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**DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY THANKS MANY VOLUNTEERS**



The Daniel Pierce Library recently held its Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon to thank the many volunteers who give so generously of their time and energy to the work and mission of the library. More than forty-five people attended the Luncheon on May 22, which was held in the Social Hall of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious buffet meal followed by a cake with the inscription, "Volunteers Build a Better World." (Contd. Pg. 3)

**FALLSBURG HIGH SCHOOL HONORS SPECIAL GRADUATES**



Fallsburg High School Honors Special Graduates. For the past sixty years, Fallsburg High School has honored outstanding seniors for academic achievement and community service with special scholarships named for individuals that served the school district in a memorable way. The Awards Committee chaired by long-term staff member at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School Ms. Renee Kates presented the following awards: Samuel Beytin Community Scholarships went to Jillian Alexander, Stephen Bedik, Brynn Bertholf, Jennifer Funes, and Sierra Spechler; Esther Mintz Flanagan Scholarship and the Blossom Cohen Memorial Scholarship went to Vanessa Piselli; Aaron Tremper earned the Candy Gold Memorial Scholarship; Michael Levy won the Milton Brizel Memorial Scholarship; the Edward Bryan Award went to Steven Teri; Amie Akerley received the Nancy Solomon Memorial Scholarship; and the 95+ Honor Award went to Uddhava Stowell and Stephen Bedik. (Contd. Pg. 3)

**UC DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE ENDORSES AND NOMINATES CANDIDATES FOR 2010 ELECTION**

The Ulster County Democratic Committee held a meeting for the purposes of nominating candidates for the 2010 election on May 24, 2010 Kingston. A crowd of over 250 energized Democrats gathered at the Holiday Inn on Monday night for the party's unofficial nominating convention to support the state-wide ticket and choose candidates for local and state office. (Contd. Pg. 12)

**ATTENTION U. S. VETERANS!**

In Recognition of their contribution to our country, all U. S. Military Personnel and Veterans are offered FREE use of our Archives and Genealogical facility and the FREE assistance of our staff in their research efforts at the Sullivan County Museum, 247 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For further information call: 845-434-8044.

**HOSPITAL TO HONOR THE LATE HON. RONALD W. ELIAS**

The Board of Directors of the Ellenville Regional Hospital Foundation has selected the late Honorable Ronald W. Elias as the honoree for this year's Annual Gala.



Judge Elias, who passed away in June of 2009, was a long-standing Trustee of the Ellenville Regional Hospital Board of Trustees. He served in many capacities as a Trustee, including Board President. Judge Elias is being recognized for his commitment to and stewardship of Ellenville Regional Hospital. He was instrumental in forming the relationship with Westchester Medical Center,

which helped to keep the hospital open for the community.

Fran Elias, wife of the honoree, will be accepting the award in his honor.

The Gala will be held on September 25, 2010 at Honors Haven in Ellenville, NY.

Please contact Debbie Briggs at (845) 210-3043 for further information regarding the Gala.

**NEW CAMP EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN WITH CHRONIC HEART DISEASE OR HEART TRANSPLANTS**

The Frost Valley YMCA, in partnership with The Children's Hospital at Montefiore, is introducing Hearts in the Valley camp, a summer camp experience for children who have chronic heart disease or heart transplants. The camp will offer the unique opportunity for these children to participate in camp activities like hiking, horseback riding and campfires under the stars along with other campers. (Contd. Pg. 9)

**SEARCHING FOR OUR ROOTS --Carol G. Smythe, Registered Historian**

Greetings! I feel like I've been on a long trip but to all you who enjoy local history, I am back. Let me begin with the priorities of this year and work backwards as time permits.

The big news for all of us history buffs is that our new museum is nearing completion. As the Daniel Pierce Library building addition reaches closure so does the wing the museum will lease from the library. That news means that all of us are working as hard as we can to prepare for that opening day. Since the museum has no money except for what we receive in grants and through fundraising; you might guess correctly that raising money is a big priority for us. Every person who becomes a charter member or who supports us in our fundraising efforts will be helping us open the museum in a way that we will all be proud of. (Contd. Pg. 3)

**ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHOR EVENING AT DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY**

The Daniel Pierce Library is pleased to announce the program for its annual Local Author Evening, on Friday, June 4, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church Social Hall, 356 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York. This year's featured local author will be Marianna Boncek. (Contd. Pg. 3)

**GRAHAMSVILLE UMC PLANS FINAL MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER**

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

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

The Mission Team will travel to the Appalachian Mts. in southeastern Kentucky July 31-Aug 8. They will work there at Henderson Settlement and surrounding mountain communities, part of the Red Bird Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. They will be putting an addition onto a mobile home for a single mom and her 3 children. We will provide a full report upon our return!

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

**GIVE US YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, YOUR HUDDLED CHILDREN'S BOOKS YEARNING TO BE READ-Collection on Now for Giant Children's Book Sale at the 2010 DeBruce Labor Day Parade**



Tackling your spring cleaning? Dusting off your bookshelves? Finding books that your child has outgrown?

Please don't throw them out! Bring them to the Livingston Manor Library. (Contd. Pg. 3)

In the photo Kimmy Simon, age 10, takes a break (with a book, of course). She's transferring donated children's books from bags to boxes in preparation for the Giant Children's Book Sale on Labor Day in conjunction with the 2010 DeBruce Labor Day Parade. Kelly Bertholf, age 9, also helped on another day.

**YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN**  
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Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501. As always, thank you for your support.

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER** : Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord. Amos 9:11

**OBITUARY**

**Andrew N. "Andy" Dubois** of Neversink passed away suddenly on Saturday, May 22, 2010 at the age of 71.

Andy was a loving father, husband and Poppy (Pop) to many. Andy was a man that was considered a jack-of-all-trades, a master of none, but was loved and respected for everything he did. He will be greatly missed, but will be watching over us every day.

Andy is survived by his wife of 43 years, Karol L. Krum Dubois. Their children, Aimey S. DuBois at home with their two granddaughters, Katelynd O. DuBois and Adair B. DuBois. (Predeceased by their son, Lee A. DuBois); Andy's children from a previous marriage, Jeffrey DuBois and wife Mary Ann Bennett DuBois of South Fallsburg, Christopher M. DuBois, Carla M. DuBois Crabb and husband, Wade Crabb, Annette M. DuBois Chapman (predeceased by Annette's husband, Anthony Chapman) all of Kentucky. Andy is also survived by his three sisters, Mary J. DuBois Osterhoudt and husband, Donald Osterhoudt of Grahamsville, Louise DuBois and Carolyn A. DuBois Mitchell and husband, Thomas "Tom" Mitchell both of Neversink; 11 grandchildren: Joshua, Jeremie, Carl J., Madia, Andre "Andy", Acris, Eliph, Carl L. and Christopher Jr.; great-grandchildren, Tyler, David, Savannah, Kaitlin and Dominic; and many nieces and nephews.

There will be no services. Cremation will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, cards and condolences may be sent to the family's home.

**DAYS OF YOURE....**

**Today's History**

**May 31, 1950** - Harry Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moe Rubenzahl of Neversink, was graduated on Saturday, May 27th, from the State University Agricultural and Technical Institute at Morristown, N.Y. He majored in Poultry Husbandry.

Mrs. Harvey Slater and Mrs. Clarence Slater were hostesses Wednesday evening, May 24th, at a bridal shower for Miss Kathyrine Slater at the Claryville Church Hall.

Papers filed last week in Monticello showed the sale price of the Loomis Sanitarium property to be \$137,500. Since the sale to the Voorhees Holding Corporation of New York City was recently announced, speculation has been rife as to the price.

A true fish story!!! As we go to press, it is reliably reported that Sumner Krum caught a 24" pickerel weighing 3 1/2 pounds at Beaver Dam.

Middletown and Newburgh in Orange County and Monticello and Liberty in Sullivan County have been selected by the Civil Aeronautics Administration as possible sites for airport development, an Associated Press dispatch from Washington revealed last week.

**June 1, 1960** - On Monday evening, May 23rd, at the FFA meeting for Orange-Rockland and Sullivan Counties, Steve Messinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Messinger of South Hill, was elected Secretary for the county group for 1960-61. Steve was also awarded the Grange Farmer degree which is the highest degree of the group.

Marine Pvt. Ronald K. Eidel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Eidel of Grahamsville, completed recruit training May 3rd at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Keith Douglas, young son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Eighmey of Sundown Road, was christened Thursday evening by the Rev. Howard West in the Methodist Church, Grahamsville. Mrs. Margaret Ulrich and Raymond Everett were Godparents.

At a military review at Centennial Field, Burlington, Vermont on May 13th, the Air Force Association Award to the outstanding Air Force ROTC Cadet was presented to Cadet Colonel William H. Grey. Bill Grey was also the recipient of the Air Force Reserve Officers' Association Award. Bill is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and will graduate from the University of Vermont June 12th.

**June 3, 1970** - Barbara Botsford, daughter of Thelma Botsford of Grahamsville, has received word of her acceptance at Fashion Institute of Technology. Barbara has been accepted for the fall semester as a student in Fashion Buying and Merchandising curriculum.

Michael Higgins, son of Mrs. and Mrs. John Higgins, Sr., has been notified of his acceptance at Alfred University where he plans to major in electronic communications.

The Alchemy Club met at the home of Harriet and Nellie Childs Smith in Grahamsville on Wednesday, May 20th. There were seven members and two guests present. At the critique, congratulations went to Eugenia Dowling and Inez Gridley whose poems were published in magazines this past month.

Mr. and Mrs. O'Toole lost their young son on Red Hill on Sunday. It was almost dark and the youngster had not returned, so the Claryville Fire Co. was called out. The boy evidently heard the calls and came out just before dark.

**June 5, 1980** - Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Osterhoudt on the birth of their daughter, Kelly Ann. Kelly Ann was born May 27, 1980 at Harris Hospital and weighed in at 8 lbs. 15 1/4 oz. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson of Grahamsville.

On Friday evening, May 30th, about 30 ladies of all ages dropped in to surprise Jane Houghtaling with a baby shower in honor of the new baby, Kevin.

On Sunday, many friends and relatives of William and Bessie Erts of Ladleton visited at an open house in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.

The lovely floral arrangement adorning the front of the Grahamsville Reformed Church has been presented by the New Vernon Florists in memory of Brice Moore. What a wonderful gesture for as we all remember Brice, beautiful flowers were so much a part of him.

Celebrating their 6th Anniversary on June 15th along with Fathers' Day are Tom and Kim Nash of Neversink.

