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LOCAL SCOUTS RECEIVE ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD

At the height of Cub Scouting is the Arrow of Light Award. The requirements for this badge include developing outdoor skills, gaining an understanding of the values of Scouting, and preparing to become a Boy Scout.

Local Cub Scouts, Michael Horos, Robert Mercado, Aidan McHugh and Brent Van Aken made their Arrow of Light, on March 14 at the Neversink Firehouse. They have now moved up to Troop 97, with the Boy Scouts.

CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OFFERING FREE TAX APPOINTMENTS FOR LOW & MODERATE INCOMES AND SENIORS

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County on Ferndale Loomis Road in Liberty is an AARP Tax Aide Site. Volunteer Certified preparers are able to assist low and moderate income individuals and families with a special focus on senior citizens with their 2009 Taxes Free of Charge.

The program is done by appointment only. If you would like to register for an appointment contact Linda at P: 1-845-292-5250, E: lds82@cornell.edu by April 9th 2010.

WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND SET FOR MARCH 26-28 AT FROST VALLEY YMCA



Different Strokes - Watercolor classes are always a popular option at Frost Valley YMCA's Women's Wellness Weekend.

Visitors to Frost Valley YMCA's Women's Wellness Weekend from March 26-28 will enjoy an opportunity for relaxation and renewal.

The theme is this year's Women's Wellness Weekend is (E)Body, Mind and Spirit. Guests will immerse themselves in the restorative powers of a relaxing stay amidst the wondrous Catskill Mountain high peaks while enjoying a variety of workshops and activities. (Contd. Pg. 8)

TWO-HEADED TROUT DINNER

The Roscoe-Rockland Chamber of Commerce famous Two-Headed Trout Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 10th 2010 at the Rockland House.

The cost of \$45.00 per person includes: Appetizers, delicious six course dinner and dessert; Kiwanis breakfast the following morning; Door Prizes, raffles, 50/50 The guest speaker will be Sally Jesse Rafael.

For tickets and information call: Miriam 607-498-4139 or Ellen 607-498-6146

TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL STUDENTS "PIE" FACULTY IN HOPE FOR HAITI FUNDRAISER



The National Honor Society at Tri-Valley Central School quickly responded to the tragic earthquake that devastated Haiti. They wanted to do something to help out the Haitian crisis, and speaking on behalf of the members, Danielle Conlon approached the high school principal, Jeff Bennett, with ideas. Mr. Bennett quickly responded and was supportive to the students to help facilitate an unplanned event as soon as possible.

It was a challenge to fit an event into a busy sports schedule and in between snowstorms, but the enthusiasm for the event began to build its own momentum. (Contd. Pg. 3)

FIRST THURSDAY READERS

The selection for the First Thursday Readers Group is Interpreter of Maladies by Pulitzer Prize winner Jhumpa Lahiri. The group will meet at 1 pm, Thursday, April 1 at the Daniel Pierce Library. Please join us.

SC's ANNUAL LITTER PLUCK SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1

Sullivan County Legislative Chairman Jonathan Rouis announced today that Sullivan County's Annual Litter Pluck Day will take place on Saturday, May 1, 2010, and all school and community groups, as well as private citizens are urged to participate.

"Our constituents do a wonderful job of cleaning and maintaining our communities, and Litter Pluck is a great opportunity to volunteer a few hours to clean our parks and roadways, before our busy summer season begins," said Rouis. (Contd. Pg. 3)

LOW COST VACCINATION CLINIC FOR CATS AND DOGS

The Ulster County SPCA will sponsor a low cost vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, April 3rd from 10AM to 2PM at their shelter, located at 20 Wiedy Rd. (off Sawkill Rd.) in Kingston, NY. Take advantage of this affordable opportunity to protect your pet's health. Fees are as follows: rabies shot \$10; distemper shot \$15 and microchipping, which aids in the location of a lost pet, is \$35.

A previous rabies certificate must be presented in order to receive a three year vaccination. One year shots will be offered without prior proof of rabies vaccination. Appointments are not necessary. Master Card, Visa and cash are accepted - no personal checks please. For more information about this event, call (845) 331-5377 X210.

SEEKING DONATED ITEMS FOR BENEFIT AUCTION

The Time and the Valleys Museum is seeking donations of like-new or antique items for a benefit AUCTION to be held MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END, Saturday, May 29 at 11 a.m (viewing 10 a.m.). The auction will be held rain or shine at the Grahamsville Fair Grounds on St. Rt. 55 in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Professional auctioneer Richard Larsen is helping the Museum raise funds to create an exhibition on the history of the watershed areas, to be installed in the Museum's new home at the Daniel Pierce Library addition. (Contd. Pg. 3)

OLD TIME FIDDLERS TO CONVERGE UPON NEVERSINK

The 16th Annual Old Time Fiddlers' Gathering will take place on Sunday, April 25th, 2010, from 2:00-6:00p.m. at the Neversink Fire Hall on Route 55 in Neversink, N.Y. The event presents musicians from all over the Tri-State area playing a variety of traditional Bluegrass, Irish, Texas Swing, and Country music. This year's "Fiddle Fest" will feature the Kurpil Family Fiddlers, Jesse and Larry Kitzmiller, Little Sparrow, Chestnut Creek, and many others. Ticket prices are as follows: \$10.00 for adults, \$1.00 for students, children under five are free.

Refreshments will be available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Sullivan County Pregnancy Support Center. For more information, please call 985-2923

SENATOR BONACIC MEETS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM NAACP



On March 16, 2010 representatives of NAACP met with Senator Bonacic in Albany to discuss their budget issues. Pictured with Senator Bonacic are Maude Bruce - President of the Ellenville Chapter, Elaine Williams - 1st Vice-President of the Sullivan County Chapter, Eric Monroe, Tamara Norman, Lena Cosentino and Bertha Horne.

"A BAKER'S DOZEN" - FOURTH ANNUAL SMALL WORKS SHOW

The fourth annual Small Works Show, entitled "A Baker's Dozen," will be opening on Saturday, March 27 at the Catskill Artists Gallery, 38 S. Main Street, Liberty. There will be a gala reception from 4 to 8 p.m. with refreshments and many artists on hand. The exhibit will run through May 9. (Contd. Pg. 8)

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As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER : Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.
Psalm 48:1

DAYS OF YORE....

Today's History

March 22, 1950 - This is W-Week for "Operation Rain", when Dr. Wallace E. Howell, Harvard University Meteorologist hired by New York City, will move into the Catskills with police planes, trucks and radar to launch his experimental campaign to make rain over the 1000 square mile watershed area for the city's thirsty millions.

A combination of a late season and the prospect of lowered prices seem to have discouraged local farmers from tapping sap bush on their usual scale. Prices have declined from a war time high of seven or eight dollars a gallon and leveled off at around four dollars.

The Tri Valley School Bears returned from Walden last Wednesday with a double victory. The Jr. High game was a nip and tuck affair until the last quarter. They won by a score of 24-11. Ernie Slaven led the Bears in scoring with 12 pts. followed by Paul Muthig with 6 and Jimmy Nash with 4. The freshmen won their game 12-11.

The Fred Wright's have a new television set in their home.

Some local people attended the sale of livestock and farm equipment at the County Home at Thompsonville last week. About \$7,500 was realized. The sale was held after inmates had been moved to other homes.

March 23, 1960 - Alberta George of Sundown, nursery school teacher at the State University Agricultural and Technical Institute at Cobleskill, and Sara Brown of Lackawack, senior student in the Nursery Education Department there, were featured on WGY on Friday, March 18th on Don Tuttle's radio program.

At Low's Corners, the steep bank ten to fifteen feet high along the section of the Sundown-Grahamsville road that is being widened and rebuilt by Sullivan County, began to slide down on Friday. Some motorists were obliged to remove large rocks and bulk from the highway before they could go on their way.

Mr. William Rose Sr. a resident of Woodbourne, died on Monday, March 14th at the Monticello Hospital. He as 64 years old. Survivors include his wife, the former Emma Moore.

Peter Varga of Grahamsville died March 17, 1960. He was 67. Mr. Varga is survived by his widow, Anna; a son, Victor Vargyas of NYC, and a granddaughter, Annabelle Varga of Grahamsville.

Dan Masella of Parkchester, the Bronx, comes up each Saturday to supervise the completion of his home on the Woodbourne Rd. Mr. Bruce Fuller and Paul Cypert started work on the house Monday morning.

March 25, 1970 - David H. and Gary VanValkenburg, both sons of Mr. and Mrs. David VanValkenburg of Sundown, have been named to the Dean's List at Sullivan County Community College for the fall semester. David is majoring in Business Administration and

Gary in Construction Technology.

On March 21st a Merit Badge course in Fingerprinting and Identification was given at the Catskill Reformatory by Correction Officer Fred Rich to Boy Scouts of Troop 187, Grahamsville. Those attending were: Louis Boncek, Dennis Muthig, Karl Shader, Michael Costigan, Dennis McCarthy, Tom Marshalek, Barry Low, John Boncek, George Gruner, Mark Boncek, Steve Edison, Clayton Winters, Michael Smith, Michael McNamara, Ricky Smith, David Higgins, Eric Dixon, Timothy Georgen, Tom Arielly, Dan Levy, Michael Semski, Gregory Pond and John Szemplenski.

Not only are the local residents of Claryville somewhat annoyed by the large groups of snowmobilers that whiz across their front lawns, but even local snowmobilers themselves are beginning to grumble. Groups of snowmobile riders from out of the area come here in large numbers and if they find the trail with tracks of a previous snowmobile on it, they unload their machines and off they go. Now if you take a log road trail thru the woods to visit your neighbor and 50 others pick up the trail, your neighbors may not be so happy to see you - and the 50 others!

March 20, 1980 - Attorney Stephan G. Schick has recently opened a law office in Grahamsville. Mr. Schick is located on Route 55 at the intersection of Route 42 in the same building as Mr. William Brenner, Esq.

Professor Miles Ellison and Robert Krom presented "An Evening of Irish Songs" at the Sullivan County Community College. But it was more than an evening of song! It was an evening in Ireland, a historical journey, a glimpse into hearts, ambitions, homes, loves and pubs of the old sod generously seasoned with their humor, sorrows and dreams.

The Winter Walk around the photogenic hamlet of Claryville for photographers, conservationists, artists, botanists, writers, historians and anyone interested in these surroundings will be held March 22nd. Catskiller Guide, Bob Dice will point out the homesite of Jim and Clary Curry, pioneer residents of "Upper Neversink." Mrs. Curry gave her name to the community when it applied for a Post Office. The hiking tour will last a maximum of two hours and include examination of the Tannery site, the home of Col. Gideon E. Bushnell, stories of Bunghole Brook and an examination of the priceless Virgin White Pines.

