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OOPS!... ONE DOLLAR, ONE LINE, ONE ITEM AD FLYER IN THIS ISSUE

We apologize for not having the *One Dollar, One Line, One Item Flyer* in last week's issue, but it was 'misplaced' during transit (MIA) and is in this week's issue. We apologize for any inconvenience or confusion. Thank you. L.C.

4-H PUPPY PALS REPORT

The 4-H Puppy Pals met in Grahamsville, NY to decorate the Post Office. Everyone in the 4-H group was there. It was decorated about why we like 4-H. Make sure to stop in, it looks really nice.

Submitted by Emily Carey
Club Leaders Amy Carey and Kelly Plescia.

HINCHEY STATEMENT ON HOUSE PASSAGE OF THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA ACT

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) released the following statement regarding House passage of the Affordable Health Care for America Act on Saturday. The congressman voted in favor of the legislation.

"Today, our country took a long, overdue step toward ensuring that every American has access to quality, affordable health care. By passing this bill, the House is ensuring that no American will ever be denied health coverage because of a pre-existing condition nor will any American ever lose their insurance because they become sick. The bill also eliminates co-pays for preventative care, which will encourage people to see a doctor for regular check-ups so that diseases and illnesses can be caught before becoming major health issues. This will save lives and it will also save money by avoiding the need for the more costly treatment of conditions that would have otherwise gone undetected until they became more severe. The bill also imposes yearly caps on out-of-pocket expenses so that no Americans are forced into insurmountable debt because they fall ill. At the same time, the bill prohibits insurance companies from placing their own caps on how much they will pay for care. (Contd. Pg. 14)

SCCC TO HOST ANNUAL HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW ON NOVEMBER 22

Stock up for the holidays while supporting local artisans at the Sullivan County Community College (SCCC) Annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Show on Sunday, November 22 in the Paul Gerry Fieldhouse from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

More than 100 artists and crafters from throughout the tri-state region are expected at this year's fair which will feature a variety of hand-crafted items for sale including jewelry, gourmet food products, soy candles, handmade soaps, old-fashioned wooden toys, pottery and more. There is no admission charge, and refreshments will be available.

The college is still accepting vendors. For more information and to register, call Hillary Egeland at 845-434-5750 ext. 4377.

MISS TEEN NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL - ADRIONNA SHERWOOD



Miss Teen Grahamsville, Adrionna Sherwood crowned 2010 Miss New York International, Adrionna Sherwood at Villa Roma Beauty Pageant

For the second year in a row, a Tri-Valley Student, Adrionna Sherwood, has won the title of the new 2010 Miss Teen New York International. Adrionna is a senior at Tri-Valley.

First runner-up in the Miss Teen category was Tri-Valley sophomore, Grace Ienuso.

The title of 2009 Miss Teen New York International was Ariana Kaminsky, also a Tri-Valley student, who was at the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center on October 11th to pass on her title, as well as congratulate her fellow schoolmates.

Way to go Tri-Valley and congratulations girls

PRASAD PROJECT-CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM



PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program Director of Development Carolyn Hansen on the left and Director of the Program Cecilia Escarra on the right after Ms. Hansen's presentation of an update on the program to the Fallsburg Junior/Senior High School faculty on November 2, 2009. She asked for support from the staff to inform families and parents of PRASAD's availability to serve dental needs of students in Sullivan County. PRASAD takes dental insurance, medicaid patients, many of the local medical insurance, and has a sliding scale for the uninsured. The non-profit group provides 2,100 patient visits and 7,800 treatments per year to 17 locations. PRASAD operates on grants and donations. If you wish to donate volunteer time or money, please contact (845) 434-0376, ext 110.

A recent campaign has boosted public interest in PRASAD Children's Dental Health Program (PRASAD CDHP). ShopRite, on Route 52 in Liberty, hosted the event to raise funds and awareness on behalf of PRASAD CDHP. (Contd. Pg. 6)

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

The Grahamsville United Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 10:00 to 3:00 in their Fellowship Hall. The church is located on Route 55 in Grahamsville. There will be watercolors, pottery, stained glass, baked goods, etc. The Christmas Cafe will offer soups, sandwiches and desserts for lunch. A great way to do your holiday shopping!

Call 985-7427 or 985-2283 for more information.

THE DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY IS COLLECTING HATS

The Daniel Pierce Library will once again decorate a tree for the Neversink Renaissance Program's Winter Wonderland Project. This year, we are collecting new winter caps and hats (store-bought and handmade) for all ages, as tree decorations. Our tree will join the many others adorning Bicentennial Park in Grahamsville during this holiday season. After January 3, the hats will be donated and put to good use warming heads throughout our community.

Please bring your hat contributions to the Daniel Pierce Library prior to Monday, November 23, and place them in the holiday box in our lobby. Thank you for your support of this special project. For more information, please call the library at 845-985-7233.

2010 BARN QUILT CALENDARS FOR SALE

Neversink Renaissance is pleased to announce that the 2010 Barn Quilt Calendar is available for purchase. The latest edition of the Barn Quilt Calendar captures picturesque quilt patterns in settings across the four seasons. They may be purchased at the Town Hall or the Daniel Pierce Library for the price of \$7.00. All profits will be used to fund ongoing beautification efforts in the Town of Neversink.

TVTA CARE COALITION THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The TVTA Cares Coalition thanks all who have participated in previous food drives.

The Coalition, in conjunction with the Grahamsville United Methodist and Reformed Churches will be collecting nonperishable items for distribution for Thanksgiving. This distribution will occur on November 23, between the hours of 3:30 and 5 pm. If your family would like to receive a delivery and has not received a call, or if you know of new families who have moved to the district or families that have recently lost jobs and should be added to the list, please contact Mary Zanetti at 985-2296, voice mail extension 4247 or Mary Lee Haag at 985-2455. (Contd. Pg. 3)

SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS: CHOICES FOR LONG TERM CARE - A Single Point of Entry for Long Term Care

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information about long term care services in Sullivan County. The Council is currently reviewing State and local policy issues that impact Sullivan County.. (Contd. Pg 3)

YE OLDE TRI-VALLEY TOWNSMAN
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Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Friday.

NO EXCEPTIONS

If you are submitting your advertising by email, our email address is: tvtownsman@yahoo.com If you do choose to send ad copy via the internet please send it in either PDF (Acrobat) files or JPG format. All press releases/articles should be sent as Microsoft Word Documents (**Word Document with an extension of .doc**).

Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501. As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER Owe no man any thing, but to love one another; for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8

Marie Theresa Kremer (nee McCorkell) passed away on October 15 at Elant, in Goshen. She was 89 years old. She was pre-deceased by her husband, Charles Joseph Kremer, with whom she proudly raised their seven children: Raymond, Michael, Margaret, Anne-Marie, Charles, Andrew, John. The children and their spouses, grandchildren, extended family and friends will miss this remarkable woman.

Born in New York City, January 24, 1920, Marie was raised in Rutherford, New Jersey. After one year of college she began working at the Bendix Corporation where she met her future husband, Charles. During World War II, she became a Marine Corporal. Her love for the Catskills began as a child on Red Hill first as a summer resident, and later when her family moved to Red Hill during the Depression.

Marie was an energetic homemaker, seamstress, crafter and quilter. While raising the family in New Jersey, she was involved in the PTO, the Catholic Youth Organization, and organized numerous spaghetti suppers for St. Catherine's School. After moving to Claryville full-time in 1971, Marie started a long and happy involvement with the Frost Valley YMCA - first as Castle cook, then as a cook in the main camps and Pidgeon Brook, ending up as office manager during the transition from Summer Camp to Environmental Education Center. After her retirement from Frost Valley, Marie turned her talents to quilting and became involved with the Claryville Quilters, served as President of Calico Geese, and was inducted into the Catskill Quilters Hall of Fame. Always up for adventure, Marie was an enthusiastic traveler, whether that was surviving a wild river trip into Alaska with her husband and sons, or exploring Europe with her daughters and granddaughter.

Marie's generous nature and welcoming spirit made our home warm and full of people. She was a good friend and mother who will be remembered by all who knew her. A Memorial Service will be announced for late December. Those wishing to make a contribution in Marie's name may do so to the Frost Valley Campership Endowment Fund, 2000 Frost Valley Rd., Claryville, NY 12725 or online at: www.frostvalley.org/donate

DAYS OF YORE... TODAY'S HISTORY

November 16, 1949

At a special meeting of the Daniel Pierce Library Trustees, held on November 10th, the following officers were elected: Mrs. Wilfrid DeVoc, President; Mrs. James Richardson, Treasurer; Mrs. Sidney Duncan, Secretary; Mr. Fred Groo, Administrator, and Mrs. Alfred Sherman, Chairman of Finance Committee.

