizza Friday, October 28. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than October 4.

Army Football Game West Point DATE & TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED \$25 residents/\$38 non-residents must be paid no later than TBA this includes admission & transportation.

Transportation to NYC Saturday, December 3. \$20 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

Call Parks & Recreation at (845) 985-2262 Ext 312 for more information

- 2/16/11 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- 3/1/2011 Town of Denning Board Meeting - 7 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/2/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:30 pm - (subject to cancellation due to inclement weather)
- 3/4/11 **First Friday Group** -Daniel Pierce Library -1:00 pm - Book for discussion *Flights of Passage: Reflections of a World War II Aviator*, by Samuel Hynes
- 3/5/11 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 3/7/11 Town of Olive Audit Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 3/8/11 Town of Denning Audit Meeting - 7:00 pm Denning Town Hall
- 3/8/11 Town of Olive Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 3/9/11 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 3/10/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 3/15/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm -(subject to cancellation due to inclement weather)
- 3/16/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 3/19/11 **Thrift Sale** -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
- 3/26/11 15th Annual Women's Conference at SUNY Sullivan. Info and to register call 845-434-5750, ext. 4377
- 3/29/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Dept. 7 pm Neversink Town Hall

Save the Date!

9/17 & 9/18 -Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual Tractor Show -Grahamsville Fairgrounds

GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN every FRIDAY afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.

- Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>
- Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>
- Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>
- Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org>
- Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>
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 - Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>

SC TRAIL ASSOCIATION

The Sullivan County Trail Association 2011 Snowmobile Poker Run will be held on Sunday, February 27th at the Mongaup Pond Trail System in DeBruce, NY. First sled out 9:30 a.m., last out at 12 noon. Riders must return by 3:00 pm to qualify for prizes. \$15/hand or \$25/2 hands. Machines MUST be registered and insured. Refreshments available on site. Call 845-985-2636 or 845-292-4013 for more information.

HOT OFF THE PRESSES!

The Alchemy Club of Grahamsville has just released its new book of poetry, *The Alchemist 2011*, edited by Alana Sherman of Alms House Press, P O Box 218, Woodbourne, NY 12788. Books are available from Alms House Press, The Daniel Pierce Library and from the individual members of the Alchemy Club for \$10.00 a book

The Alchemy Club is available for readings for schools, libraries and organizations. It also welcomes new members. The next meeting is March 17 at 11:00 pm in the Daniel Pierce Library.

Crop Insurance Workshop Scheduled

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County in conjunction with the Department of Ag and Markets will be hosting a Risk Management Workshop focusing on crop insurance needs for dairy and crop growers. The subject matter will deal with crop insurance policies for corn and soybeans. Additional information on Farm Programs will be presented by a member of the Farm Service Agency.

There is no charge for this program as it is underwritten by a grant from the Department of Ag and Markets. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 from 11 AM to 2 PM. To register or for more information contact Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County at (845) 292-6180 by February 28th

Cornell Cooperative Presents Two Programs for EPIC at Fallsburg HS

On March 8, 2011 at 6:00 Sean Welsh, Consumer and Financial Educator, will present a workshop free and open to the public on Banking and Savings. Come and learn how to open the right checking and savings account for you. How to choose the right bank for your needs, how to keep and balance a check registry and the correct use of credit and debit cards are some of the topics covered in this informative class.

Then again on March 23, 2011 at 6:00 Sean Welsh will be back at Fallsburg High School to teach a course on Internet Safety. The internet has a wealth of information and it offers a world of opportunities for children and adults alike. However, you need to know how to

guard your children against inappropriate conduct, content and contact while using the internet. Learn how to secure your home computers and protect your family's privacy. The most recent information from the Federal Trade Commission, the nation's consumer protection agency, will be available at this course.

SC PHILATELIC SOCIETY

The Sullivan County Philatelic Society of Monticello, NY will present a talk on "Why I Like to Collect Stamps". This will take place on Sunday, March 6th, 1:00 pm in the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center, 2 Jefferson St. in Monticello. Featured will be Art Rosenzweig, Secret-ary/Treasurer of the Stamp Society. A short business meeting will take place before the talk. There will be door prizes, give-aways and homemade refreshments. Also, there will be a discussion on the upcoming Stamp Show in August and how to improve the way the show is run. Anyone who wants to bring in any stamps, collections or material relating to this hobby can and members will explain value and what you have.

Consumer Education Program

Winterize your home so you can Save Energy and Save Dollars. On March 2, 2011, at 10:00am Cornell Cooperative will offer a free workshop that is open to the public at BOCES Adult Ed Center on St. John's Street in Monticello. Whether you are a homeowner or renter, this is information you can really put to use. Come and enjoy a workshop with plenty of hands on experience. Learn how to do low-cost and no-cost weatherization practices that will save energy and reduce your energy bills. You will be taught useful techniques and receive a free energy kit you can use on your own home. Also, learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. Each participant will receive a free energy kit of materials, but you must pre-register at 845-292-5250

Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues -On March 16, 2011 at 10:00am at BOCES Adult Ed Center on St. John's Street in Monticello Cornell Cooperative Ext will offer another free workshop open to the public. This workshop provides information on selecting and using credit wisely, strategies for paying down debt, obtaining and receiving a credit report, and understanding a credit score. Participants will receive free credit management tools, but must pre-register at 845-292-5250

Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia It Happened One Night (1934)

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Quiz:
 A. Who played the bus driver?
 B. Who played Danker?

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PARKSVILLE - Fundraiser: Monday February 28th, 2011 "The Hearty Winter February Thaw!" sponsored by the PPC to help support the revitalization of the Parksville community. Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Location: Rolling River Cafe, 25 Cooley Road, Parksville, NY Have a great week!

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