SCDW WILL HOLD AUDITIONS FOR LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Off-Broadway, on Broadway and on the big screen, this affectionate spoof of 1950's sci-fi movies has become a real audience favorite - with music by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman, this charm-

ing, tuneful, hilarious show never fails to please! A down and out skid row floral assistant becomes an overnight sensation when he discovers an exotic plant with a mysterious craving for fresh blood. Soon "Audrey II" grows into an ill-tempered, foul-mouthed, R&B-singing carnivore who offers fame and fortune in exchange for feeding his growing appetite.

Auditions: Wednesday, March 31, 2002 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm & Saturday, April 3, 2002 10 am - 2:00 pm at Sullivan County Museum 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY (Performances scheduled August 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 2010 - Rivoli Theatre South Fallsburg)

Actors should bring sheet music of two songs they sing well and that show off their range - one ballad, one up-tempo. An accompanist will be provided at the auditions - no pre-recorded accompaniment will be permitted. All actors will have both a singing portion of their audition and a scene reading.

We will also be asking to see how you move with some simple choreography.

Please contact Director, Lori Schneider-Wendt for further details and to schedule an audition or to arrange for an alternate audition time. (845) 434-7232 (or e-mail - MLori1962@aol.com)

C.L. FORNARI RETURNS AS SPEAKER-STILL TIME FOR COMMUNITIES TO APPLY FOR BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS

Gardening expert C.L. Fornari will address Sullivan Renaissance grant recipients at the 2010 Spring Forum on Earth Day, April 22 at CVI Building in Ferndale. At the forum, Sullivan Renaissance will distribute grants and "flower dollars" to approximately three dozen projects throughout Sullivan County. Applications for these beautification and community development grants are still being accepted through March 24.

"With our volunteers armed with grants for seed money, 'flower dollars' and useful gardening information from C.L. Fornari, the gardens and flowers in Sullivan County should be beautiful in celebration of ten years of growing community pride and spirit!" said Sandra Gerry, who chairs the Sullivan Renaissance Steering Committee.

Fornari's keynote address and workshops at the Winter Conference were very well received and she will return to help groups move to the next phase of their projects. She will talk about how communities can implement sustainable and inspiring gardens. All are welcomed to attend. (Contd. Pg. 6)



HERE AND THERE

"Spring has sprung" - and we've had a week of warm sunny days (March 15-21) to keep us from complaining too much about the colder weather we're told is coming (week of March 21). We'll make it! By the way, the Vernal Equinox, the first day of spring, is the time when it's supposed to be possible to balance an egg (uncooked) on its broad end. I tried it two years ago, coached by June Smith, and was successful, but I haven't been able to do it since. June and Thomas are the pros; they do it every year.

We have two more "proud grandparents" items to share with you. Remember our item about our grandson Aaron a few weeks ago? Well, his brother Matthew, age 11, now has his own claim to fame. Matthew took second place, winning three silver medals, in the Virginia State Cup Stacking contest, held early in March. This is an activity requiring quickness and deftness of motion, eye-hand coordination, concentration, and constant practice. This was Matthew's first year of competition, although he's been a stacker for several years. Our second item comes from Jean Helthaler, a loyal Townsman volunteer, who tells us that her granddaughter Julie, daughter of Chris and Margaret Helthaler, has not lost her head, but she did lose over ten inches of her abundant hair to Locks of Love, an organization which uses these gifts to make hair pieces for patients suffering hair loss because of illness. Julie is only nine years old, but this is the second time she has done this. We agree with Jean. It's nice to see a young person putting the feelings of others ahead of her own. We're proud of you too, Julie!

We're happy to report that both Barbara Purcell and Jeanette Erath were released from the hospital last week. Family members have been staying with Jeanette for the time being; Barbara's two cats were there to welcome her home. We have just recently heard that Barbara Barkley is a patient in Valley Hospital in Ridgeway, NJ. She was admitted just recently after a periodical check-up indicated the need for further examination. It is expected that she will be home in just a few days. Our best wishes to all!

Last Friday night (March 19) was Competition Night at Tri-Valley, a very popular event with high school students. There was only a half-day of school that day because of parent-teacher conferences. Many of the students stayed in town for the afternoon; Medi's Deli had their biggest lunchtime crowd in months; and one Hastings Drive family hosted 20 of their daughter's school friends for the afternoon! That's selfless parenting! The Senior Class was the winner of the Competition, as usual.

I don't know how I did it, but I did! I skipped the name of one of the most active volunteers in the whole town in last week's list of 'special-day' celebrators. Hulda Vernoooy counted another year of helping others on March 26 - and I missed it! Hulda, belated birthday greetings, along with abject apologies!

"Be yourself. No one can ever tell you you're doing it wrong." (James Leo Herlihy)
That's it for now. Have a good week. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernoooy

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Unit 17 of Liberty, NY were invited, in honor of the Boy Scouts' 100th Birthday, to go to New York City to be in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Wednesday, March 17th. In the tri-state area, there were about 500 who participated in the parade. They marched about 10 miles.

Vi and Sherm Kortright are proud to announce that they are great-grandparents again for the 4th time. Abby Lane Leudeman, daughter of Bill and Heather Leudeman of Binghamton, was born March 15, 2010. Heather joins her brother, Alex, at home. Don and Leonna Kortright of Neversink are the proud grandparents.

Have a good week and God Bless.
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

HOPE FOR HAITI (From Pg. 1)

To raise awareness and quickly get the student body's attention, they decided to THROW A PIE AT YOUR FAVORITE FACULTY MEMBER as the fundraising event. Quick to respond were 5 brave faculty members who volunteered to be 'pied' - The Principal, Jeffrey Bennett, The Dean of Student, Derek Adams, Guidance Counselor, Dana McDonald, Agriculture Teacher, Tara Berescik, and High School English Teacher, Connie Elberth.

For weeks preceding the night of the event, the students manned a lunchroom table with photos of the faculty members on buckets. Students tossed their loose change into the bucket of the faculty member of their choice. The one that received the most money would receive the 'pie in the face' at half time at the Varsity Girls Basketball game on February 11th. On the night of the game, for a donation, spectators could toss their name into a bucket to be chosen to be the "thrower of the pie." (Next Col.)

During half time, the five volunteers entered the gym in assorted costumes, as student, Frank Delozier announced their entrance in fight ringmaster style. No one knew who would be 'pied' just yet! He then pulled five names for the 'pie throwers' and to the laughter and cheering of the crowd, all five volunteers were 'pied'.

The students raised \$305 for Hope for Haiti in to help aid in the disaster relief. The Tri-Valley Central School community has always been supportive and the event gave the students, staff and community a chance to reach out and help those in need.

SPRING

The snow melts,
with the sun.
That gives us hope,
that spring has begun.
The trees glow,
with color red.
The robins have come,
to make their summer bed.
The air is calm,
the sky is blue.
The chickadees are singing,
calling out to you.
The snow is melting,
melting away.
Spring is here,
here to stay.

Louise Dayton

SEEKING DONATED ITEMS FOR BENEFIT AUCTION (From Pg. 1)

Anyone who is interested in donating items can call (845) 985-2262 ext. 313, or e-mail historian@townofneversink.org. New or unused items of any kind, collectibles, giftware, antiques or anything in good condition will be welcomed, as well as gift certificates for goods or services. Pick up is available.

Help support the Museum by donating a like-new or antique item to the auction and clean out your attic, basement or closet of unused and unneeded items at the same time!

All donors will receive recognition on the day of the auction and in the auction booklet.

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, preserves a large collection of historical artifacts, photos, rare books and documents relating to local history, and actively raises funds to install exhibitions in the Museum's future home, co-located in the new addition to the Daniel Pierce Library.

CAPITALISM, A LOVE STORY SPONSORED BY SLAC

SLAC will be showing Michael Moore's film, *Capitalism, A Love Story*. Everyone is welcome and it is free to all. This event will be held on Friday, March 26, 2010 at the Government Center in Monticello at 10 am. There will also be a short update on the Adult Care Center.

This event is sponsored by SLAC, the Senior Legislative Action Committee, P O Box 1065, South Fallsburg, NY 12779

SC'S ANNUAL LITTER PLUCK

(From Pg. 1)
Rouis continued, "And because not everyone is able to participate on the same day, the landfill and transfer stations will accept debris from May 1 - May 8, to allow each community an opportunity to participate."

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works and Solid Waste will donate trash bags for this community-based roadside cleanup event, and will accept the roadside refuse and recyclables for disposal free-of-charge at the County Landfill and Transfer Stations. All residents and groups who wish to participate in Litter Pluck can pick up their Litter Pluck materials any time on or after Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at their Town or Village Hall. While no coupons or sign-ins are required, all Litter Pluck refuse and recyclables must be placed in clear bags.

For more information about Litter Pluck, please call Parks, Recreation and Beautification Director Kristin Porter at 845-807-0287

THE WONDERFUL WOODCOCK

By Peggy DeWire



At first light that spring morning, Betty and I stood quietly in the blueberry bush field on Jim and Betty's farm hoping to see the brown speckled male woodcock make his spectacular spiral flight to attract a mate.

Betty said softly, "I'm sure he's here because I've watched him twice spiral up tree top high then flutter down like a falling leaf twittering peet peet all the way to the ground and finally strut over to his ladylove"



Woodcocks (*Scolopus minor*) are in the same family as rails and snipes. They have compact 12-inch bodies, a powder puff tail they can fan like a tiny turkey and blunt wings 20-inch wingspan. The three outer flight feathers are shaped like little scythes that can be angled to make a whistling sound, earning the woodcocks the name Whistler.

Woodcocks are a pretty rusty tan below and a patterned leaf brown above - perfect camouflage for their woodland habitat. Both male and female are the same size and coloration.

Three black stripes cross the head and its prominent brown eyes are set so far back on the sides of the face that another name is Big Eyes.

Woodcocks are found only in American moist woodlands and boggy streams in the northeastern states. They migrate mostly at night in small loose flocks and rest hidden during daylight hours.

This bird was once plentiful in large flocks over the eastern half of the U.S., but was hunted commercially - a million killed annually for their tasty meat like Cornish hen - that they were nearly gone by 1900 when hunting laws and bag limits were established. Soon woodcocks started to rebound to better numbers. Today loss of habitat is their worst problem.

Because woodcocks migrate, hunting laws for them are set by federal regulators requiring hunters to register each year with the Harvest Information Program as they get their state license.

In New York woodcock hunting season lasts Sept. 1-25 sunrise to sunset, 3/day, six in possession.

A mother woodcock builds a skimpy nest carefully hidden in leaf litter on the ground and usually lays 4 eggs, buff with brown spots that blend with their leaf litter background.

The clutch hatches 21 days later, eyes fully open, fully feathered and able to run with mother. The lively tan-and-brown chicks are nearly fully developed just a week after hatching and by the July molt look like adults. They're sexually mature 10 months later and have a life span of eight years.

Mother teaches her frisky chicks how to find food (diet 90% earthworms) by probing in moist ground with their long bill whose special upper jaw tip is extended like a little finger, enabling a woodcock to grab a worm without opening its beak for a mouthful of mud.