Mr. Clarence Slater of Grahamsville has purchased the Burton cattle.

Robert Dice has finished his book and it is now in the publisher's.

Sixteen bids were received by the N.Y.C.B.W.S. at the Board's New York Office for the clearing of the lower portion of the Rondout Reservoir in preparation for the storage of water. The bids are said to range from a low of about \$96,000, submitted by the V.J. Constanza Company of Poughkeepsie, to \$530,000, submitted by the Frazier-Davis Company. It was learned that the bids will be let in the im-

mediate future and work must start within ten days after letting of the contract and be completed within ten consecutive calendar months. It is the object of the contract to remove all perishable and other objectionable material, including buildings, from that portion of the Rondout Reservoir, which is below elevation 760 and to leave the area free of any matter which will injuriously affect the water at the time of flooding.

November 11, 1959

William H. Grey, son of Mrs. Russell E. Grey of Sundown, and an outstanding senior athlete at the University of Vermont, has been named the university's distinguished Air Force ROTC Cadet, it was announced recently. Cadet Grey is a Category 1 cadet in the AFROTC Training program and a graduate of Tri Valley High School.

Division Engineer, Bernard Sullivan, of the New York Board of Water Supply, Roscoe office, advised that progress on construction of the water tunnel from Cannonville to Lows Corners is far ahead of schedule. The scheduled completion date was May 13, 1962. All excavating of the tunnel is expected to be finished in January with only about 6,000 feet of excavating remaining at Shafts VI and VII. Contracts 451 and 453 are finished, but there is finishing work to be done on Shafts II and III. Concreting is now being done at Shaft V.

Monday evening Manville B. Wakefield was elected President of the Sullivan County Historical Society at that organization's Annual Dinner at the Paddock in Monticello. Mr. Wakefield is also affiliated with the Wayne County Historical Society in Honesdale, Pa., the Minisink Valley Historical Society of Port Jervis, and the Railway and Locomotive Historical Society of Boston.

Mrs. Lucille Doherty, first grade teacher at the Neversink Annex of the Tri Valley School has written an article for the professional publication "Central Ideas".

The lucky hunter who bags a deer Will think his venison is tops. If he has it cut up properly For roasts and stews, steaks and chops! KUM TO KRUM'S

November 12, 1969

It was on November 13, 1844 that the first Reformed Dutch Church in the Chestnut Valley, a half mile below the present location, was dedicated. This church was outgrown in 1882 and a new church was built where the Reformed Congregation now worships. This is the one hundred twenty-fifth year for the Reformed Church in Grahamsville. On next Sunday, November 16th, the Sabbath nearest the anniversary, the Reformed group is holding an anniversary celebration with worship at 10 a.m. followed by a buffet luncheon in the hall.

The Tri-Valley School Board of Education granted permission to the Grahamsville

Men's Club to use the parking facilities on Veterans' Day for the purpose of forming a scheduled parade.

Over three hundred persons participated in the first Veterans Day parade held in Grahamsville.

On Friday morning, Charlotte Evans, who drives the mail from Big Indian to Claryville, when returning to Bid Indian, found that the bridge by Johnson's, near Winnisook, was broken and that the snow plow from Ulster Co. Highway Dept. had fallen into the creek. She returned to Claryville to phone for help. The truck was removed and the bridge made passable by that evening. The driver of the truck was apparently unhurt. Charlotte returned to Big Indian via Stone Ridge.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Erath, 54 yrs. the 17th.

A wonderful day was spent Sunday at the Lows Corners Baptist Church celebrating their 100th anniversary. Nearly 100 persons attended the morning service and more came for the luncheon and afternoon. Rev. Fordham gave people something to think about in the sermon, special music was presented by the choir and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Edward VanDover. Mrs. Floyd Bevier, maker of unusual cakes, presented the luncheon with a cake replicate of the church and hall and an open Bible.

November 8, 1979

The beautiful organ and trumpet music pouring out of the Grahamsville Reformed Church on Sunday afternoon at 4 PM commemorated the 135th Anniversary of the church and the completion of the renovation of the Pipe Organ, which had been installed in the church in 1906. The featured organist was Mary Caskey whose concerts have covered Ohio, New Jersey, New York including St. Patrick's Cathedral, NYC. She considered it a privilege to play on such a fine old organ, so few have been kept and cared for. Performing with Mrs. Caskey on the trumpets were the Jacksons, Fred, Tammy and Lori from Marlboro, N. Y. The organ is now classified in the files of the Organ Historical Society, Inc. During some of the restoration facts were uncovered: the Pipe-maker of the pipes for the organ was Wd. White. The pipe voicer was James Paine, who inscribed on one pipe his name, the month and year (May 1873). Only the best voicers were allowed to so inscribe a pipe.

The Alchemy Club met a Nancy Conjura's home on Saturday. Their new issue of "The Alchemist" will be out by the end of this month.

The November issue of the Popular Mechanic magazine features an article about Pete Johnke, a former resident of Lackawack Hill.

John and Mary Kenny of Olive Bridge have purchased a home on Cole Road, Divine Corners, the seller was Sara Cerchera who has moved to Claryville.

HERE AND THERE

The killing frost didn't do the job, so I finally went to the doctor who put me on a medication that seems to be helping, but also makes me sleepy at times. So what you see is what you're going to get. Next week's column will include an obituary for Melodie LaHanko and a new address for Owen and Shirley Davis.

Have a good week. (pah)

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vermooy

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

TVTA CARE COALITION (From Pg. 1)

Any and all donations are appreciated. Items can be placed in the collection boxes that are located near the main entrances of each school building, Grahamsville Post Office, Neversink Town Hall, or dropped off at the Methodist or Reformed Churches. A special thanks to Leighanne Walsh's class, for making the pies for our families.

The following items are specifically needed for

Thanksgiving:
Frozen turkeys
Canned gravy
Stuffing mix
Instant potatoes
Canned yams/sweet potatoes
Canned green beans, corn, peas
Cranberry sauce

Some other items needed to restock the food pantry are:

Pasta and tomato sauce
Peanut butter & jelly
Canned vegetables & canned tuna
Boxed cereals
Soups and spaghetti/raviolis
Rice

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to TVTA or Food Pantry of the United Methodist Church.

DIVISION OF PLANNING TO HOST FARMLAND PROTECTION PUBLIC SESSIONS, WILDLIFE HABITAT SEMINAR

The Sullivan County Division of Planning, in conjunction with the Towns of Bethel, Liberty, Callicoon and Delaware, are seeking public comment on their recently drafted Farmland Protection Plans, which were made possible through a grant from New York State Agriculture and Markets.

All town residents are invited to join in discussions of the plans at two upcoming public information sessions. The plans are currently in draft form, and members of the public, especially farmers and agri-businesses, are urged to give their input before the plans are finalized and adopted by the Town Boards.

The Towns of Bethel and Liberty will hold their session on Tuesday, November 17th at the Liberty Middle School Cafeteria at 7:30 pm. The Towns of Callicoon and Delaware will hold their session on Thursday, November 19th at the Town of Callicoon Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

The farmland protection planning committees have been working for over a year to develop these plans, with the help of several state and local agencies and other organizations. At each session, Nan Stolzenburg, a consultant with Community Planning and Environmental Associates, will give a brief presentation on the plans, which advocate for a variety of economic, educational, governmental, regulatory, and other actions that the Towns can take to protect farms and farmland, and promote agriculture as a critical part of local life. Following this presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and offer their thoughts on the plans. Each Town's plan is available for view at its Town Hall and main library, and all four plans are available at the Sullivan County Planning Division Office and online at www.co.sullivan.ny.us and www.planningbetterplaces.com.

The Division of Planning, in conjunction with Sullivan Renaissance, is also sponsoring an event on November 18th where you can learn how to provide the basic requirements of food, water and shelter that

will attract wildlife, especially birds, butterflies and amphibians to your backyard. Expert landscape architect Barbara Restaino will help you discover how you can enhance and preserve wildlife habitat on your property by using sustainable design and maintenance practices, including the use of native plants. This collaborative effort is an outcome of the recently adopted Sullivan County Open Space Plan.