**SULLIVAN BOCES - YEAR END EVENTS**

**June 7TH** (6:00 PM) - Annual Academic Achievement Dinner at the Eldred Preserve

**June 4th** (7:00 PM) - LPN Graduation in the CVI Building Auditorium

**June 11TH** (10:30 AM) - Rubin Pollack Education Center Graduation at the Rubin Pollack Education Center in the Special Education Cafeteria

**June 11TH** (7:00 PM) - GED Graduation at St John Street Education Center in the Auditorium

**June 16th** (7:00 PM) - Career & Tech Graduation/Recognition at Tri-Valley High School Auditorium

**June 23rd** (11:00 AM) - Even Start Annual Even Start Family Recognition/Celebration at the St. John Street Education Center in the Auditorium

**Neversink Fire Department**  
**Annual Spring**  
**Horseshoe Tournament**

**June 6, 2010**  
**9 a.m. Rain or Shine**  
**Covered Pits**  
**Prizes**

1<sup>st</sup> - \$300  
2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200  
3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100

**Double Elimination**  
**\$30.00 per person**  
(Covers food and refreshments)  
Bring your partner or pick one here.

**For advanced registrations**  
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**HERE AND THERE**

Remember the "good old days," when a mother was automatically confined to bed rest for at least a week after giving birth? Or an appendectomy patient could count on ten days to two weeks before being permitted to get up and walk across the room? The surgery of the 21st century, and its recovery time, would have been considered barbaric in that bygone era. In today's world, a patient like Thomas Smith (the one on Route 42, not South Hill) can walk into Albany Medical Hospital on a Thursday, as he did on May 20th, and come home on Friday, May 21st, with an entirely new left shoulder! Granted, Tom won't feel like chopping down trees for a few days, but still .....! Thomas, may your recovery be just as miraculous!

Barry and Bonnie (Mentnech) Lewis apparently know how to organize things for greater efficiency. They have three sons: one single, and one set of twins. (See? Only two hospital visits instead of three!) The twins, Daniel and Dustin, will celebrate their 22nd birthday this week, on June 4. Sean, the elder, will turn 25 on June 5 - just one day later! (Mothers, wouldn't you be tempted to provide one cake and one party for all three? I know I would.) Daniel recently graduated from Alfred Technical College; Dustin received his degree from S-Cortland. Jim and Irma Mentnech, the maternal grandparents, also have another grandchild who could presumably celebrate birthdays with them, but she (Emily) is too smart to get lost in a crowd of boy cousins. Emily will be a 'sweet 16' on June 12. Congratulations to all!

Good weather and great community support gave three local groups a very successful day on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. The Grahamsville Reformed Church held a combination Bake Sale and White Elephant Sale, which the workers called "very successful!" The same was true for a huge Yard Sale, sponsored by the local United Methodist Church. And the Benefit Auction held by the Time and the Valleys Museum workers at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds made the day a triple success. It seemed that shoppers went from one sale site to another, in order not to miss any bargains.

Unfortunately, we had to miss all these events. Don, his sister June, and I drove to Richfield Springs to attend a burial service of a cousin who died last winter. Richfield Springs is a very pleasant little town, bigger than Grahamsville, but with much the same atmosphere of friendliness and good will. In spite of the occasion, it was a very pleasant day.

"It isn't what you know that counts, it's what you think of in time." (Leo Aikman)  
Have a good week. .... (pah)

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy**

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

**DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY VOUNTEERS (From Pg. 1)**

Library Director Joann Gallagher offered her remarks and thanks, as did Anita Jones, retiring President of the Board of Trustees. Philip Coombe, Jr. also thanked the volunteers, shared updated floor and construction plans, and then led the group on a tour of the nearly completed addition. Volunteers were also each given a special thank-you gift - a Daniel Pierce Library golf cap, which they may choose to wear as they help out at future library events! Daniel Pierce Library golf caps will soon be for sale in the library, for those who wish to purchase their very own cap with the new library logo.

**SEARCHING FOR OUR ROOTS (From Pg. 1)**

As historian, my personal biggest priority for the year is to fulfill my obligation to Arcadia Publishing Co. They recruited me to compile a history of our area. The book will be titled Neversink - the Rondout Reservoir to the Neversink Reservoir. I agreed to write the book, which meant there was a signed contract. So you can see what I will be doing this year! The book will be comprised of 200 photos and some postcards, which will all, have captions to write. Then there will be the narrative. The sections of the book will include the story of both Denning and Neversink. As you know the two townships are inextricably intertwined. There will be coverage of the area, as it existed in 1798 and forward. Will hope to include some of our historic barns, early schools, missing communities, and early post offices and as much more as I can fit in to the project. As far as royalties, I have already designated them to go the Time and the Valleys Museum for historic projects.

Now here's where you come in - this book is going to be a project that belongs to all of us. I need your help. Will you go into your photo albums and old family photographs and share them with me? I just need to be able to have them long enough to scan them into the computer and of course your help is needed to provide information for captions. Photos that are loaned will get the owner's name (Next Col.)

as part of the caption.

Location-wise, if you have original black and white photos of Red Hill, Peekamoose, Sundown, Lows Corners, Eureka, Montela, Lackawack or Grahamsville, Unionville, Curry, old Neversink, Bittersweet, Claryville, Frost Valley, Denning, Dewittville, Branch, Willowemoc, Halls Mills or anyplace else that I might have forgotten, please give me a call or send an email or write a letter - whatever works for you.

There are a number of other projects that involve the historian - they include working with the exhibit committee for the museum opening; the historic barn project with LaVerne Black, photographer; the cemetery sign project with Renaissance and Lori Mickelson; the archiving of photos and records from the Town of Denning with George and Helen Elias; and the history research for the stream management project. Looks like a busy year.

**ANNUAL LOCAL AUTHOR EVENING (From Pg. 1)**

Ms. Boncek will speak on her new book, Spooky Hudson Valley, which leads readers through a "ghostly tour" of New York's Hudson Valley, highlighting the history, legends and resident ghosts of the area. Ms. Boncek holds a B.A. from Vermont College, an M.A. from Goddard College, and has a particularly keen interest in researching "lost" local history. Plan to come and bring a friend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, please call (845)985-7233 or visit our website at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org).

**GIVE US YOUR TIRED, YOUR POOR, YOUR HUDDLED CHILDREN'S BOOKS YEARNING TO BE READ (From Pg. 1)**

The 2010 DeBruce Labor Day Parade to benefit the Livingston Manor Library will be all about Books, Bubbles and Balloons. And the library is currently collecting picture books, chapter books and young-adult books for their Giant Children's Book Sale at the parade.

Please drop off donated books during regular library hours only. The Livingston Manor Library is open: Mondays from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesdays from 1 - 5 p.m., Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Thursday from 1 - 5 p.m., Fridays from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more information call the library at 845-439-5440. The Livingston Manor Library is located at 92 Main Street, across from the fire department.

Stay tuned for more information about the 2010 DeBruce Labor Day Parade including details on music, entertainment, food and much, much more.

**FALLSBURG HIGH SCHOOL HONORS SPECIAL GRADUATES (From Pg. 1)**

Participating in the awards luncheon at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant in Rock Hill on May 23 were Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz who acknowledged the many family and friends that came to support the students, President of the Fallsburg Teacher's Association Stephen Janove, and Senior Class Guidance Counselor Stephanie Lauro, who was celebrating her first ever graduating class. Well over 150 members of the Fallsburg family cheered for these fine young people as they continue their academic journeys to college and beyond.

**COUNTDOWN TO ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DAY!**

The "E-Scrap Recycling Day" is a 4-H fundraiser that benefits youth and will be held Friday, June 18th for businesses 12 noon to 4pm and on Saturday, June 19th for the general public from 9am to 1pm. Collection will take place at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty. A flyer may be downloaded from [www.sullivancee.org](http://www.sullivancee.org).

Unwanted electronic and computer equipment will be collected from the general public at a cost of \$10 per carload, 7 items max. This is a considerable cost savings to individuals who would otherwise pay \$12 per unit at their local transfer station. Items accepted include monitors, printers, keyboards, VCR's, batteries, cell phones, radios, modems, telephones, TV's, CPU's, copiers, typewriters and stereo equipment. 4-H is working with Advanced Recovery, Inc. and the Sullivan County Division of Solid Waste & Recycling to collect "E-scrap" for reuse or recycling. Equipment for recycling will be dismantled by Advanced Recovery into its basic components, readying it for new use.

Businesses must pre-register to participate in the event and may do so by contacting Bob Travers at 845-858-8809, or by e-mailing him at [rtravers@advancedrecovery.com](mailto:rtravers@advancedrecovery.com). Cost (Next Col.)

to businesses, government agencies and school districts is \$10 per monitor, laptop, LCD or plasma television, while all other equipment will be free.

Keep E-waste out of the disposal chain and support 4-H Youth Development at the same time! It will keep our county and our 4-H Program "green."

**SNAILS**

**By Peggy DeWire**



Of the fifty thousand snails worldwide that live on land and in water, I'm writing about a few freshwater kinds found in the eastern U.S.

Our snails, both land and water, are small ones with shells measuring an inch or less. Some are spiral shape, some coiled. All are herbivores, eating plants.

Snails travel in stomach-foot muscle and belong to the family Gastropods (gastro - stomach, poda - foot).

Water snails move everywhere in the shallows of lakes, rivers and ponds, climbing up waterweed stems, gliding along the underside of lily pads and swinging through the water on mucous threads.

Land snails crawl over ground leaving a trail of shiny mucus that protects their soft bodies from sharp objects. They get back home by retracing the mucus trail.

Four hundred million years ago some snails left the ocean for tidal rivers and adapted to life in fresh water by breathing air with gills or storing oxygen in special lung sacs.

Snail shells are hardened secretions of calcium-making glands in the body or mantle and spiral around an axis called columella. The final shape, spiral or round coil of the shell opens to the right or left, though most snails are right-hand.

To determine which way a snail is, hold the shell with the opening up and the pointed end away from you. The opening usually faces right. Do the same thing for left-hand snails.

Many water and land snails make a shell door or operculum for protection when resting or when danger threatens. When the snail draws back into its shell, the door comes last, tightly closing the opening.

Water snails have a head with two feelers, each with a tiny black eye at the base. Land snails have four feelers, two long and two short, with eyes on the ends of the long ones.

Snails have several jaws on the roof of their mouth and a flexible tongue (radula) below which is covered by rows of sharp hooks and teeth that scrape algae off waterweeds or chew wee bites of green plants on land. Scientists use the different shapes and arrangements of these tiny teeth to identify snails.

Most snails lay eggs in jelly masses and stick them on rocks or debris in water or on land. You can clearly see babies moving around in their capsules. Other snails bear live young complete with shell that crawl away immediately.