Woodcocks locate earthworms by stamping their feet which causes a worm underground to move and make vibrations that the woodcock feels through its bill kept firmly pressed to the ground. Zeroed in on dinner, the woodcock probes very successfully. If you ever see the foraging routine of stomping and probing, you'll know why woodcocks are called Timberdoodles.

Over cups of coffee in Betty's kitchen, we talked about how well woodcocks stay hidden during the day and come out to forage only at dusk and dawn. If danger threatens her babies, a mother woodcock grasps one between her feet and flies off to a secure place. And she returns to remove them all one by one to safety.

After hearing this, Betty put down her coffee cup saying, "Wow, Peggy, let's go back to the blueberry bush field next week and hope to be lucky enough to see a wonderful woodcock moving day."

Welcome Springtime!

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES:**GRAHAMSVILLE FIRE DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL NOTICE**

Please be advised that anyone wishing to rent the Leo McArthur Memorial Hall at the Grahamsville Firehouse should call Kathy Moran at 985-7648 for information and reservations. 3/18; 3/25

NOTICE

To all plot holders of the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery - All decorations must be removed by April 1, 2010 to facilitate spring cleanup. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Kathy Denman, Superintendent

3/18, 3/25

LEGAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR SALE: BUILDINGS AND GROUND ITEMS

THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT GRAHAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 12740 REQUESTS SEALED BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM OFFERED FOR SALE: One (1) Complete Set of Bison Portable Adjustable Basketball System

The item is to be sold "as is" and all sales are final. Questions about the item may be addressed to the Buildings and Grounds Office at (845) 985 - 2296 Ext. 5317 Monday through Friday, except holidays, between 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.. Payments are to be made to the Tri-Valley Central School District within 30 days of award of the bid.

Sealed proposals must be in the hands of the District Clerk at 2:00 P.M., on Friday, March 26, 2010 at the Administration Building, Tri-Valley Central School District 34 Moore Hill Road, Grahamsville, NY 12740 at which time, or as reasonably soon as possible thereafter, all bids will be publicly opened. Any proposal received after this date and time will be returned unopened.

The Board of Education hereby reserves the right to waive any informality and may accept all or part of any Bid.

Dated: March 12, 2010
Martha Lee Ter Bush, District Clerk
Tri-Valley Central School District
At Grahamsville, NY 12740

3/18; 3/25

LEGAL NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR SALE: BUILDINGS AND GROUND ITEMS

THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AT GRAHAMSVILLE, NEW YORK 12740 REQUESTS SEALED BIDS ON THE FOLLOWING BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE:

1. Three (3) New HB Smith 440/450 Mills Intermediate Pork Chop Sections
2. Eight (8) New 2" X 4" Upper Section/Drum Nipples for 440/450 Mills Steam Boiler/ Water
3. Eight (8) New 2" X 6" Lower Section/Drum Nipples for 440/450 Mills Steam Boiler/Water
4. Eleven (11) New Repair Gaskets and Split Rings for 2" Nipples for 440/450 Mills
5. Three (3) New Watts 1m #174A 1 _ 30 LB Water 1,682,000 BTU Relief Valves FOLLOWING ARE ACME REBUILT CONTROLS
6. Two (2) Fireye 120V 70D20 Chasis Flame Safeguard
7. Three (3) Fireye Purge Timer 71D60

8. Three (3) Fireye UV Amplifier 72DUV1
9. Four (4) New Boxes of Assorted Gate Valve Packing Mat'l for 6" - 10" Valves

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Tri-Valley Central School District
At Grahamsville, NY 12740

3/18; 3/25

NEVERSVINK FIRE DISTRICT**LEGAL NOTICE TO WITHDRAW FUNDS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Neversink Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners adopted a resolution at a special meeting held on March 17, 2010 to withdraw an amount not to exceed \$100,000. from the Capital Reserve Account for Equipment for the purchase of a Custom Brush Truck and related equipment.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the withdrawal not to exceed \$100,000. is subject to permissive referendum as required by Section 6-g of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York and the aforesaid resolution of the Neversink Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners, adopted at it's March 17, 2010 meeting, shall not take effect until 30 days following the publication of this legal notice.

Kim J. Moore
Neversink Fire District Secretary
Dated: March 19, 2010

3/25; 4/1; 4/8; 4/15/10

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please take notice that the Town of Neversink Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing, pursuant to Section 276, Town Law, on the application of the Maryla Jasko Marlo for the purpose of a 2 Lot Subdivision located at 675 Big Hollow Road, Grahamsville, NY (SBL # 44-1-2.15).

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, N.Y. on Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 7:30 P.M. at which time all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE PLANNING BOARD
TOWN OF NEVERSVINK
JAMES STANGEL, CHAIRMAN

3/25; 4/1/10

LEGAL NOTICE BIDS REQUESTED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to §103 of the General Municipal Law, sealed bids are requested for the purchase of:

NEW 10 FT. HEAVY DUTY STAINLESS STEEL COMBINATION DUMP BODY AND SPREADER

Specification for said new 10 ft. heavy duty stainless steel combination dump body and spreader may be obtained at the office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY during regular office hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the above mentioned address no later than 2:00 pm on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD,
TOWN OF NEVERSVINK
LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK
DATED: MARCH 12, 2010

3/25/10

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

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CWC ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 6

MARGARETVILLE, NY, March 19, 2010 - The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) will hold its 13th Annual Meeting of member towns Tuesday, April 6 at 2 p.m. at CWC offices, 905 Main Street, Margaretville

Results of the election of three representatives from Delaware County 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).

SC SHERIFF'S DEPT. REPORT

On Wednesday March 17, 2010 at approximately 11:30 am, detectives from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office were en route to investigation when they spotted a subject stealing metal from the yard of a residence located at 587 Harris Road in the Town of Thompson. Kevin Shortall, age 19, of Roscoe, who is on probation for criminal possession of stolen property, was loading a pickup truck when he was interrupted by the detectives. Shortall told the detectives that he intended to sell the metal for scrap. The home owner was home at the time, but was unaware of the theft. Shortall was charged with petit larceny and trespass. He was issued an appearance ticket returnable in the Town of Thompson Justice Court on March 22, 2010.

On Wednesday March 17, 2010, a Sheriff's Deputy traveling on Jefferson Street in the Village of Monticello spotted a subject at the Citgo gas station, place what appeared to be a handgun into his waist band. The subject then got into a pickup truck and drove off. The deputy radioed for backup and the vehicle was eventually stopped. Deputies arrested Cody Green, 22, of Livingston Manor for driving while ability impaired by drugs, criminal possession of a weapon in the 2nd degree, a felony, and criminal possession of a controlled substance 7th degree. Green was arraigned in the Town of Thompson justice court and sent to the Sullivan County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bail.




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STILL TIME FOR COMMUNITIES TO APPLY FOR BEAUTIFICATION GRANTS (From Pg. 2) C.L. Fornari is a regular speaker at garden clubs, civic associations, green industry conferences and flower shows including the New England Flower Show, Philadelphia Flower Show, and San Francisco Flower Show. The host of "Gardenline" on WXTK radio, she has written several books and articles on gardening, including "A Garden Lover's Cape Cod," "Gardening in Sandy Soils" and "Your Garden Shouldn't Make You Crazy."

The spring forum was originally scheduled for the week earlier but has been moved to accommodate the speaker's schedule. It begins at 7:00 p.m. in the CVI Building in Ferndale. Refreshments will be served.

Applications for 2010 beautification and community development grants are accepted through March 24. Several other Sullivan Renaissance grant programs have different deadlines and requirements. These include: environmental, municipal and seasonal grants; internship and scholarship programs for young people. Check:

www.sullivanrenaissance.org for more details. Since 2001 Sullivan Renaissance has funded hundreds of projects throughout Sullivan County. Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Additional funding has been secured by NYS Senator John J. Bonacic and Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther. For more information call 845-295-2445.

FUNDING FOR YOUTH INITIATIVES GRANT APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE FROM SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE

Grant opportunities to support efforts by Sullivan County youth to make a positive difference in their school or community are available from Sullivan Renaissance. Formerly the "Spruce up Your School Program," this effort has expanded to support youth-led initiatives that take place throughout the community.

Eligible projects might include: planting trees or flowering shrubs at schools; beautification and landscaping enhancements of school entryways or signs; curriculum based gardens that focus on nutrition and healthy food; special projects that advance the experience of youth in the area of environmental stewardship and youth led initiatives in the community.

Sullivan County youth and their teachers or organizational leaders are invited to apply for a grant up to \$250. Proposals requesting more than this amount will be considered based on the merit of the project. The application process is uncomplicated and forms are available on line at www.sullivanrenaissance.org. Proposals are accepted and considered on a first come, first served basis based on funding availability. Applications are reviewed by a committee and applicants notified within approximately 30 days whether they have been approved.

"It is important that young people have opportunities to become involved in their communities and Sullivan Renaissance is committed to helping make that possible," said Sandra Gerry, who chairs the Sullivan Renaissance Steering Committee.

In addition to the grant, participating projects are eligible to receive an Arbor Day tree to plant with the assistance from students at Tri-Valley FFA.

Sullivan Renaissance has additional opportunities for youth to become involved in their community, including internships and scholarships. To receive a grant application or more information, contact Denise Frangipane at 845-295-2443 or visit www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) today announced the commencement of the first phases of a comprehensive research study to investigate the potential adverse impact that hydraulic fracturing may have on water quality and public health. Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today applauded the start of the EPA's study. Hinchey authored the provision that urged the EPA to conduct the study after questions were raised regarding the safety of the natural gas drilling process.

Along with Congresswoman Diana DeGette (D-CO), Hinchey is also the co-author of the FRAC ACT -- Fracturing Responsibility and Awareness of Chemicals Act, which would close the loophole that exempted hydraulic fracturing from the SDWA and require the oil and gas industry to disclose the chemicals they use in their hydraulic fracturing processes. Currently, the oil and gas industry is the only industry granted an exemption from complying with the SDWA. (Contd. Pg. 14)

WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND

(From Pg. 1)

The Women's Wellness Weekend is an opportunity for women to focus on their personal development. Guests can spend time alone communing with nature, take part in an in-depth consultation, transfer their dreams to a paint canvas and much more.

Participants can choose from over 15 activities a day, including yoga, dance and therapeutic movement or meditation to water color painting and pottery. Guided hikes in the beautiful, scenic trails of the Catskills are offered several times daily. Frost Valley welcomes Priscilla Bright, International Healer and Transformational Guide, back as lead facilitator. Other presenters include Judith Schafman, Gestalt therapist, and Samantha Paige, New York State licensed massage therapist and Kundalini Yoga teacher.

For additional information, call (845) 985-2291, ext. 205 to register or e-mail: info@frostvalley.org. Register online at: www.frostvalley.org/womens-wellness/

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"A BAKER'S DOZEN" - FOURTH ANNUAL SMALL WORKS SHOW

(From Pg. 1)

A baker's dozen is thirteen, and the works in the show can be no more than 13" in any direction. This unjuried show celebrates all artists, whether well-known or not, working in any medium. In past years the gallery has had many interesting and unusual works and this year will be no different.

