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Ulster County Executive Mike Hein Announces Plans to Run for a Second Term



At noon this past Monday, County Executive Mike Hein was joined by family and friends as he announced his plans to run for a second term as Ulster County Executive. The announcement took place at Democratic Headquarters in uptown Kingston.

Hein faced many challenges during these difficult economic times during his first term as Ulster County Executive. As the leader of the county, he recently signed the budget resulting in no property tax hike for Ulster County residents in 2011.

Regarding the recent budget, Hein said it protects the taxpayer while delivering essential services and prepared the county to face "the difficult challenges" as the state prepares for 2011 with a \$10 billion deficit.

In 2003, Hein became the Deputy Treasurer of Ulster County. Hein was appointed as County Administrator of Ulster County in 2006. Prior to the creation of the position of Ulster County Executive, with the 2008 ratification by referendum of the Ulster County Charter, Hein was the Ulster County Administrator. Hein won the November 2008 election as Ulster County's first County Executive. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Assemblywoman Gunther: Assembly budget protects seniors, rejects drastic cuts to EPIC

"Slashing Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) funding would have a dire effect on Sullivan and Orange seniors. That's why I voted in favor of an Assembly budget proposal restoring \$34 million of the governor's proposed cuts. While we made some very difficult decisions to close the \$10 billion budget deficit, we also have an obligation to protect seniors' access to quality, affordable health care.

"The EPIC program currently provides over 300,000 enrollees with secondary coverage for prescription drug costs. Our proposal restores funding to ensure no program benefits are eliminated. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Hinchey Fighting to Save NPR

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today voted against legislation that would prohibit federal funds for National Public Radio (NPR) and public radio programming. The legislation, H.R. 1076, was rushed to the floor, in violation of Speaker Boehner's promise for regular order, in an effort to appeal to a conservative base.

"NPR's funding makes up less than three thousandths of one percent of the annual budget deficit," said Hinchey. "This isn't about cutting the deficit - it's about an ideological vendetta against the programming that 34 million Americans enjoy and rely upon. Nearly 8 in 10 believe that public broadcasting should receive the same amount of government funding or more than it currently does. That's why I'm going to fight to prevent these cuts. NPR is the most balanced and trusted news source in America."

If signed into law, the bill would badly hurt NPR, as well as local public radio stations, three of which, WAMC, WSKG, and WJFF, broadcast into the congressional district Hinchey represents. Public radio stations, which rely on federal funds, will no longer be able to use the funds to broadcast programs like Morning Edition, This American Life, A Prairie Home Companion, Car Talk, All Things Considered, and many, many more beloved programs.

Hinchey is the founder and chairman of the Future of American Media Caucus in Congress and has been a leader in the effort to fight media consolidation and ensure fair and balanced coverage on America's public broadcast airwaves.

FFA Welcomes Members from Sussex Central School in Delaware

The quote "FFA takes you places," has been touted for decades, but for the case of the Tri-Valley FFA and the Sussex Central School FFA in Delaware, the last five years have offered opportunities for an officer exchange to see agriculture in other states. In March, 2011, members of the Tri-Valley FFA welcomed 11 Delawarrians for annual Dela-York exchange opportunity. (Contd. Pg. 3)

2011 Thrift Sale Dates

All Tri-Valley residents of more than one year will know what the headline above means: IT'S BARGAIN TIME!

That means that soon you will be able to buy children's clothes - used but durable - at a fraction of their original cost.

Every parent knows that normal healthy children do not wear out their clothes; they outgrow them. Those expensive lacks and shirts you bought three months ago are already inching above their wrists and ankles and threatening to pop buttons as they strain across their chest and shoulders. (Conscientious parents, or course reject the idea of starvation diets to solve their "growing pains").

But fear not, moms and dads; help is on the way! Beginning April 5th, less than 2 weeks away, the popular Thrift Sale will begin their 2011 season at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church offering clothing for men, women and children of all ages, as well as household wares and needs. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Old Time Fun at the Olde Time Fair and Country Auction



This year's widely-popular Old Time Fair & Country Auction will be held rain or shine on Saturday, July 30th at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, New York. Sponsored by the Time and the Valleys Museum, the Country Auction will be held RAIN OR SHINE (Contd. Pg. 3)

Local Suppliers Expo at Pleasant Stone Farm Health Food Store and Organic Cafe

Come and meet the various local suppliers and purveyors of goods including jewelry, produce, cheese, soaps, skin care, food, snacks and more that are available through the Pleasant Stone Farm Health Food Store and Organic Cafe located at 7 Liberty Square in Ellenville, across from the Post Office. On Saturday, March 26 from 2 to 6 pm There will be seminars all afternoon, with raffles and free samples. This is a FREE event and open to everyone.

For more information, please contact Pleasant Stone Farm at info@pleasantstonefarm.com or 647-1300

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth. Psalm 120:151

OBITUARY

Jessie B. Erath of Grahamsville passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at the Iroquois Nursing Home in Syracuse, NY. Born in New York City, she was a resident of Grahamsville for 50 years.

Jessie was a full-time homemaker and partner in the Erath Poultry Farm. She was an active member of the Grahamsville Reformed Church, Ladies Aid and Sunday School, the Lions Club and was a volunteer for the American Cancer Society. She also served on the Tri-Valley School Board for several years.

Jessie had a strong affection for animals, music and good books. Her wonderful sense of humor and contagious laughter will be missed by all.

She was predeceased by her daughter, Allison Jane in 1959, and her husband, Oland Erath in 1997.

Surviving are her children: Bruce (Kathleen) Erath of Sherburne, NY and Laurie (Frank) Mansfield of Syracuse, NY; and her two grandchildren, Andrew and Alexandra.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 22 at the Grahamsville Reformed Church and burial followed immediately following.

Contributions may be made in Jessie's name to the Pratt Newton Memorial Home, 12 S. Main St., Sherburne, NY 13460 or the Daniel Pierce Library, PO Box 268, 328 Main St., Grahamsville, NY 12740.

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

March 14, 1951 - Wayne Botsford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Botsford of Grahamsville, and Miss Thelma Cypert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cypert of Woodbourne were married Sunday, March 11th at St. Mary's Church in Ellenville. The couple is taking a week's honeymoon trip through the New England states.

Mrs. Harold Moshier and her infant son, Wesley Earl, came home Friday from Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville.

Claude DePew and Preston Kortright have tapped more than 100 sap trees. They "syruped off" 18 gallons on Saturday.

The new Tri-Valley School building can now be said to be in the final stages of construction. With plastering to be finished at the end of this week, only a small crew of men will remain on hand to complete the finishing touches of the project.

The final "holing through" on the Grahamsville-Neversink tunnel is expected to occur sometime Thursday unless unforeseen difficulties cause delay. On Wednesday morning only 42 feet of earth and rock separated the two crews of workers.

March 15, 1961 - Among the students listed on the Dean's List issued by Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, NY was the name of Dale Ross, son of Dr. and Mrs. W.E. Ross of Grahamsville. Dale was the Valedictorian of last June's graduating class and is intending to receive his degree in electrical engineering.

The Rev. Louis Carlsen and the church thank the members of the Men's Fellowship who are painting the Lows Corners Church hall and also Mr. Walton Hamilton and Mr. Floyd Bevier for building an extension on the platform in the church.

On March 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. John George celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

O'Smith, O'Jones,
McSchultz, McKrum
All Irish on St. Patrick's Day
Corned beef and cabbage is in style
KUM TO KRUM'S

March 10, 1971 - The first flights of Canada geese and red-winged black birds arrived ten days to two weeks ahead of normal. They may be caught by a bad storm or two before winter is finally put away.

Sullivan County's participation in the annual Sport and Camping Show at the New York Coliseum is again being well received. The first two days, Saturday and Sunday, saw an estimated 12,000 persons stop at the county's exhibit, the old grist mill.

Members of the Sullivan Co. S.P.C.A. will witness the achievement of their goal on Friday, March 12 when a formal ribbon cutting ceremony will open the door to the first animal

shelter in the history of Sullivan County. The construction of the shelter was supervised by George Ratner, George Stailing and Charles Cross. The late Chris Holmes was also on the committee.

March 12, 1981 - Groundbreaking ceremonies were held Sunday, March 8th for the new addition to the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville. It is expected that this new addition will be used for community meetings and reading rooms.

Congratulations to Michael John Schulte! Mike has been advanced to Eagle Scout. Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schulte of Grahamsville. Mike will be the 29th Eagle Scout of Troop 187. His brother, Billy is also an Eagle Scout.

On Sunday, David Nyhof, Michael Buley and Danny Everett received their God and Family Awards during a special Cub Scout level God and Country Program at the Grahamsville Reformed Church. At the 11 o'clock service at the Grahamsville Methodist Church, Keil Hornbeck and Karl Haag received their God and Family Award.

The Concerned Citizens of Hasbrouck. "Shorts and Sweets for April Fools"

HASBROUCK, NY: The Old Stone House in Hasbrouck, in cooperation with Big Sky Productions, presents "Shorts and Sweets for April Fools" - an afternoon of short stories with homemade desserts on Sunday, April 3, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

Selections will be read by Big Sky's Artistic Director, Carol Montana, and will include stories by Robert Fulghum, Neil Gaiman and Thomas Meehan, with maybe a few jokes thrown in for good measure.

Admission to "Shorts and Sweets for April Fools" is \$10.00. Proceeds will benefit the programs of the Old Stone House, an historic landmark.

Built around 1810 by early settlers of Hasbrouck, a hamlet in the Town of Fallsburg, the Old Stone House was the scene of both a murder and a wedding. It is the sole remaining building from the early days of the settlement.

Purchased in 1977 by the Concerned Citizens of Hasbrouck, today it serves as an art gallery and workshop, nature center, performance facility and meeting place.