It's fun to set up an aquarium for watching snails which are easy to collect at ponds. Put a layer of sand on the bottom of a large glass jar, plant a few waterweeds (from a pond or pet store) and add some green algae scraps. Algae grow on the glass sides and become favorite places for snails to graze. Snails lay eggs on the glass sides too and with a hand lens you can watch the babies develop.

Water snails get eaten by frogs, turtles and most fish except trout. Land snails are relished by deer, birds and raccoons. People eat snails called escargots in restaurants and find them very tasty.

Because some wild snails such as the Eastern Forest Snail carry disease germs, it's best for people to eat escargots only from restaurant menus.

To honor snails, an unknown poet wrote:

**SNAILS**

It hasn't any windows, it hasn't any doors  
Although it has a ceiling, it hasn't any floors  
Was built without a builder, a hammer or a nail,  
Because you see, this funny house,  
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**LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES:**

LEGAL NOTICE OF ESTOPPEL

**Pool Passes & Swimming Lessons**

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

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

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

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**Town of Denning Residents**

New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 501 requires all municipalities to maintain adequate information (inventory) about all properties on its assessment roll.

New York State has determined that the inventory records in the Town of Denning are out dated and has required that our records be updated.

We have contracted with Michael Dunham of Valley Appraisal Service to update our inventory. He will be taking measurements and photos of all Town of Denning properties and creating a database with the correct information so the Town will be in compliance with New York State Law.

If you see Mr. Dunham and / or Mr. Sommer, our Town Assessor, please be accommodating so that they can complete the inventory update for our Town.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD  
Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

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**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Will hold a Regular Board Meeting  
On Tuesday, June 10, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.  
In the Secondary School Lower Library Level

**SC TO HOLD EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE AUCTION, OFFERS SHARED SERVICE TO TOWNS AND VILLAGES**

County Manager David P. Fanslau announced that Sullivan County will hold an auction of the County's surplus equipment and vehicles, and the County has offered the auction as a shared service for the Towns and Villages to be participants. The equipment and vehicle auction will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at 5:00 PM at the Sullivan County Division of Public Works facility on Route 17B in Maplewood.

"The auctioning off of surplus or unneeded equipment and vehicles will bring much needed revenues to the County," said Fanslau. "The selling of the surplus equipment and vehicles will also clear space that is currently occupied by such surplus equipment and vehicles," added Fanslau.

Following a practice that has worked well for the County's Villages in relation to the real property auction, the County Legislature directed the County Manager to offer the ability to the County's Towns and Villages to participate in the August 18th equipment and vehicle auction, by including Town or Village surplus equipment and vehicles in the auction. The proceeds from Town or Village equipment and vehicles will be accounted for separately, and distributed to the respective Town or Village.

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on May 25, 2010, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York, is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of this notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution. Such resolution was adopted after approval of the proposition at the Annual School District Meeting duly called held and conducted on May 20, 2008.

A complete copy of the resolution summarized herewith is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the School District Clerk for a period of twenty days from the date of publication of this Notice.

Dated: Grahamsville, New York,  
May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Martha Lee Ter Bush  
School District Clerk

**BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 25, 2010.**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$1,749,000 BONDS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO \$397,000 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND MONIES OF TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT GRAHAMSVILLE, SULLIVAN COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDINGS, IN AND FOR SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT.

<b>Class of objects or purposes:</b>	Construction of certain boiler and HVAC improvements to various School District buildings
<b>Period of probable usefulness:</b>	30 years
<b>Maximum estimated cost:</b>	\$2,146,000
<b>Amount of obligations to be issued:</b>	\$1,749,000 bonds (to be reduced by State Excel Aid estimated at \$392,000)
<b>Capital Reserve Fund monies:</b>	Up to \$397,000
<b>SEQRA status:</b>	SEQRA compliance materials on file in Office of the School District Clerk where they may be inspected during regular office hours

"Sullivan County last held an equipment and vehicle auction was in May of 2008, which was just prior to the official beginning of this continuing national "Great Recession" that have significantly impacted the County's economy," said Fanslau.

"I sent letters to each Town Supervisor, Highway Superintendent, and Village Mayor advising them of this opportunity, as a shared service. Also, the combining of County, Town, and Village surplus equipment and vehicles may make the upcoming auction more successful, by attracting more bidders on more options," concluded Fanslau.

For additional information regarding the equipment and vehicle auction, please contact Jeff Froehlich at 845-807-0450.

**ATTEMPTED ROBBERY THWARTED AT THE JEFFERSONVILLE PHARMACY**

On Wednesday May 26, 2010, at approximately 2:45PM, Deputies from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office responded to a 911 call of an attempted robbery at the Pharmacy on RT-52 in the Village of Jeffersonville. Employees reported that a male wearing a blue jumpsuit and a dark ski mask entered the business wielding a baseball bat and stated, "Give me all the drugs!" An employee of the store pulled a licensed pistol on the suspect and asked him, "Do you really want to do this?" The suspect fled the pharmacy empty handed. Deputy Eric Briehof in the Sheriff's K-9 unit found the suspect in his residence at 4726 ST-



52, near Lake Jefferson, and took him into custody. Deputies have identified the man as 55 year old Robert Roach of Jeffersonville. He was arraigned before Town of Thompson Judge Martin Miller on a charge of Attempted Robbery 1st degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th, and Menacing in the 2nd degree. Roach was sent to the Sullivan County Jail without bail.

**ROAD CLOSURE**


The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of Town Highway 60 (Jack Menges Road), in the Town of Callicoon, to repair County Bridge 450. County Bridge 450 is located approximately one-quarter (1/4) of a mile northeast of the intersection of Town Highway 60 (Jack Menges Road) and State Route 52. This section of road is scheduled to be closed to traffic starting 7:30 AM, Wednesday, June 9, 2010 and will remain closed for approximately thirty (30) days.

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works will post a detour route using State Route 52 and Hull Road (TH 32, Town of Liberty).

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This program will be presented by Donna Davies, LCSW, Care Consultant for the Hudson Valley Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, and is co-sponsored by the Caregiver Resource Center at Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County

Individuals are welcome to stay for the monthly Caregiver Support Group, to be held in the board room in Cornell Cooperative Extension immediately after the class, facilitated by Bonnie Lewis, RN

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"As summer approaches, merchants prepare for an influx of visitors to Sullivan County. Shelves get restocked, but sometimes we forget to consider how our business might look to someone visiting for the first time," said Richard Sush, Community Organizer for Sullivan Renaissance, and the seminar's moderator. "This seminar will help you to look at your store with 'new eyes'."

Panel members will share their years of retail and design experience to offer practical suggestions to make one's business more appealing to new customers while helping to retain existing ones. The panel includes: Kate Kennedy, design professional and former owner of Goode & Plenty in Jeffersonville; Lisa Lyons, owner of Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor; and Joe Tinari, owner of the Fosterdale Motor Lodge.

Merchants are encouraged to bring a picture of their own storefront for targeted suggestions.

Pre-registration is requested. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to register, contact Sullivan Renaissance at [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org) or 845-295-2445.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Additional funding has been secured by NYS Senator John J. Bonacic and Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther. Sponsorships have been provided by WSUL/WVOS for Category A projects and by Bold Gold Media Group/Thunder 102 for Category B projects.

**DVAA OFFERS SUMMER ART CLASSES**

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is pleased to announce 2010 summer art classes with art instructor Jennifer O'Neil. Classes are available for adults and children and cover Drawing & Painting, Mixed Media, and Children's Art. All classes meet at the Delaware Art Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

Drawing & Painting classes (ages 13 - adult) meets in two sections: Tuesdays, July 6 - 27 and Tuesdays, August 3 - 24 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. Tuition is \$100, plus a \$25 materials fee.

Students explore painting and drawing techniques from observing their own surroundings. These classes are helpful for students looking to further their portfolio preparation and scholarship opportunities for college.

Mixed Media classes (ages 13 - adult) meets in two sections: Tuesdays, July 6 - 27 and Tuesdays, August 3 - 24 from 3:30 - 5 p.m. Tuition is \$100, plus a \$25 materials fee.

Students experiment with different materials to create visual magic. These classes are helpful for students looking to further their portfolio preparation and scholarship opportunities for college.

Children's Art classes (ages 5 - 12) meets in two sections: Tuesdays, July 6 - 27 and Tuesdays, August 3 - 24 from 1 - 3 p.m. Tuition is \$80, plus a \$20 materials fee. This class looks at different artists and genres for a fun and unique way to introduce kids to the visual arts. The course culminates with a

gallery exhibition at the Delaware Arts Center.

O'Neil obtained her BS in Fine Arts, specializing in Graphic Design and her MS in Education from Hofstra University. She has been teaching art for 10 years, the last six at Eldred Central School. Her students have won numerous awards and accolades and have gone on to study art at FIT, The Art Institute, PRATT, York College of Pennsylvania, among many others. She also owns her own design business.

Registrations are on a first come, first served basis with a minimum class size of four and a maximum of eight. Registrations forms may be downloaded from [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org). To register, make checks payable to, and mail to Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764 or call 845-252-7576 with credit card information. Payment must be made when registering.

For details about class content email [jennoneil2009@aim.com](mailto:jennoneil2009@aim.com). For details about registration, call 845-252-7576.

**7TH ANNUAL DIGIT MEDIA EXPOSITION**

"There's a certain irony of holding a digital festival in a rural town like Narrowsburg where cell phones still receive only spotty reception," states Tina Spangler of the organizing committee for DIGIT. "But, this quiet atmosphere creates a comfortable environment in which local residents and visiting artists alike can come together to examine the ways digital technology impacts our everyday lives."

The seventh annual DIGIT digital media exposition kicks off Friday, June 18 from 7-9 p.m. with a double opening reception of Conrad Gleber's video installation "Four Walls / Four Seasons" at Alliance Gallery and "Alternate Reality" video screenings and installations in Loft Gallery at 37 Main Street in Narrowsburg, NY. Both exhibitions will remain on display through July 10.

DIGIT is proud to host several visiting artists and their innovative works, including Thomas Zummo's digital art displays revealing brand new technologies such as augmented reality and laser graffiti; Ivan Martinez's "Running Man" projections from a flatbed truck on Main Street; Mat Rappaport's video and Morse code over the Delaware River titled "currents," Owen Mundy's projected installation "The Consequence of Scale," and "Beloved River: The Portal Form" by DIGIT founder Patrick Carullo.