Art doesn't need an occasion! Every day is a day for art. But for those who do happen to have an occasion, the gallery always has fabulous gifts, including paintings, prints, photographs, fabric art, sculpture, woodwork, pottery, glass work, jewelry, note cards and more, created by local artists. Gift certificates are available. Members of the gallery are Robert Friedman, Cate Gundlach, Kathy Jeffers, Buff McAllister, Helena Clare Pittman and Hank Schneider. The gallery also represents some 30 consignment artists.

The gallery is open Friday and Saturday from 11 am to 6 pm, and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 845-292-0310 or go to the website, www.catskillartistsgallery.com

NYC & UPSTATE TEENS LEAD DISCUSSION ON KEY WATERSHED ISSUES

On March 16, 2010, in Olivebridge, New York - 30 high school students from downstate and upstate came together at the Ashokan Center, a nature and arts center, with environmental experts to talk about issues facing New York City's watersheds.

At the 2010 Watershed Youth Symposium "Student to Student: Understanding the New York City Watersheds," organized by GrowNYC, teens representing John Bowne HS, PS 186, Onteora, South Kortright, Margaretville HS and the Northern Catskill Occupational Center at Otsego Northern Catskill BOCES, led dynamic presentations ranging from the disappearance of trout to the hot-button issue of gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale.

The keynote speaker was Deborah Meyer DeWan of the Ashokan Center, a longstanding environmentalist working on water issues. After presentations, students and audience members got the chance to ask questions of the experts -- Min Kan and Jonathan Schwartz from New York City Department of Environmental Protection's Education program, Marilyn Wyman of Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Diane Galusha from the Catskill Watershed Corp.

During this school year, students participated 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 as part of GrowNYC's 10-year running watershed education program. In that time, teens have been responsible for planting 5,800 trees and 4,000 willows along all six reservoirs of the West-of-Hudson watershed. (Next Col.)

"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."

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.

"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 12th year funding projects that heighten awareness and understand of NYC's water system and the vast Watershed West of the Hudson River."

"First and foremost the NYC watershed has been a story of nature, community and partnership - how two disparate regions came together in partnership to protect the environment and community viability," said Keynote Speaker Deborah Meyer DeWan. "Bringing together students from NYC and Catskill watershed schools and engaging them in learning about the history and ecology of the watershed is fundamental to the on-going success of this partnership and the continued protection of water quality and the sustainability of upstate communities."

Please contact agentile@grownyc.org for images from the event.

GrowNYC (formerly Council on the Environment of NYC) improves New York City's quality of life through environmental programs that transform communities block by block and empower all New Yorkers to secure a clean and healthy environment for future generations. GrowNYC achieves its mission through the following projects and programs: Greenmarket, which runs 49 farmers markets throughout the city; Open Space Greening, which creates and rejuvenates community gardens and builds rainwater harvesting systems; Environmental Education, which offers meaningful projects in the areas of conservation, alternative energy and more in intermediate and high schools; the Office of Recycling Outreach and Education, which promotes recycling and waste prevention; Learn It, Grow It, Eat It, which offers teens hands-on nutrition and health programming; Youthmarkets, which oversees youth-operated urban farm stands; and the New Farmer Development Project, which helps immigrant farmers start their own farms in the region. For more information, visit us at www.grownyc.org

MATINEE AT THE SHADOWLAND

The "Matinee at The Shadowland" series at the Shadowland in Ellenville will conclude on Saturday, April 24 at 2:00 pm with the original "A Star is Born," the classic film starring Janet Gaynor and Fredric March and photographed in Technicolor.

The "Matinee at The Shadowland" series is sponsored by Ellenville-Wawarsing businesses: H&R Block, Matthew's Pharmacy, Peters Market, Richard's Restaurant and Silver Cup Diner. According to Burke, "Business sponsorships are now available for fall 2010 and winter 2011 movie programming"

Admission is only \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and seniors, and tickets are available at the Shadowland box office at 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, NY.

Reservations are recommended for these 2:00 pm performances. For more information or to reserve seats, call 845-647-5511.

ASK 2010 SPRING FILM SERIES

The Arts Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway, presents the Spring 2010 Film Series for both children and adults. Every second Saturday during the months of April, May and June, there will be a children's matinee at 3 p.m. and a grown-up film at 7 p.m. Films are presented intimately in our gallery with a pull down large screen and projector. Suggested donations are \$3 for the children's films (snacks included) and \$5 for the grown-up films.

Presented by documentarian Stephen Blauweiss, who will discuss the film-making techniques of each film, the social and historical context of its period, and what makes each film an enduring classic. Attendees are free to ask questions. The children's films were selected by Stephen's daughter, Elishka.

There will be a buffet option before the May 8th film, "Grand Illusion" by Jean Renoir. (Next Col.)

Admission is \$20.00 for the film plus wine and food, beginning at 6 p.m. Call ASK at 845-338-0331 to place your reservation no later than May 1st. The film alone can be seen for the regular donation. Wines generously donated by Madden's Fine Wines & Spirits.

April 10 3:00 - Chicken Run by Nick Park (For Kids) 7:00 - Ed Wood by Tim Burton

May 8 3:00 - The Triplets of Belville (For Kids) 7:00 - Grand Illusion by Jean Renoir (Buffet option, see below.) *

*Buffet Option with wine and food. \$20.00 for film plus wine and food; 6 p.m. buffet; reservations required no later than May 1st. Call ASK at 845-338-0331 for reservations. Film-only still available for regular donation.

June 12 3:00 - Dumbo by Walt Disney (For Kids) 7:00 - Stranger Than Paradise by Jim Jarmusch

ASK CELEBRATES NATIONAL POETRY MONTH

In April, which is National Poetry Month, ASK has a lot happening to honor writers and the work that inspires them.

Poetry of the Flowering World

Inspired by the natural world, both here in the Hudson Valley and based upon two residencies at the White Colony in the tropics of Costa Rica and at the Guthrie Centre in Ireland, Lynne Friedman's work features colorful multi-paneled paintings and unique large pen/ink botanical explorations. The exhibition will run April 3rd through the 24th, in the Main Gallery at the Arts Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway in the Rondout section of Kingston. An opening reception will be held at ASK on April 3rd, from 5 - 8 p.m.

Along with Friedman's paintings and drawings, poems will be on display by local writers Lewis Gardner, Sandra Gardner, Steve Gold, Barry Koplen, Leah Kragh, Judith Lechner, Dina Pearlman, Christina Pultzer, Lorin Rose, Ernst Schoen-René and Rolland Smith.

100 Poems in 100 Minutes at ASK

Lovers of poetry and writers of poems are invited to participate in the second annual 100 Poems in 100 Minutes event at the Arts Society of Kingston, 97 Broadway in the Rondout section of Kingston, on Friday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Presented in honor of National Poetry Month, the event will begin at 7:00 with sign-up and a reception, followed by the reading at 7:30. Readers may read their own poems or other poems from any source, but all poems must take less than a minute to read (timing will be strictly observed). Depending on the number of readers, each reader will have a number of opportunities to read. For example, if 25 readers participate, each will read 4 times.

A suggested donation of \$5 will be requested of all who attend. For further information, consult the ASK website at askforarts.org.

KAREN BELL'S PHOTOGRAPHS AT ALLIANCE GALLERY

"Flip Side," an exhibition of digital photographs by Karen Bell, opens at the Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg on Friday, March 26, with a reception from 7 - 9 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through April 17.

"The landscape, in one form or another, has been the centerpiece of my photographic work for more than 15 years," says photographer Karen Bell, whose work has been shown throughout New York City and the Upper Delaware Valley. "As I started to look more closely at the 'flip side' of the human head, I realized I was looking at another kind of landscape - this time with a human element as central focus."

For "Flip Side," Bell has developed a series of photographs of various individuals, all taken from behind. The photos - ranging from a uniformed man to a woman at the top of a skyscraper - address the questions "What do you see when you look at the back of a person?" and "What do others see when they look at the back of you?" (Contd. Pg. 9)

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KAREN BELL'S (From Pg. 8)

"Rather than a social commentary on personal styles, my vision is drawn to the patterns, textures and shapes both within the figure and surrounding it- and thus these photographs can be seen as an extension to my environmental landscapes," she says.

This exhibit, free and open to the public, is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible in part with funding from the Visual Arts Program of the New York State Council on the Arts.

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.

CAS ARTS CENTER OPEN CALL FOR ARTIST SUBMISSIONS

The exhibition, Utopia and Wallpaper: the Real and the Ideal in the Pursuit of Social Democracy, guest curated by Joel Carreiro and Brett DePalma, will open at the CAS Arts Center in Livingston Manor, NY from October 16 - November 21, 2010.

- CAS is planning a theme-based, curated group exhibition entitled Utopia and Wallpaper: the Real and the Ideal in the Pursuit of Social Democracy. This exhibition takes inspiration from the fact that the Livingston Manor Central School houses several amazing 19th century panels (including New York Bay pictured below) from the famous Zuber et Cie wallpaper company, which depict idealized visions of what America was or might become. The exhibition that CAS is planning connects these images, which were also installed at the White House (purchased by Jacqueline Kennedy), with the celebration of the Hudson River's Quadricentennial and the history that event recalls.

These panoramic wallpapers were extremely popular in France where there was intense interest in the possibilities of the "New World." However, artist Jean-Jacques Deltil's murals of America are absolutely naïve because he never traveled to the

New World himself. His fantasy and inspiration for the panels came from second hand experience. The construction of the school and the installation of the wallpapers correlate directly with the beginnings of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) created by Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1930's which brought a new vision and hope of renewal to America. Although the Vues d'Amerique du Nord panels were created a century before the radical beginnings of the WPA, the optimism and the playing out of dreams of and for America that they both embody speaks resoundingly to the role that art can play as a catalyst for social change. Although Utopianism contains elements of idealism and romanticism, it is specifically these traits that are essential to envision a different future. Without them, pragmatic change is unlikely. From the French vision of idealized American Life circa 1830's all the way to the present day - the central theme of the exhibition addresses the confluence of reality, fantasy, Utopianism and the renewing power of the potential of change.

Artists submitting to this open call will be asked to respond directly to these wallpaper images and to the implications they embody for the possibility of social democracy, then and now. For more info and images go to <http://www.catskillartsociety.org>. This exhibition offers artists the same freedoms and liberties that Deltil assumed, to depict their own views of North America, thus creating a bridge to the future.