The Old Stone is located at 282 Hasbrouck Road in Hasbrouck, NY, but if you're trying to find directions online or on a GPS, please use Woodbourne, NY for the "city" name. Or go to the Old Stone House

Web site: <http://www.oldstonehouse.catskill-life.com> and click on "contact" for a map of the area. For additional information about "Shorts and Sweets for April Fools," please call 845-985-7783.

SC Parks & Rec To Hold Delaware & Hudson Canal Collections Day

Wurtsboro, NY - Sullivan County Manager David P. Fanslau has announced that the Sullivan County Department of Parks, Recreation & Beautification has arranged for a public D & H Canal Collections Day that will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011 in Wurtsboro.

"On Saturday, March 26, 2011, the Department of Parks, Recreation & Beautification is inviting the public to bring any D & H Canal related items and ephemera to be evaluated for its potential future museum use. Representatives from Sullivan County Parks & Recreation, the New York State Historical Association and the Cooperstown Graduate Program will be available to meet with people who own D & H Canal related history. The event will be held at the 73 Sullivan Street building in Wurtsboro, NY, from 10am - 2pm on Saturday," said Fanslau.

Sullivan County is anticipating the opening of its new museum and interpretive center at the Bova Rd. site this summer, and would like to evaluate any potential museum quality artifacts for upcoming exhibits. Artifacts relating to the Summitville and Phillipsport portion of the canal are of particular interest. Items may be brought in person or by photograph during the four (4) hour public event.

For more information, please contact Kristin Porter, Director, of the Sullivan County Parks, Recreation & Beautification at 845-807-0261.

HERE AND THERE

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Dorothy 'Dot' Botsford who passed away on Thursday, March 17. A memorial service will be held in the future and the date will be announced in *The Townsman*.

If you have local news that you would like to put in the *Townsman*, please email your copy to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com or send it via regular mail to: *Townsman*, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

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

2011 Thrift Sale Dates (From Pg. 1)

And this year the Thrift Sale will be open three times a month; two Tuesdays and one Saturday. Luncheons will be available on Tuesdays, but not on Saturdays. The dates for this year's Thrift Sales are as follows: **TUESDAY:** April 5 & 19; May 3 & 17; June 7 & 21; July 12 & 26; Aug 9 & 23; Sept. 6 & 20; Oct. 4 & 18; Nov. 8

SATURDAY: (Luncheon not available): April 16; May 21; June 18; July 16; Aug 20; Sept 17; Oct 15; Nov. 19. On page 15 of this issue you will find a chart of the Thrift Sale dates for 2011 to post on your calendar or kitchen bulletin board. Why not cut that chart out right now and keep it handy for the next "tight" spot? You'll be glad you did!

TVCS Superintendent's Message

Dear School Community,

This past weekend, our school community experienced a tragedy. One of our students had an accident in her home and died. At this time, it has been confirmed by the family and the New York State Police as a childhood accident. Our school community needs to support the family and respect their privacy. We can do this by not contributing to rumors that are circulating in the community. This includes information being disseminated via social media such as Facebook that may be inaccurate.

Also in the *Guidepost* is an informational document about coping with stress that includes a list of resources in the County that you can access.

Please join me in keeping the family in our thoughts during this difficult time.

A number of people have e-mailed and asked about snow days. On the books, we have twodays left. We took February Break away and April 25th. We have used one snow day since then, so we presently have two days. Please let me explain the rationale for the three-hour delay, as I have read several newspapers with their stories. We are not doing it for the State Aid. From the perspective of closing school or giving the Highway Departments another hour to assess the situation and save an instructional day, I am willing to use that time. Due to three-hour delays, student class time is reduced from a 42-minute class period to a 24-minute class period in the High School. The Elementary schedule is modified, but every teacher has an opportunity to see your child that day. We want your children in school so we can provide them with instruction. If the two remaining inclement weather days can be given back at the end of the inclement weather season, they will. Our number one goal is the safety of our children and the educational opportunities we can provide. We will always be prudent in our decision-making of closing school, and will always need the support of our school

Old Time Fun (From Pg. 1)

Starting at 10:30 (viewing starts at 9:30 a.m.) many donated items will be auctioned off to raise funds for the Museum, including antiques such as furniture, prints, equipment, household items and collectibles; and like-new items including gift items, glassware, furniture and gift certificates, among many other items.

Throughout the day simple, old fashioned activities will include:

- Horseshoe and lady's skillet throwing contests
- Children's old fashioned games
- Old fashioned ice cream making demonstration and tasting
- Pie auction with emcee Barry Lewis
- Great food and bake sale
- Local history exhibits

Admission is FREE, with only a nominal fee for some games and food.

From 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., enjoy the delicious Miller's Chicken Barbecue. The popular Miller's Chicken is accompanied by baked potato, tomato and cucumber salad, corn on the cob, roll, bottled water, and dessert. Dinners will be available to eat in or take out.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations. Currently

located in the Neversink Town Hall, the Museum provides educational programming for the public and is actively raising funds to install exhibitions in the Museum's future home, 332 Main Street, Grahamsville. For additional information on the Museum or this unique and enjoyable event, please call us at 985-2262 x313 or go online at: www.timeandthevalleysmuseum.org.

FFA Welcomes Members from Sussex

(From Pg. 1) The weekend began with members of the Delaware chapter spending the day attending school with members of the Tri-Valley FFA chapter on Friday, March 4, 2011. The student shadowed each other, talked about class opportunities at the schools they attend, and discussed how different students are in each place.

"The teachers seemed to really enjoy it as well.

They got really into welcoming new people and the day was great all around" Stated Elizabeth Bracken, District 2 FFA President. "We did labs in classes and the person from Delaware with me couldn't wait to go back to her Geometry class and tell her teacher a trick she learned in my class.

It made me appreciate my teachers even more," added Ashlee Tompkins, Tri-Valley Junior.

After classes were finished for the day, the group traveled to the Harness Racing Museum and Hall of Fame in Goshen, NY. "Harness Racing is popular in both Delaware and New York, so we thought this would be an excellent tour to take with the students," responded Tri-Valley advisor Tara Berescik. "It offered some hands-on opportunities and even has a 3D virtual race simulator, with virtual horseshoes flying in your face as you virtually flew down the track. I enjoyed it and everyone else seemed to too, after the screaming stopped!" she laughed.

We ended our Friday with a great dinner at Hacienda in Goshen celebrating the 18th birthday of one of the Delaware students with a sombrero serenade and then headed to the Castle Fun Center for laser tag before returning to Grahamsville. "The Friday activities kept everyone busy and really allowed the groups to mingle" stated Kara Kotchis, Sussex advisor. "Even though we live by the beach in Delaware, none of our kids have ever played laser tag and now that's all they can talk about."

On Saturday, we breakfasted on local products produced by members of the Tri-Valley FFA - including eggs raised by Ethan Terwillige and sausage/bacon from Elizabeth Brackens' feeder hogs. Breakfast allowed the groups to discuss various supervised agricultural experience responsibilities and opportunities in their states.

We traveled to New York City by train after breakfast for a day in the City. While in New York City we toured Times Square, Radio City Music Hall and Rockefeller Center, saw St Patrick's Cathedral and took subway to Battery Park to tour the Statue of Liberty. We ended our day with a visit to the World Trade Center Memorial location and a nighttime tour of the lights at Times Square. "I had a great time at the Statue of Liberty" stated Brendan Sanok. "It was impressive to see it get larger and larger as we rode the ferry to it. It was also interesting to see how many different people come to see the Statue."

You kind of take it for granted living in this State and I'm glad I got the chance to see it through the eyes of other people."

Our weekend ended on Sunday, with a trip to Justus Asthalter Maple Syrup, Inc. to see the complete operation required to produce maple syrup. Since the students from Delaware have a limited winter season, there is not an opportunity to make syrup. "It was great. I never knew anything about this process" stated advisor Will Currey from Delaware. "What a great opportunity for all of the kids. I cannot wait to start planning for Tri-Valley to come back to Delaware next year now!" FFA members from both states couldn't stop thanking the Boyes family for their generosity and hospitality, and especially the pancakes smothered in hot syrup.

The Delaware experiences began in 2006 when a group of Tri-Valley FFA members met a group of Sussex Central members at the Big E in Massachusetts through Ms. Berescik and Mr. Currey, the mutual advisors. The exchange has taken members all over the "Small Wonder State" of Delaware and to Frost Valley and Bethel Woods in New York and now around New York City. Emily Devore, Tri-Valley First-Vice President stated, "I've been involved in this multiple times now and think it's a great activity and opportunity. We also see the kids from Delaware at National FFA Conventions and go to the hypnotist. It's helped us all to see the opportunities available in FFA and the differences between kids around the country. I'm sad to be a senior, because this is the last time I get to be involved, but I hope that future members get the same great experience I have had."

FFA
Tara Berescik

Beautification Opportunities for Seasonal Communities Matching Reimbursable Grants Available in SC

[LIBERTY] - Opportunities for summer residents to enhance the appearance of their properties in Sullivan County are outlined in a new brochure released by Sullivan Renaissance. "2011 Grants & Programs for Seasonal Communities" provides useful information and tips for communities wishing to participate in the program or simply beautify their own property.

Seasonal communities include second home communities, seasonal businesses, bungalow colonies and summer camps.

Under its grant program, Sullivan Renaissance provides matching grants for seasonal residents to improve the appearance of their properties with projects that serve as an example for others. Available funding ranges from matching grants up to \$2500 to reimbursable mini-grants up to \$200.

Eligible projects include: fixing up entranceways and gates, planting flower gardens or other landscaping, removal of old structures and cleaning up dump sites, facade improvements, replacing fencing, upgrading signage, or simply planting flowers in planters or hanging baskets. Improvements are made in areas visible to the public.