Narrowsburg Roasters will once again host "Java with the Geniuses" an open and free discussion for anyone to ask technical questions-from how to download a picture to how to start a website-on Saturday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Next door at the Arts Center, a series of workshops will explore topics including Conrad Gleber's "Using Microsoft's Photosynth" and Ron Littke's "Videotoons" animation workshops for kids 3-12 years old.

The "Quick and Gritty" video slam returns, inviting artists of all skill levels to make their own 3-minute digital movie. In what has become a festival favorite event, the short videos are screened on Sunday, June 20 at 12 p.m. at "video slam" at the Tusten Theatre. A jury of judges will award a \$500 grand prize.

Sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, DIGIT encourages creative and technical excellence and experimentation among individual artists and small groups working with digital tools. The event is funded in part by a grant from the Electronic Media and Film Program of the New York State Council on the Arts. For details about DIGIT, visit [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org) or call (845) 252-7576

# Welcome Dr. Sperling!

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**LADIES AUXILIARY & FIRE DEPARTMENT TO BUILD A NEW PLAYGROUND IN WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS**

It is with great pride that the White Sulphur Springs Ladies Auxiliary announces the creation of a brand new playground at WSS Fireman's Park. The auxiliary has been working tirelessly to raise funds for this much needed new play area and has successfully acquired most of the necessary donations to purchase a brand new, large fire truck play structure which will be the feature of the new playground. The Ladies Auxiliary and Fire Department worked together in 2009 to complete a Renaissance Category B Project and many areas of the park were beautified. The project won second place and was awarded funds that will be used towards this next project. However, the auxiliary and department are still in need of help to fully furnish the new playground area and maximize its potential.

On Saturday June 12th there will be a large fundraising event at the White Sulphur Springs Firemen's Park. The event will include a Trike-a-thon for children ages 2-12 at 11am. Parents can pick up forms and learn more at the White Sulphur Springs Inn and Green's Grocery. The comical highlight of the day will be the Fireman's Tricycle Race taking place at noon. Imagine nearly 20 firemen riding tricycles - you won't want to miss this! There will also be a Yard and Bake Sale going on from 10am - 4pm in the park pavilion and lunch items will be available for purchase.

Members of the auxiliary are asking people, businesses and organizations to consider being a White Sulphur Springs Playground Sponsor. For a one hundred dollar donation, your name or business/organization name will be featured on our permanent "White Sulphur Springs Playground Sponsors" sign which will be located at the entrance of the play area. For a three hundred dollar donation, you will be a Park Bench Sponsor and an inscription of your choosing (10 words or less) will be added to a playground park bench and your name will be listed on the fore mentioned sign. For a five hundred dollar donation you will be a Spring Rider sponsor, an inscription of your choosing will be attached to a brand new commercial grade piece of playground equipment and your name will be listed on the fore mentioned sign.

To learn more call Ladies Auxiliary President Holly Fink at 295-0859 or e-mail Amanda Speer at [speer2b@yahoo.com](mailto:speer2b@yahoo.com).

**KIDS CAN PARTICIPATE IN 2010 SUMMER READING AND EXERCISE CHALLENGE**

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill announced the kick-off of the State Assembly's annual Summer Reading and Exercise Challenge. The Assemblymember is once again coordinating efforts with our local libraries to get the word out about summer reading and the value of our public library system.

"The Assembly is working to ensure that our children get a quality education. The Summer Reading and Exercise Challenge is a vital part of that effort," Assemblymember Cahill said. "Reading improves a child's critical thinking and vocabulary. Besides, you can take a book anywhere. It's portable, inexpensive and fun, and that combination is hard to beat. It is also important that children make time to get outside in the fresh (Contd. Pg. 9)



# Frost Valley YMCA Day Camp



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## Host an International Student Attending Frost Valley Day Camp



USAI, a local non-profit organization, is looking for families who would like to host for 3 weeks students ages 11 to 17 from Spain and France who will be attending Frost Valley Day Camp this summer. Hosting an international kid is a great cross-cultural experience for the entire family and may result in unique friendships. Families, with or without children, are expected to treat the student like a member of the family. Weekly stipend available for food and entertainment. If you would like to find out more about the USAI/Frost Valley Day Camp program, please call USAI at 845-688-2434.

[www.usaimmersion.com](http://www.usaimmersion.com)

## SUMMER READING AND EXERCISE CHALLENGE

(From Pg. 8) air and engage in a physical activity that they find enjoyable." To participate in the program, children must read alone or with a family member or friend for at least 15 minutes each day, as well as participate in a physical outdoor activity such as playing ball or taking a walk. Students mark the days off on a calendar and send it to Assemblymember Cahill's office. Participants will be rewarded with their reading and exercise certificate at the annual awards ceremony held in October at the Kingston Library.

## NEW CAMP EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN WITH CHRONIC HEART DISEASE OR HEART TRANSPLANTS

(From Pg. 1) The Hearts in the Valley camp will be held August 8- 20, 2010 at the Frost Valley YMCA. This first year will be a pilot camp for 6-8 children from the tri-state area. The Children's Hospital at Montefiore will be providing a team of doctors and nurses, including a Cardiologist, who will oversee all medical aspects of the camp. Frost Valley YMCA will be providing the camp experience and programming.

Frost Valley YMCA is seeking additional funding sources to be able to provide families with full scholarships for the children to attend camp and build the program to serve more children in the years to come. For information please call (845) 985-2291 or e-mail [info@frost-valley.org](mailto:info@frost-valley.org). Frost Valley YMCA provides four seasons of outdoor educational opportunities for more than 35,000 children and adults each year of all ages, backgrounds and abilities. All Frost Valley YMCA programs incorporate the values of caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, inclusiveness, stewardship, diversity and community. The camp is located just 2.5 hours drive from metro NY / NJ in the Catskill Mountains. For additional information, Denise Owens at (845) 985-2291

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**LEEKS IN THE FOREST! LEEKS IN THE GARDEN!**

Leeks have been a favorite food of ours for many years, but they become so expensive that we decided to grow them in our garden last year. Like the onions and the garlic that we didn't harvest last year, the leeks are also back! What a treat.

Leeks were first brought to the United States by the early settlers. The French call the leek, poireau, which also means "simpleton". You may recall one of Agatha Christie's famous characters, the French detective, Poirot, who was named after the leek. Today leeks are perhaps not as popular as they were in ancient times, largely because other similar vegetables such as onions are more convenient to use. Although no one is certain for sure, it is believed that leeks, like many herbs, are native to the Mediterranean area and possibly Asia Minor. Even though leeks have only recently become popular in the United States, they have been grown and used for cooking for more than 3,000 years in Asia and Europe.

Leek are mentioned in the Old Testament. "Remember how in Egypt we had fish for the asking, cucumbers, and watermelons, leeks and onions and garlic." This was from a lament by the Israelites as they wandered in the desert searching for the Promised Land. Later leeks would be traditionally consumed on Rosh Hashanah. It was meant to symbolize the desire for the people to have their enemies "cut off". This came from the idea that the Hebrew word for leek is karti, which is similar to the verb, to cut off, or yikartu.

It is also widely reported that the Emperor, Nero (37-68 AD), consumed leeks in great quantities, cooked in oil. He believed it would improve his singing voice. He was so well known for eating leeks that he actually acquired the nickname, Porophagus (leek eater).

It is generally thought that leeks were introduced to Wales via the Phoenician traders. The future popularity of leeks in that country is displayed by the fact that around 620 AD, King Cadwallader and his men wore leeks in their hats to differentiate themselves from their enemies, the Saxons. In fact, the leek has become a national symbol of Wales.

Today, in the Nordic Region that is well known for its desirable plant and food diversity, Gitte Bjørn, a Senior Researcher has collected 66 different types of leek growing in the wild in Sweden, Finland, Norway and Denmark. The seeds, forming all the different types, are now stored in the Nordic Gene Bank in Alnarp, Sweden.

And right here in our own backyard forest, ramps, a wild leek, are growing not far from the Rondout Stream. They are just about the tastiest! This North American native species has a strong garlic-like odor and it has much the same culinary and medicinal uses as garlic.

What a find; leeks in the forest and leeks in the garden!

**WHY SHOP ORGANIC? - Bob Barese**

Research obtained over the last 50 years has supported claims that the food we consume may actually be killing us instead of its intended purpose- sustainability. Unfortunately, recommendations from the USDA have not proven to be in our best interest. For the average American, consuming fruits and vegetables does not absolve you from the health risks associated with that of a poor diet. Fortune 500 corporations such as Monsanto (who account for 23% of the global proprietary seed market) have used clever legal manipulation to control plant germplasm and eliminate the common rights of American farmers. A quick resume scan of the executive tiered USDA staff will reveal several former top Monsanto employees. This includes Supreme Justice Clarence Thomas, a former Monsanto lawyer, who upheld the decision that plants are subject to patent protection under U.S. patent law.

What does this mean? Any plant not certified organic may play host to a volatile cocktail of genetic alterations, chemical pesticides and other harmful, unnatural processes. Organic farmers abstain from synthetic materials and pesticides, prohibit genetically modified organisms and irradiation, and employ a host of positive soil building, conservation and crop management practices.

In terms of livestock, the scene becomes even scarier. Beef, pork, and chicken are largely monopolized by a handful of major corporations. The habitat, feeding, and processing of these animals is not only inhumane, but downright grotesque. Antibiotics, hormones, poor living conditions, and processed feed ensure these animals pose a serious threat to our nation's health. Cows, for example, are fed mass amounts of processed grain. This leads to antibiotic-resistant bacteria, E. coli bacteria, and other forms of tainted meat. The chicken on your dinner table this evening has never taken more than a few steps or seen the light of day its entire 48-day life.

**Why organic?**

Organic foods reduce health risks by negating the use of chemicals, pesticides, and genetic modification. This also negates the use of antibiotics and holds the farm to a strictly clean processing standard. Remember, you are what you eat, which can be scary!

By supporting organic you are respecting wildlife and the environment. We ensure chemicals, pesticides, and other harmful bacteria are not being released into the atmosphere. Livestock is permitted to graze and crops are not inundated with pesticides.

Grain-fed cattle are likely to become very ill and propagate bacteria into the environment as a result of their diet. Non-organic produce facilitate the use and spread of chemicals into our atmosphere and soil. These practices create an unhealthy, unsustainable environment.

Every American has the ability to vote organic every time they make purchasing choices in their local grocery. The sad reality is organic food can cost almost double the price at your supermarket. This is largely in part to government subsidization of certain aspects of the processing industry that keep prices lower. Next time you visit your local supermarket take stock in how many items are organic. The benefits of shopping organic extend far beyond the health of you and your family. Many supermarkets purchase organic items from local farmers. By choosing organic you are not only supporting small farms, you are also supporting your local economy. Many meat and produce managers are happy to assist customers, so visit your local market and inquire about organic foods today! Rid your body of pesticides, synthetic chemicals, and ingredients. Try shopping food without a food label and if the ingredients look like a NASA code, run! Check your produce, 9 is fine, 4's a bore!