The event will take place on Wednesday, November 18th from 7 to 9 PM at the Tri Valley School, 34 Moore Hill Road in Grahamsville.

For more information or to register for either session, please contact the Sullivan County Division of Planning and Environmental Management at 845-807-0527 or planning@scgnet.us. To learn more about the planning process, visit www.planningbetterplaces.com and click the link for the Client Pages.

WELCOME BACK JOE!

Fallsburg Board of Education member Joseph Collura, recently returned from a year of military service for our country. Mr. Collura was attached to Naval Special Warfare, Special Operations Task Force West, Task Unit SWAT, Al Ambar Province, Iraq. Board Vice President Shawn Wiles warmly welcomed him upon his safe return and thanked him for his sacrifice over the past year. An appreciative Board, as well as members of the audience, stood as one in greeting him. Welcome back, Joe!

SULLIVAN CONNECTS (From Pg. 1)

The Council is currently reviewing State and local policy issues that impact Sullivan County.

The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, November 18, 2009, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd Floor) at the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public.

For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, SULLIVAN NY CONNECTS, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701, or (845) 794-3000, ext. 0257.

AUTISM SPECTRUM SUPPORT GROUP

The Autism Spectrum Support Group offers support and education to parents/guardians raising children with Autism, Asperger's Syndrome and other Pervasive Developmental Disorders.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 7:00-8:00 p.m., at the Sullivan County BOCES campus, Ruben Pollack Education Center, Liberty, NY. Come to the E-Wing entrance - Follow the signs at the second driveway.

This week's theme will be "Giving Thanks." Bring your children to the support group evening and while parents are connecting, the kids will have fun with specially trained staff from Sullivan ARC, playin games and doing crafts. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please feel free to contact Sherry Eidel, Sullivan County BOCES' Parent Educator/Resource Facilitator at 295-4042.

Liberty - Monthly Parents for Parents Support Group Meeting

LIBERTY-MONTHLY PARENTS FOR PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

The Parents for Parents Support Group will meet on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 from 6:00-7:30p.m., at the Sullivan County BOCES campus, Ruben Pollack Education Center, Liberty, NY. Come to the E-Wing entrance - Follow the signs at the second driveway. The meeting will take place in room E8.

Bring your children to the support group evening and, while parents are connecting with each other and with the group facilitators, the kids will have fun with staff from Sullivan County BOCES and the Sullivan

County Department of Community Services, playing games and doing crafts.

This week's theme will revolve around "Giving Thanks." We will be having Thanksgiving appetizers and desserts. The night will be spent discussing the various things that the parents and children are thankful for. The children will have fun participating in many Thanksgiving themed activities and games. Free transportation can be arranged with prior notice. In addition to a parent support group, a Sibling Support Group meets at the same time. This support group is for siblings between the ages of 11 and 15, of the family member with an emotional or behavioral issue. This meeting takes place in a separate room and offers youth a safe, confidential place to share feelings and engage in fun activities. You must call to register.

To register and to arrange for transportation to and from the meeting, please contact Laura Fisher (295-4040) or Sherry Eidel (295-4042), Sullivan County BOCES' Parent Educators/Resource Facilitators.

RED FOX - MASTER MOUSER

By Peggy DeWire



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



PUBLIC NOTICES

This is to certify that the following roads within the Town of Denning under my jurisdiction, are designated Seasonal Use as according to NY State Highway Law 205-A. There shall be no snow removal services From December 1 to April 1. These roads are posted as such:

1. Dinch Road from turn-around located at Fisher residence to Bottom.
2. Glade Hill from Barnes Road turn-around to Neversink line.
3. Cross Road from Greenville Road to Dymond Road.
4. Spencer Road to Town line.
5. Wild meadow road from turn-around by Hamlin camp to end.
6. Basily road from State Parking Lot to end.
7. Whitehouse Road from Snow plow turn-around to end.
8. Rudolph Road from Heron/Richards to Dinch Road.
9. Wildcat from Snowplow turn-around to end.

By order of Superintendent
Daniel Van Saders.

11/5, 11/12

ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT - DECEMBER 8, 2009

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the annual election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 8, 2009 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the Neversink Fire House Community Hall located on Route 55, Neversink, New York for the purpose of:

Electing one Commissioner for a 4 year term commencing on January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2013.

Electing one Commissioner for a 5 year term commencing on January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2014.

Candidates for the District Office of Commissioner must submit their petition signed by at least 25 qualified registered voters to the District Secretary at PO Box 394, Neversink New York, 12765 no later than November 18, 2009 to be placed on the ballot. Petition may be obtained by contacting District Secretary at 845-866-2525.

All residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections as of November 16, 2009 shall be eligible to vote.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF
FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT
Kim J. Moore, District Secretary

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HOLIDAY HOURS AT THE TOWN HALL

The Town of Neversink will observe the following Holiday Hours. The Town Hall will be closed on November 26th and 27th for Thanksgiving. It will close at noon on December 24th & all day on the 25th for Christmas and will close at noon on December 31st and all day on January 1st for New Years. The Transfer Station hours will be as usual. Please plan your Town Hall business accordingly. The Town of Neversink wishes you a very Joyous Holiday Season and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

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

Will hold a Regular Board Meeting
On Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.
In the Secondary School Library Lower Level

ANNUAL TOWN HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY TO BE HELD

On Sunday November 29, 2009 at 4:00 PM the Town of Neversink will hold its Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in Bicentennial Square on Main Street in Grahamsville.

There will be caroling in the Square, special music, holiday readings and refreshments. This will officially open the holiday season in the town.

Any organization or group that would like to take part should contact the Town Clerk's Office at 985-2262, x-300.

11/12, 11/19

FALLSBURG JR/SR HS BLOOD DRIVE



From left to right are the morning crew who volunteered, many of whom worked the entire day from 8 AM to 2 PM: seated are Tiffany Kalanick, Paige Seletsky, Gregory Bedik, Morgan Vegliante, and Jillian Alexander; standing are Joel Berrian, Tamara Williams, FTA President Stephen Janove, SGA President Stephen Bedik, Brynn Bertholf, Dan Seletsky, and Zach Ingber

A Blood Drive for the Northeastern Chapter of Red Cross was organized by a joint effort of the Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School Student Government Association (SGA) and Fallsburg Teacher's Association (FTA) on October 28, 2009. The teacher's group arranged for donors from their ranks, set up a canteen manned by retired teachers, and helped organize volunteers. The SGA arranged for student volunteers and donors, set up publicity, and worked with the Red Cross to set up the program. The drive produced 59 usable pints of blood and had over 30 first time donors, mostly from high school students.

FALLSBURG JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW HONOR STUDENTS



As faculty advisor for the Fallsburg Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) for the past two years, Ms Elisa Baum welcomed everyone to Fallsburg High School auditorium. Assistant Principal Frank Godlewski acknowledged the students and parents for their excellence in academic achievement. Next, outgoing officer Morgan Vegliante administered the oath of office to the new officers in the Fallsburg Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, President Logan Mednick, Vice President Kirsten Jacobsen, Secretary Rachel Schmitt, and Chief Justice Samantha Wiles.

The new cabinet then welcomed the following fellow new members to the prestigious group of scholars: Adham Abouhussen, Shakree Gibson, Joseph Haas, Adam Hurwitz, Lindsey Mae Houck, Quinn Jackson, Marisa Justiniano, Shane Martin, Rafael Olan, Alexis Morgan Shea, Karanveer Singh, Danielle Stratton, Celena Stowell, Lillian Thompson, Ilyssa Weiner, Amanda Wilson, and Thomas Zuewsky. The 21 new inductees make a new record high membership of 87. To honor these youngsters for their scholarship and community service, Ms. Brenda O'Neill and (Next Col.)

her Food Services Staff prepared and served awesome strawberry shortcake, fresh fruit and other delicious desserts. It was a fitting ending to a sweet evening.

SURVIVOR TELLS HER STORY TO FALLSBURG LIONS CLUB



Charlotte Elmowitz, raised in Poland and survivor of the Holocaust, shared her story of surviving death camps as a child, losing her family, and emigrating to the United States in 1947 when she spoke to a meeting of the Fallsburg Lions Club on September 17. Ms. Elmowitz spoke of the righteous Christian families who tried to protect victims of the Nazis from persecution and extermination. Her story was uplifting and important for the very young and old in the audience. Lion Member Ira and Jill Steingart came with their two elementary school children, and Lion Steve Vegliante had his junior and senior high school aged children there as well. As Steve said, "It is important for the children to know what happened in the Holocaust."