HOW TO APPLY - Please submit the following by May 1, 2010 (this is a postmark deadline): a description of the project, no more than one page; a brief resume AND up to 10 JPGs of the proposed project on CD (please send images at a low resolution to open quickly); up to 5 JPGs of previous work; and an image list with descriptions


Submissions will not be returned. Please send submissions to: CAS Arts Center, c/o Utopia & Wallpaper, PO Box 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Email questions to Executive Director, Kathryn Tufano at Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org. Please put "Utopia & Wallpaper" in the subject heading. **NO PHONE CALLS OR EMAIL SUBMISSIONS PLEASE.**

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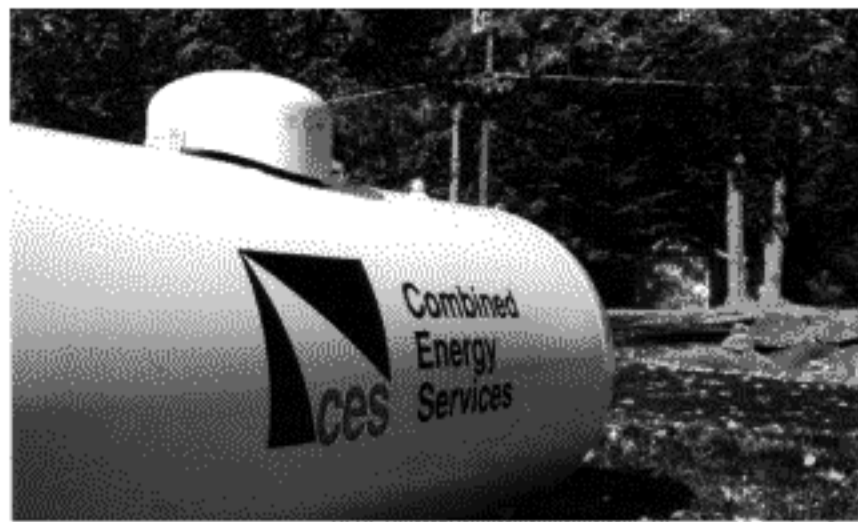
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WELCOME SWEET SPRINGTIME!



Spring is a time when we emerge from our winter cocoon. We shed our winter coats, leave our warm and comfortable homes and are able to move out of doors where we can enjoy the rebirth that is reflected all around us in what appears as a re-created world.

The sprouted seeds that we observe in tints and shades of green, contain enough of a life force to create the entire new plant that was intended by the nature of its growth. The birds have followed their maps and have come back to their summer homes. And the world has made its adjustment around the sun, giving us longer hours of daylight.

Time in nature, like an ancient wilderness certainly contributes to the well-being of the little seedlings, the birds, the entire world, and of course, you.

It is impossible in the Northern Hemisphere not to notice the beautiful refreshing days of spring; the longer hours of daylight, pleasant temperatures, colorful flowers, and the chirped songs from the colorful birds as they begin their new families; all signs of renewal.

With so many fast changes and new conditions and difficult situations facing us today, it can be difficult to see the beauty in nature while trying to adjust, especially when we feel the very air we breathe has become infected with anxiety and despair.

It is amazing that it took many studies and many scientists to conceive that a patient recovers more quickly when they can see trees from their windows!

Creativity is another life-force we cannot live without! While creativity encompasses everything we observe, using your own creative force allows you to break out of an established pattern in order to see things in a different way.

When our friends at Lucky Dog were pruning the trees this past winter, they removed gangly branches that would otherwise render a barren tree. Pruning the trees and reshaping the trees while they slept during the winter has prepared them for spring. Now they will be strong and fertile and produce much fruit.

Knowing our frailty, compared to a mighty tree, with images of the recent storm still new in our memory banks, perhaps we should take a lesson from the trees and get rid of our own lifeless branches and dead weight.

Nature has a restorative effect on our over-stimulated brains, while our creativity releases us from our cocoon, or the so-called cozy 'thinking box' and lets us think outside the box.

Spend some time outside and you will marvel at the grandeur of nature and your own creative insight. Spend some sacred time and enjoy the wonders and gifts of Spring during this time of rebirth and renewal.

Welcome Springtime!



PARENT CONNECTION:

Every time I've sat for a parent-teacher conference, I look for signs that the teachers like my kid. Yeah, of course I'm interested to know if my daughter's passing or if my son's goofing off in health class. But, I am most interested to hear a funny story about something my child said/did or to see a smile when the teacher talks about how my child is trying so hard. The last conference my husband and I went to, we sat with three teachers who obviously enjoyed our son. We discussed his difficulties and his strengths. We worry sometimes about our children's success, but when we are positively approached, as we were, by the teachers in Tri-Valley, it takes away a lot of those fears.

I like to think we're active in our children's education, but sometimes it's a little difficult to help your child solve linear and quadratic equations when you have no idea how to do that! It can be very frustrating. It's a blessing when the teachers make you feel like you're not failing as a parent. We are very thankful for the teachers at Tri-Valley.

We want our children to be good people. We want them to be happy and make others happy. We want them to help other people that need and feel good about it! We want our children to feel self-worthy and not afraid to try new things that could lead to success. Education can be a great experience or it can lead to feelings of failure...it all depends on the teaching experiences. Our child had Christine Cox in 5th grade and she changed his learning experience. She understood him because she took the time. She made him feel successful and now he's not afraid to raise his hand and ask questions or face a challenge that he may not have in the past. She gave him the skills to feel that success! We are so thankful for her!

It's not easy to be a teacher. So, be sure to thank your child's teacher for all of her/his hard work. Working together as a team will lead to greater success!

I am so happy to announce that I had a reader respond to last weeks article about spring activities. Linda and Frank Comando enjoy playing with their grandkids! When the kids visit, Linda gives them each a shopping bag and they take a walk in the woods. They go back to the stream and as they walk they pick up anything that will fit in their bag (except for mushrooms and snakes!). When they get back to the house, they have fun telling what they have in the bag. Sometimes their ideas are very creative - but with a little brainstorming, by the time mom and dad (Janna & Rob) come to get them, they've figured out what's REALLY in the bag. They all enjoy a conversation about their nature walk experience. When they look in the bag and can't figure out what something might be, out come the encyclopedias and reference books. They all get busy looking things up. They really enjoy learning new things together! Now that Spring has sprung, I'm sure those bags will be coming out!

Please e-mail me with your family experiences! Our community would love to hear about it!

Darlene Beiling
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To the Editor:

May I suggest that when one answers question 9 on Census2010 form, "what is this person's race?" one writes in the "Some Other Race" box a description that is acceptable to you personally - my husband Robert and I wrote "Human". We did not chose one of the suggested categories. These categories make no sense, and even if you categorize yourself as "White," alternative choices: "Korean" or "Chinese" are not ethnic groups, but nationalities. If nationalities are used, there should be "American" as a category. Since many of us are of European heritage, perhaps "European Pound Puppy" could be considered appropriate. The whole attempt to categorize different ethnic groups needs an overhauling, if not just a cancellation, so think about how you want to fill this question out before you choose your "Race".

Peggy Friedman,
Neversink

Letter to the Editor:

Oil is a diminishing and expensive source of energy, and coal is dirty.

Alternative energy sources, including solar and wind power, can only provide 10% to 20% of our energy requirements.

President Obama has increased government loan guaranties for new nuclear power plants from \$18.5 billion to \$54.5 billion, which should give impetus to the nuclear power industry.

There are 20 nuclear plants undergoing decommissioning, and we could construct new 2,000 megawatt units at these sites for a reduced investment by using the existing infrastructure. Nuclear plants have provided clean, cheap and safe power from 104 units. The only accident was at Three Mile Island, where almost all of the radiation was contained in the containment building. Subsequently, the NRC made changes in how it regulates nuclear power plants, and this has significantly reduced any risk to public safety.

We have to address the problem of leaking radioactive wastewater from underground pipes. The solution might be using higher quality pipes or moving the pipes above ground where they can be easily monitored.

Another problem is the disposal of nuclear waste, which has been collecting on plant sites. The solution is to neutralize and recycle the waste. France has perfected a process to recycle nuclear waste, and it is able to generate 80% of its energy requirements from nuclear power.

We need more nuclear power plants to counter the effects of global warming, eliminate foreign oil purchases, and reduce the use of fossil fuels.

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PUTTING TAXPAYERS AT RISK

"Taxpayer interests must come first," said Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach, regarding his March 2, 2010 request of the Ulster County Legislature to table Resolution 45, entitled Approving the Proposed Certificate of Incorporation and Consenting to the Formation of a Local Development Corporation (LDC).

Citing concerns about costly legal liabilities embedded in the proposal the Comptroller, a former member of the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (IDA), said "I am a big supporter of economic development but the tax base cannot be exposed to undue liabilities and expense."

The purpose of the resolution was for the County Legislature to authorize the IDA to create a local development corporation (LDC) as a means to finance "civic facility projects" with tax-exempt bonds. Prior to January 31, 2008 State law allowed IDAs to issue such bonds for public purpose projects such as libraries and hospitals. That provision in the law has now sunset.

"IDAs across the State are looking for ways to continue to service civic facility projects," said Comptroller Auerbach, "but using LDCs to get around the law is fraught with complications and potential consequences for Ulster County."

The Comptroller has sent a letter to Chairman of the Legislature Fred Wadnola outlining a series of legal assurances it would behoove the Legislature to obtain before approving Resolution 45.

"Most important of these", said Auerbach, "is an unqualified legal opinion that the County is empowered under New York law to allow an LDC to issue tax-exempt obligations on behalf of" the County." An unqualified legal opinion is an opinion of bond

counsel that does not contain any limiting conditions.

Auerbach explained that without a firm foundation for a LDC to issue tax-exempt bonds the County could face complex legal and financial entanglements.

"I understand and sympathize with the challenges faced by IDAs in the face of their rescinded powers," said Auerbach, "however, the flaw I see in Resolution 45 is that the County would be designating its municipal authority in a manner it is not at all clear is legal or appropriate."

Two years ago the so-called "civic facilities" powers of IDAs expired. Civic facilities provisions were included in the IDA statute in the mid-1990s to provide a mechanism for less credit-worthy 501 c (3) borrowers to finance their projects on a tax-exempt basis. Those civic facilities powers included issuing tax-exempt IDA bonds for educational and healthcare purposes.

PROTECTING COUNTY FUNDS IS A HIGH PRIORITY Comptroller Auerbach Works to Protect Against Bank Account Fraud

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach released a Bank Account Reconciliation report insisting that the wishes of County voters in their approval of the Ulster County Charter be fulfilled. The Charter vested responsibility with the Office of the Comptroller to reconcile the County's bank accounts which are administered by the Department of Finance.

"The Charter Commission made good sense when they empowered the Commissioner of Finance with the administration of all financial affairs," said Auerbach, "but it was pure wisdom that they segregated the account reconciliations to the Office of the Comptroller."

Auerbach's commentary, presented as a STATUS Report, demonstrates a patience with the transition to Charter government in 2009 in that it describes an interim process he developed to temporarily compensate for the challenges of realigning staff-time to fulfill the mandate.

Auerbach has also sent a joint memo to the Chairman of the Legislature and the County Executive asking them to confer on how best to resolve this matter. "I understand there are management and budgetary difficulties in realigning staff-time," explained the Comptroller, "but the separation of duties is fundamental to effective internal controls and in preventing various types of disbursement frauds."