"Our brochure outlines our program and gives examples of projects that you can do in your community. Our one-page application is easy to fill out and submit. We'll also help you with the paperwork and provide you with free horticultural assistance to make your project as easy to complete as possible," said Richard Sush, who coordinates the program.

Applications are available at <http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org/participate/applications/>. They may be completed electronically or mailed to: Sullivan Renaissance, c/o The Gerry Foundation, PO Box 311, Liberty, NY 12754. To receive a copy of the brochure, contact Richard Sush at 845-295-2445 or rsush@sullivanrenaissance.org.

Limited funding is available and applications will be reviewed as they are submitted. Five matching grants were given to bungalow colony, businesses and second-home communities in 2010.

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

RED FOX - MASTER MOUSER

By Peggy DeWire

I hung up the phone, still chuckling over the hilarious account my friends Betty and Jim told of three red fox puppies playing near their hillside den on the Jim/Betty farm. How they wrestled and upended each other. How a pup yapped shrilly when a litter mate's needle-sharp teeth bit too hard on a leg or a tail. How the trip suddenly collapsed in an exhausted heap for a short rest.

Red foxes (*Vulpes fulva*) range over most of the U.S. and southern Canada. Our western and southern states are home to the Gray fox, a smaller distinct species compared to the Red's 14 pounds, length forty five inches, including a beautiful bushy sixteen inch tail.

Red foxes mate in Jan./Feb. and prepare a safe burrow under a rock wall or tree roots for their 4-8 pups which arrive fifty-some days later, born blind and helpless and barely furred. Since red foxes have several color phases - black, silver and cross (brown) - any color can occur in the same litter.

In two weeks the pups can see but remain down in the den for five more weeks. Then they come out to play near the entrance hole where they retreat to safety at a parental warning bark.

Red foxes belong to the dog family and can suffer from diseases like mange, distemper and a canine bronchitis. They can also carry rabies.

I think that Red foxes are master mousers and should be considered a good friend by farmers and orchardists. But not poultrymen unless they pen their chickens up at night in a henhouse. Besides big quantities of rodents, foxes eat berries, fruit, vegetables, rabbits and carrion.

Foxes are smart adaptable hunters that catch any food that they find. I remember once watching a pair at a pond teaching their pups how to catch frogs. The youngsters splashed and dashed after the jumpers as they imitated their parents leaping back and forth.

When the family caught their fill, the adults sat on the bank and stamped water out of their bushy tails with their front feet. The pups watched this closely and copied the motions of squeezing water out of their own tiny tails until it all became a very boisterous game of "Bite Your Brother's Tail."



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Read to the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors' Meeting on March 17, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Dear Chairman Rouis and Members of the Sullivan County Legislature:

I am William Brenner and I am a resident of Grahamsville in the Town of Neversink.

I have seen and experienced this economic recession or depression throughout Sullivan County, and I have read about the laying off of County Government workers, and cutbacks.

As we approach the next 4-year election of Sullivan County Legislators this November, I would like to put a Proposition on the Election Ballot to eliminate, terminate, dissolve (or lay off) immediately the 9 member Sullivan County Legislature, and have all of the Legislators' functions, duties and responsibilities assumed by our existing 15 members of the Sullivan County Board of Supervisors.

This is as it was up until the County election of November 8, 1994 - 17 years ago. As I recall back then, Sullivan County had more money and less debt, more thriving businesses, less empty storefronts, more hotels and more farmland and cattle.

I am not blaming the county's economic downturn on our dedicated and hardworking Legislators.

But I am asking: Can the taxpayers and voters of Sullivan County vote this November for a Proposition on the Ballot to eliminate, terminate, dissolve (or lay off) immediately the 9 member Sullivan County Legislature, and have all of their functions, duties and responsibilities assumed by our still existing 15 member Sullivan County Board of Supervisors? - and have this proposition on the ballot without the approval of the Legislators? It seems the Sullivan County Charter says "no."

And it appears the Legislative "Charter Revision Committee" has not or will not address this question.

My points are this:

1. Rather than wait for the next 4-year election, let's have a ballot referendum to ask the voters if they want to spend taxpayer money on Legislators' salaries and benefits, or eliminate the Legislature and re-hire some County workers, or possibly reduce our real estate taxes?

Our representatives who serve 2-year terms are U.S. Congressman Maurice Hinchey, State Senator John Bonacic, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and most of our Supervisors. Legislators serve 4-year terms (so does the President).

2. Our 15 Supervisors did before, can do now, and should do now the work of 9 Legislators. After all, the Supervisors' will still use the advice, guidance and leadership of our well-qualified County Manager David P. Fanslou and his staff. Remember this Legislative Room was originally the Supervisor's Room.

Also, you can always talk directly to your Supervisor at your local Town Hall meetings.

3. In the November 8, 1994 election, all 3 Neversink Districts (my town) voted against creating the Legislature (called Local Law No. 3 of 1994). In the total county vote, the Legislative proposal was left "blank" by 8226 voters. If they combined that vote with the 5022 "No" votes, the creation of the Legislature would have been defeated. (The yes votes were 11,615.)

I remember that some of the most fervent advocates to create the Legislature said they were promised jobs which would be created by the new Legislature!

So please Legislators, put this immediate dissolution of the Legislature on the ballot, or permit Sullivan County voters to sign a Petition for a referendum to dissolve and terminate the Legislature immediately.

Your immediate consideration is necessary to get this proposal on the November 2011 ballot.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: William A. Brenner:

Graduated from Tri-Valley Central School (1958); St. Lawrence University (1962), Canton, New York with majors in Government/History/English; and New York University School of Law (1965), New York City, Admitted to New York Bar (1966) and a practicing attorney in Grahamsville, New York.

I am also a member of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce. Also, I am a volunteer Fireman, and former First Aider and E.M.T.

cc: Richard Coombs Republican Party Chairman
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Steven Wilkinson, Democrat Party Chairman
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Robert W. Hoose, Conservative Party Chairman
10 Myrtle Avenue
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Tammi Chaboty, Independence Party Chairman
P.O. Box 550
Neversink, New York 12765

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Over the past week the residents of Wawarsing who live in the area where the NYC Delaware Aqueduct leaks, have had to bear the burden of moving water away from their homes, I myself being one of those pumping along with several other homeowners. It began with one electric pump on Sunday March 6th, then 2 by Sunday evening which lead to the addition of the 9 horse-powered gas pump with a 4 inch intake and 4 inch discharge Friday morning the 11th. With 820 million gallons a day moving through a leaking tunnel, one can only imagine how much of it leaks out. Our water table is over-maxed and we still continue to pump water out of basements more than a week after the rain event. I have a brook coming out from my under my basement floor.

The water being pumped out of our basements is crystal clear and cold, not your usual runoff or spillage from a creek or stream or river, which by the way is no where near us.

Keeping the reservoirs at an acceptable level is not even a option anymore, Thursday March 17th, the DEP website alerted that they were over capacity 101.8% to be exact, and they were spilling in areas below the dams. So not only are those here in Wawarsing flooding, now all those along the creeks and streams are seeing the water rage down from the hills. There has to be a better way for the DEP to be a good neighbor and look out for the communities who suffer from this gross negligence. The cost of running these pumps has depleted any savings we may have had for a "Spring Break", but knowing that this water keeps coming we are not awarded the option of even considering to leave to go anywhere far from home. If we lose power the pumps stop working and we go underwater, this is not an option! We are trapped here, pumping, ... pumping, ...pumping, NYC water down the pike.

Thank you everyone for the well wishes and prayers, they really do help us get through this nightmare.

Anyone who sees this and can help make a difference please do not hesitate to use your connections and expertise to help us all. Pass it along and remember how important our infrastructure needs to be, especially after seeing what is happening around the world.

Wawarsing Homeowners
Stephen and Laura Smith
Warwarsing, NY

Dear Parents and Community Members:

My first few weeks here have been very full with meeting everyone at the different schools, dealing with the day to day running of the district, preparing the budget during a difficult financial time, and, of course, the snow days and delays.

Please know that it is never an easy decision to open on time, delay or close when the weather is bad. Safety is the only reason to keep the school buses off the road. However, as a result of this challenging winter season, we have lost 4 days of Spring Break, April 18 through April 21, 2011. Student attendance during these days is of the utmost importance to ensure the quality and quantity of instruction our students need to be successful. I would like to keep these days as "normal" as possible and your support and cooperation is much needed and appreciated.

Here is some back ground information to help you understand the District's situation. The State requires 176 -177 days of contact and up to three-to-four Superintendent Conference Days for a total of 180. Therefore, even with the unusual amount of days we had to close, we will be at 178 days of instruction and three Superintendent Conference Days once we re-instate April 18th -21st as instructional days.

This is a complicated issue as it involves the State Education Department. At this point we do not need to take April 22nd back so long as we do not close again before that week. Of course, the District will honor religious absences for Passover, since we will be in session. The same will hold true if we need to be open on Good Friday. The Superintendent, the Board of Education, Administration and the Associations are closely monitoring the situation and working together.

In closing, as I expressed to the parents of our high school and middle school students, it is my

opinion that we have great schools with excellent people who work hard and care about the education and lives of your children. Thank you for your support of our schools. I wish your children and your families the very best. Please continue to stay involved and to involve us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Spiegel McGill, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Onteora Central School District

Federal Court Ignores Safety Concerns At Indian Point Rules For NRC in Brodsky v NRC About Emergency Reactor Shutdown

The following is a link to a copy of the Federal Court decision in Brodsky v NRC a lawsuit challenging the granting to Indian Point by the NRC of an "exemption" to an existing NRC rule which requires that the electrical cables which control shutdown of the reactor core in an emergency have insulation that survives a one-hour fire. After tests on the IP insulation showed it only lasted 24 minutes the NRC "exempted" IP from the one-hour rule saying the insulation had to last only 24 minutes. The "exemption" was granted in secret, the public not being told of the "exemption" request by Entergy or the granting of the request by the NRC until after it was done.