FALLSBURG CLASS RECEIVES SULLIVAN RENAISSANCE PROGRAM AWARD



Ms. Mona Ingber's class received an award for the beautiful gardens her students created at each of the entrances to Fallsburg High School this past year as part of Sullivan Renaissance Program of beautification of schools. In the photo left to right are Sullivan Renaissance Staff Person Vivian Multari-Ginsberg, student Shane Patterson, Renaissance volunteer Gabrielle Ginsberg, students Joseph Smith, Wilmarie Acevedo Cosme holding Certificate of Excellence, Robert Edwards, Edith Martinez, Kelsey Riddle, Toni Riddle, Ms. Mona Ingber holding \$1000 check, and Sullivan Renaissance's Denise Frangipane. Teacher's Aide Patty Seletsky was unavailable for the photo.

CAS MEMBERS SHOW & HOLIDAY FAIR EXHIBITION

The CAS Arts Center proudly presents the annual CAS Members Show & Holiday Fair running from November 21 - December 30, 2009. This show, throughout the entire gallery, will exhibit the work of members of the Catskill Art Society and the best place to do your Holiday Shopping! In addition to our usual hours (Thursday - Saturday 11am-6pm; Sunday 11am-3pm) the Arts Center will also be open on Monday-Wednesday, December 21-23 from 12-5pm and Saturday-Wednesday, December 26-30 from 12-4pm. The Gallery will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. CAS Arts Center is located at 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor and is wheelchair accessible.

Celebrate with us - Saturday, November 21 Activities

- CAS will host, our annual Members Meeting from 1-2pm. Please come, bring a friend, and share your input.
- CAS Members Show & Holiday Fair opening reception from 2-4pm - wait till you see all the goodies our members have in the gallery - all for sale!

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

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PRASAD (From Pg. 1)



Store employees reached out to shoppers to tell them about PRASAD CDHP, a philanthropic expression of the SYDA Foundation, which provides dental care and dental health education for children in Sullivan and Ulster counties.

Jamie Parker, a full-time student, and a cashier in the store, took the lead in promoting the campaign. She said she was able to share her own knowledge of the dental program, "...because I've used their services."

After the event, PRASAD CDHP Program Administrator Dr Cecilia Escarra presented Jamie with an iPod. "We thank Jamie, and ShopRite's staff and customers, for supporting us in this wonderful way," Dr Escarra said.

Shopper Advocate Tamarr Crawford called Jamie her main go-getter when it comes to promoting the store's efforts on behalf of local nonprofits.

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VOICES FROM THE WEST COAST

Hey all! I have been very busy the last few months. Some concerts, production, promotions, and hearing great music and paying attention to the sports scene across this great land of ours...the United States of America.

The United States of America...think about that for a moment. Our country grew on fundamentals and changes the way we think and act; and yes keeping the peace and praying for another day of living and working for the American Dream. That included two specific days this month. Now, I am not thinking of homecoming nor family time for the moment. Just stop and think of the fundamentals of our past, the freedom to choose who we select in government.

When this was written, I reflected on how lucky I am making it this far in the 21st century and on what newscaster, Tom Brokaw stated, "Our greatest generation."

I certainly hope one and all voted this Election Day 2009 in New York State. The county and local elections count a huge, huge part. Congratulations to the winners this year in Sullivan County and the immediate area.

As for the another special date, including where the Country Music Awards were broadcast, I hope all took time out to thank a veteran. Whether it was the wars preceding World War I to Afghanistan, I have always remembered, the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month-peace was heard. Whether you are in California or the beautiful Catskill Mountains down to Florida and or wherever, take time to thank a veteran and remember him or her on this special day. I remember the days in Woodbourne; Boy Scout Troop 187 and Cub Scout Pack 87, marching in the Veterans Day Parade. Those days mean a lot to me. To me members of my family include veterans and I say to them all - "Veterans- Thank You!"

More to come....
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TOWN OF NEVERSINK VOTERS

I would like to extend my thanks to all of you for your support in last Tuesday's election. I am looking forward to serving you as Highway Superintendent of the Town of Neversink for the next two years.

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AN EVENING OF SONG AND COMEDY

Saturday, December 12th, 8pm at the Arts Society of Kingston, ASK, 97 Broadway, Kingston. Suggested donation: \$15, \$12 for members. ASKforArts.org.

The show features original songs performed by Joe and Jerry, two well known area musicians who offer very different but highly complimentary approaches to songwriting including love or the lack of it to muggings and subway rides. A common thread that runs through the music of these two Brooklyn born songwriters is the desire to capture different people and moments in a way the listener can really feel.

The evening is punctuated (and punctured) with surprise zaniness by Kimberly who dreams of making this duo a trio, starring her!

Joe and Jerry have lived their (Next Col.)

lives around music. In addition to performing, Jerry owned and ran the Joyous Lake and Cafe Espresso in Woodstock. Joe is a master luthier who has built guitars, basses and mandolins for years. Joe and Jerry have played hundreds of gigs in many different contexts including The Phantoms, Blind Mice and JV Squad.

Kimberly wakes up the Hudson Valley daily on Star 93.3 FM. She was a professional actress known for her role as Mindy on Guiding Light and countless television sitcoms, dramas and commercials. She has also performed extensively in regional and community theatre throughout the Hudson Valley and can be heard regularly on NPR's 51%.

About ASK

The Art Society of Kingston presents a diverse range of visual art exhibitions, performances, workshops, classes, and (Next Col.)

other arts-related programming for the benefit of artists, art-lovers, and the general community of the Hudson Valley. Through its initiatives, ASK provides opportunities, resources, and education for artists. In carrying out this mission, ASK enriches the quality of life, bridges cultural gaps, and increases awareness and appreciation of the arts. For more information, please visit ASKforArts.org.

CAPITALISM: A LOVE STORY AT CineArt IN CALICOON

On the 20th anniversary of his groundbreaking documentary *Roger & Me*, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present Michael Moore's *Capitalism: A Love Story*, which examines head on the issue he's been examining throughout his career: the disastrous impact of corporate dominance on the everyday lives of Americans. Today the American dream is looking more like a nightmare as families pay the price with their jobs, their homes, and their savings. Moore takes us into the homes of ordinary people whose lives have been turned upside down; and he goes looking for explanations in Washington, DC, Wall Street, and elsewhere.

Peter Travers of *Rolling Stone* says filmmaker Michael Moore "knows how to put a human face on statistics as we watch banks foreclose on the homes of families who never read the fine print. Moore's fireball of a movie could change your life. It had me laughing with tears in my eyes."

Capitalism: A Love Story is rated R and will screen nightly at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 4 through Monday, December 7 at the Callicoon Theater, 30 Upper Main St, Callicoon, NY.

Admission is \$9. Mondays \$6.

CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art films. A percentage of the profits and \$1 per person from ticket sales benefit the programs and services of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County. For more information, call (845) 887-4460.

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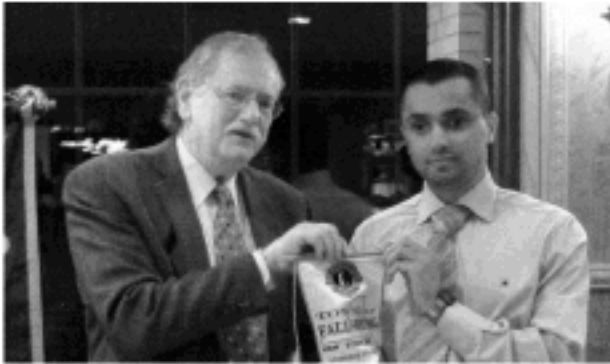
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LION KHALED MUSE ACCEPTS BANNER ON BEHALF OF VISIONS CENTER ON BLINDNESS



Fallsburg Lions Club President Larry Schafman (on the left) presents a banner from the club to fellow Lion Khaled Musa, Program Director and Lions Coordinator for Visions Center on Blindness in New York City, who spoke before the dinner meeting on October 1. Fallsburg Lions Club Secretary Miranda Behan arranged for the speaker who thanked the local club for its ongoing financial support of the efforts of his group that served the needs of 483 individuals who are blind and visually impaired.

HINCHEY UNVEILS BILL THAT INITIATES PROCESS FOR HUDSON RIVER VALLEY TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

In a move that could bring elevated national prestige and levels of federal funding to the region, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today unveiled new legislation he's authored that would initiate the process for the Hudson River Valley special resources study by the National Park Service (NPS). Hinchey's bill would authorize the NPS to conduct a study of the Hudson River Valley to determine if the area could benefit from NPS programs and to make recommendations to Congress on what further action should be taken.