The report also provides a glimpse into the nature of how some accounts were previously reconciled and how his directives provide a more comprehensive approach.

Prior to the Comptroller's directives that all bank accounts have written reconciliations, several account reconciliations consisted of a calculator tape showing the balance, monthly interest and total with a hand written note stating the book balance. Taking precautions a step further for 2010, the Comptroller will require a "four-column" reconciliation process be conducted on a quarterly basis.

A full copy of the report can be found at www.co.ulster.ny.us/comptroller

SENATE PASSES BONACIC CO-SPONSORED TAX REFORM LEGISLATION

The New York State Senate on Thursday, passed legislation, (S.6212a) co-sponsored by Senator John Bonacic to provide a "Circuit Breaker" to families in New York State who pay a higher than average share of their income in property taxes.

"People buy a home under the presumption that their income can sustain the home, and also sustain tax increases at the rate of inflation. This legislation would provide some relief for families whose income has not sustained, or whose taxes have exceeded the rate of inflation. Far more needs to be done, but anything we can do to limit spending, and also provide immediate tax relief is a step in the right direction," Senator Bonacic said.

Bonacic was the first Republican Senator to sponsor the tax reform legislation, which passed the Senate yesterday. "I do not care if it is a Republican or Democrat who sponsors the legislation. I am willing to work across any aisle on any issue, and particularly one as important as reforming New York's broken property tax system. I would have preferred a stronger circuit breaker proposal - such as the one offered by Republicans for the past several years, which would have provided even more relief, but at least this is a step in the right direction," Senator Bonacic said.

Bonacic is a long-time proponent of property tax reform. In 2006, 2007, and 2008 the Senate passed

legislation he co-authored to allow for a 5 year phase out of school taxes that homeowners pay to operate our local schools. He also supported tax cap legislation and also State spending cap legislation.

"The property tax system has failed. Taxes should relate to income. It is a basic, simple, and important principle. It is wrong that we finance our education system on a theory literally set up in the times of lords and serfs. Today's legislation can lead to a permanent change in our broken tax system," Senator Bonacic said.

Bonacic urged the New York State Assembly to also, finally, take up property tax reform. Several Assembly members have sponsored property tax reform legislation, but have failed to even have their bills debated in Committee, much less the entire Assembly. The Assembly rules actually require a vote in Committee on any bill if the sponsor simply requests it. Therefore, the failure to vote on the property tax reform bills, many of which have been sponsored for years and years, without any action, is inexplicable.

"People have waited for too long for the New York State Assembly to act on property tax reform. These individuals in the Assembly have talked the talk on property tax reform, but they have not forced action. They keep voting to put Speaker Silver back in power, all while he blatantly ignores the biggest issue outside of New York City. It is time for the Assembly to address property tax reform so we can set up conference committees, and reach an agreement that will once and for all end the property tax crisis," concluded Senator Bonacic.

GILLIBRAND INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO QUICKLY, EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE FOOD RECALLS TO CONSUMERS, HEALTH WORKERS

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, the first New York senator to serve on the Senate Agriculture Committee in nearly 40 years, today introduced new legislation that will overhaul the way food recall notifications are distributed. Senator Gillibrand's Consumer Recall Notification Act would make sure consumers and health workers know when food recalls are made and would require that notices are posted on shelves at food retailers where recalled foods are sold, require that recall notices are sent directly to grocery store members and "loyalty card" users, and ensure that Class I recall information is distributed to health workers.

"In America, in 2010, it is unconscionable that we don't have an effective way to communicate food-borne illness outbreaks to consumers and health departments," Senator Gillibrand said. "It's spreading too many diseases and costing too many lives. We need to do a better job of making sure every New Yorker knows when food items are being recalled. My legislation improves recalls and public education so parents get the information they need to keep their families safe."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), every year an estimated 87 million Americans are sickened by contaminated food, 371,000 are hospitalized with food-borne illness, and 5,700 die from food-related disease. While the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has made some progress improving food safety regulations, the nation's food safety laws have not been significantly overhauled in more than a century, according to the Congressional Research Service. Across New York State, approximately 5 million people are afflicted with a food-borne illness each year.

Senator Gillibrand's Consumer Recall Notification Act would make sure consumers and health workers know when recalls have been issued to avoid tainted foods.

Notify Consumers - Stores that track customer purchases through customer loyalty cards or membership cards must use that information to notify customers when they have purchased a recalled product. Stores that do not notify customers of Class I recalls will be subject to a \$100 penalty per customer.

Distribute Information to Restaurants and Food Retailers - Facilities that have distributed foods subject to a Class I recall would be required to notify stores and restaurants within 24 hours of the public announcement of the recall. The FDA will also publish a list on the Internet of all stores and restaurants that received contaminated produces. Facilities that do not notify stores and restaurants will be subject to a \$1,000 penalty per missed notification. (Contd. Pg. 14)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH WOODBOURNE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Holy Thursday, April 1

8:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration: following Mass until 10:00 pm

Good Friday, April 2

3:00 pm Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord
and Holy Communion
8:00 pm Stations and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 3

12:00 Noon Blessing of Easter Baskets
4:00 - 4:45 pm Confessions
8:00 pm Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 4
Masses 9:00 & 11:30 am

Catholic Churches in Sullivan County Confessions Will Be Heard on:

Friday, March 26th, 2010

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

- Holy Cross Church: 9719 State Route 97, Callicoon (845) 887-5450
- St. Thomas Aquinas Church: 5 Forestburgh Road, Forestburgh (845) 791-7400
- St. George Church: Route 52, Jeffersonville (845) 482-4640
- St. Peter's Church: 264 N. Main Street, Liberty (845) 292-4525
- St. Aloysius Church: 20 Church Street, Livingston Manor (845) 439-5625
- St. Peter Church: 10 Liberty Street, Monticello (845) 794-5577
- St. Francis Xavier Church: 151 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg (845) 252-6681
- St. Mary's Church: 388 County Road 95, Obernberg (845) 482-5541
- Immaculate Conception Church: 6317 State Route 42, Woodbourne (845) 434-7643
- St. Joseph Church: Sullivan Street, Wurtsboro (845) 888-4522
- St. Anthony of Padua Church: 25 Beaver Brook Road, Yulan (845) 557-8512

SULLIVAN BOCES' ANIMAL SCIENCE OPEN HOUSE. ALLOWS STUDENTS TO LEARN ABOUT CAREERS IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

Where can a high school junior or senior receive hands-on training working with animals while being prepared for college and a career in the Animal Science Field?

If you are interested in working with animals, you don't want to miss the Career & Tech Animal Science Open House on Thursday, April 8th from 3:00 -7:00 pm, at Stone Wall Farms, on Callicoon Center Road in Jeffersonville. Sullivan County parents and students in grades 10 and 11 are welcome to attend to learn about the numerous opportunities in the Animal Science Program.

Attendees can meet the current Animal Science students who will give a tour of the classroom and introduce the variety of animals that are studied, cared for, and treated through the program. Find out about the curriculum, college articulation agreements and the way high school diploma credits can be

earned through the Animal Science Program.

Information will be available for The New Vision Program, an exploratory program which is offered to select seniors who wish to pursue post secondary education in Agricultural Education. The program provides exploratory experiences and instruction that concentrates on careers in Vet Tech and Veterinary Medicine. Students in this program will receive an enhanced second year Animal Science curriculum.

So if you're interested in working with animals, don't miss the Animal Science Open House on April 8th from 3:00-7:00 pm at Stone Wall Farms in Jeffersonville. For additional information please call the BOCES Career & Tech office at (845) 295-4152.

INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP OFFERED IN FERNDALE Cornell Cooperative Extension of SC is offering a workshop dealing with online safety.

Ferndale NY, April 13th, at 6pm - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County. This Class is FREE, open to the public, and will focus on staying safe online. Learn how to avoid scammers, hackers and identity thieves. Being on guard online helps protect your personal information, your computer, even yourself. The class will teach you the seven practices for safer computing and practical tips outlined by the Federal Trade Commission.

This Class is free and open to the public, but you must pre-register with Linda at 845-292-5250. There must be a minimum of 10 pre registered participants for this class to be held.

For more information contact: Sean Welsh, Consumer Educator, Gerald J. Skoda Education Center, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty NY 12754 Phone 1 877-292-5250, Fax 845-292-2154.



All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Hot Pancakes	Sausage Gravy
Sausage	Real Maple Syrup from Muthig Farms
Eggs—Any Style	Beverages include Coffee, Tea, Hot
Home Fries	Chocolate and Orange Juice

Sunday, March 28, 2010
7 am to 12 pm
at the Neversink Fire Hall

Adults: \$7.00
Children under 12: \$3.50
Under 5: free

Crafters & Vendors wanted for indoor Craft Show

Saturday, May 8th, 1-4 pm
Sullivan County Museum
265 Main St • Hurleyville, NY
10 ft x 8 ft space \$15
For information or to reserve a space - please call (845) 434-8044

Season Opener at Junction Pool
Saturday, April 10th @ 7:00 am
Rain or shine!!

Sally Jesse Rafael and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther will cast the first line.


Refreshments will be available. Great experience for the entire family. Bring your poles and join in on the fun.

Roscoe... "Trout Town USA"

Two Headed Trout Dinner will be held that evening- For tickets and information call: Miriam 607-498-4139 or Ellen 607-498-6146

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



Ismael Berrios
Lead Pastor

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WINTER HOURS FOR ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL
The Little Church with the Big Heart
Celebrate Palm Sunday at 8:15 a.m.
Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
Coffee hour follows service
All are welcome!

5277 State Rt. 42
South Fallsburg

For Information:
Mother Joan LaLiberté
845-887-4742



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

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

Claryville Reformed Church



Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

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

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CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne.

Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 5:00.
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

Loucks Funeral Home
Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito

79 North Main Street
Ellenville, New York
(845) 647-4343



Covered Dish Supper

No Covered Dish Supper in April
Sundown United Methodist Church at the Sundown Church Hall



Thrift Sale 9-2 & Luncheon 11-1
Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Tuesday April 6, 2010

Grahamsville Reformed Church
Sunday School 9 A.M.
Worship Service 10 A.M.

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

Looking for a Lifeguard?
Ours walks on water!
Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

GILLIBRAND INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO QUICKLY, EFFECTIVELY COMMUNICATE FOOD RECALLS TO CONSUMERS, HEALTH WORKERS (From PG. 12)

The stores that received products must then post a notice on the shelf unit or freezer case where the contaminated product was sold so that consumers are aware that they might have previously purchased a recalled product and return to their homes and dispose of those products.

Distribute Information to Health Workers -The FDA shall improve communication between States and local health departments when there is a Class I recall by distributing advisories when there is a Class I recall to States, local health departments and front-line health professionals, such as emergency departments and pediatricians. The information distributed will include info about symptoms to look out for and test for in order to diagnose food-borne illness.