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Rob is an ex-military, paleo-eating, free lance writer who spends most of his spare time outdoors with his Golden Retriever, Troy. His lifelong dream is to see Americans wake up from the sleepwalk of everyday life. Ever the gentleman, Mr. Barrese would be happy to answer your health, fitness, or life inquiries. Email: [rob1977b@aol.com](mailto:rob1977b@aol.com)

**ULSTER CO DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE (From Pg. 1)**

Endorsements included Andrew Cuomo for Governor, presented by Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, Tom Dinapoli for New York State Comptroller, presented by Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach, Chuck Schumer for United States Senate, presented by Frank Dart and an endorsement of Kirsten Gillibrand, presented by Julie McQuain. All endorsements were unanimously voted by the Committee. The following candidates were nominated by acclamation:

**Maurice Hinchey**, 22nd United States Congressional District

- Nominated by Ulster County Executive Mike Hein  
- Seconded by Ulster County Legislator Roy Hochberg

**Paul Van Blaricum**, Ulster County Sheriff

- Nominated by John Parete  
- Seconded by Vic Work

Sheriff Van Blaricum accepting the nomination pledged to continue his record of innovation and reform, promising to keep Ulster County free from violence by targeting gangs and ensuring that safety is a top priority.

Elliott Auerbach, Ulster County Comptroller  
- Nominated by Ulster County Executive Mike Hein  
- Seconded by Nicole Tucker

**Comptroller Auerbach**, upon his endorsement reiterated the importance of transparency on a County level and to remain accountable and responsible to the taxpayers.

Kathy Mihm, Ulster County Board of Elections Commissioner

- Nominated by Ulster County Legislator Jeanette Provenzano  
- Seconded by Board of Elections Deputy Commissioner Jay Mahler

Commissioner Mihm thanked the Committee for their unanimous support and called upon them to help keep the voting process accessible to the public. Reminding Democrats that with the debut of a new voting system in Ulster County the need for education and awareness is paramount.

**Kevin Cahill**, 101st Assembly District

- Nominated by Ulster County Legislator Rob Parete  
- Seconded by Ulster County Board of Elections Commissioner Kathy Mihm  
Frank Skartados, 100th Assembly District  
- Nominated by Jon Sennett  
- Seconded by Joe Eriole

**For the office of 39th State Senate**, two candidates were nominated;

**Larry Delarose**

- Nominated by Ulster County Legislator Mike Madsen  
- Seconded by Bob Gillon

**Harley Doles**

- Nominated by Annette Laskowsky  
- Seconded by City of Kingston Alderman Tom Hoffay

Delegates from the City of Kingston, Esopus, Lloyd, Marlborough and Plattekill nominated Harley Doles. Upon accepting his nomination, Mr. Doles pledged to bring change to the 39th District and put an end to the bipartisan feuding that has plagued the Senate in recent years while still staying loyal to his family oriented, Democratic ideals.

**For the office of 42nd State Senate**, two candidates were nominated;

**Seth Goldman**

- Nominated by Daniel Torres  
- Seconded by Vic Work

**David Sager**

- Nominated by Mike Harkavy  
- Seconded by Jane Wood

Delegates from the Towns of Denning, Gardiner, Hardenburgh, Hurley, Marletown, New Paltz, Olive, Rochester, Rosendale, Saugerties, Shandaken, Shawangunk, Town of Kingston, Ulster, Wawarsing and Woodstock nominated David. Mr. Sager stated that he shares the views and philosophies of the Democratic Party and will utilize his experience in Albany.

New York State Senator Eric Schneiderman, who is seeking the office of New York State Attorney General made the keynote speech at the conclusion of the Convention. Pledging to change the status quo in Albany and build on his reputation as an unflinching reformer, Senator Schneiderman harkened on his experiences in the State Senate and his time as a private attorney. He stated his commitment to the people of New York State and enthusiasm for giving voice to the citizens in the capacity of Attorney General. Senator Schneiderman enthusiastically supported the revitalization of the Democratic Party focusing on the strides Democrats have made and continue to strive for in the community.

**ASSEMBLY ENERGY COMMITTEE GIVES SOLAR ENERGY, JOBS A BIG BOOST**

Assembly Energy Committee Chair Cahill announced that the Energy Committee passed legislation designed to make New York a leader in solar energy. The Solar Industry Development and Jobs Act of 2010 (A.11004) is a market-based approach that will accelerate investments

in solar power throughout New York.

"New York has a huge untapped potential for solar energy, particularly in the hot summer months when electricity demand peaks," said Assemblymember Cahill. "This innovative program complements our already successful efforts at promoting wind, biomass and hydro power. It is a cost-effective solution that will allow us to meet our energy needs with clean, renewable power while at the same time strengthening our electric grid and reducing the need to run expensive peaking power plants."

**HINCHEY AND HALL SECURE \$3.75 MILLION IN DEFENSE**

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Congressman John Hall (D-NY) today announced that \$3.75 million for an aircraft conversion facility, which would position the Stewart Air National Guard Base to accept C-17 aircraft, has been included in the Fiscal Year 2011 defense authorization bill. Hinchey, who sits on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, was instrumental in securing the funding, which will help ensure Stewart remains a critical base for the Air National Guard. The base is one of the region's largest employers, generating over \$216 million in annual economic activity in the Lower Hudson Valley.

"This is great news for Stewart and the 105th Airlift Wing," said Hinchey. "The replacement of the aging fleet of C-5A transport planes is essential to the base's future and the safety of our troops. Upgrading to the more efficient and reliable C-17s has been one of my top priorities, and I'm thrilled to have secured more than enough authorized funding to allow the base to accept this critical mission. By solidifying Stewart's position as an essential base for the Air National Guard, we are also ensuring that the base remains one of the largest employers and economic drivers in our region."

The 105th Airlift Wing at Stewart has some of the oldest C-5As in the Air Force inventory. As one of only two National Guard bases on the Eastern Seaboard that provides transatlantic flights to service members abroad, Stewart provides essential services for U.S. armed forces, especially in the responsive delivery of both heavy and light forces and cargo to meet rapid deployment.

"Replacing the aging C-5A fleet with new C-17 aircraft will secure the future of the 105th Airlift Wing and potentially affect the lives of thousands who live in the area," said Hall. "The funding authorized in the FY 2011 National Defense Authorization bill will give Stewart Air National Guard Base the facilities to make this important transition and to accept C-17 aircraft."

Substantial upgrades are needed at Stewart in order to accept the C-17 mission. The \$3.75 million will be used to construct a composite material shop area and reconfigure space needed to meet the unique requirements of the C-17. The squadron ops area will also be expanded to accommodate an increased number of aircrews.

In March, Hinchey and Hall pushed Air Force Chief of Staff General Norton A. Schwartz to explain the delay in delivery of C-17s to Stewart. In 2008, Hinchey and Hall voted to fund an additional 15 C-17 aircraft in the Fiscal Year 2008 Supplemental Appropriations measure. However, these aircraft have yet to reach the 105th Airlift Wing due to an Air Force-wide study called the Mobility and Capabilities Requirements Study (MCRS).

Hinchey and Hall have continually worked to ensure that Stewart remains an essential and strategic base for the Air National Guard. In January, Hinchey announced a \$4 million dollar federal investment to pay for the construction of a solar farm at the base that will serve as a model for other military installations across the country, which are required to generate 25 percent of their energy from renewable sources by 2025. Last March, Hinchey and Hall announced more than \$3.6 million for Stewart from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, which they strongly supported and voted to pass.

The House will vote this week on the Defense Authorization Bill, which must later be passed by the Senate and signed into law by the President. A corresponding appropriations bill that includes the \$3.75 million provision must follow the same process in order for the funding to be delivered.

**ASSEMBLY ENSURES STATE PARKS ARE OPEN FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) announced that the Assembly has approved a measure (A.11308) to restore funding for state parks, establish an Electronic Waste recycling program and provide allocations for the Environmental Protection Fund. The measure also reopens several campgrounds operated by the Department of Environmental Conservation.

"This legislation ensures that New Yorkers have access to the parks in time for Memorial Day weekend. Governor Paterson has finally recognized our parks and historic sites are essential for educational and recreational fulfillment and are a sustainable economic engine," said Assemblymember Cahill. "I led the fight to keep our parks open and New Yorkers made it abundantly clear that closing parks is an unacceptable way to balance our budget. Our environment and local businesses will be better off with the parks open."

In 2009, over 56 million people visited New York's

state park facilities and historic sites. Counties that rely on tourism as a primary source of revenue estimate they bring in upwards of \$170 million per year in tourist dollars and sales tax. These destinations enhance the quality of life in New York by providing inexpensive recreational opportunities and unique cultural and historic experiences.

"This is particularly good for communities that rely on tourism and families who need an affordable leisure destination close to home during this time of economic distress," added Assemblymember Cahill. "For over one-hundred years, we have led the nation in showcasing the unparalleled attractions in our state park system. Minnewaska State Park, our 'Gateway to the Gunks,' is a place where people can appreciate the natural beauty of our region. The Senate House historic site is literally the place where American democracy was conceived."

The Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) allocation of \$134 million will be used to pay for protection of drinking water, farmland, and scenic and ecological areas. The agreement included a restoration of \$17 million for open space acquisition to be used for the purchase of ecologically valuable land. The Assembly was successful in opposing a proposal by Governor Paterson that would have used \$10 million of the EPF for purposes inconsistent with the goals of the program.

"The cuts to the EPF are troubling, but we did protect the integrity of the program, restore funding for open space acquisition, and we establish an E-waste recycling program that will help replenish the EPF," Assemblymember Cahill said. "We also managed to stop the Governor from using the fund for purposes other than environmental protection."

The measure establishes an electronic waste recycling program which would require manufacturers that sell certain electronic equipment - including computers, televisions, and digital music players - to establish and implement methods for taking back and recycling such waste. This will help to reduce the amount of hazardous substances contaminating landfill.

**STATEMENT BY SENATOR JOHN BONACIC On Governor Paterson's Proposal to Keep the Parks Open**

"The Governor's proposal to fund parks is positive news. I encourage him to ensure that DEC parks - which are so important to the Catskills, are also included. The press release issued by his office is not clear on that. I believe the State has a special obligation to the people of the Hudson Valley and Catskills - whose economy is so linked to tourism provided by Constitutionally protected State parks. If the State is going to buy land, then it has to allow that land to be utilized for its intended purposes - as an opportunity for outdoor recreation."

"I know that there will be some opposition to using Environmental Protection Funding to keeping parks open. The reality is none of this would be needed if State government - controlled now completely by New York City Democrats, would have followed the law and commenced conference committees months ago to publicly negotiate and adopt a State budget. For years, Republicans and Democrats blamed each other for failing to timely adopt the State budget. Now that government is completely controlled by one political party, they have run out of excuses. The parks proposal is a step in the right direction. However, we need public conference committees from both the Assembly and Senate so that other issues - relating to creating jobs and lowering taxes can be publicly debated and voted on."

"While I am pleased that our State parks will be open, the fact that Democrats had to raise taxes to keep them open, shows their poor planning. I agree with Attorney General Cuomo that the State should not enact new taxes and new fees."

"Every sector of the economy is important to New York State. The State's (ever shrinking) manufacturing base opposes this legislation as does the Business Council, as do most Democrats and Republicans from virtually all Assembly Districts in Orange, Ulster, Sullivan, and Delaware Counties, which I represent in the Senate."

"We need to make New York competitive again. That is not accomplished by raising taxes."

**GILLIBRAND ANNOUNCES NEW PUSH TO EXTEND TAX CUTS TO HELP NY MIDDLE CLASS SAVE ON PROPERTY TAXES, SALES TAXES, COLLEGE TUITION**

On the heels of passing landmark Wall Street reform legislation last week in the U.S. Senate to establish new rules of the road to protect taxpayers and consumers, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is now pushing to pass a series of tax initiatives to help hardworking, middle class families save on property taxes, sales taxes and college tuition.

"New Yorkers pay some of the highest taxes in the nation," Senator Gillibrand said. "After two years of the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression, middle class families in New York deserve relief. From easing the burden of property taxes and income taxes, to bringing higher education within reach to more New York students, this legislation will make life more affordable for New York's hardworking middle class families." (Contd. Pg. 14)

**ASSEMBLY PASSES SWEEPING EDUCATION REFORMS-Overhaul Aids New York State's Application for Race to the Top Funding**

Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) announced that the Assembly has passed legislation to significantly reform the New York State's charter school system. The legislation raises the cap on charter schools which will solidify New York as one of the nation's most competitive applicants for federal funding under the Race to the Top grant program in time for the June 1 deadline.

"Race to the Top funding will help us increase the quality of our education system while relieving pressure on property taxes," said Assemblymember Cahill. "This

legislation puts New York in an advantageous position to receive federal funding at a time when our state is struggling with unprecedented budget shortfalls."

The legislation creates a new request for proposals process for the creation of 260 new charter schools. The new system favors applications which best respond to certain Race to the Top objectives such as increasing high school graduation rates and addressing student achievement gaps in reading, language arts and mathematics. Requests for proposals for new charter schools would be issued by the Board of Regents and SUNY trustees after undergoing public review.

"Transparency and accountability are central to ensuring our children get a quality education," said

Assemblymember Cahill. "This legislation gives the State Comptroller auditing power over charter schools, addresses existing achievement gaps and requires charter schools to serve children with special needs."

Additionally, the legislation would: Institute a four-year period over which the 260 new charter schools would be created; Prohibit for-profit organizations from operating or managing any new charter schools; Ensure that charter schools serve more children with disabilities, English language learners and free- and reduced-price lunch program participants; Require the chancellor to develop building usage plans for fair allocation and usage of space; Require matching capital improvements to the traditional public school portion of a building when such an improvement is made in excess of \$5,000 to the co-located charter school; Authorize the State Comptroller to audit charter schools at his or her discretion; and

Increase accountability by establishing new disclosure and ethics provisions. (Contd. Pg. 15)

**Take a Child Fishing**



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

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

Sponsored by Beaver Dam Club and Grahamsville Rod & Gun Club

**CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.**  
**ALL YOU CAN EAT**  
**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



**SUNDAY, JUNE 20**  
 Serving 7:00 until 12:00 Noon  
**ADULTS \$7**  
**CHILDREN AGE 5-11, \$3**  
**UNDER 5 YRS. FREE**  
 \$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO USMC SGT EDDIE RYAN

**PENNY SOCIAL**  
**IN CLARYVILLE**  
 Saturday June 5 at  
 5:00 pm / calling 6:30.  
 Refreshments, Door Prizes, and 50/50.  
**Claryville Reformed Church Hall**  
 946 Claryville Road on Rt. 19 (near Ulster/Sullivan border (5 mi. from Curry intersection on Rt. 55)).  
**Inquiries**  
**845-985-2041.**

**GRAHAMSVILLE REFORMED CHURCH**  
**BAKED HAM DINNER**

★ ★ June 5, 2010  
 ★ Saturday, 4 - 7 pm

Menu: Baked Ham, Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Tossed Salad, Rolls, Ice Cream and Beverages.  
 Take outs available.  
**\*\* MINI BAKE SALE \*\***  
 Adults: \$10, Child 5-10: \$5, under 4 free

Thank you for your continued support!  
 For more information: 845-985-7480



**CHICKEN BBQ**

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

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

**Tickets \$10**

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


**TRI-VALLEY LIONS**  
**RABIES CLINIC**  
**June 2, 2010 from 6 to 8 pm**  
**at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds**

Your pet needs to be at least 3 months old in order to receive a vaccination.  
 If you bring the last proof of rabies with you, your pet can receive a three-year rabies vaccination.

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

**CrossWay Assembly of God**

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



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 Lead Pastor

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 The Little Church with the Big Heart  
**Sundays 8:15 a.m. - Communion**  
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner  
 Coffee hour follows service  
 All are welcome!

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 845-887-4742

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 South Fallsburg

**THE SUNDOWN WSCS LADIES**



will be holding a  
**Yard Sale**  
**Saturday, June 12th**  
**From 9 am - 3 pm**  
**at the Sundown Church Hall**  
**Rain or Shine!**  
 For the Benefit of  
**The Sundown United Methodist Church**  
**COME AND JOIN US!**



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

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
 Sunday Worship Service  
 10:30am  
 985-2283

**Claryville Reformed Church**



Claryville Road  
 Claryville, NY 12725  
 845-985-2041

Bible Class 9:00 am  
 Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
**Rev. Paul Nulton**  
 John Bult, Organist

**Covered Dish Supper**

**Covered Dish Supper**  
**June 5, 2010**  
**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
**at the Sundown Church Hall**



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

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6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne.  
**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
 Saturday afternoon: 5:00.  
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am  
**Holy days of obligation:** as announced in church bulletin.  
**Daily Mass schedule:**  
 Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am  
**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 4 to 4:45.  
 Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
 Sunday School 9 A.M.  
 Worship Service 10 A.M.  
 Hymn Sing & Covered Dish Supper  
 5:30/630 P.M. - 1st Sunday of the Month  
 Looking for a Lifeguard?  
 Ours walks on water!  
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**Loucks Funeral Home**  
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**GILLIBRAND** (From Pg. 12) Statewide, New York households could save approximately \$975 million on property taxes, taxpayers could deduct approximately \$540 million on their federal income taxes, and up to 1.5 million college-age students could benefit.

In the Southern Tier, households could save approximately \$30 million on property taxes, taxpayers could deduct approximately \$13 million on their federal income taxes, and up to 38,000 college-age students could benefit.

In the Hudson Valley, households could save approximately \$98 million on property taxes, taxpayers could deduct approximately \$55 million on their federal income taxes, and up to 164,000 college-age students could benefit. **Property Tax Deduction** Senator Gillibrand introduced bipartisan legislation last year that would expand and make permanent federal property tax relief for New Yorkers who do not itemize their federal tax deductions. The enhanced deduction would ensure permanent tax relief for up to 30 million homeowners across the country.

Before 2008, only taxpayers who itemized their deductions could claim a deduction for state and local property taxes. The Housing and Economic Recovery Act that Congress passed in 2008 temporarily allowed non-itemizing taxpayers to deduct their property taxes. However, this deduction was capped at only \$500 and expired at the end of 2009.

Senator Gillibrand's is pushing to pass legislation that would lift the caps and make the property tax relief permanent. This week, the Senate will take up legislation to extend the enhanced credit for an additional year.

**State and Local Sales Tax Deduction** To help ease the burden of rising sales taxes in New York, Senator Gillibrand is pushing to extend taxpayers' ability to choose to deduct state and local sales taxes instead of state income taxes. While income taxes for many New Yorkers are likely to be a larger deduction, with many localities are being forced to raise local sales taxes to make up for declining revenues more New Yorkers could benefit from this deduction.

Taxpayers have two ways to claim the deduction: either saving and tallying individual receipts, or by using a simple calculator that estimates your sales taxes paid which is available on the IRS website.

**Qualified Tuition Deduction** To help make higher education affordable for New York families, Senator Gillibrand is pushing to extend the deduction for qualified tuition and higher education expenses for one year. This deduction allows all taxpayers to deduct up to \$4,000 of qualified higher education expenses from taxation. Qualified expenses include tuition, fees, books and other expenses except for room and board at any accredited post-secondary institution.

This deduction is particularly helpful for part-time students, taxpayers who do not itemize, or taxpayers who will receive additional benefit from reducing their adjusted income, such as remaining eligible for other deductions or tax credits. Many families are also eligible for the American College Opportunity credit, which may provide larger benefits for certain families. Taxpayers should look at both credits and determine which would better reduce their overall tax burden.

## **HINCHEY, HALL SCHUMER AND GILLIBRAND CALL FOR HIGH INTENSITY DRUG TRAFFICKING AREA DESIGNATION TO DELIVER ENHANCED FEDERAL CRIME FIGHTING RESOURCES TO NEWBURGH**

Building on the success of a recent sting operation that marshaled federal, state and local enforcement resources to indict 78 gang members in Newburgh, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), Congressman John Hall (D-NY), U.S. Senator Charles Schumer (D-NY) and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), today requested that action be taken to designate Orange County as a High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). The HIDTA designation, which would be granted by the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), would enhance future coordination of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies by providing equipment, technology and additional resources to combat the drug trafficking on which these gangs thrive. The House and Senate members sent a letter to NY/NJ HIDTA Director Chauncey Parker requesting that he work with local law enforcement officials to initiate the petition process necessary to secure the designation.

"As you know, the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program allows for increased collaboration between the local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to increase communication and information sharing and allows for more effective policing," the House and Senate members wrote in a letter to Parker. "HIDTA is highly effective in its mission to funnel federal resources, such as equipment and technology, to counties with high crime and low resources. It is crucial that Newburgh receive this designation and be eligible for the federal resources necessary to combat this ongoing problem of drug and gang-related violence in Newburgh."