"The Hudson River Valley Greenway and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area have drawn a lot of positive attention to one of the most beautiful places in the country. Designating the Hudson River Valley as part of the National Park System would take the region to the highest, most prestigious level possible while making the region eligible for an increase in federal resources and support," Hinchey said. "These additional resources could be used toward conservation efforts, historic preservation, tourism promotion and a wide array of economic development activities. With the recognition of the National Park Service, the Hudson River Valley would forever have its place as one of America's great natural and historic treasures."

In order for the Hudson River Valley to become part of the National Park System, a congressionally-authorized NPS study must be conducted. Hinchey's legislation would authorize such a study from Fort Edward in Washington County down through Westchester County. The study would entail significant outreach to local communities and extensive research and cataloging of the region's resources. If the NPS's study finds that the Hudson River Valley would be a good fit as part of the National Park System then subsequent legislation would be needed to make that designation. Hinchey said he would immediately introduce the necessary legislation should the NPS's study deem the Hudson

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River Valley to be an appropriate addition to the National Park System.

While the NPS would have a lot of discretion during the study process, Hinchey's bill outlines specific guidelines to ensure that the study recognizes the realities of the Hudson River Valley. (Contd. Pg.)

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FALLSBURG LIONS WELCOME THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR AT SPECIAL MEETING

The dinner meeting of the Fallsburg Lions Club on November 5 at Frankie and Johnny's Restaurant was quite eventful. Eleven members, Ilene and Stuart Wizwer, Miranda Behan, Bob Longo, Larry Schafman, Tim Pantel, Steve Lippen, Loretta and Hank Speckhardt, Stacey Gelb, and Aaron Wizwer, had spent an inspiring previous Sunday November 1 in Fishkill at the District 20-0 Convention. District Governor Cliff Youngs and his wife June were in attendance for his annual visit and talk to the local chapter. Lion and Fallsburg Judge Ivan Kalter was present with wife Eileen as a sponsor for new membership of his son Andrew. Winners of the local competition of the Lions International

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Peace Poster contest, Fallsburg School District students Olivia McCarthy and Katherine Mendez, were announced and their incredible posters displayed. And five former Fallsburg Lions Club Presidents, Steve Miller, Bruce Perlmutter, Stuart Wizwer, Neil Gilberg, and Judge Bart Rasnick, received honorary plaques for their service.

The next dinner meeting for the local club is 6:30 PM November 19 at Catskill Regional Medical Center hosted by CEO and Fallsburg Lion Steven Ruwoldt for the annual presentation of the club's donation to the hospital.

Four Fallsburg students, Brooke Rappaport, Gregory Bedik, Stephen Bedik, and Amanni Sitz, will be invited guests as a thank you for their community service to the Lions. Lion Bob Longo will be featured speaker.

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AT GILLIBRAND'S URGING, NYS TO EXTEND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON MARCELLUS SHALE DRILLING - New Yorkers Will Now Have Three Months To Comment On Natural Gas Drilling Proposal-While Drilling Represents A Tremendous Economic Opportunity, We Need Assurance That The Quest For New Sources of Energy Does Not Come At Expense Of Safe Drinking Water

At the urging of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, New York State today extended the public comment period on the natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale through the end of the year. Senator Gillibrand released the following statement:

"I am pleased that New York State has extended the comment period on drilling in the Marcellus Shale through the end of the year. While this proposal holds tremendous economic opportunity for New York, our quest for new sources of energy and growth cannot come at the expense of clean air and safe drinking water for New Yorkers. I commend New York State for allowing the public appropriate time to discuss the proposal."

GILLIBRAND ANNOUNCES SENATE PASSAGE OF EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FOR JOB SEEKERS, TAX CREDITS FOR FIRST-TIME HOME-BUYERS, ASSISTANCE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced the U.S. Senate tonight passed new legislation that will provide economic assistance to millions of New York families and businesses by extending unemployment benefits for an additional 20 weeks, extending the first-time homebuyer tax credit for another five months, and providing targeted tax relief for businesses of all sizes to free up capital, save and create new jobs. Senator Gillibrand, who strongly pushed for these measures and co-sponsored the legislation, emphasized that cutting taxes for homebuyers and providing assistance to unemployed job seekers will stimulate economic growth and help businesses retain jobs.

"Our economic recovery is not complete until every hardworking New Yorker has access to a good-paying job," Senator Gillibrand said. "The legislation we passed today is another step in the right direction. It will help millions of New Yorkers who were hit hardest by the economic downturn as they continue to search for work. With this measure,

we will also continue to restore confidence in our housing market by bringing more new buyers into the market. Tax credits for homebuyers and benefits for job seekers will help stimulate further economic growth, but we must continue to stay focused on our recovery. We must ensure small businesses have access to the capital they need to grow and create jobs to fuel our recovery for the long term."

The job market is historically the last part of an economic recession to recover - forcing the unemployed to bear the brunt of recessions the longest and making it increasingly difficult to find new work. In addition to providing a lifeline for the unemployed, jobless benefits are effective economic stimulus because it puts money in the hands of those who need it most and who spend it immediately - injecting activity back into the sluggish economy. In fact, Moody's estimates that every dollar of unemployment benefits translates to \$1.64 in economic stimulus.

Similarly, economists point to the first-time homebuyer tax credit as being incredibly important to our recovery by stabilizing our housing market and spurring new buyers. In fact, since the start of this year, the tax credit has led to over 150,000 new and existing home sales, according to estimates from the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). (Contd. Pg. 14)



SUPERVISOR'S CORNER

By: Greg J. Goldstein, Town of Neversink Supervisor

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support on Election Day! I will continue to do my best for the Town of Neversink. During the past four years the Town Board has had many accomplishments. I thought this would be a good time to summarize some of those accomplishments.

We have developed a Town of Neversink website, an Emergency Management Plan, and a "Supervisor's Corner" published in The Townsman (thank you to Linda Comando and The Townsman staff for allowing me to do this).

We have begun working on a Wind Tower Law and have worked diligently to get cell service to our area. We have adopted the necessary laws which would govern the construction of a tower, but the delay has been trying to obtain a commitment from a major carrier such as AT&T or Verizon.

The Towns of Neversink and Denning, NYCDEP, and Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District are developing a stream management plan for the upper Rondout Creek and the East and West Branches of the Neversink River.

The Neversink Sewer Extension Project is ready for homeowner hook-up which will begin in the Spring.

With NYS Senator John Bonacic's aid, I acquired \$25,000 to purchase equipment for our three fire departments. The fire departments were able to purchase and install a cascade system, purchase new pagers, a new computer system for training and record keeping, and a new generator.

Also through NYS Senator John Bonacic, I acquired two beautification grants totaling \$40,000. With these funds the Neversink Renaissance Committee was able to make several improvements throughout the town including flower tubs and baskets, new and replacement flags and two informational kiosks. One kiosk is placed where the bald eagles inhabit the area on Route 55A and the other is located at the fairgrounds with town history and events displayed. Numerous "barn quilts" have been constructed and are displayed throughout the town. A beautiful new Town Hall sign was purchased, plus the leveling and clean-up of debris at the City Little League Field. At the fairgrounds, water tanks were replaced, six new picnic tables were added and we purchased a new commercial pool cleaner. With the help of the Time and the Valleys Museum, a new kiosk was built in Willowemoc which is located by the Willowemoc Creek.

Other accomplishments are: we had dead trees removed from the Thunder Hill Cemetery; we replaced the aging shed at the dog pound, and purchased a shed that is located at the fairgrounds for exhibits and displays for the Time and the Valleys Museum. We have ordered Automatic External Defibrillators for the town hall, highway department and pool/fairgrounds.

I will continue to work with our state representatives to bring more monies for other town improvements.

Reminder The Town Hall will be closed on November 26th & 27th in observance of Thanksgiving.

Dept. of Motor Vehicles The DMV will be at the Town Hall from 10 AM to 2:30 PM on November 12th and December 10th.

Hunting License Hunting licenses for the 09-10 hunting season are now on sale. Southern zone bow deer hunting season began on October 17th. Southern zone regular deer hunting season begins on November 21st. Hunting licenses can be purchased at the Town Clerk's Office from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Sewer Project Update We are now waiting for final approval of the project and hope to have some good news very soon. **REMINDER - IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU DO NOT START THE SEWER HOOK-UP UNTIL INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK.**

Stream Management Program The Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District and NYC DEP, along with cooperation from the Towns of Neversink and Denning will be developing stream management plans for the upper Rondout Creek and the East and West Branches of the Neversink River. It is through this effort that they will be looking at ways to prevent damage to property owners caused by chronic flooding, erosion problems, etc.

Tree Lighting Ceremony Mark your calendars for the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Bicentennial Square which will be held on Sunday, November 29th at 4:00 PM. There will be caroling, special music and holiday readings. This will mark the official opening to the holidays in our community. Refreshments will be served.

Veterans Day I would like to thank Polly and Don Hill, Miles Ellison, Carol Furman, Bryan Delaney and everyone who assisted in putting together an impressive flag exchange service this past Veterans Day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 985-2262 ext. 301.

Anyone interested in having the Supervisor's Corner e-mailed to them, please contact Brenda Devore @ 985-2262 ext. 306 with your e-mail address. She will put you on a list to receive the column when it comes out each month.

BONACIC: VOTE ON EVERY CUT PROPOSED BY PATERSON AND SENATE GOP

State Senator John Bonacic (R/I/C - Mt. Hope) today applauded Governor Paterson's desire to call for a special session of the State Legislature next week to vote on the Governor's deficit reduction plan.

Governor Patterson has offered a plan to reduce State spending. Senate Republicans, as the Governor has noted, have offered a plan to reduce spending. Senate Democrats and Assembly Democrats have offered no plan. Instead, Senate Democrats have been touring the State holding hearings on Paterson's proposal, arguing that the State not actually facing the deficit both Paterson and State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli say exists. "Anyone who wants to ignore the deficit apparently studied at the Bernie Madoff school of finance," Senator Bonacic said.

Bonacic suggested that Paterson take the two plans offered - one by Senate Republicans and one

by the Governor, put each proposed reduction into separate bills, and then seek a vote on each of them - item by item.

"If there is one thing the voters said Tuesday night, it is that the taxes have got to stop. Voters screamed for change against the Democrats' taxing and spending - particularly in the Hudson Valley and Long Island where we were hit with the Democrats' MTA tax. We need to cut spending, and develop a back to basics approach to government," Bonacic said.

Frequently, budget proposals are put forward in one massive bill, giving Legislators ample opportunity to vote against the proposal because one or more favored items would be cut. A vote on each proposal cut - item by item, would hold elected officials accountable and create the greatest chance for successful votes on spending reductions.

"Governor Paterson may not be popular but he is

right. We need to vote on each individual reduction proposed so far - item by item - both the ones offered by the Governor, and the ones offered by Senate Republicans. We told Democrats in March and April that their tax and spend budget was too much. Now they need to come back to reality, and vote on the solutions offered by the Governor and Senate Republicans, and finally reduce spending and cut taxes like New Yorkers have been demanding," concluded Senator Bonacic.

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HINCHEY AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA ACT (From Pg. 1)

"Within the congressional district I represent, approximately 63 percent of the population, 415,000 residents, receive health insurance through their employers. Under this bill, if those people like their insurance plan and their doctors they can keep them while receiving increased benefits. Those who do not receive insurance through an employer or lose their coverage will be able to purchase insurance at group rates through the newly created Health Insurance Exchange that will feature an array of private insurance options along with a new public option. This will provide those people with access to new health insurance choices that were previously unavailable. The Exchange and public option, which will also be open to small businesses, will spur greater competition that will reign in costs.

"In order to ensure that health insurance isn't too expensive for those who don't receive coverage through an employer, individuals and families with an income level of up to four times the poverty level -- an income of up to \$88,000 for a family of four -- will receive affordability credits under the bill to help cover the cost of coverage. There are 158,000 households in the district I represent that could qualify for these affordability credits. Additionally, 16,100 small businesses in the district I represent will be able to participate in the Exchange with nearly 94 percent of those small businesses qualifying for tax credits to help them cover as much as 50 percent of the cost of providing health insurance.

"The 109,000 Medicare recipients who I represent in Congress will also benefit from free preventative and wellness care, enhanced treatment, and the phased-in closing of the gap in prescription drug coverage -- known as the donut hole -- that currently forces 7,200 local seniors residing in the district I represent to pay the full cost of their drugs. Medicare recipients will also benefit from the federal government finally gaining the ability to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for the best drug prices possible. This will drive down the price that Medicare recipients will have to pay for their prescription drugs.

"While I would have strongly preferred a universal health care bill that guaranteed quality health insurance for every American, such a bill was unfortunately not politically viable at this time. Nevertheless, the bill we passed today provides coverage to 53,000 residents in the district I represent who currently have no health insurance. Since 2000, small business health care expenses in this country have risen 129 percent. Without the passage of this bill, the average American family would see its health care costs increase \$1,800 each year over the next decade. We already know that 53 percent of Americans postpone care or medication because of cost. That number would rise even higher without reform. In a country as great as ours we simply cannot allow health care to be cost-prohibitive. Every American must have access to quality, affordable health care. This bill takes enormous steps forward in that regard by fixing our broken health care system and reining in an out of control private insurance industry."

GILLIBRAND (From Pg. 12)

Moody's Chief Economist Mark Zandi expects the credit to draw nearly 400,000 buyers into the market by the end of the year.

The legislation passed last week will extend the tax credit another five months to give the housing market more time to stabilize, and bring more new families and first-time buyers into the market. To crack down on fraudulent uses of the first-time homebuyer tax credit, Senator Gillibrand worked to insert language into the current bill that would require more oversight from the IRS. Specifically, this language would prevent fraud by requiring anyone seeking to claim the credit to be at least 18 years of age and to submit their settlement statement with their tax returns. Additionally, it would enhance the IRS's authority to investigate potential cases of fraud and require the IRS to report to Congress on any prosecutorial and investigatory actions related to the tax credit within 90 days after enactment and quarterly thereafter.

The bill also provides tax cuts for large and small businesses that have been hit hardest by the recession by allowing them to deduct losses from taxes paid in previous years. This will allow more businesses to prevent job cuts and free up capital for new investments as we continue to recover from the economic downturn.

Senator Gillibrand is advocating for additional efforts to rebuild the economy and create good-paying jobs. Because small businesses account for nearly two-thirds of all private sector job creation, Senator Gillibrand is pushing new efforts that would use approximately \$40 billion (Next Col.)

in unused TARP funds for loans to small businesses to give them the support they need to grow, create jobs and continue fueling our recovery.

As another step to continue creating new jobs, Senator Gillibrand is also advocating for new proposals that would provide additional tax credits for businesses as an incentive to create jobs, build their workforce and put more New Yorkers back to work.

HINCHEY HELPS HOUSE PASS BILL TO EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS, HOMEBUYERS' TAX CREDIT, BUSINESS TAX RELIEF TO STIMULATE LOCAL ECONOMY

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today helped the House pass a bill to provide stability to American families hit hardest by the recession and to stimulate the local economy by extending unemployment benefits, the homebuyers' tax credit, and tax relief for military families and businesses. The Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act will provide immediate assistance, extending relief to millions of workers, families, and businesses nationwide. The bill now moves to the White House where President Obama is expected to sign it into law.

"This bill provides a helping hand to those who need it most -- Americans who have lost their job and continue to suffer from unemployment for long periods of time in this very difficult economy," Hinchey said. "The unemployment funds provided in this bill will help people pay for groceries, fill their cars with gas, and pay their mortgage or rent on time. This bill will also help spur the housing market by providing much-needed tax credits to both first-time homebuyers and those who have already been homeowners for at least five years. Additionally, this legislation provides tax relief to businesses so that they can stay afloat in the face of difficult economic circumstances."

The legislation Hinchey voted for today will provide unemployed New Yorkers who have exhausted or will exhaust their benefits before the end of this year with an additional 20 weeks of emergency unemployment compensation. The extension is fully paid for and will provide an immediate, effective stimulus to the local economy. The Congressional Budget Office has cited unemployment benefits as one of the most cost-effective forms of economic stimulus, and every dollar spent on unemployment benefits generates \$1.63 in new demand, according to Moody's chief economist Mark Zandi.

Importantly, the bill also extends the popular \$8,000 first-time homebuyers tax credit, which has been credited with helping to revivify the housing market, to April 30, 2010 and provides a new \$6,500 credit to homebuyers who have lived in their current residence for five years or more. It also helps military families struggling to make mortgage payments by making those payments tax-exempt.

To breathe life back into American businesses suffering from huge losses, the bill also allows U.S. companies to carry back losses incurred in either 2008 or 2009 against income earned in any of the five prior years.

HINCHEY UNVEILS BILL THAT INITIATES PROCESS FOR HUDSON RIVER VALLEY TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (From Pg. 9)

These guidelines require the NPS to closely examine park unit models, in particular national river and recreation areas, as well as other landscape protection models, that encompass large areas of non-federal lands within their designated boundaries; foster public and private collaborative arrangements for achieving NPS objectives, and protect and respect the rights of private land owners.

Designating the Hudson River Valley as a unit of the NPS, would dramatically increase the level of funding and attention that the NPS could invest in the region. Historic sites would be eligible for new aid, local communities would be able to work more effectively with the NPS to protect natural resources, and recreational resources, such as trails, would be enhanced. Hinchey's bill explicitly states that any future NPS designation must respect the rights of private land owners. There would be no forced land acquisition activities permitted.

Hinchey has long sought greater recognition, protection, and resources for the Hudson River Valley. As a member of the New York State Assembly, Hinchey authored the legislation that led to the creation of the Hudson River Valley Greenway, creating a process for voluntary regional cooperation among 264 communities within 13 counties that border the Hudson River. The Greenway is an innovative state-sponsored program created to facilitate the development of a regional strategy for preserving scenic, natural, historic, cultural and recreational (Next Col.)

resources while encouraging compatible economic development and maintaining the tradition of home rule for land use decision-making. When Hinchey arrived in Congress, he authored legislation that led to the designation of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, which provides technical assistance to local communities or local managers to assist them in managing natural and historic sites of national importance. As a unit of the National Park System, the Hudson River Valley would be in line for significantly more resources and assistance from the NPS.

"The Hudson River Valley is home to some of the most unique cultural, historic, natural, recreation and scenic resources in the entire country. As a unit of the National Park Service, we would be able to more prominently feature and protect these precious resources for this and future generations of New Yorkers and all Americans," Hinchey said. "Additionally, living within a nationally recognized park service unit would likely enhance the attractiveness of that region and properties located within it because of the significant attention and resources that accompany this designation."

Hinchey first suggested that the Hudson River Valley should be made a unit of the National Park Service at the 2009 Hudson River Summit held at West Point in June 2009. Following that speech, Hinchey received very positive feedback on that suggestion and has pursued the idea ever since.

There are existing NPS units that serve as excellent models for a Hudson River Valley designation, including the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area. These units encompass river corridors and cover mostly non-federal land, yet they are permanent units of the NPS, funded and supported through the NPS's annual operating plans.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE HEIN APPLAUDS CATSKILL REGIONAL SKI COLLABORATION

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to acknowledge that the five ski resorts he convened for an historic collaboration promoting skiing in the Catskills, have decided to build upon prior success with a new, expanded promotion for 2009-2010.

Belleayre, Holiday, Hunter, Plattekill and Windham Mountains have teamed up with the Catskill Association for Tourism Services (CATS) to launch a new CATS Card. The new CATS Winter Card costs \$25 and can be used an unlimited number of times for 20 percent off of the purchase price of full-day tickets at any of the participating five ski centers. CATS Cards will be available starting December 1st online at www.catscard.com or by calling 1-800-NYS-CATS (1-800-697-2287).

The ski resorts attended a meeting in February along with government and economic development leaders at the invitation of Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. The County Executive saw a need to put aside competitive differences and act regionally to divert metropolitan New York skiers away from Vermont's slopes and to the Catskills.

"We were told it was impossible to bring the public and private sectors together across county lines, but we never accepted that. I'm delighted that the original effort was successful and that this new initiative is moving forward," said Executive Hein. "The ski resorts and my colleagues in the surrounding counties deserve credit for recognizing the value of working together and developing a solid plan of action. The ski industry is a vital part of the regional economy and we must do everything we can to continue these types of win-win scenarios."

Last spring County Executive Hein urged the ski resorts to maximize the tremendous potential opportunity offered by pooling regional resources to persuade skiers that the Catskills offered great skiing, great resorts - and a much closer destination. Statistics showed that tens of thousands of metro NY area skiers passed right by Catskill Mountain thruway exits on their way to Vermont and other New England resort destinations. A successful March 2009 Ski the Catskills spring promotion was launched and resulted in an estimated 10 to 1 return on investment. Added revenues help local businesses and augment sales tax collections.

"Working together as a region is essential if we hope to gain market share over Vermont and other destinations," said Belleayre Mountain's Superintendent, Tony Lanza. "I applaud County Executive Hein's efforts in persuading all of the interested parties to join forces."

"Tourism is a key part of Ulster County's economy," said Lance Matteson, President, Ulster County Development Corporation. "The CATS Card will make it easier for skiers to grab a piece of the Ulster County experience and enjoy the outstanding ski and snowboarding venues the Catskills offers."

This new promotion coincides with Ulster County's recently launched marketing campaign, www.ulstercountyalive.com, designed to attract more visitors and strengthen the area tourism industry.

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FREE BINGO Friday November 20 Town Hall 7 pm Bring a non-perishable food item for the local food pantry.

FREE Pizza & Christmas Craft Friday December 4. 5:30 pm Town Hall. Quick dinner & decorate Gingerbread cookies. All supplies will be provided. **FREE to residents/\$8 non-residents must be signed up no later than November 10.**

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MURDER MYSTERY THEATER AT ROSCOE CENTRAL SCHOOL

The Roscoe Central School Drama Club will be presenting Murder Mystery Theater ON Friday, November 13th at 7:00 pm General Admission - \$5 per ticket and Saturday, November 14th at 3pm Dessert Theater - \$10 per ticket Seating is limited for Saturdays performance. Tickets may be purchased from any student in RCS Drama Club or Kelly 607-498-4126

CELEBRATING NOVEMBER'S NATIONAL FAMILY CAREGIVER MONTH

November is National Family Caregiver month, recognizing the significant efforts that caregivers make throughout the year as they provide care and assistance to those who need help to remain in their homes and communities of choice.

A party celebrating and honoring our county caregivers will be held on Saturday November 14, from 2-4 pm, at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center (256 Sunset Lake Road, Liberty) hosted by the Caregiver Resource Center. This free program will include delightful entertainment by the musical group Sammy Fain and Friends. Sammy Fain, a resident of Sullivan County, composed I'll Be Seeing You, Love is a Many Splendored Thing, Secret Love, Tender is the Night, Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella, and many, many more beloved songs! Caregivers who want to attend the party are strongly encouraged to register at 292-5250 by November 13.

Along with the Sammy Fain performance, the



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THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

- 11/11/09 **VETERANS' DAY-** Town of Neversink Holiday
- 11/11/09 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 11/12/09 **Dept. of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall - 10 am - 2 :30 pm**
- 11/12/09 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 11/14/09 **Roast Pork Dinner 5-7 PM Claryville Reformed Church**
- 11/16/09 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting
- 11/17/09 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 11/18/09 **Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting- 1:30pm Town Hall Grahamsville**
- 11/18/09 Neversink Rondout Antique Tractor Meeting - 7:30 Neversink Fire House
- 11/18/09 Neversink Fire Dist Meeting - 7:30 pm - Public Meeing 8:00 pm
- 11/21/09 **Warwarsing Christian Academy Holiday Craft & Bake Sale 10am-3 pm (see our ad on Pg. 13)**
- 11/21/09 Claryville Fire Dept. **Spaghetti Supper 4-8 pm - Hunters Welcome!**
- 11/21/09 **Ulster Heights UMC Church Fair & Luncheon 10am-4 pm call 647-7680**
- 11/26 & 27/09 **Town of Neversink Holiday - THANKSGIVING**
- 11/29/09 Claryville Fire Dept. **Monthly Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon**
- 12/29/09 **ANNUAL HOLIDAY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY 4 pm Bi-Centennial Square Grahamsville**
- 12/2/09 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 12/5/09 Grahamsville UMC **Holiday Craft Fair**
- 12/5/09 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall**
- 12/5/09 **Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Christmas Luncheon 12:00 noon-tentative Albert's**
- 12/8/09 Claryville Fire District Elections 6-9/Fire District Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12/8/09 Town of Denning Bill Audit meeting 7 pm
- 12/9/09 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 12/10/09 **Dept. of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall - 10 am - 2 :30 pm**
- 12/10/09 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:30 pm - Denning Town Hall
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SAVE THE DATE!