See for Federal Court Decision
<http://www.scribd.com/doc/50798353/Brodsky-v-NRC-Decision>

Brodsky said, "This decision is wrong as a matter of law, and continues a pattern of courts refusing to scrutinize and regulate the NRC. The NRC today is to nuclear power what the SEC and the FED were to Wall Street three years ago. We took the word "meltdown" and applied it to the Wall Street disaster. The term "meltdown" at Indian Point is literal, and the failure of our regulatory system will not be fixable by injections of money. Both advocates and opponents of nuclear power want and need an effective NRC. We do not have it today. Copies of this decision will be sent to the President, Congressional leaders, and Governors in the tri-state region. The chances of a meltdown at Indian Point remain small, even with these safety violations. But the consequences are enormous, as we have learned from events in Japan.."

One Hundred Fifty-one Properties up for Auction -Two Parcels Account For 27% Of Total Owed

Kingston, NY (March 16, 2011)... The Ulster County Legislature has set April 13, 2011 for the public auction of one hundred fifty-one (151) parcels that have been listed as a result of the foreclosure of tax liens and have been unredeemed for more than three years.

"While the number of 2011 properties are 28% more than last year's initial list, it pales in comparison to 1998 when there were seven hundred twelve (712) and 2000 when there were four hundred sixty-six (466)," according to Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach.

The Town of Wawarsing leads the list by sheer numbers of parcels with twenty-four (24) compared to last year's twenty-six (26). Shandaken is next with seventeen (17) followed by the Towns of Saugerties and Ulster with sixteen (16) each. Once again, the Towns of Woodstock and Hardenburgh have no properties at the auction. They are joined by the Town of Denning and the Village of New Paltz.

The Town of Saugerties, which grew from eleven (11) to sixteen (16) tops the list of total outstanding dollars, with \$588,370.03 (not including Village taxes), of which one parcel on Quarry Road accounts for \$442,112.93 of that. The second largest single parcel on the list is in the Town of Kingston whose one and only property is on Woods Road for \$229,913.38.

"While we show an increase from \$1,959,195.39 in 2010 to \$2,448,034.45 in 2011, two properties (over \$672,000.00) account for 27% of the total," said Auerbach.

Comptroller Auerbach went on to say "as in past years, I expect that a good portion of these properties will be redeemed before April's auction."

The Public Auction will be held on the Stone Ridge Campus of SUNY ULSTER in Vanderlyn Hall on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at 9:30 AM. The complete listing of properties can be found on the County website at : www.ulstercountyny.gov/finance/2011PublicAuctionBrochure.pdf

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"What's Shakin' in Shandaken?"

"Greetings and salutations from the "Heart of the Park,"

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

Triathlon: The 18th Annual Pine Hill Arms Triathlon kicks off tomorrow, Sat., March 19 at 1pm. The annual Ski-Bike-Run Event takes place between Belleayre Mountain in Highmount and the Hamlet of Pine Hill. Whether standing on the deck at Belleayre's Overlook lodge to view the skiers or waiting on Main St., Pine Hill for the finish, this event is fun for competitors and spectators of all ages. Go to pinehillarms.com for more details.

Parks and Recreation Board: The Town Board has unanimously adopted creating a new Parks and Rec. Board. We are currently advertising for members for this board. If you are interested please go to the Town website for more specific information concerning the positions available or contact the Town Clerk's Office at (845) 688-5004. Applications must be received by 3pm on Monday, March 28, 2011.

Ambulance: The Town is seeking bids for an ambulance to replace its oldest unit. All bids are due and will be opened at our April 4th meeting. For more information or specifications please contact the Town Clerk's Office at (845) 688-5004.

Health Center: The Town of Shandaken owns a building in Phoenicia that is currently vacant, we are open to possibilities for the future of this space, but ideally would love to continue offering medical services from this facility. If you are a medical practitioner or work in a related field and are looking for space, please contact my office (688-7165) at your earliest convenience.

Beautification: There are several groups throughout the Town that could always use a hand, be it for initial plantings, fundraising or simply helping brainstorm some new ideas to help enhance the natural beauty and splendor of our hamlets. If you are interested in assisting in beautification efforts in your hamlet, please contact my office any weekday (688-7165) and we can direct you to the proper organization in your area.

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

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

The Olive Branch

Paul Harris Fellows - Phoenicia Rotary

Last Thursday, March 17, the Phoenicia Rotary proudly ushered in six of their members to the Rotary Foundation's individual recognition program, designated Paul Harris Fellows.

The Rotary Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world. It was started in 1917 by Rotary International President, Arch C. Klumph when he proposed an endowment be set up for the "purpose of doing good in the world". In 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than \$5,000, it was renamed the Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International.

Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of \$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The organization, created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen, later grew into the Easter Seals.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded the Foundation's growth, but the need for lasting world peace generated great postwar interest in its development. After Rotary's founder, Paul P. Harris, died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created to build the Foundation.

That year, the first Foundation program (the forerunner of Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships) was established. In 1965-66, three new programs were launched: Group Study Exchange, Awards for Technical Training, and Grants for Activities in Keeping with the Objective of The Rotary Foundation, which was later called Matching Grants.

The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) Grants program was launched in 1978 and Rotary Volunteers was created as a part of that program in 1980. Polio Plus was announced in 1984-85, and the next year brought Rotary Grants for University Teachers. The first peace forums were held in 1987-88, leading to the Foundation's peace and conflict studies programs.

Support of the Foundation grew tremendously over the years. From the first donation of \$26.50 in 1917, it has received contributions totaling more than \$1 billion. More than \$70 million was donated in 2003-4 alone. To date, more than one million individuals have been recognized as Paul Harris Fellows - people who have given \$1,000 to the Annual Programs Fund or have had that amount contributed in their name.

Any Rotarian who contributes \$100 or more per year is automatically recognized as a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member. But any amount is gladly accepted. If every Rotarian contributed \$100 every year, Rotary could nearly double its efforts to help needy people worldwide and support the continued growth of its programs. Once a member reaches a total of \$1,000, either by contributions they made or others have made in their name, they can be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.

Typical accomplishments of the Rotary Foundation are: A well for clean water to a community in India; Equipment for a children's library in Ecuador; Polio vaccine for numerous children; Playground equipment, musical instruments, and therapeutic toys for rehabilitating orphans and other children in the Czech Republic; Eyeglasses for needy adults in the Philippines; Funding for a portion of a Group Study Exchange.

In total, 11 of Phoenicia Rotary's members now carry the distinction of being Paul Harris Fellows. Congratulations to all - and for more information about Rotary, please visit www.rotary.org

FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN - Paula Rhodes



Hello My Friends I certainly hope yall had a more exciting week than we did.

Well, it is spring!

Having grown up in the classic Huck Finn definition of the Southern life style I Seriously! We played in ponds and fields and caught tadpoles and rode our horses into the pond and used them for diving boards! I remember asking my dad for a swimming pool and him asking how I would get my horse into it! My best friend was Tina and we would just disappear for the day and come back when we were hungry unless we took bologna sandwiches with us. We would put cool aide into a big jar and drink hot cool aide and heat hot bologna sandwiches with yellow mustard! Yum! It was so hot we would lay on the backs of our horses under the trees that hung over the pond. And we knew it wouldn't do any good to go home to cool off. All that would mean would be sitting on the porch fanning flies! I had a friend that was going to Atlanta in August. I asked him if he was being punished! I remember the temperature being 100° and the humidity being 98% and it wasn't raining. I do remember once it actually snowed and we got on our horses and made it as far as the back of the barn and got cold went to the tack room with the pot belly stove and stayed there until someone came and got us! So, I have never really cared for Winter or Summer. I am so appreciative of the store and being able to stay inside when it is cold. I giggled when I stood and looked out the door at everyone coming into the post office and wave when it was MINUS 12 on my porch and the only way I knew that was

because Bob's son looked at the temperature in his truck before he got out. You couldn't drag my fat butt outside! And for those of you who say "oh I love the cold" Are you crazy? That's like a Southerner saying "Oh I love the humidity"

Well, one more ramble and I am going to close! It looks like there won't be any Live Dixie Chickens in my future. Gary just doesn't want them! He thinks they wouldn't make very good pets so I think I will plant some obnoxious plants that bears don't like there! I am not sure what I will plant yet. NO!! I am going to plant turnip greens there! You can have the turnips. When we grew them we never really let the turnips grow. We pulled them when they were young and tender. Yum, just give me the seasoned boiled greens and a piece of cornbread and nice thick slice of onion! A glass of sweet tea. Yum! Oh, and boiled peanuts. I miss Sumer!

The Dixie Chicken

Upstate Teens Lead Discussion on Key Watershed Issues

March 15, 2011, Olivebridge, New York - Twenty high school students came together at the Ashokan Center, an environmental education and cultural center, with environmental experts to talk about issues facing New York City's watersheds.

At the 2011 Watershed Youth Symposium "Student to Student: Understanding (Next Col.)



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the NYC Watersheds," organized by GrowNYC, teens representing Onteora High School, South Kortright Central School, and Margaretville Central School led dynamic presentations ranging from hydroponics and aquaponics to the hot-button issue of gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale.

The keynote speaker was Robyn Worcester, a former Student Conservation Corps intern and now a member of the staff of the Greene County Soil and Water Conservation District. After presentations, students and audience members got the chance to talk with experts-- John Schwartz and Kim Estes Fradis from New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Lillit Genovesi of Trout in the Classroom and Diane Galusha from the Catskill Watershed Corp.

The event is part of GrowNYC's Watershed Education program and is made possible with a Watershed Education grant from Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. Through this program, to-date teens have been responsible for planting 6,200 trees 4,500 willows and 2,000 herbaceous plants along all six reservoirs of the West-of-Hudson Watershed.

In the spring, students will participate in hands-on restoration work to maintain the health of New York City drinking water and protect and preserve the natural habitat in key buffer areas.

"Nothing compares to the value of students learning about their watershed first-hand by getting their hands dirty and planting trees to protect its health," said GrowNYC Environmental Education Director Mike Zamm. "The teens talking here today are the environmental leaders of the future."

"We are thrilled to be able to support environmental projects like these where the impact on youth is clear," said Diane Galusha, CWC's Education Coordinator. "This is CWC's 13th year funding projects that heighten awareness and understanding of NYC's water system and the vast Watershed West of the Hudson River." (Contd. Pg. 7)

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Upstate Teens Lead Discussion (From Pg 6)
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MARGARETVILLE, NY, March 21, 2011 - The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will hold its 14th Annual Meeting of member towns Tuesday, April 5 at 1 p.m. at CWC offices, 905 Main Street, Margaretville. Results of the election of three representatives, from Greene, Sullivan and Ulster Counties, to the CWC Board of Directors will be announced. A slide show of CWC achievements over the past year will be shown, and the floor will then be open for questions and comments from representatives of member towns and villages, and the general public. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend both meetings. CWC programs and projects are explained in detail on the corporation's web site: www.cwconline.org. Inquiries are welcome Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the CWC's offices; via email at invest@cwconline.org, and over the toll-free line, 877-WAT-SHED (877-928-7433).

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April Welcomes "Hudson Valley Landscapes by Warren Hurley" and "Sculpt" to The Arts Society of Kingston.

The Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) is proud to welcome "Hudson Valley Landscapes by Warren Hurley" to the Lounge Gallery during the month of April. The Main Gallery will feature "Sculpt: 3-D Assemblage and Bas Relief", a Members' Exhibition. The shared opening reception will take place during First Saturday, April 2nd, 5-8 pm. Both exhibitions will run until April 30th.

"Sculpt," our special exhibit to honor our sculptors! Wall sculptures, three-dimensional bas-reliefs for the wall is ASK's innovative way of showing what our members can do! Sculpture for your office, den, or commercial property? Viva le difference between life with and without art...

Hudson Valley Landscapes by Warren Hurley

Hurley's current work explores the countryside near his home. Although his previous work has been more abstract at times, he is enjoying the realistic direction his paintings are taking. He particularly likes painting snow.

He attempts to capture the quiet that comes just after dawn or shortly before dusk. There is something moody about these simple settings that inspire him.

Mr. Hurley's work is featured in the 2010 edition of New Art International, published by Book Art Press. His work has been exhibited locally, on Long Island, in Scotland and is in several private collections, including the drawing collection at Nassau County Community College on Long Island.

A resident of High Falls, New York, Warren Hurley received a BS in Art Education from SUNY New Paltz, an MS in Art Education from New York University, and certification as a school district administrator from Pace University. Hurley taught drawing, painting and printmaking at all levels of education for nearly twenty years in New York State. In 1979, he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship providing the opportunity to teach in Edinburgh, Scotland for one year.

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

Dana Duke's "Foil Series" Photography at Alliance Gallery

"I've always been seduced by the various surface qualities, reflective properties, and the lines a single, simple object can project," explains photographer Dana Duke who will exhibit work from his "Foil Series" collection opening with a reception on Friday, March 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY. "I try to go beyond the obvious, there is so much that is overlooked."

For the foil series, Duke manipulated disposable everyday objects into sculptural and graphic forms reminiscent of painterly brush strokes or larger sculptural volumes. He then "came up with a lighting to take advantage of the bent and reformed surface texture thus underscoring their aesthetic appearance," he explains. Raised in Western PA, Duke was fascinated by the images in Life and Look magazines at an early age and received his first camera at the age of 14. While still a teenager, Duke was exposed to the fine art photography of Robert Frank at the "Americans" exhibit in Philadelphia, plus the unique (Contd. Pg. 8)

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ASK the ARTIST will feature photographers, crafters and painters (Franz and Marianne Heigemeir, Jim McFarland, Nathan Milgrim, David Ryan, Ellen Perantoni, Robert Lipgar, Erik Richards, Robert Casey, John Franco, Kristy Bishop, Lauren Piperno, Mira Fink, Emmy Hastings, Pam Krimsky, Ray Curran, and more) join as members of the Arts Society of Kingston to welcome Spring!

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Property Tax Cap Likely Part of State Budget

The effort to implement a property tax cap took a sudden and unexpected turn this week and will likely be included as part of the pending state budget. The proposal has widespread support in the State Legislature.

As of 2012, the Governor's property tax cap limits the local property tax levy growth to 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is lower. Obviously, this will have an impact on county discretionary funding for road and bridge repair, law enforcement patrol, public health and all other non-mandated programs and services provided by your county.

NYSAC and county officials have long supported capping and reducing property taxes, as long as the cap is coupled with the necessary mandate relief from the State. However, NYSAC has not identified any mandate relief proposals in the State budget negotiations.

NYSAC will continue to raise county concerns with lawmakers as additional budget language is drafted or amended. County officials are urged to contact their respective State representatives to discuss the local impact of a property tax cap.

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Dana Duke's (From Pg. 8) still life and portrait photography of Irving Penn in Vogue magazine. Duke went on to major in photography at R.I.S.D. (Rhode Island School of Design). Upon graduation, he went to New York City to assist Arnold Newman and then Magnum photographer Bruce Davidson.

"The foil series is part of an ongoing debris fascination that I have been working on for over 30 years," Duke says. In his travels, he collects found objects with visually tempting shapes and surfaces. By not identifying the object in the composition, Duke lets each viewer imagine what it is-or could be. "Because this 'debris of desire' collection is so removed from its original intended purpose, it becomes an abstracted object in itself and fodder for my 'what is it?' compositions."

Duke has had a successful career shooting commercially with a studio in New York City for 25 years before moving to Sullivan County. He has photographed portraits and industrial situations for magazines such as Life, Discover, Time, and Fortune, and has traveled the world shooting for major Fortune 500 companies. He has also taught at the Maine Photographic Workshop in Rockport, ME. In addition to his photography studio, Duke is the owner and audio engineer of Big Twig Recording Studio in Roscoe, NY.

Free and open to the public, the exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, celebrating 50 years of building strong, creative communities in New York State's 62 counties.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit call (845) 252-7576 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

Kisses Abound at "Kiss Me, Kate" at Monticello High School

Monticello - Monticello High School will continue its tradition of excellence in musical theatre with this year's production of the well-known musical "Kiss Me, Kate" on Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26 at 7:30 PM at Arnold Packer Hughs Auditorium at Monticello High School. A twist on Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew," the musical features a book by Samuel and Bella Spewack and music and lyrics by Cole Porter, including such memorable numbers as "Another Openin', Another Show," "Why Can't You Behave," "I Hate Men," and "Brush Up Your Shakespeare."

This year's production showcases many of Monticello's talented musicians, actors, and dancers, with a cast of over 50 talented student thespians, a theatre orchestra of over 20 students, and a stage crew of more than 20 students. Monticello High School choral teacher Eric Rubinstein serves as dramatic director, with Rachel Niegelberg, music teacher at Monticello High School and Robert J. Kaiser Middle School, acting as musical director. Directing the theatre orchestra is Nancy Wegrzyn, Monticello High School orchestra teacher. Karissa Mollicone, Monticello High School dance teacher, acts as choreographer. Lighting and set designer is Timothy Buckley, music teacher at Monticello High School and Robert J. Kaiser Middle School. Producing the musical is Ann Trombley, head music teacher at Monticello High School. Serving as costumer for the production is Lori Orestano-James, Monticello High School Assistant Principal. Michele Brischox, Monticello High School special education teacher, acts as publicist. Additionally, Monticello High School junior Olivia Shope is serving as stage manager for the production.

So come get your kisses as "Kiss Me, Kate" is presented at 7:30 PM on both March 25 and 26 at Arnold Packer Hughs Auditorium at Monticello High School. Tickets are available at the door and through MHS students and are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, with free admission for senior citizens.

Senate and Assembly Pass Their Versions of the State Budget

This week, the State Senate and State Assembly passed their respective versions of the budget. Now, legislators from each house will engage in negotiations with the Governor in order to reach a consensus, which will be agreed upon by both houses of the legislature and the Governor. All parties involved have indicated a strong desire to have the budget agreed upon and enacted by the April 1st deadline. (Dave Lucas)

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Hinchey Renews Push for FRAC Act -Congressman Says Bill is Important First Step, Responds to Industry Critique of Disclosure Provisions

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today hailed this week's introduction of legislation he co-authored, the Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act (FRAC Act), noting that passage of the bill would be an important first step in what he expects to be a prolonged effort to protect drinking water and the environment from the contamination risks of hydraulic fracturing - a process whereby millions of gallons of water, sand and cancer-causing chemicals are injected deep into the ground to blast apart rocks and release natural gas. The FRAC Act would require that chemicals used in the drilling process be publicly disclosed. It would also roll back an egregious provision of the 2005 Energy Policy Act, which exempted the drilling process from the Safe Drinking Water Act despite the congressman's objections.

"While the natural gas industry would like to pretend that the current regulatory framework is sufficient to protect the environment, drinking water and public health, scores of citizens throughout the country are telling a different story," said Hinchey. "We need to know exactly what chemicals are being injected into the ground and we must ensure that the industry is not exempt from basic environmental safeguards like the Safe Drinking Water Act. The FRAC Act is an important first step toward protecting people from the risks of hydraulic fracturing."

The reintroduction of the bill follows a series of alarming reports from The New York Times that detailed how water can be contaminated by not just chemicals used in the drilling process, but also through Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORMS) that are brought up during the drilling process and sent to wastewater treatment plants that cannot effectively remove these dangerous materials. The articles also detailed how the natural gas industry has tried to narrow the scope of an ongoing U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) study that

was initiated in response to report language Hinchey authored. A separate investigation conducted by the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee also recently revealed that 32 million gallons of diesel fuel were used in wells drilled in 19 states despite industry claims to the contrary.

Following the introduction of the FRAC Act, America's Natural Gas Alliance (ANGA), a leading industry trade group, released a statement in opposition to the bill, noting that the industry has "stepped forward to support disclosure on a well-by-well basis on both public and private lands."

Hinchey responded noting that, "the industry tried to narrow the scope of the EPA study, they tried to cover up the fact that they were using diesel fuel, and they denied the contamination risks of radioactive wastewater. If they're willing to voluntarily disclose the chemicals they use, why should they fear a provision that requires them to do it? If they're so sure that their process is safe, what do they have to fear from being held accountable to the same rules that every other industry has to play by?"

Hinchey joined Representative Dianna DeGette (D-CO) in authoring and introducing the FRAC Act. Similar legislation was introduced in the previous Congress. Hinchey is also the author of language that initiated an ongoing EPA study to determine the environmental impacts of the drilling technique.

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UC Executive Mike Hein Announces Plans to Run for a Second Term

(From Pg. 1)

Hein has made County government more business-friendly by allocating over \$27 million for public infrastructure and transit projects in Ulster County, providing 300 summer youth employment positions, and was instrumental in implementing the "Ulster Tomorrow" economic development plan for Ulster County.

As County Executive, Hein has increased the promotion of Ulster County by initiating a new web-based branding and marketing campaign for Ulster County Tourism, launching *UlsterCountyAlive.com* and creating a satellite tourism office at the County Office Building.

Hein has also worked to move Ulster County toward being the healthiest county in the state by launching the "Healthy Ulster" initiative, overhauling Ulster County Public Health Department and reshaping the Ulster County Board of Health.

County Executive Hein was elected by his peers from around the state to serve as the 2011 First Vice President of the New York State County Executive's Association, a position that provides an even greater opportunity to advocate to Albany for the interests of county governments. Additionally, Hein serves on the New York State Association of County's Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future of New York Farming.

Emergency Assistance Available to Hinchey Constituents in Japan

If you are concerned about a friend or loved one, here is what you can do to find more information:

My thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by the tragic 8.9-magnitude earthquake that shook Japan on Friday. The U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Embassy and consulates in Japan are working to obtain information on the status of U.S. citizens and to provide emergency assistance to U.S. citizens.

At this time, there are no reports of U.S. citizens killed or injured in the earthquake. Although telephone lines are disrupted, relatives may want to try contacting loved ones in Japan by e-mail, text (SMS) message, or other social media. The Department of Defense is reporting that all personnel have been accounted for, and there are no reports of injuries.

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- If you are calling regarding a citizen of a third country, please contact that country's Embassy or Consulate. Contact information for foreign Embassies and Consulates in the United States is available in the Country Specific Information links at www.travel.state.gov.

Gunther (From Pg. 1)

"The Assembly rejected the governor's plan to force all EPIC participants, regardless of financial hardship, to join a Medicare Part D drug plan. Our proposal also continues the vital 'wraparound' coverage for prescription drugs not covered by Medicare, as well as state payment assistance for Part D premiums and deductibles. Eliminating this aid could cost seniors up to \$1,000 or more annually.

"Many older New Yorkers are on fixed incomes, making any reductions to EPIC especially disastrous. Support they need during these difficult times." We can't put seniors in a position where they must choose between putting food on the table and the medicine they need. Restoring EPIC funding in our budget ensures that seniors receive the support they need during these difficult times."

AUERBACH WITHHOLDS CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATIVE FUNDS -Comptroller Requires Written Protocols Governing Use

KINGSTON, NY (March 15, 2011)... In light of recent reviews of over \$200,000.00 of confidential investigative funds, Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach has informed the Ulster County Sheriff and the Ulster County District Attorney that he will not approve for payment any further requests of confidential investigative fund monies until he receives written protocols over their use.

Comptroller Auerbach has interviewed the Sheriff and the District Attorney and key members of their staffs to ascertain the internal control protocols over use of Confidential Funds.

At the same time, a series of simultaneous investigations are in progress regarding the Ulster Regional Gang Enforcement Team (URGENT) and the use of confidential funds and forfeiture monies related to their work. These investigations appear to be broad and deep and, as such, are likely to continue for sometime.

"Due to these circumstances," said Auerbach, "I have determined it prudent to withhold a report of my findings until such time as it is clear our work will not complicate or compromise any of the criminal investigations in progress."

That said, the Comptroller has found that the internal control protocols over the use of confidential funds are inadequate and Auerbach has informed both the Sheriff and the District Attorney that he will not authorize payment of any further confidential funds until each office submit thorough and detailed written protocols over the use of confidential funds.

"I understand that the need to use confidential investigative funds for appropriate purposes continues and crime will not abate pending the outcomes of the particular investigations," said Auerbach. "However, I cannot authorize additional payment of confidential funds knowing that the internal control over their use is inadequate."

According the Ulster County Charter, the Comptroller must audit and certify for payment all lawful claims or charges against the County or against funds for which the County is responsible in whole or in part.

Hinchey Urges Medicare to Stop Denying Coverage for Paramedic Intercept Services Current Policy Can Cost Seniors Thousands in Unexpected Emergency Medical Costs

Washington, DC - Seniors throughout the United States have faced thousands of dollars in unexpected medical bills after Medicare has denied coverage for certain ambulance services. Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) is calling on Medicare to change the policy, which unfairly discriminates against seniors in rural areas who rely on ambulance services provided by volunteer fire departments. The volunteer responders, who are barred by law from performing Advanced Life Support (ALS) procedures needed when serious medical problems arise, often call for backup from a professional paramedic intercept service. But, as many seniors are finding out, those types of intercept services, aren't covered under current policy. Hinchey is asking the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Donald Berwick to change the policy so that seniors in rural areas don't have to pay out of pocket for services that are fully covered for seniors in urban areas.

"This is a significant problem, and it's got to be addressed," said Hinchey. "The last thing a senior living on a fixed income needs is to be whacked with hundreds of dollars in unexpected ambulance fees. The current policy unfairly discriminates against Medicare beneficiaries. We simply cannot have seniors second guessing whether to call an ambulance for fear of the bill. These are important health care services and they should be covered. Hopefully, CMS will change its policy."

Hinchey's office was contacted by Ida Gage of Pine Bush, New York who in January of 2010 experienced severe chest pains and called 911. A volunteer ambulance arrived, but, because of the severity of her case, a service capable of providing ALS was called in. A similar incident occurred again six months later, at which point Ida was confronted with two bills, totaling \$1,300. After over a year of letters, phone calls and appeals to Medicare with Hinchey's help the charges were eventually covered.

"This case is not just about me but many other senior citizens faced with the same problem," she wrote in a letter thanking Hinchey for his assistance in resolving the issue. "I have friends who are just barely making ends meet and they refuse to take an ambulance because of this problem."

Hinchey has tried for years to correct the problem, but so far legislative efforts to address the lack

of coverage for ALS intercept services have not gone through. Hinchey is hopeful that an administrative decision at CMS will address the problem.

UC COMPTROLLER QUESTIONS TIME & ATTENDANCE PROJECT

Auerbach Reports Planning and Procurement Flaws KINGSTON, NY (Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach has issued a report questioning the planning and procurement practices surrounding Ulster County's new biometric time and attendance system. The County has been phasing in a system that reads individual finger scans on a biometric clock to automate employee attendance records.

"When a project is expected to cost \$400,000 and there is only a single contract associated with it for a "not to exceed cost" of \$49,280 it raised questions," explained Auerbach.

The report finds that the planning process was less than sufficient and as a result the best product, best price and overall value cannot be demonstrated.

It also documents that the goods and services purchased for the Time and Attendance Project did not conform to applicable laws and established County policies and procedures.

"The concept for and expectations of the project were worthy," said Auerbach, "unfortunately, though, its execution was seriously lacking."

The consultant selected for the project is a NYS Office of General Services "Back Drop Contractor" which means the consultant has been pre-qualified and the County would only need to conduct a mini-bid process rather than a full competitive bid process. No mini-bid process was undertaken.

"It appears that because the process wasn't followed," said Auerbach, "one mis-step begot another and we now have a situation whereby the County has spent well over \$200,000 on hardware, software and professional services based on a single contract for a \$49,280."

The report details the findings and provides recommendations to ensure compliance in the future. It can be found at www.ulstercountyny.gov/comptroller.

POLITICAL SLANT

-Frank Comando

Accidents like the Gulf Oil spill, nuclear power plant failures such as Chernobyl, and Three Mile Island, or fracking procedures like the drilling for Marcellus shale gas that renders our water undrinkable and causes wells to explode, are not acceptable. It seems that big business is more worried about making money than it cares about the health and well-being and deaths in the working class, and in small business owners.

The fate of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Plant in Japan hangs in the balance as melting continues. Exposed fuel pools and low-pressure readings at the Fukushima Daiichi plant suggest growing hazard levels there, raising serious concerns. Vital systems monitors have lost power, making the status of critical elements-such as the integrity of the nuclear fuel rods in reactor No. 2 or of the steel vessel containing them. The Tokyo Electric Power Company succeeded in laying temporary power lines to the stricken nuclear power plant early last Saturday morning in Japan, which could be used to power up the site's pumps for cooling water if there is no other damage. This might represent the best hope for cooling down the fuel rods in reactors No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 as well as the used rods stored in pools in No. 3 and No. 4. Readings of Reactor No. 1 on March 12 (nuclear power plants typically operate at roughly 4 atmospheres of pressure). But pressure readings, and none are available for reactor No. 1, the first to melt down, are low for reactors No. 2 and No. 3, suggesting that cracks or other holes in containment may have formed. And that means there may be two direct paths for radioactive particle by-products of nuclear fission, such as cesium 137 and iodine 131, to escape and spread radiation, cracks in the containment vessels, as well as spent fuel pools now open to the air. Radiation levels near reactor No. 3 are the highest at the plant, roughly 400 milliSieverts per hour. Worse, reactor No. 3 also employed so-called mixed oxide fuel, or uranium fuel rods made from recycled materials that include plutonium, creating extra cause for concern of nuclear fission restarting itself. Reactors employing mixed oxide fuel may require extra control rods, made of boron or other neutron-absorbing materials, to slow down more fissile plutonium. We have no further information at this time, but given the severity of this disaster we cannot afford Nuclear Power.

Renewable alternative energy (solar, wind, hydro, or the new technology of super conductors) is the only way to have a cancer-free livable healthy world.

If you have something to say, say it here, and it must be less than 300 words, e-mail politicalslant@yahoo.com.

SENATOR BONACIC MEETS WITH NAACP DELEGATES

On March 15, 2011 Senator Bonacic met with delegates from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) from Ulster and Sullivan Counties, to discuss their budget concerns. From left to right: Eric Monroe, Sullivan County's Executive Director of Human Rights Commission; Joanne "Kazu" Bernstein, Maude Bruce, President, Ellenville NAACP and Senator Bonacic.

Hinchey Calls for Bipartisan Action to Protect New Yorkers from Flood Map Changes in Reauthorization of National Flood Insurance Program

Washington, DC - In a letter to U.S. House and Senate leadership, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today called for a vote on bipartisan reforms to alleviate financial burdens caused by a new Federal

Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirement to purchase flood insurance. Thousands of families and small business owners throughout New York are suddenly facing the new requirement after being remapped into flood zones under FEMA's flood map modernization program.

In the letter to House Speaker John Boehner, Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, Hinchey called for a reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) that would include the ability to delay the flood insurance purchase requirement for five years and allow property owners to phase in insurance premium rates over a five year period, beginning as soon as a property owner initiates a flood insurance policy. Hinchey also asked that any reauthorization of the NFIP program include a plan to strengthen congressional oversight and address recommendations of the National Committee on Levee Safety.

"Many New York families and small business owners are facing huge new costs associated with having to buy flood insurance because they have been remapped into flood zones, even though they may have never experienced a flood," said Hinchey. "Everyone in Washington knows we need to fix the National Flood Insurance Program so that these families and small businesses aren't hurt by burdensome unfunded mandates, but nobody seems to want to act. As we fight over how to cut the deficit, other priorities, like this one, are falling by the wayside. That's why I've raised this issue. Congress

needs to focus attention on this immediately, because too many people are already getting whacked with these new federal requirements."

In the previous Congress, Hinchey introduced the Flood Insurance Fairness Act (FIFA) to assist those facing a new flood insurance purchase requirement. He successfully attached several of the bill's provisions to a reauthorization of the NFIP that passed in the House, but the Senate failed to consider the legislation.

"Last year I introduced legislation, the Flood Insurance Fairness Act, to address this issue and many of the provisions of that bill were ultimately included in a reauthorization of the flood insurance program in the House, but the Senate was only able to pass a temporary extension," added Hinchey. "This time around, I'm hopeful that both sides, Republicans and Democrats, and both chambers, Senate and House, can come together to pass a bill. The families and small business owners I represent need these reforms now."

FEMA is required to establish flood-risk zones, which determine if property owners must purchase flood insurance. The current five-year flood map modernization initiative aims to update, revise and digitize the flood maps for more than 20,000 communities across the country in response to climate change, increased incidences of flood disasters, and changes to the environment.

Under the National Flood Insurance Program, created by Congress in 1968, property owners in flood-risk zones are required to purchase federally subsidized flood insurance if their property has a mortgage that is backed by the federal government.

Calvary Baptist Church of Loch Sheldrake 6th Annual Sportsmans Banquet Dinner

Saturday April 9th 2011 4PM-8PM
Loch Sheldrake Fire Hall
Rte 52 Loch Sheldrake New York
Game Dinner Trophy Displays Door Prizes
Donation \$10 12yrs old and up
Special Guest Speaker Charles Alsheimer from Deer and Deer Hunting
This event will sell out.
Call 845-985-7410 for Tickets/Info

Spring Fair & Luncheon
Saturday, April 2, 2011, 11am-3pm
At United Methodist Church of Liberty
170 North Main St.
Liberty, NY
Vendors and crafts

FOOD COLLECTION

Please continue to bring your non-perishable food items to the **Good Stuff Cafe and Country Store** in West Shokan. They are particularly looking for donations of single servings of fruit cups, fruit juice, puddings, etc. For more information call Paula at 845-657-2115.

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

AG **Ismael Berrios**
Lead Pastor
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Sunday Worship Service
10:30am
985-2283

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Bread for the Journey is an outreach ministry, providing support to many in northeastern Sullivan County.



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For Information: Mother Joan LaLiberté 845-887-4742

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

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Sundown United Methodist Church
at the Sundown Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Thrift Sale (9 am - 1 pm) & Luncheon (11 am - 1 pm) April 5
Thrift Sale Only 9 am-1 pm - April 16

Grahamsville Reformed Church
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

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

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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE;**

The Town of Denning is seeking BIDS for a 1995 Ford F-800 Single Axle Dump truck, Diesel, Standard Transmission, with snow plow, 2wd, 2-speed rear. 1000 miles on the newly rebuilt transmission, rear end and axle.

Can be viewed at Town Highway Garage 6am-2pm M-F

Contact: Highway Superintendent Dan Van Saders, 985-2543 for questions.

Bids will be accepted until the opening of the regularly scheduled business meeting of the Denning Town Board on Tuesday, April 12th 2011 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, N.Y. 12725 set to begin at 7:00 P.M.

THE DENNING TOWN BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY AND ALL BIDS WITHOUT REASON.

Joy Ann Monforte

Town Clerk

March 9, 2011

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning held a Public Hearing on March 1, 2011, regarding Local Law No. 1 of 2011 Titled Use of Town of Denning Transfer Station

And Recycling Center, which replaces Local Ordinance Titled: Use of Town Dumpster and Waste Materials of 1986. At that time any and all interested person (s) were heard. Following a Roll Call Vote,

Local Laws # 1 of 2011 has been duly adopted and filed with the New York Secretary of State and is on file in the Town Clerks Office.

BY THE ORDER OF THE DENNING TOWN BOARD

Joy Ann Monforte, Town Clerk

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Tri-Valley Central School District in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2011-2012 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2011.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their request to:

School District Clerk
Tri-Valley Central School
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, NY 12740

By order of the Board of Education

Martha Lee Ter Bush
District Clerk

March 3, 2011

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

There will a Special Budget Workshop Meeting
Followed by a Policy Committee Meeting
On Thursday, March 31, 2011
Starting at 7:00 P.M.
In the Secondary School
Library Lower Level

Onteora Board of Education Budget Forum, Superintendent's Budget Recommendation & Regular Meeting

The Onteora Board of Education will hold a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, in The Woodstock Elementary School on Route 375, in Woodstock, New York.

At 6:00 there will be a Budget Forum and the Superintendent will present the Budget Recommendations for the 2011-2012 School Year. The Regular Meeting will begin at approximately 7:00

On Governor Cuomo

Governor Cuomo submitted a budget proposal that will reform state government, reduce burdens on taxpayers, and reinvigorate our economy. This week, the Senate and the Assembly each put forward their own modifications to the budget, in accordance with state statute. Now, the process of reconciling the plans from the Governor and the two houses of the Legislature begins.

To facilitate that process, on Thursday the Governor held his first leaders meeting with the two Democratic and two Republican leaders of the Senate and the Assembly. To see a video of the Governor speaking about their collaboration go to: http://www.livestream.com/newyorkstateoffice-ofthegovernor/video?clipId=pla_18811194-3169-4e42-8a99-8efae8c7417

Over the next two weeks leading up to the budget deadline, Governor Cuomo will work diligently to negotiate a final budget proposal that delivers a more effective and efficient government for the people of New York State.

You may visit Governor Cuomo on Facebook, where you can post your thoughts and ideas about the budget and receive regular updates on the actions of the Governor.

Brodsky/Faso to Debate Wisconsin

The Albany Law School and the Rockefeller Institute have announced a debate on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 in Meeting Room 1 of the Concourse in the Capitol in Albany between former Assemblymembers John Faso and Richard Brodsky. The debate is entitled, "Should Wisconsin Come to New York? The Intersection of Collective Bargaining, Budgets and Politics".

The debate will explore the policies and politics that underlie the fierce controversy in Wisconsin, including but not limited to the existence and extent of collective bargaining rights for public employees, the cost of government, tax policy, budget policy and the political realities in which these issues are considered.

The debate is part of the commitment of the Government Law Center at the Albany Law School and the Rockefeller Institute to encourage broad public debate about key state issues. It will be moderated by Abraham Lackman, Clarence D. Rappleyea Government Scholar in Residence at Albany Law School. The public is invited to attend.

John Faso is former Minority Leader of the Assembly and was the Republican candidate for Governor in 2006 and state Comptroller in 2002. He is currently a partner in the law firm of Manatt Phelps & Phillips and resides in Kinderhook.

Richard Brodsky is former Chairman of the Assembly Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions and represented the 92nd District for 28 years. He is currently a Senior Fellow at Demos and a Senior Fellow at the NYU Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.

Brodsky said, "I'm delighted to have the opportunity to debate John Faso, and to confront the intellectual and social bases for the extraordinary attack on democratic principles and economic fairness we saw in recent weeks in Wisconsin. There are parallel efforts going on in New York and we need a thorough, intelligent and civil exploration of these issues."

Faso said, "The issues raised in Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana and other states highlight important questions about the built-in, and often hidden, costs of pensions, benefits and work rules for state and local government here in New York. New Yorker's deserve an informed discussion as to the cost of current collective bargaining laws and how these affect overall economic climate in our State."

Lackman said, "At a time when New York's economic future is at a crossroads, a public policy forum on the intersection of collective bargaining, budgets, and politics could not be more timely."

CAHILL MARKS SUNSHINE WEEK Legislation renews promise of transparency in government

Albany - Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) announced the Assembly passed a legislative package of bills to increase openness, accountability and transparency in government. The actions were taken to commemorate the sixth annual Sunshine Week. Sunshine Week is a national, non-partisan initiative to educate the public about the importance of open government and freedom of information.

"As former chair of the Assembly Ethics Committee, I understand the necessity for ensuring our pledge to a more open and accessible government for all New Yorkers," said Assemblymember Cahill. This is another example of the Assembly's strong commitment to making government work for the people."

This year's package includes bills that would:

- require that records and legislative proposals to be discussed at an open meeting be made available to the public prior to such a meeting (A.72-A);
- limit the time state agencies would have to appeal a judgment against them for violations of freedom of information laws (A.68);
- require the commissioner of general services to maintain an inventory and audit of every state-owned real property or unappropriated state land that has been sold (A.2305); and
- require entities that submit records to state agencies that are exempt from disclosure under FOIL to re-apply for the exceptions on a regular basis (A.5601-A).

The Assembly's commitment to transparency in government predates Sunshine Week. But in recent years, the Assembly has recognized this week with an annual legislative package of reforms.

In past years, the Assembly passed laws that modernize the distribution of public records (Ch. 223 of 2008), require posting of certain public records on Assembly websites (Ch. 499 of 2008), require public bodies to post dates and times of public meetings online (Ch. 26 of 2009), require agencies to accept and respond to requests for records under the Personal Privacy Protection Law (Ch. 27 of 2009), and allow courts to overturn government decisions done in violation of open meetings laws (Ch. 44 of 2010).

"It is crucial that we restore the public's trust in state government," said Assemblymember Cahill. "We must continuously strive to increase accountability of elected officials as well as encourage citizen participation. There is more work to be done and I will continue to support these very important measures."

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

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

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

ALBI CONCERT & HOT DOG LUAU Sunday, July 17.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 3/23/11 Neversink Fire District Meeting 7:30 pm -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 3/20/11 Claryville Fire Dept All You Can Eat **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - 12 noon
- 3/20/11 **Bowling for Babies** benefiting the **March of Dimes** 12:30pm-5pm Kiamesha Lanes, call 845-423-1171
- 3/23/11 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- 3/26/11 15th Annual Women's Conference at SUNY Sullivan. Info and to register call 845-434-5750, ext. 4377
- 3/29/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Dept. 7 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 3/29/11 Claryville Fire Dist Commissioners Meeting - 7:00 PM.
- 4/2/11 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 4/2/11 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Turkey Dinner** - 4:00-7:00pm - 985-7480
- 4/5/11 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)**
- 4/5/11 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall - 7:00 pm
- 4/6/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 4/11/11 Town of Olive Audit Meeting - 7:30 pm - Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd.
- 4/12/11 Town of Olive Town Board Meeting - 7:30 pm Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Rd.
- 4/13/11 Town of Neversink Town Board Meeting
- 4/14/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 4/14/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm
- 4/16/11 **Thrift Sale** -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
- 4/19/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm -(subject to cancellation due to inclement weather)
- 4/20/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 4/22/11 **Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY -Town of Olive Holiday**

Save the Date!

July 30th - Time and the Valleys Olde Time Fair and Antique Auction
9/17 & 9/18 -Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual Antique Tractor Show -Grahamsville Fairgrounds

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

Town of Denning Message Board: http://www.denning.us
Town of Neversink Website: http://townofneversink.org
Daniel Pierce Library - http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org
Time and The Valleys Museum - http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: http://thetownsman.com
To find out what is happening at **Tri-Valley CSD:** http://tvcs.k12.ny.us

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| CANNIE D'S | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne) | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE |
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AL-ANON MEETINGS

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Thursday 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
Saturday 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
http://www.al-anon.alateen.org

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2011 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sales and Luncheons

Thrift Sales 9:00 am - 1:00pm
Luncheon 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

April 5 & 19	August 9 & 23
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Daniel Pierce Library

Winter hours effective Thursday, December 2, 2010. The library will open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 8 P.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is a change from its former hours of 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday hours will remain the same. If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

Closed Sundays and Mondays

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every **Townsman** printed since the beginning in loose-leaf binders classified by year for anyone to research. For further information, contact the historian's office in Grahamsville at 985-2262 x313, e-mail: historian@townofneversink.org, or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org

UCSPCA Rescues Cats, Kittens & Rabbits

On Wednesday morning, the Ulster County SPCA rescued thirty one animals from a midtown Kingston residence. Seventeen kittens, twelve cats and two rabbits were voluntarily surrendered to SPCA investigators by a family that had partially inherited the animals from previous tenants of the building. The majority of kittens are long-haired orange tabbies. "Many of the cats were emaciated and experiencing upper respiratory problems," said Adam Saunders, a humane law investigator for the shelter. "It was a very stressful situation for them." The animals are currently receiving medical care and vaccinations at the Ulster County SPCA in Kingston. They will be available for adoption in April. The shelter may be reached at 331-5377 x218.

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

AARP Driver Safety Program

AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at South Fallsburg Community Center (Former Ambulance Building) Laurel Avenue South Fallsburg, New York Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). Sonny Smith, an AARP- Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message).

"What's Happening at Cornell Cooperative?" Financial & Consumer Ed.

Winterize your home so you can Save Energy and Save Dollars. On April 6, 2011, at 6:30-8:30pm Cornell

Cooperative will offer a free workshop that is open to the public at Faith Ministries Church on 17B in White Lake, NY. Whether you are a homeowner or renter, this is information you can really put to use. Come and enjoy a workshop with plenty of hands on experience. Learn how to do low-cost and no-cost weatherization practices that will save energy and reduce your energy bills. You will be taught useful techniques and receive a free energy kit you can use on your own home. Also, learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. Each participant will receive a free energy kit of materials, but you must pre-register at 845-292-5250

Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues -On April 20, 2011 at 6:30-8:30pm Cornell Cooperative Ext will offer another workshop free and open to the public at Faith Ministries Church on 17B in White Lake, NY. This workshop provides information on selecting and using credit wisely, strategies for paying down debt, obtaining and receiving a credit report, and understanding a credit score. Participants will receive free credit management tools, but must pre-register at 845-292-5250

We are an AARP tax site. We do free tax preparation for senior citizens and low income families. Our appointments are filling fast, so please call Susan Dollard at 292-5250 for more information.

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"



This week enjoy some great 1940's "who done it" fun as a criminal psychologist searches for clues and solves crimes that baffle the police. It is the 1940's *The Crime Doctor* series. Starting at 11:45 AM, *The Crime Doctor's Strangest Case* (1943) then at 1:00 pm *The Crime Doctor's Courage* (1945), at 2:15 pm *The Crime Doctor's Warning* (1945) at 3:30 pm *Crime Doctor's Manhunt* (1946), at 4:45 pm, *The Crime Doctor's Gamble* (1947), at 6:00 pm *The Crime Doctor's Diary* (1949), on TCM all day on Tuesday March 29, 2011.

Quiz

- A. Who plays the "Crime Doctor?"
- B. Who plays Inspector Rief?

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

Firstly March is "*Women's History Month*." In the US woman are thought of as mothers, wives, nurturers, CEO's, presidents, models, friends, saints, and so on, but now looking at the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, we find women are much more than they have been given credit for.

In July 2010, the United Nations General Assembly created UN Women. In doing so, UN Member States took an historic step in accelerating the Organization's goals on gender equality and the empowerment of women. The creation of UN Women came about as part of the UN reform agenda, bringing together resources, and mandates for greater impact. It merges, and builds on the important work of four previously distinct parts of the UN system which focused exclusively on gender equality and women's empowerment: Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW), International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW), Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women (OSAGI), United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM).

The main roles of UN Women are:
 To support inter-governmental bodies, such as the Commission on the Status of Women, in their formulation of policies, global standards and norms;
 To help Member States to implement these standards, standing ready to provide suitable technical and financial support to those countries that request it and to forge effective partnerships with civil society; To hold the UN system accountable for its own commitments on gender equality, including regular monitoring of system-wide progress.

Women, for too long, have been treated as second class citizens. Go to: <http://www.unwomen.org/> learn and help bring equality to women.

Ellenville-Napanoch - We all know that there are great buys at *Peters' Market* a local family-owned specialty food shop. But did you know there are fine photographic cards of our area on sale by expert photographer *Pat Peters*? Make a friend aware of the beauty of our area, on the next occasion you have to send a greeting card. Make it a *Pat Peters' Greeting card*, and inspire dreams of natural beauty. *Peters' Market* is a local family owned business that is approaching it's fortieth year of service to our community this coming May. *Shop local. Shop Peters' Market*

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