Under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 and the ONDCP Reauthorization Act of 1998, the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy (Next Col.)

(ONDCP) is authorized to designate areas that exhibit serious drug trafficking problems as HIDTAs. HIDTA-designated counties comprise approximately 14 percent of U.S. counties, and exist in 45 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia. Relative to other municipalities across the country, Newburgh has seen disproportionately high rates of assaults and murders per capita in the last several years, making the city among the most violent in the nation per capita. The violence in this small city of 29,000 residents is so pronounced that it has drawn the attention of the Obama administration.

Law enforcement organizations within HIDTAs assess drug trafficking problems and design specific initiatives to reduce or eliminate the production, manufacture, transportation, distribution and chronic use of illegal drugs and money laundering. Through a combination of joint initiatives and resource and information sharing, the HIDTA program helps improve the effectiveness of drug control efforts.

## **GILLIBRAND JOINS AMICUS BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF RIGHTS OF MILITARY FAMILIES**

Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today joined many of her Senate colleagues on an amicus brief filed today in the U.S. Supreme Court in support of Marine Lance Corporal Matthew A. Snyder's family in the case of *Snyder v. Phelps* (No. 09-751).

The case concerns an ugly protest at the funeral of Marine Lance Corporal Matthew A. Snyder, who was killed in Iraq in 2006 in the line of duty. After Matthew was killed, members of the Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas, including the church's pastor Fred W. Phelps and his daughters, learned of the time and place of Matthew's funeral and planned a protest there, as they have done at other funerals of fallen soldiers around the country.

A jury found that Matthew's parents were deprived of a peaceful and solemn opportunity to bury their son. While the Snyder family won in a lower court, this decision was overturned at the appellate level.

Senator Gillibrand believes strongly that America owes the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families the right to a solemn memorial when they sacrifice their lives to protect America. The Senators' amicus brief argues that the law should continue to protect, as it long has, the rights of all private persons-including the families of fallen soldiers-to mourn their loved ones at a peaceful and solemn funeral. It will make three arguments in support of the Snyder family:

1. Private funerals have long been accorded special protection by American law;
2. State and federal statutes, including the Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act, demonstrate the strong governmental interest in protecting private family funerals from disruption; and
3. The state's interest in protecting an individual's privacy at a peaceful private funeral outweighs the First Amendment interest in protecting the hateful speech and conduct at issue in this case.

## **GILLIBRAND STATEMENT ON MEETING WITH SOLICITOR GENERAL KAGAN**

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today met with Solicitor General Elena Kagan, nominee for the U.S. Supreme Court. Photos of the meeting in Senator Gillibrand's Washington office are available here.

Following the meeting, Senator Gillibrand issued the following statement:

"Solicitor General Kagan is clearly an extremely brilliant and strong New York woman, who is not always focused on being right, but on getting it right. I know she would bring a greater degree of dialogue to a divided court.

"I think it is outrageous that some critics have expressed weariness about adding more women to the high court. Not only does Solicitor General Kagan possess the intellect and accomplished résumé we need in a Supreme Court jurist, she has a warm and pragmatic approach to solving problems.

"In our first meeting together, we discussed her valuable qualifications and deep appreciation for precedent. While it was clear that she would not pre-judge any case, we did touch on privacy issues that are most important to me and other major issues that the Supreme Court may wrestle with in the coming years. She provided thoughtful analysis about how the Supreme Court operates and the possibility for greater consensus in the years to come."

## **GILLIBRAND HAILS PASSAGE OF DADT REPEAL MEASURE IN SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

As the Senate Armed Services Committee today passes a measure to repeal "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement:

"I applaud my colleagues on the committee for doing what's right, and voting to put America's national security before all else.

"'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' is wrong for our national security and is inconsistent with the moral foundation upon which our country was founded. Each time we discharge a member of our Armed Services just because of who they are, we weaken our military and our national security. It's time now for Congress to fully repeal this disastrous policy. When we repeal this policy -and we will repeal this policy-we will strengthen America-both militarily and morally."

## **ULSTER FORUM ADDRESSES COUNTY NURSING HOME CHALLENGES**

A County Nursing Home Summit in Ulster County today drew over a hundred attendees, and was the second time in two years that counties have come together to grapple with the challenges facing county nursing homes. A recording of the summit will be available at: <http://totalwebcasting.com/live/nysac> later today.

"How can government provide quality care to our most vulnerable citizens without further increasing the burden on property taxpayers?" said NYSAC President Tom Santulli, Chemung County Executive. "As government leaders accountable to the public, we must grapple with these questions now, so that we can make informed decisions that will create a sound future for our communities."

Currently, 36 counties operate 38 nursing facilities across the state. A number of counties have closed or sold their nursing homes in the last ten years. Other counties are currently weighing the costs and benefits of maintaining these long term care facility services.

"I want to thank NYSAC for bringing this important crisis to the forefront. This is wonderful opportunity to shed light on the serious financial issues facing nursing homes," said Ulster County Executive Mike Hein.

"Overly complex state and federal health care fiscal policies have left the long term care delivery system in disarray, particularly for county-run facilities, which receive a lower reimbursement rate than non-profit and for-profit homes," said Stanley Wojciechowski, executive director of the County Nursing Facilities of New York.

The fiscal plight of the county nursing homes is a policy issue that has been exacerbated by the increasing population of New Yorkers over 65 years of age, the unsustainable growth of the State's Medicaid program, the unceasing growth of property taxes to pay for public programs, the annual State Budget battles in Albany, and county budget deficits brought on by the recession.

"County-owned nursing homes are in state of transition. Today, we renewed our call to the state to partner with us to address this increasingly important healthcare program," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. "We need a commitment from the state to support the county homes, or a strategy to help counties provide the care our residents need and deserve."

## **AGRICULTURE SECRETARY VILSACK AND USDA CELEBRATE NATIONAL HOMEOWNERS MONTH**

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today kicked off National Homeownership Month by highlighting USDA's success in providing homeownership opportunities and safe, sanitary housing units to rural Americans.

National Homeownership Month is observed each June to raise awareness about the vital role homeownership plays in improving lives, creating jobs and economic opportunities, and strengthening America's neighborhoods.

"A strong Nation is made up of strong families, and safe, quality housing contributes greatly to rural Americans' quality of life," Vilsack said. "The Obama Administration is committed to bringing the necessary resources to rural America provide decent, affordable housing to those who need it."

This year's theme is "Protecting the American Dream." Dozens of communities across the nation have planned events and activities throughout June to highlight their role in expanding homeownership. Local communities and USDA officials will highlight the benefits of homeownership and share information on ways families can remain successful homeowners. The public will also be informed about weatherization and energy efficiency programs available to rural homeowners to increase energy efficiency, reduce health and safety risks, and improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

In 2009, USDA Rural Development financed more than \$63.4 million in repairs for more than 5,000 rural homeowners. Also, USDA's housing programs continue to help income-eligible Americans become homeowners. USDA provided homeownership loans to more than 140,000 rural Americans in fiscal year 2009. Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), which President Obama signed into law in February 2009, USDA provided \$10.8 billion in loans and loan guarantees to more than 87,000 home buyers. Although all available guarantee funds have been committed to loans this fiscal year, USDA continues to provide home loan funds through its direct home loan program.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure, and facility programs through a network of 6,100 employees located in the nation's capital and 500 state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$134 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider, employer and lender. To file a complaint of discrimination, write: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 (voice), or (202) 720-6382

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

**RED CROSS BABYSITTER TRAINING CLASS** - Saturday, June 19. \$40 per person **must be paid no later than June 8.**

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

**ALBI CONCERT & LUAU** Sunday, July 18. Outdoor Stage Town Hall Parking Lot 3-8 pm. Rain or shine!

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

**STATUE OF LIBERTY & ELLIS ISLAND** September 18. \$52 per person **Sign up by June 8.**

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

**GAMES & SOCIALIZING** -FREE fun every Friday afternoon 1 pm - 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Town Hall. -  
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6/2/10 **Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting**- 12 noon Installation luncheon (Place to be announced)

6/2/10 **Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting**

6/3/10 **First Thursday Readers Group** - Daniel Pierce Library 1:00 pm

6/4/10 7:30 p.m., Grahamsville UMC Social Hall DPL First Friday Book Discussion Group Annual Tribute to a Local Author, featuring Marianna Boncek.

6/5/10 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall

6/5/10 **Grahamsville Reformed Church Baked Ham Dinner** 4 - 7 pm

6/7/10 **Time and the Valleys Museum Work Committee Meeting** - 12:30 pm

6/8/10 **Grahamsville Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9-2) and Luncheon (11-1)**

6/9/10 **Town of Neversink Board Meeting**

6/10/10 **Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall** 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.

6/12/10 **Sundown WSCS Ladies Yard Sale at Sundown Church Hall** 9 am-3 pm

6/15/10 **Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals**

6/16/10 **Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting**-1:30 pm Neversink Town Hall

6/16/10 **Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association**

6/19/10 **Grahamsville UMC Mission Team Chicken BBQ** from 5-7p.m. Neversink Fire Dept. Pavilion.

6/22/10 **Claryville Fire District Meeting** 7:00 pm

6/23/10 **Neversink Fire District Meeting** 7:30 pm **Public Meeting** 8:00 pm

6/24/10 **Time and the Valleys Trustees Meeting** - 7:00 pm

6/29/10 **Town of Neversink Parks & Rec - 7:00 pm - Upstairs Mtg. Room Neversink Town Hall**

7/4/10 **Town of Neversink Holiday - INDEPENDENCE DAY**

7/6/10 **Grahamsville Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9-2) and Luncheon (11-1)**

7/6/10 **Town of Denning Town Board Meeting** Denning Town Hall 7:00 pm

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

**Town of Denning Message Board:** <http://www.denning.us>  
**Town of Neversink Website:** <http://townofneversink.org>  
**Daniel Pierce Library** - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>  
**Time and the Valleys Museum** - <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>  
**Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition:** <http://thetownsman.com>

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

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 VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)  
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 NAPANOCH APPLIANCE  
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**AL-ANON MEETINGS**

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

**ASSEMBLY PASSES SWEEPING EDUCATION REFORMS-** (From Pg. 13)

The Assembly also passed legislation to provide financial support for a state longitudinal data system to measure long-term student achievement (A.11309). Earlier this week, the Assembly passed legislation enhancing the statewide evaluation system for teachers and principals (A.11171).