LACK OF PARTICIPATION IN LAST CENSUS COST HUDSON VALLEY APPROXIMATELY \$435 MILLION IN FEDERAL FUNDING OVER LAST 10 YEARS -- GILLIBRAND URGES NEW YORKERS TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR CENSUS 2010

As Census 2010 forms arrive in the mailboxes of New York residents this week, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is urging all New Yorkers to participate in this year's Census.

During the last Census in 2000, approximately 200,000 New Yorkers did not fill out or send back their Census forms. As a result, New York State lost out on approximately \$3.6 billion in federal funding over the last decade. In the Hudson Valley alone, approximately 20,000 residents did not participate in the 2000 Census, costing the Hudson Valley approximately \$43 million in federal funding last year and \$435 million over the last 10 years.

"The census is a win-win for everyone - and it's safe, easy and fast to fill out," Senator Gillibrand said. "It is critical that we capture a true picture of New York's families and neighborhoods to ensure their access to needed resources. Participation in Census 2010 by all New Yorkers is critical to ensuring our fair share of federal resources. Especially during difficult economic times, we need to secure federal funding to protect local education, health care, and public safety services and hold the line on property taxes."

Census data, collected once every 10 years, guides decision makers on where to build new schools, health clinics, child care and senior centers and much more. The data also determines the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. Since the federal government uses census information every year to distribute critically needed funds for programs such as hospitals and school services, clean streets, public housing, social services, and food stamps, undercounting has resulted in neighborhoods losing hundreds of millions of federal dollars over the last decade.

The new census form, which asks each household 10 simple questions designed to take 10 minutes to complete, is safe and easy. Questions include full name, date of birth, country of origin, and contact number. The form includes a return envelope with pre-paid postage.

By law, individual responses are kept confidential and are not to be shared with other federal agencies. Respondents are not asked to answer questions regarding their immigration status.

Residents are urged to complete and return their census forms by mid April. Starting in May, Census workers will visit households who do not respond by mail.

INITIATION OF EPA STUDY ON RISKS OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING PROCESS POSES TO DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES (From Pg. 7)

"I am very pleased to learn that the Environmental Protection Agency has decided to commence a study that will examine the risks hydraulic fracturing poses to drinking water supplies in New York and across the nation. This is an important step towards ensuring that natural gas drilling is done in a way that protects our environment, vital natural resources and public health. It is also a necessary step since the EPA's 2004 study on the matter was marred by biased data influenced by senior officials in the previous administration.

"Last year, I authored a provision that was approved by Congress, which urged the EPA to conduct this study after serious questions were raised regarding the safety of the natural gas drilling process. While the production of natural gas is necessary and certainly has an important role to play in our national energy policy, it's imperative that we do everything we can to ensure our drinking water sup-

plies are not contaminated. I applaud the EPA's decision to begin a serious investigation into this matter and will continue working to protect our environment from the chemical concoctions being pumped into the ground by energy companies. Understanding the risks that hydraulic fracturing poses to drinking water supplies is critical to guiding future policies and regulations that will safeguard the public."

HINCHEY VOTES YES TO PASS HISTORIC HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) released the following statement regarding House passage of the health care reform bill. The congressman voted in favor of the legislation on Sunday night.

"Tonight, our country took a bold step forward in the effort to ensure that every American has access to quality, affordable health insurance. While this bill does not go as far I would have preferred, it nevertheless represents the most significant and positive piece of health care reform legislation since the creation of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965. My vote in favor of this bill is one of the most important votes I have cast during my time in Congress.

"For years, I have listened to stories from upstate New Yorkers who have struggled with the rising cost of premiums and an endless stream of deductibles, co-pays and fees. I have talked with small business owners who struggle to provide good benefits to their employees, but have remained powerless in the face of rising costs in a broken health care marketplace. I have heard from seniors who still find it hard to afford the life-saving prescription drugs they need. And even more concerning are the countless stories from those who have fallen ill and then into bankruptcy or other difficult circumstances - even though they thought they had good coverage. Now, after two generations of waiting, those who have carried the physical pain and economic burden of our broken health care system will finally begin to see the relief they so desperately need.

"For the 415,000 residents I represent who already have health insurance, this bill provides immediate safeguards from insurance company abuses and will improve coverage. For those people and families who are self-employed, unemployed, or work for a small business, they will have access to the same types of private health insurance choices that members of Congress have through a competitive health insurance market that keeps costs down. Up to 158,000 families and 15,100 small businesses in my district will receive tax credits to help them afford coverage. Once the bill goes into effect, over 109,000 Medicare beneficiaries will see a dramatic improvement in their benefits and will pay nothing for preventive care, and 68,000 young adults will be able to obtain coverage through their parents' insurance plans until their 26th birthday. This bill will also extend coverage to 47,000 of my constituents who have, for far too long, gone without care, and guarantee that more than 10,000 of those I represent are no longer denied coverage simply because they have a pre-existing condition.

"These essential reforms will not only alleviate the economic burden of health care felt by families, small businesses, seniors and young adults, but will also help to address our nation's fiscal woes, reducing the budget deficit by \$143 billion in the first ten years and then by another \$1.2 trillion in the following decade by cutting waste, fraud, abuse and overpayments to insurance companies.

"While the comprehensive health care reform bill we passed tonight will not solve every problem that exists in our health care system, it remains a landmark achievement in the effort to ensure comprehensive, high-quality and affordable coverage for every American."

GILLIBRAND INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO TAKE STEP TOWARD CREATING HUDSON RIVER VALLEY NATIONAL PARK

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today introduced legislation that would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct a study on whether the Hudson River Valley should become a unit of the National Park system. This designation would provide significant resources to the Hudson River Valley, including increased federal funding for environmental conservation and economic development programs, and would increase tourism to the area. Rep. Maurice Hinchey sponsored the House of Representatives version and cosponsors include Reps. Eliot Engel, John Hall, Nita Lowey, Scott Murphy, and Paul Tonko.

"We're still unlocking the Hudson River Valley's potential," said Senator Gillibrand. "The Hudson River Valley is truly one of America's richest treasures. From the Adirondacks to the busy ports of New York City, the Hudson River fuels our economy, inspires our artists, and provides New Yorkers with

miles of adventure and endless recreation. As New York's first Senator from Upstate in nearly 40 years, I will always work to preserve the beauty and tradition of the Hudson River Valley."

The Hudson River Valley possesses important and unique cultural, historical, natural, recreational and scenic resources. There are many critically sensitive natural resources encompassed by the Hudson River Valley, ranging from the River itself to its vast estuarine district, wetlands, refuges, parks, forests, farmlands, mountains, and valleys. The River and its tributaries are also home to a number of rare and threatened animal species, habitats, and plants.

Senator Gillibrand's legislation would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to evaluate resources in the Hudson River Valley to determine the suitability and feasibility of establishing the site as a unit of the National Park System. Specifically, this legislation would:

- Conduct a special resource study of the area of the Hudson River from Rodgers Island at Fort Edward to the southern-most boundary of Westchester County
- Evaluate the national significance of the area, as well as the suitability and feasibility of designating the area as a unit of the National Park System.
- Examine existing park unit models that encompass large areas of non-Federal lands within their boundaries, while protecting the rights of private land owners.

UC EXECUTIVE HEIN SPEAKS AT RALLY IN SUPPORT OF FARMERS AND JOINS WITH COUNTY LEADERS FROM ACROSS NY FOR BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE ON THE FUTURE OF FARMING

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein spoke in Albany today at American Farmland Trust's No Farms - No Food Rally. At the rally, County Executive Hein emphasized the importance and value of local agriculture - and of preserving working family farms in our communities.

Following the rally, the County Executive, acting as sole Hudson Valley representative, joined county leaders from across New York for the first meeting of a Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future of Farming. The Task Force was created by the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), at its 2010 Legislative Conference, to address the challenges facing New York farmers and help preserve the industry for future generations.

"Farming is at the very heart of our proud heritage in Ulster County and it is a critical industry that accounts for over \$65 million dollars in annual sales. That doesn't even count agriculture's contribution to the \$471 million dollar tourism industry in our area," said County Executive Hein. "As someone raised on a farm, I fully recognize that preserving viable, working family farms is critical to our economy, our way of life - and our future. Collectively

we must recognize the financial, regulatory and competitive pressures that impact the farming industry and do everything we can to mitigate those pressures and help our farmers succeed. Locally, we have implemented effective farmland protection plans, purchase of development right programs and enhanced access to credit, however, we need to do more and I'm delighted to work with my colleagues as we develop new strategies to ensure a sustainable future for our agricultural industry in New York."

COUNTY-LEAD TASK FORCE PROMOTES BETTER FARM POLICIES IN NY

A new statewide coalition of county government leaders met in Albany last week to address the challenges facing the New York farmer.

The group-NYSAC's Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Future of Farming in New York State -is made up of dozens of county leaders who are also farmers or who work in the farming industry.

"We formed this task force to make sure we-at the local and state government levels-are doing what we can to encourage and assist our New York Farmers," said NYSAC President Tom Santulli, who created the task force last month. "More needs to be done to mobilize both public and private resources to support our Agriculture industry, and this group of county leaders will help develop a series of recommendations from our local government perspective."

The Task Force convened for a day-long event to define the scope of its work and develop a series of proposals to assist the farm industry. The Blue Ribbon Task Force also received testimony from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets, the New York Farm Bureau and Farm Credit East (the largest farm credit lender in the Northeast).

"Our Task Force members are on the front lines. We understand the challenges facing farmers and their contribution to state and local governments across the state, and we are coming together to do something about assisting them. Together, we believe we can have a real impact on state and local policy affecting this industry," said Task Force Chairman Doug Berwanger, who also serves as the chairman of the Wyoming County Board of Supervisors. (Contd. Pg. 15)

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

(845) 985-2262 extension 312 SOUTH

PIZZA & STEPPING STONES May 7 - TVHS Cafeteria 5:30 pm. \$5 residents/ \$10 non-residents **Sign up by April 6**

BRONX ZOO June 12. \$40 per person Sign up by May 4.

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

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

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

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

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

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AL-ANON MEETINGS

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

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CONSUMER AND FINANCIAL ED - Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County New Class Offering this Spring!

Stop, Think, Click is on April 13th at 6:00 at CCE-This free class will teach you how to stay safe online. Learn how to avoid scammers, hackers, and identity thieves. Being on guard online helps protect your personal information, your computer, even yourself. The class will teach you the seven practices for safer computing and practical tips outlined by the Federal Trade Commission. Please call Linda to pre-register at 845-292-5250

HeatSmart Class Offerings:

Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues is on April 21st at 5:30-7:30 at CCE-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.