14th Annual Women's Conference to be held on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at Sullivan County Community College

Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>

Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>

Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>

Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org>

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>

To find out what is happening at **Tri-Valley CSD:** <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

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

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| CANNIE D'S | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne) | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY |
| BLUE HILL LODGE | | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE |
| ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.) | | PETER'S MARKET |

afternoon also includes hand reflexology (massages) by 'Nature's Touch' Sue Buzzell for attending family caregivers, a short stress reduction presentation for caregivers by the Caregiver Resource Center ('Cool, Calm & Collected'), and delicious desserts & snacks as caregivers socialize.

There are more than 2.2 million caregivers in New York State and these caregivers provide the majority of long term care assistance given to frail, older residents and adults with disabilities. Without the care provided by unpaid caregivers, many older residents would likely be placed in institutional settings or nursing homes, sometimes miles away from their homes and family members.

FALLSBURG STUDENTS HAVE SOLAR LIGHT IN SIGHT

Fallsburg High School's Environmental Club under the guidance of science teacher Don Thomas have been supporting solar lighting for the past two years through the projects directed by Sullivan Renaissance to bring the green technology to the streets of Woodridge, Swan Lake, and at the Woodstock memorial in Bethel. They recently attended a special presentation at Bethel Woods to acknowledge the economic success of the new lighting at the invitation of Sullivan Renaissance.



5 SKI AREAS IN THE CATSKILLS TEAM UP TO LAUNCH MYCATSCARD.COM; \$25 CARD OFFERS 20% OFF LIFT TICKETS THROUGHOUT 2009-2010 SEASON

Five ski resorts in the Catskills - Belleayre Mountain, Holiday Mountain, Hunter Mountain, Plattekill and Windham Mountain - are collaborating with the Catskill Association for Tourism Services (CATS) to launch a new CATS Card offering skiers and snowboarders 20% off the retail price of lift tickets throughout the 2009-2010 season. The cards, which will cost \$25 each, can be used an unlimited number of times at any of the five ski areas for the purchase of full-day tickets for seniors, adults or children.

Starting December 1, the CATS Card will be available for purchase online at www.mycatscard.com or (Next Col.)

by calling 1-800-NYS-CATS (1-800-697-2287). Each purchaser will receive a personalized card and must show a driver's license or photo identification at the ski areas to purchase lift tickets at the discounted rate. The card is not valid on holidays, cannot be combined with other offers and is not transferrable.

"The ski resorts in the Catskill Mountains offer a wide variety of terrain and services in much closer proximity for skiers and riders traveling from New York City, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The CATS Card will give them added incentive to explore our winter resorts, the natural splendor of our landscape and the charm of our surrounding towns," said Brian Czarnecki, Director of Marketing for Hunter Mountain.

"Skiers and riders from the NY metro area can be on the slopes in two hours or less and eliminate the extra time and expense of traveling to far away resorts," said Kirt Zimmer, Director of Sales & Marketing at Windham Mountain. "The Catskill Mountains offer such a great variety of resorts. We're thrilled that the CATS Card will give folks an affordable way to check that out for themselves."

"Skiers and riders from the metro New York region should realize some of the best skiing in the East is closer than they might think," said Jonathan King, Director of Marketing at Belleayre. "Belleayre is excited to be partnering with the Catskill region's ski areas to further heighten awareness about skiing and snowboarding in the Catskills."

The CATS Card promotion is an expansion of the successful March 2009 marketing campaign conducted by the regional tourism association and ski areas to promote spring skiing in the Catskills. The new card will be promoted through outdoor advertising, with billboards strategically placed on highways leading to Vermont ski areas and at rail stations throughout the tri-state area. The campaign is being paid for by a combination of county and private funds, with CATS utilizing I Love New York regional matching funds for part of the cost and the ski areas funding part of the cost.

CATS is the regional destination marketing association comprised of the tourism promotion agencies in Delaware, Greene, Sullivan and Ulster Counties. With tourism a key economic driver of those four counties, the collaboration works to boost visitors and market share by promoting outdoor recreation, golfing, camping, hunting and fishing, lodging, dining and other activities and events in the Catskills. CATS recently launched an iPhone application for the Catskills. For more information, visit:

www.visitthecatskills.com



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The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month.

On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.
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Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every **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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GOOD NEWS

It's time to update our list of men and women who are in the armed services. Please bring in their name and address to **Grahamsville Hardware**, 171 Main Street, PO Box 417, Grahamsville, NY 12740 and we will post them so everyone can send a letter or package. Getting something from us will let them know we support them. If you can't bring the information to the store, you can mail it to the above address.

Let's remember we are at war and they need our support.

Denning Democrats

The election is over but the issues remain. Sundown is virtually without services, and is facing further reductions in police protection and other services. Recently, when the police needed a Justice to resolve an issue in the Sundown area of the Town of Denning, Judge Follender was nowhere to be found. Multiple police departments- local, city, and state were forced to waste hours looking for a judge. When none could be found in the Town of Denning, the police were forced to look elsewhere, at great hardship and unnecessary time and dollar costs. All this waste, because the justice seat in Sundown was wrongly dissolved in the Town of Denning. Add to this a 35 to 55 mile round trip to take our garbage to the dump, and the threat of voting District 2 being dissolved, means increased hardships for Sundown residents.

Now that federal funds from the stimulus package are available for broadband, and cell towers are still out of reach, after years of so-called negotiations, we still do not have these necessities. The need for a Fire District sub-station is very apparent in Sundown. Although Grahamsville does its best to service this community, the distance they have to travel to answer a fire call is sometimes too far away to be effective.

After speaking to many of the residents of Sundown the consensus of opinion is that, we pay our share of taxes and should be entitled to the same services as the other parts of the Town of Denning. Send your comments to: denningdems@yahoo.com or call 845.985.0501

Democratic Committee Chair
 Frank Comando

ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

A. Trevor Howard
 B. Leslie Caron

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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"

Father Goose (1964)
 One of Archibald Alexander Leach's comical classic greats, and yes, he's Cary Grant playing a WWII drifter who drinks a bit, and finds himself in a humorous dilemma protecting schoolgirls and their beautiful teacher. Cast: Cary Grant, Leslie Caron, and Trevor Howard. Dir: Ralph Nelson. C-116 mins, TV-G, CC, Letterbox Format
 TV-PG, CC, Letterbox Format on Monday, November 16, 2009 @ 6:00 PM on TCM
 Quiz:



A. Name the actor who played the character Commander Frank Houghton?

B. Name the actor who played the character Catherine Freneau?

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

Clean Out Your Refrigerator Day: it is November 15, so clean out your refrigerator today and get ready for the holiday leftovers!

Button Day is always November 16! **Button Day** is a fun day to collect, use, and just enjoy buttons. Buttons come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, colors, and designs. There is an amazingly endless variety of buttons for your collection. However, wait a minute.... is that the meaning of this day? Maybe, the purpose of this day is to wear buttons. You know, those diverse buttons that send a message for political purposes, or, ones that have funny sayings, or, a button with a smiley face to cheer everyone up. Actually we are not certain of the real meaning of this day, which could be a good thing. It means you can celebrate today in anyway you want. ... but here are a few suggestions: collect and display clothing buttons. How about **Button Up Day**- 'cuz it is cold outside! Or **Pushing Your Buttons Day**! Wear Buttons Day-let's skip the political buttons. My favorite is a Smiley button. However you choose to celebrate, have a **Happy Button Day**! Origin of **Button Day**: We did not find any information about the origin of this special day, when it began or who originated it. Apparently, the originator's lips were buttoned up!

November 15 is officially **America Recycles Day** or (ARD), this is the only nationally recognized day dedicated to encouraging Americans to recycle and to buy recycled products. Need to take recycling 101 and refresh your recycling ABC's try: <http://www.americarecyclesday.org/about-ard.aspx> and save our oceans and fresh water recycle.

November is also Aviation History Month so check out: <http://www.olderhinebeck.org>

No, there is more for November it is **Peanut Butter Lovers' Month**. Learn more about peanut butter at <http://www.peanutbutterlovers.com>

It is yummy.

On the serious side, November is also **Epilepsy Awareness Month**, if you or any of your loved ones suffer from this dread disease and need a basic understanding go to <http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/index.cfm> for a deeper understanding, and prevention is a worthwhile endeavor.

WOW! November is Cool.

Bye,
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