**HOME PERFORMANCE CONTRACTOR CERTIFICATION TRAINING OFFERED AT SUNY ULSTER**

SUNY Ulster, through a new affiliation with the Building Performance Institute (BPI) and Hudson Valley Community College, will offer certification courses for home performance contracting that can open up Energy Star and other incentives to certified contractors and builders and their customers.

Offered at the Business Resource Center (BRC) in Kingston, the "Building Analyst Certification" course will run from June 16-25 and the "Envelope Professional Certification" is being offered July 8-16. Field training locations will be determined at the start of each class. A background in building science is strongly recommended as a prerequisite for these courses.

Both courses use a "whole house" performance-based approach and prepare students for taking BPI's written and field exams that can lead to certification. BPI accreditation makes contractors and their customers eligible for numerous homeowner and contractor incentive programs, including Energy Star financing and bonus incentives for qualified appliances and lighting; New York Energy Smart Loan Fund; and Energy Star Work Scope Incentive.

The Building Analyst course will cover how the house works as a system, why some homes fail, and how to use the latest building science technology to help resolve residential heating, cooling, base load and air leakage problems. Envelope Professional training will cover advanced building envelope diagnostic, evaluation and repair skills.

SUNY Ulster also will work with surrounding counties to offer these courses at partner community colleges in Dutchess, Orange and Sullivan counties. For more information or to register, contact the SUNY Ulster Office of Continuing and Professional Education at (845) 339-2025, or view courses online at: [www.sunyulster.edu/continuing\\_ed](http://www.sunyulster.edu/continuing_ed).

**SUNY ULSTER INFORMATION SESSION FOR NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE BUILDING ADVISOR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

A free information session is scheduled for Saturday, June 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Business Resource Center, on Ulster Avenue in Kingston. The National Sustainable Building Advisor Program, offered in nine two-day sessions over the course of nine months, is suitable for

design and construction professionals, architects, tenant and developer representatives, project managers, resource conservation specialists and other building professionals.

The class meets Fridays and Saturdays, one weekend per month from October 15, 2010 to June 10, 2011. The lead instructors for this course are Cliff Cooper, MS, CIH, LEED AP, CSBA and Rick Alfandre, AIA, LEED AP BD + C. Students will also learn from experts in various aspects of sustainable design and take field trips to regional sustainable sites.

Mr. Cooper will conduct a presentation at the June 5, information session, "How to Achieve Green, Sustainable, High Performance Buildings." According to Ryan Snow, Manager of Professional Development for the U.S. Green Building Council, "Courses approved by USGBC's Education Provider Program have met stringent review criteria for instructional design and technical subject matter. The National Sustainable Building Advisor Program exceeded the requirements of the review and has proven to be a valuable resource to the green building community for its high-quality education curriculum."

This training prepares professionals to take the CSBA exam, which provides the nationally recognized Certified Sustainable Building Advisor designation. NaSBAP, the national provider of the SBA Course, works with SUNY Ulster to offer the course at the Business Resource Center in Kingston, NY. To register for the information session, please call 845-687-5012, or email [songayla@sunyulster.edu](mailto:songayla@sunyulster.edu). Other information sessions are planned for July 13, and August 17. Attendance at the earliest session is recommended.

For a complete list of sustainability courses, or for more information, contact SUNY Ulster's Continuing and Professional Education Office at (845) 339-2025 or visit [www.sunyulster.edu/sustainability](http://www.sunyulster.edu/sustainability).

**ASSEMBLY PASSES CAHILL BILL TO PERMANENTLY REFORM POWER FOR JOBS**

The Assembly has passed legislation, authored by Energy Committee Chair Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster Dutchess) that would create a permanent replacement for the state's beleaguered Power for Jobs Program. "Power Solutions" (A.11172) is a ground breaking approach to help businesses meet energy needs and create jobs. The measure is a sustainable, predictable, long-term economic development program that encourages capital investment by New York businesses.

"We heard time and again from businesses and economic development leaders that the current year to year approach is not working," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The Power Solutions Program provides the long term energy stability businesses need to commit to New York."

The Power Solutions Program will provide significant technical and financial assistance to help meet the current and future energy needs of businesses. It recognizes individual companies have different demands and provides the

flexibility necessary to design benefit packages accordingly. In order to participate in the program, businesses would be required to develop and commit to solid, long range plans for meeting energy efficiency benchmarks, capital investment goals and job creation and retention targets.

"The Power Solutions Program will give the Power Authority the flexibility they need to help companies effectively address their energy challenges," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Keeping New York's energy costs competitive is essential to our efforts to attract and retain businesses in the global marketplace."

There are many similarities between this proposal and the ones put forth by the Senate and Governor Paterson. However, one point where they diverge significantly is around the question about what to do with benefits from low-cost hydroelectric power currently going to residences. Unlike the Governor and the Senate's plan to redirect these benefits away from residential customers and give it to businesses, Power Solutions allows ratepayers to voluntarily participate in energy saving programs or keep their current benefits via reduced charges to monthly bills.

"Our legislation protects residential ratepayers by allowing them to keep their current benefits if they so choose. It gives businesses and residential customers the ability to pick their program." Assemblymember Cahill said. "Power Solutions presents an option to consumers who would likely benefit from conservation programs run by their utility that provides them with the know how and resources to conserve a considerable amount of electricity and lower their bills for years to come. I look forward to finally sitting down with the Governor and the Senate to negotiate a final bill"

**HERD HEALTH CLINIC FOR GOATS**

River Brook Farm in Cohecton, NY will host a Herd Health Clinic for Goats from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County. Alice & Neil Fitzgerald welcome tiana Stanton, Cornell University and Dr. Joe Nebzydoski, Youngsville Animal Hospital to their farm. This is a hands-on class reviewing overall herd health for goats including FAMACHA, hoof trimming, and basic veterinary skills.

Registration is requested by June 16, 2010. The fee is \$35 per person due to sponsorship from Northeast SARE and New York Farm Viability Institute. Materials and light supper included. Class size is limited. For registration information call 845-292-6180 or e-mail Linda Schwartz at:

[lds82@cornell.edu](mailto:lds82@cornell.edu).

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. Accommodations for people with disabilities or financial needs may be requested by calling 845-292-6180 by June 11, 2010. Requests after that date will be met when possible.



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**Denning Democrats On the National Scene;**

To give you a sense of what the taxpayers are going to be asked to pay for in the Gulf Coast region, the US Government, has about 20,000 people in the region, who are working around the clock to contain and clean up this oil; approximately 1,300 vessels are responding on site; over 11 million gallons of oil-water mix have been recovered, and over 3 million feet of boom have been deployed to the Gulf region.

In order to keep the Nation aware of everything its government is doing in response to the spill, the White House has also created a web page that includes a daily report of the ongoing Administration-wide response to the Deepwater BP Oil Spill:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/deepwater-bp-oil-spill/>

The American people have been financially raped, and forced into economic slavery by the rich "Trans-National Corporations," who are fostering such new ideas as "outsourcing", shipping American jobs out of this country, creating double digit unemployment here, and a wider trade gap. This is done, I believe, so that the American People suffer the weight of the expense of the cutting of the "Corporate Bottom Line," in the name of bigger net profits, as they push for globalization.

To all of our elected officials and candidates, please keep a running tab on the bill for this cleanup. BP should satisfy the total bill. If BP goes to court, and they are found guilty of a horrendous manipulation of our government, and they pursue a course to not pay the fines, or for the cleanup, and for the loss of revenues to local businesses, for causing the destruction to these businesses and our natural resources, the American people should then consider a boycott of BP and its affiliates and close the US market to them.

Let me make one final point. More than anything else, this economic and environmental tragedy- and it is a tragedy- underscores the urgent need for this nation to develop clean, renewable sources of energy. Doing so will not only reduce threats to our environment, it will create a new, homegrown, American industry that can lead to countless new businesses and new jobs. Please Support, Wind, Hydro, and Solar Power.

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**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia;"**

**Mutiny on the Bounty**, is a 1962 Lavish remake of the classic tale of the villainous Captain Bligh who drives his crew to revolt during a South Seas expedition. Cast: Marlon Brando, Trevor Howard, Richard Harris, Hugh Griffith Directed by Lewis Milestone, C-

185 mins, TV-PG on TCM, Saturday, June 5, 2010. At 8:00 pm.

Quiz, A. Name the actor in this film who played John Mills?

B. Name the actor in this film who played Chief Hitihi?

**What's going on in the Gnome Neighborhood™ this week?** Adnil and I attend-

ed the Tri-Valley Central School, NYSSMA Recital, held on Tuesday evening May 25, 2010. The performing artists were our own children. Usually you would expect music form students to be a standard school level of expertise. Yet, these young men and women performed on a level that astounded all, from instrumental rudiments, to advanced classical compositions, our ears were treated to a delicious musical fare, genius was most certainly present in these young performers. Congratulations to our performers, Gavin Simpson, Outstanding, Robert Worden, Outstanding, Brandon Worden, Excellent, Autumn Bender, Outstanding, Joseph Vargo, Outstanding, Evan Edwards, Logan McKeon, & Michael Schulte, Outstanding, Maura Kelley, Excellent, Brianna Worden, Outstanding, Daniel England, & Tabatha Henderson, Outstanding, Kayla Butler, Outstanding, Katie Rehm, Outstanding, Zach Nilsen, 1 Excellent, 2 Outstanding, Patrick Farran, 1 Outstanding, 2 Outstanding, Sowoo Chon, Outstanding, Alex Brown, Excellent, Jesse Porter, Outstanding, Nick Castellano, Outstanding, Scott Ansbro, Gold, A(96), Shannon Smith, Gold, A+(97), Ashley Exner, Gold, A+(98), Emily Higgins, 1 Gold, A-(92), 2 Gold, A+(100), Maria Terbush, Gold, A+(99), James Bernstein, 1 Gold, A(95), 2 Gold, A(90), Joey Mickelson, Gold, A-(91), Alexis Petrowsky, A+(100), Conor Walsh, Gold, A(92), Emma Tingley, Gold, A(96), Olivia Rehm, Gold, A(94), Chris Whipple, Gold, A+(98), Naomi Weise, Gold, A+(99), also very special thanks to the wonderful music teachers who helped bring these young people to this level of excellence, and expertise, thank you to Mrs. Olga Booth, Mr. John Calabrese, Mr. Kevin Giroux, Mrs. Ann Trombley, Mr. Mathew Weyant, Miss Regina Heartman, thanks again. If unfortunately, you missed this concert please give yourself a treat and attend the next one.

Future Events; grades 5-8 Spring Concert, June 3, 2010, at 7:00 pm. Elementary School Spring Concert, June 9, 2010, at 1:00 pm.

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

A. Richard Harris  
 B. Matihari Tama