Save Energy, Save Dollars

April 28th at 5:30-7:30 pm at CCE -This free workshop is open to the public. Learn about low-cost and no-cost ways to save energy and reduce your energy bills. Also, learn about programs that can help you afford energy-efficiency improvements with subsidies, low-interest loans or free services to qualifying households. There will be free energy-saving materials to be provided to all participants. Please call Linda to pre-register at 845-292-5250

Attention All Artists and Creative Folks:

Coming this May 1st ~ Mark your Calendar!!
 CCE and Delaware Valley Arts Alliance have joined forces and will be offering a creative workshop in printmaking. Professional artist Lisa Zukowski will be teaching a full day workshop on May 1st ~ 9:30-3:30. A fee of \$60.00 will cover all your materials and instruction. You can check out Lisa's work and credentials at www.lisaz.com. Learn how simply beautiful prints can be created without using a press. This workshop introduces the participant to the technique of gelatin plate monotype printing. A fast, fun and easy method of printmaking, gelatin plate monotypes require no press. All levels are welcome beginner to expert! Come be creative and enjoy! For more info: call 292-5250 Class size is limited; pre-registration is a must!

THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

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Time and the Valleys Trustee Meeting - 7:00 pm Neversink Town Hall
Neversink/Grahamsville Fire Dept Pancake Breakfast - 7 am - 12 noon Neversink Fire Hall
 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting 7 pm Upstairs Meeting Room @Town Hall
 First Thursday Readers - Daniel Pierce Library - "Interpreter of Maladier" by Jhumpa Lahiri
 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**
 Sundown Methodist Church - there will be no Covered Dish Dinner this month
 Time and the Valleys Work Committee Meeting - 12:30 pm
 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall - 7:00 pm
 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale (9-2) and Luncheon (11-1)**
 TV Lions Dinner Meeting - Nardi's - Call for info 292-5839
Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting- 1:30 pm Town Hall Grahamsville
 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
 Spring Rummage Sale St. Paul's Lutheran Church Liberty 9 - 2
 Spring Rummage Sale St. Paul's Lutheran Church Liberty 9 - 12
 Woodbourne Fire Dept 6th Annual French Toast Breakfast 6 am-12 436-9234 or 434-6763
 Town of Denning Audit Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7:00 pm
 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale (9-2) and Luncheon (11-1)**
 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting- 1:30 pm Town Hall Grahamsville
 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association
 Time and the Valleys Museum Trustees Meeting - 7:00 pm

SAVE THE DATE!

14th Annual Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Sullivan County Community College
July 31 - Time and the Valleys Museum Olde Time Fair

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

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

SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
 GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
 LAGUEUX HARDWARE
 CANNIE D'S
 BLUE HILL LODGE
 ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.)

GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE
 E & H PAINTBALL (Loch Sheldrake)
 VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
 WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION
 MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)
 WILSON'S CORNER STORE

LIGHTHOUSE DELI
 NAPANOCH FLORIST
 JAME'S NAPANOCH GROCERY
 MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
 NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
 PETER'S MARKET

YOUTH COUNCIL OF UC WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD SPONSORS KINGSTON YOUTH JOB FAIR

The Youth Council of the Ulster County Workforce Investment Board (UC WIB) is sponsoring a Youth Job Fair on March 31, 2010 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for Kingston area youth ages 16 to 21 at the Business Resource Center on Ulster Avenue in Kingston. The businesses that will be participating reside within the Kingston area, have current openings, and will interview youth on the spot.

In order for young people to be admitted to the Youth Job Fair they must have completed an approved "Work Readiness Training" and be sponsored by one of the collaborating agencies. Youth must also be "interview ready" and adhere to the following dress code: present a clean and neat appearance. In addition they must obey the following dress code restrictions: no t-shirts, no tank tops, to hats, and no mini-skirts.

The Work Readiness Trainings are being offered at the following locations & times: • Kingston High School: 403 Broadway, Kingston March 8, 9, 15 & 16th 9th Period (open only to current KHS students 16 to 21 yrs old) • Everette Hodge Center: 15-21 Franklin Street, Kingston Part One of Work Readiness Training on March 16 or March 23rd from 4 to 6 pm • Family of Woodstock Office: 39 John Street, Kingston Part Two of Work Readiness Training on March 17 or March 24th from 4 to 6 pm • Boys and Girls Club: On going work readiness training.

Additional information is available by calling the Office of Employment and Training (845) 340-3173 (Janet Rigaux) or Family of Woodstock (845) 331-7080 (Brienne Olsson) or Boys & Girls Club (845) 338-8666 (Laura Conklin or Dennis Washington).

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT AWARDS BIOENERGY PRODUCTION GRANTS

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development agency has awarded more than \$84,000 to two New York advanced biofuels producers.

The New York awards are part of \$14.5 million awarded to 122 recipients in 34 states.(Next Col.)

The funding was announced today in Washington, D.C. by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and has been made available through the Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels, which is designed to accelerate the production and use of advanced biofuels.

"I congratulate our New York recipients on their success," said Jill Harvey, State Director for USDA Rural Development in New York. "The Bioenergy Program for Advanced Biofuels supports the biofuels industry, helping it produce cleaner and more sustain-

able energy sources, which in turn contribute to energy independence and a cleaner environment."

New York projects and awards are:

- MST Production, Ltd., Westchester County, \$82,410.75. MST owns and operates a waste digestion and manure handling plant and methane gas recovery facility in Erath County, Texas. The plant generates methane-rich biogas from manure and other agricultural waste, processes it to current standards and distributes the gas through a commercial pipeline.
- TMT Biofuels, LLC, Lewis County, \$1,728.06 grant. A certified biodiesel producer, the company collects used waste vegetable oils from facilities in Lewis, Jefferson, Oneida, Northern Herkimer and St. Lawrence counties and converts it to biodiesel that meets or exceeds American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards.

For information on USDA Rural Development programs, contact the Rural Development state office at (315) 477- 6400 or visit the USDA Rural Development's website at:

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ny>.

COUNTY-LEAD TASK FORCE PROMOTES BETTER FARM POLICIES IN NY (From Pg. 14)

The meeting coincided with the No Farms, No Food rally held at the State Capitol. The rally, sponsored by American Farmland Trust, brought together hundreds farmers from all parts of New York State. The rally was held to raise greater awareness of and promote support for a stronger farm and food economy, healthy environment, and to promote nutritious New York State products such as milk, fruits, vegetables and meats.

"The biggest challenge for the farm community today is the basic uncertainty about the future-our competitiveness in the global economy, and our ability to have a supportive governmental structure at all levels. The New York Farm Bureau is very pleased with NYSAC's re-emphasis on the importance of the farm community to all in New York. Our ability to keep local farms producing local food for local people depends on the actions we take today as a state," said Julie Suarez, the director of public policy for New York Farm Bureau.

"Agriculture and agriculture related businesses are vital to the state's economy. We must realign and rethink the programs and services sponsored by government to address the needs of the modern farmer. We must partner with our farmers with a comprehensive goal to preserve, promote and protect the New York farmer," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario.



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

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If you have an item you wish to sell send a one-line description of each item, your phone number or contact, along with one dollar.

All ads for the April **One Dollar, One Line, One Item** flyer must be received in our office by Friday, March 26th at 3:00 pm. You may either mail your ad along with \$1 to: The Townsmen, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740, drop it in the drop box on the porch of the Grahamsville First Aid Building or email it to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com

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Denning Democrats

On the Local Scene

Barbara Sarah, and Ralph Childers invite friends and supporters to join their response to the Tea Party, for the inauguration of the Hudson Valley Coffee Party, and to honor Congressman Maurice Hinchey, Saturday March 27, 2010 -4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Catering will be by Chefs Gabriel Vasquez and Susan Dixon at Gabriel's Café, 50 John Street Kingston, New York. Donations are \$30 Friend, \$60 Sponsor, and \$90 Patron. Tasty delights included are Pastries, Hors D'Oeuvres, Coffee, Espresso, Cappuccino, Latte, Lemonade, White and Red Wine, RSVP and information at 845.338.8890 or email: susanne@hincheyforcongress.org

If you need information on issues and candidates, one source is Project Vote Smart (PVS) a nonprofit organization independent of any political agenda, that researches, correlates, and distributes factual information on thousands of candidates and elected officials involved in U.S. government. PVS believes that in order to maintain the "informed electorate" that is at the basis of a functioning democracy, "abundant, accurate, [and] relevant information [must be] available free to all citizens." The organization was created to give voters an alternative to the biased information and negative advertising that often accompanies political campaigns.

Have a suggestion for Denning Dems email: denningdems@yahoo.com,

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"

Showing on Friday evening, the 26 of March on TCM is a triple fantasy treat, with three Ray Harryhausen classic's,



first off at 8:00 pm it's, *Jason And The Argonauts* a film made in 1963 about a legendary Greek hero who gets help from the gods to steal the golden fleece. The film cast is; Todd Armstrong, Nancy Kovack, Gary Raymond, Laurence Naismith, and Dir: Don Chaffey, C-104 minutes, and rated

TV-PG. Then at 10:00 pm, *The Clash Of The Titans* a 1981 classic about a young Greek hero who fights many monsters including the dreaded Gorgon, to win and save the life of the woman he loves. Cast: Laurence Olivier, Claire Bloom, Maggie Smith, and Burgess Meredith Dir: Desmond Davis, C-118 mins, rated TV-14. Last but not least at 12:15 am Saturday morning, *The Golden Voyage Of Sinbad*, The 1973 classic film when Sinbad battles a fiendish magician and his many monsters. Cast: John Phillip Law, Tom Baker, Caroline Munro, and Douglas Wilmer, Dir: Gordon Hessler C-105 mins, rated TV-PG.

Quiz:

A. Name actor who played Zeus in "Clash of the Titans," he also played the lead in "Hamlet?"
 B. Who did the superb stop action animation in these films?

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

The name *Ray Harryhausen* may not be familiar to everyone but to those of us who do know it, his name stands as a landmark in the history of film making in the area of bringing to life stories from our ancient legends, to stories of Mother Goose, and futuristic sci-fi classics. His expertise was in the genre of cinematic art, primarily in the field of dimensional stop-motion animation. Ray made his name by developing fantastic stories, creatures, and creating a unique genre of fantasy films during the 1950s, 60s and 70s. These films took the movie making world and the public by storm.

Ray Harryhausen stands as a beacon to today's fantasy filmmakers as the creator who inspired them. He made the impossible possible. For more on Ray Harryhausen goggle him or try: <http://www.rayharryhausen.com/index.php> >
 Don't miss these wonderful classics.

April 1st fishing season begins! Don't forget your application for an Access Permit for NYC DEP lands. Complete and mail it to: NYC DEP - Access Permits, 71 Smith Avenue, Kingston, NY 12401. Once a completed application is received and accepted by DEP, an Access Permit will be issued and mailed to the permit holder. This typically takes about two weeks, so plan accordingly. Access Permit applications may also be submitted via the Internet for those 18 years of age and older. Approved online applicants can print their Access Permits immediately and avoid mailing delays.

Have a Great Day!

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

B. Anthony Quinn
 A. Peter O'Toole

Ans: