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**REMINDER: Deadline for October 1st ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD FLYER is this Friday, Sept. 25. See Page 16 for details.**

### "BETTER BOOK SALE" AT GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY

This year's "Better Book Sale" at the 24th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade on October 3, 2009 will feature an especially outstanding selection of new and gently used books. As book contributions have come in throughout the summer, the very finest books have been set aside for sale on October 3, including popular fiction and non-fiction, lovely children's books, delicious cook-books, art and history books and much more. Plan to spend lots of time at the "Better Book Sale" this year, to add to the quality of your personal library, to purchase books for gift-giving, or to find that special read for a cool, fall afternoon. For more information, please contact the Daniel Pierce Library at (845)985-2283.

### FALL FOLIAGE REPORT

Sullivan County is looking forward to the colorful fall foliage season ahead. The Sullivan County Visitors Association takes into account the foliage status from around the county and provides it to I Love New York as well as visitors and residents with its predictions of foliage intensities each week of the season.

For this weekend, September 18-20, the SCVA is predicting up to a 25% color change. We are currently at the beginning of the color change cycle with the foliage predominantly green with varying shades of amber, gold and a sprinkling of burnished reds.

For more information on the Sullivan County Catskills, visit the SCVA website at [www.scva.net](http://www.scva.net) where you will find a complete list of attractions and events or call 845-747-4449.

### WITH APPLE SEASON AT ITS PEAK, GILLIBRAND SECURES COMMITMENT FROM FEDS TO ALLOW FARMERS TO DELIVER LOCALLY GROWN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TO SCHOOLS

After leading the fight on behalf of New York farmers, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand secured a commitment from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) that will allow New York farmers to process fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables for children to snack on in New York schools. In February, Senator Gillibrand sent a letter to Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack requesting that he change an administrative rule barring local farmers from delivering pre-cut and packaged fruit and vegetables to schoolchildren. This week, on a phone call with the USDA Deputy Secretary Kathleen Merrigan, Senator Gillibrand received a commitment that the USDA will reverse this interpretation and open up the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program to allow local farmers to participate. (Contd. Pg. 14)

### "FLIGHTS OF FANCY" AT OLD STONE HOUSE

The Old Stone House in Hasbrouck, New York will be home to "Flights of Fancy", a collaborative art show by five local artists. The show will run from October 4 through October 25. The show includes works by Ann Higgins, Emily Higgins, Elise Hornbeck, Evelyn Porter and Daniel Smythe. Ann, Elise, Evelyn and Dan have had several shows together and they are represented in both local and national galleries. (Contd. Pg. 8)

### PHILIP AND CAROLYN COOMBE CELEBRATE 50 YEARS



Congratulations to Phil and Carolyn Coombe who will celebrate 50 years of marriage on Saturday, September 26. Phil and Carolyn were united in marriage on that day in Fayetteville, NY in the company of many dear relatives and friends. (Contd. Pg. 3)

### BUS TRIP TO MT. AIRY LODGE & CASINO

Woodridge and Neversink seniors are planning a bus trip to Mt. Airy Lodge & Casino on October 6th - 7th. (Contd. Pg. 3)

### LIFE SCOUT, THOMAS J. RIORDAN IV COMPLETES EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT- Renaissance of the Immaculate Conception Marian Prayer Garden in Woodbourne



On Sunday, Sept. 6, 2009, a blessing and dedication took place at the Marian prayer garden given by Rev. John J. Lynch, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Church. Many have expressed admiration for the Marian prayer garden designed, built and planted early this spring, under the leadership of Life Scout Thomas Riordan (Eagle Scout Promotable) of Boy Scout Troop #97 of Neversink, N.Y.

"This area was overgrown with weeds, shrubs, trees, and brush. It was in need of some heavy duty gardening and replacement of a statue that once stood here for people to admire. It was a pleasure to help our church and the town of Woodbourne in the beautification of this community." Riordan spoke at the dedication last Sunday to those who attended the service. (Contd. Pg. 10)

### UC CARE-A-VAN AT SUNDOWN

The Ulster County Care-A-Van will be in Sundown at the Church Hall on October 6th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All seniors are urged to participate in all the free services that are available.

### FIRST THURSDAY READERS GROUP

The First Thursday Readers Group will meet on October 1st at 1:00 p.m. at the Daniel Pierce Library. The book selection for October is "The Wild Swans" by Jung Chang. This is a true story about the lives of three generations of Chinese women. Books are available at the library. Please join us.

### DONORS' GENEROSITY CREATES LARGEST PRIZE LIST EVER!

Have you seen the list of prizes in this year's Giant Pumpkin Party Raffle? It's the largest ever: 46 valuable prizes donated by local artists, craft persons, businesses, and other generous benefactors, several original works by local artists, beautiful hand-sewn or crafted items for the home, a wide variety of business goods and services, gift items, and over \$600 in cash and gift certificates. (Contd. Pg. 3)

### THE RESULTS OF THE TOWN OF DENNING DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

Saturday evening was filled with emotion and excitement as the Town of Denning held their caucus at the Sundown Church Hall.

The Supervisor's position for Democratic candidate was filled by Frank Comando who won with a 17% margin over Bill Brunning. (Contd. Pg. 15)

### CHAMBER MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW'S RECEIVES GRANT FOR OCTOBER CONCERT

Recently, Chamber Music at St. Andrew's received a generous Sullivan County Arts and Heritage Grant funded by the Sullivan County Legislature in the amount of \$925.00. This donation will go towards musicians' fees for the free concert on Saturday, October 24th at 8 pm, Music for Winds and Strings, featuring six world class musicians performing Mozart, Beethoven, Villa-Lobos, and Ingolf Dahl. The concert is also a celebration of the life of the late Henry Schuman, oboist and conductor, who was well known on the international concert scene. (Contd. Pg. 8)

### INSTITUTE FOR FAMILY HEALTH FIRST HEALTH CENTER NETWORK IN N Y TO ACHIEVE HIGHEST RECOGNITION AS A PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL HOME FROM NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Institute for Family Health achieved Level 3 recognition as a Patient Centered Medical Home from the National Committee for Quality

Assurance (NCQA), becoming the first Community Health Center network in New York State to hold this distinction. The Level 3 certification is the highest designation given by the NCQA, recognizing the high quality of health care provided at 13 Institute for Family Health full-time federally qualified community health centers located in Manhattan, the Bronx and the Mid-Hudson Valley. (Contd. Pg. 14)



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**Deadline for all submissions is 3:00 p.m. Friday. NO EXCEPTIONS**

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

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER** - These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world. St. John 16:33

**OBITUARY**

**DANIEL JOSEPH SMYTHE**

Daniel Joseph Smythe passed away on Friday, September 18, 2009 after a six and a half year battle with cancer.

He was born on October 3, 1933, the son of Daniel and Margaret Bergin Smythe in New York City.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Carol, three children: Jennifer Ballard and her husband, Roger of Mongaup Valley, Robert Jones and his companion, Marilyn Russell of Woodbourne, and Andrew Jones and his companion, Yvonne Dolfini of Grahamsville; and four grandchildren: Jean Claude and Kris Ballard of Mongaup Valley, Lauren and Devan Jones of Woodbourne; and numerous cousins. He was known as Papa Dan to Anthony, Hannah and Austin. His sister, Elaine Smythe, predeceased him on July 31, 2009.

He was an artist and master falconer, and loved the hills and valleys of the Grahamsville area where he had lived for over 30 years. He was proud to serve with the U.S. Army during the occupation of Germany after World War II. He lived for many years in Manhattan where he pursued his love of art, working in both the commercial field and as an educator, while working in different mediums. Shortly after moving his art studio and his home to Grahamsville, he became a falconer and then a master falconer, where he flew hawks for the sport of hunting and bred and raised Harris hawks. He helped others about the importance of all raptors and the part raptors played in the environment and the food chain. There were many in Sullivan County who got to hear and see Dan as he took both hawks and owls out to different events to help educate others. During his illness, he had to give up falconry and sculpture, but began to focus on pencil drawings. He shared his cartoons and serious drawings with many up to a few days before his death. There will be a small amount of his artwork on exhibit at the Old Stone House in Woodbourne in a group show that will be shown during the month of October.

Interment of ashes will take place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, at Claryville Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please take a bouquet to a nearby nursing home or hospital. Any memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Sullivan and Orange Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550; Time and the Valleys Museum, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or a charity of your choice.

**WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Patricia Ann Chambers, formerly of Frost Valley Rd., was united in marriage to Charles Lindbergh Jones. The couple was married at City Hall in Albany, NY. The happy couple resides in Half Moon Bay, California. Those who wish to write to them may at: Patti and Charles Jones, 441 Willow Ave., Half Moon Bay, CA 94019

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Jeff and Lori Froehlich of Willowemoc announce the birth of twin girls, Allison Jeanne and Emily Anne on August 25, 2009.

Carol and Gene Froehlich, Gloria and Bob Smith are the proud grandparents.

Arnold Froehlich of Walton is the great-grandfather and Eleanor Johaneman of Willowemoc is the great-grandmother.

**DAYS OF YORE...**

**TODAY'S HISTORY**

**September 28, 1949** not available

**September 23, 1959**

At Turner Air Force Base in Georgia, the Operations section of the Combat Defense Squadron is headed by Lieutenant James H. Grey of Grahamsville. James is the son of Mrs. Russell E. Grey of Sundown Road.

To the regret of many, the Little Red House at Lows Corners closed for the season this past Sunday. It was scheduled to remain open through October, but the unseasonably cold weather made it necessary to close earlier as the house is not winterized.

When the frost  
is on the pumpkin,  
And a nip is in the air,  
Pancakes and sausage,  
Make good and hearty fare.  
KUM TO KRUM'S

Miss Julianne Nash left for Cortland State Teachers College, Sept. 9th, where she is a Freshman in the Physical Ed. Dept.

Mr. Louis Rubenzahl left on Sun. for his Senior year in Law School at N.Y.U.

Mrs. Josephine Waters of Binghamton, N. Y. is spending some time with her granddaughter, Mrs. Peter Telfer and family caring for the children while Mrs. Telfer is filling in at the school for Mrs. Donald Hill for a few weeks.

Mr. Jack Buswell, who entered R.P.I. last week for his Freshman year is entered in the R.O.T.C. Air Force Program.

**September 24, 1969**

Rev. Dr. John H. McCoombes, a former pastor of the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville, passed away last week. A collection is being taken by his many friends for the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. Anyone wishing to donate to this memorial fund, please contact Mrs. Robert Mickelson, Grahamsville, N.Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clark and family moved into their recently purchased home last Thursday,

the former home of Mrs. William H. VanBenschoten, who now resides in Liberty with her sister-in-law Mrs. Fluma Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hornbeck are sporting a brand new Dodge Dart.

Mrs. Robert Many was the hostess at the Alchemy Club picnic at her home on Wednesday.

**September 20, 1979**

J. Robert Kelz, Superintendent reported that school opened for students on Sept. 5th with enrollment of 1024 students, a slight decrease since last year. Bert Kooi was introduced to and welcomed by the student body as the first foreign exchange student in several years. Bert is from the Netherlands and is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Nyhof and family for the 1979-1980 school year. He is enrolled in a full secondary program in 12th grade.

Mike Rant was one of 40 candidates at a week long Officer Candidate School at the N. Y. Military Academy. The completion in military techniques included rifle and saber drill. Mike placed first, receiving the superintendents gold medal and was named First Captain in command of the 440 member Corps of Cadets

Chris and Ginny Crowfoot of Franklinville, N. J. are now permanent residents of Sundown, having bought the Raymond George house across from the Methodist Church. Welcome to Sundown.

Elise and Ray Hornbeck and Frank and Linda Comando helped Mildred Greenrose celebrate her 39th birthday again on Saturday.

On Thursday, Mrs. Nellie Cypert entertained several ladies at a luncheon in her home. The day was a real treat for Mrs. Carrie Muthig who is confined to a wheelchair. She was especially surprised and thrilled to see Mrs. Jack O'Toole who was Carrie's first school teacher at the old school house on Thunder Hill.

A petition is being circulated that will place various questions of the Alcohol Beverage Control Laws before the voters this November.

**SC BICENTENNIAL TO HOST COUNTY-WIDE PICNIC DAY AT BETHEL WOODS CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

The Sullivan County Bicentennial Committee is collaborating with Bethel Woods Center for the Arts to present the Bicentennial County-Wide Picnic Day on Saturday, September 26th at Bethel Woods from 12 Noon until 5:00 p.m. Admission and parking for this event are free.

"We've spent an entire summer celebrating the 200th Anniversary in each of our communities, and this is going to be a great way to cap off the season," said Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Jonathan Rouis. (Contd. Pg. 4)



**HERE AND THERE**

Hi, everybody! This past weekend is ample evidence that Mother Nature is trying to make up for all the cold and rain she gave us during our "summer" months. Most of us wouldn't mind having the sunshine and mild temperatures stay with us for the fall.

September seems to be a good month for anniversaries. Phil and Carolyn Coombe are joining the "golden club" this week; they will count fifty years together on September 26. ... Another Carolyn and her husband, Tom Mitchell, also celebrated sharing a few meals together over the past forty years at a surprise party at the Neversink Fire House last Saturday night. ... And if my notes are correct, Joe and Barbara Weiss of Claryville reached the fifty-one year mark on Sept. 20. ... Let's not forget some younger folks: Matt and Patty Costa were married just one year ago, as of Sept. 24. Congratulations to all!

For birthdays, we have Renee Simerson, who counted candles on Sept. 19; Pastor Bob Kersten of the UMC on Sept. 20; and Les Smith of Neversink on Sept. 23. Happy Birthday!

We're happy to hear that Rose Allison is feeling much better. As we reported two weeks ago, Rose was still uncomfortable after gall bladder surgery several weeks ago, but after some additional treatment, she says she's back to normal. That's good to hear, Rose. ... Others currently hospitalized include Joyce Thomas (Phyllis Moore's mom), at Horton Hospital; Beverley Youmans, now a patient at Catskill Regional Medical Center (Room 350); and Marion Wolfe, formerly of Neversink, who is now a resident at Sullivan County Adult Care Center. Best wishes to all.

We extend the condolences of the community to Elsie Wynkoop, whose brother recently succumbed to injuries received in a motor vehicle accident in his home state of Oklahoma.

"Discipline is like broccoli. We may not care for it ourselves, but feel sure it would be good for everybody else." (Bill Vaughan)

Have a good week. .... (pah)

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vermooy**

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

**PHILIP AND CAROLYN COOMBE CELEBRATE 50 YEARS** (From Pg. 1)

Carolyn is the daughter of the late John B. Russell and Mary Merry Russell. She grew up in East Tenafly NJ and Fayetteville, NY. Philip is the son of the late Philip Coombe, Sr and Ethel Irwin Coombe of South Hill Road, Grahamsville. He grew up in Ridgewood, NJ and spent summers on South Hill. Despite living only a few towns apart as children, they did not meet until the spring semester of 1958 on the Cornell University campus. They married the next year and settled on the farm on South Hill where they have lived ever since. Together, they have raised four children, thousands of Angus cattle and dozens of Arabian horses. While both are "retired", most people in Grahamsville know that Phil and Carolyn still work full-time on the farm and serving others through their work at the Daniel Pierce Library building project, the Grahamsville Reformed Church, the *Townsmen* and other organizations. They also find time to enjoy their ten grandchildren.

Phil and Carolyn celebrated their 40th anniversary with a dinner party with family and friends. They also enjoyed an adventurous trip to Alaska, a gift from their children. This anniversary will be celebrated quietly with family at their second home in Vermont. Please congratulate these two special people who are living proof that "love is patient and love is kind."

**DONORS' GENEROSITY** (From Pg. 1)

Frost Valley YMCA offers three prizes this year, each for a family of four; Grey's Woodworks' large sturdy glider will again add to some family's outdoor comfort; and Top Hat and Tails will help you keep your green spaces neat and trimmed. Oly Kolansky's New York Haircut, Golden Shears Salon's gift certificate, Infinity Jewelry's gift certificate, Carol Denman's jewelry set, or Nails by Tara will make you look better; Medical Therapeutic Massages (two prizes) or Pat Doogan's yoga sessions will help you feel better. Wild Geranium Studio (kitchen and herb set) and Woods and Weeds (gift certificate) will dress up the inside of your home; Shortline Coating and Cooper Paint (both cash awards) will help you work on the outside. And, inside or out, your dog will enjoy a nice dog bed from Mary and Joe Inghrim's animal supply store.

The donors of hand-sewn and artistic items are well-known for the beauty and quality of their creations. Rosemary Mierop's hand-knit Irish sweaters (two gifts) are treasured prizes, as are (Next Col.)

the art works of Daniel Smythe, Ann Higgins, LaVerne Black and Kathy Lounsbury (two prizes). In addition, you'll warm your bedroom and your heart with the quilts and afghans made by Faye Landon, Virginia Anderson (two prizes), Ruth Aprilante, and Mary Osterhoudt (three prizes).

Other prizes include unique pottery items made by Chris Parrow and Anne-Marie Kremer; stained glass decorations by Mike Schiffer and Sandy Bernstein; a savings bond from Catskill Hudson Bank and a cash award of \$250 from the Library Trustees; a doll from the Sullivan County Catskill Mountain Doll Club; and several anonymous prizes of books, dolls, and a Backpacker's Survival Kit.

Make sure you have a chance to win at least one of these wonderful gift prizes by purchasing your raffle tickets soon. They are available at the Daniel Pierce Library during regular library hours, or from any member of the Library Board. They will also be available at the Giant Pumpkin Party on October 3rd at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds.

**BUS TRIP** (From Pg. 1)

On Tuesday, Oct. 6th, the bus will leave Neversink at 8:30 a.m. and the bus will leave Woodridge at 9:00 a.m. for Mt. Haven. The trip includes Breakfast Buffet, Show, Bingo or Movies, 4 Hour Open Bar, Dinner Buffet Room for Evening with a Show and Pizza Party!!!

Oct. 7th includes Breakfast Buffet and Bus Trip to Mt. Airy Lodge & Casino. You will receive a \$35.00 voucher to play and a \$5.00 voucher for food!!!

The cost of the trip is \$130.00. For more information, call Barbara MacGhee at 434-6228 or Barbara Barkley at 985-7150.

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM**

There will be an AARP Driver Safety Program at the South Fallsburg Community Center (Former Ambulance Building), Laurel Avenue, South Fallsburg, NY on Saturday, October 24, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To register, call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (leave message).

Sonny Smith, an AARP Certified Instructor, will give this 8-hour course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate that entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone (toll free): 1-888-227-7669, or call Sonny Smith at 434-8922. The fee is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sonny Smith. Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired & Senior Volunteer Program volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging.

**MySpace and FACEBOOK** -Danielle Conlon

I created my first MySpace profile when I was 15. I deleted it within months. It was a hassle, difficult, and annoying. I had irritating posts and spams and friend requests from people I have never even spoken to before. Worst of all, I soon realized no one cool was on MySpace. Christmas of that same year I discovered Facebook.

It was a breath of fresh air with its sleek, clean format compared to the flashing, glittering, and worst of all, noisy MySpace. Facebook was a convenient, easy to use, friendly network that basically made my profile for me (while a friend had to make my MySpace) and best of all everyone was on it. MySpace was teeming with the underbelly of my school, the people I had never spoken to nor would I ever want to be speaking to, say in front of a police officer for instance. Facebook? That's where my friends were. Not just my friends, but also the people I wanted to be friends with, old friends from the town I grew up in, kids I went to first grade with and didn't really care about but hey, why not accept them? Family was on Facebook, my Spanish teacher was on Facebook, my friends' moms were on Facebook. It seemed that the whole world had formed its own exclusive club and I was now invited. In fact I'm still half expecting Queen Elizabeth to request me one day. It would hardly be a shock after some of the people I've found on this site.

During the summer I work at an international summer camp and during the year at any time I want I can drop a hello to a friend from England or Ireland or China. I can't really remember that girl's birthday? That's okay, Facebook took care of it for me. I'm having a get-together and I don't want to mail out invites? Facebook will invite them for me. I forgot my camera? That's okay, someone else will have a camera and I'll be tagged and the pictures will be mine anyway.

Facebook is supremely wonderful but also supremely addicting. It's an obsession and it (Next Col.)

can take over your life. It can become annoying and ridiculous when you have to sift through a thousand status updates of someone you hardly care about describing their daily routine... "brushing my teeth...getting in my jammies...lifting the covers..." In fact it can become emotionally dangerous when you find yourself stalking your ex, checking their page every second or when flaming wars break out, some nasty things can be said. In the end however, Facebook is fun, pretty harmless, and useful. A simple comment on your wall can make your day, a funny bumper sticker can make you chuckle, and one click of the "like this" button can make someone smile. I will probably delete my Facebook one day when it's silly and childish and I don't want to be the old hag still on the internet, but until then it's my friend, lifeline, and constant reminder that I should probably be doing my homework instead...but someone I never talk to just posted pictures and I need to see...

MySpace is useless. Facebook is life. And Twitter? That's a whole other story...

*ED NOTES: Danielle is a senior at Tri-Valley Central School High School. She is planning to further her education next year after graduation as an English and Political Science major and as a pre-law student. She will pursue a career in wildlife conservation, working and writing for the cause. You may check out her sports blogs on the Varsity845 website*

**OAK - AMERICA'S NATIONAL TREE**

By Peggy DeWire

Did you know that recently Americans voted the oak as our country's official tree? In a nationwide poll conducted by the Arbor Day Foundation, this grand tree won over redwood, dogwood, maple and pine. It joins our national bird (eagle) and flower (rose). Three proud symbols.

Of the 500 species of oaks worldwide, 75 are native to America and all belong to the family Quercus, a name from two ancient Celtic words, quer/line and cuex/tree that truly fits this long lived tree. Most oaks probably mature at 100 years. Two huge famous ones, the Connecticut Oak and the Washington Oak in Virginia were already centuries old before recorded American history. In England some Quercus are a thousand years old.

Indians mixed acorns with dried berries and smoked meat into small patties of pemmican, a staple food. Pioneers ground up sweet and plentiful White oak acorns into flour for tasty bread. Boiled acorns were also nutritious frequent meals cooked in colonial kitchens.



The biggest oak tree more than 100 feet high and eleven feet across the stump usually grow in the south but many giants are scattered throughout the states. Now New York has a massive world record Northern Red Oak whose foliage crown covers half a football field and requires twelve people holding hands to circle the trunk. Oak wood is durable, fine grained and a lovely golden color. It's used in cabinets, shipbuilding, construction, flooring, furniture, tool handles, baskets and cooperage. In your grandparent's day, "The Old Oaken Bucket" was on their Hit Parade of songs.

The bark has a very high tannic acid content which is good for tanning leather and also an effective insect repellent.

Commercially, White Oak is one of the most valuable timber trees in America.

The best way to identify oak is to split them into two groups and learn to recognize their distinctive leaves. The White Oak group leaves have round lobes and a graceful scalloped outline. It bears acorns every year.

The black oak group leaves have sharp lobes with bristle points. Acorns are produced every second year. Black oaks do something very unusual in the tree world by growing different sizes of leaves on the same tree - big ones at the top to absorb maximum sunlight and small ones on lower branches that maintain steady but less chlorophyll production.

Oaks are confusing to identify a field so I suggest taking along a tree book with pictures of leaf, bark and acorns to guide you.

When Arbor Day comes, Americans really have something special to honor now, our national tree - oak.

### Quotes Requested Fall 2009 Pruning, Trimming & Clean-up

The Town of Neversink Town Board is requesting cost proposals for the Fall 2009 pruning, trimming and clean-up of all trees and shrubs in the following locations: Town Hall - including parking lot area, Bi-Centennial Square Park, Town Pool at fairgrounds, bottom of Denman Mountain Road, entrance to Fairgrounds, First Aid Squad Building, Chestnut Woods Monument and Welcome to the Town of Neversink flower boxes. If you are interested in performing this work, please submit a cost quote to the Town of Neversink Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 273 Main St., PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 by 4:30 pm on Tuesday October 13, 2009. For more information please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 845-985-2262 x 307.

9/10 9/24 &amp; 10/18

### 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 Estate of Roy Swenson Jr. for the purpose of a Two (2) Lot Subdivision located Benton Hollow Road, Neversink, NY (SBL #36-1-12.1)

Said hearing will take place at the Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville, N.Y. on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 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 NEVERSINK  
JAMES STANGEL, CHAIRMAN

9/24: 10/1

### PUBLIC NOTICE:

CWC Holdings II, LLC is seeking to contract with a private corporation for renovation and construction of an addition at the property/building located at 56 Main Street, Stamford, NY. A mandatory bidder's conference is detailed in the bid documents. The Request for Proposal can be obtained by contacting CWC Holdings II, LLC c/o Timothy Cox, Corporate Counsel, Catskill Watershed Corporation, PO Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455, timothycox@cwconline.org; (845) 586-1400 Ext. 20. Respondents must submit one original and four copies of their proposal no later than 2:00 PM October 16, 2009. EOE

### DENNING RESIDENTS: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Denning will hold a workshop for the 2010 Budget on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 immediately following the regularly scheduled Town Business Meeting, which is to begin at 7 p.m. at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725.

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

9/24: 10/1

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

Will hold a Regular Board Meeting

On Thursday, September 24, 2009 at  
7:00 P.M.

In the Secondary School Library  
Lower Level

### IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR TAXPAYERS

For the 2009-2010 school year, school taxes for the Tri-Valley Central School District will not be collected at the school. They will be collected at Catskill Hudson Bank in the Carrie D's Plaza in Neversink, or you can mail them to:

Tri-Valley School Tax Collector  
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Thank you for your cooperation.

8/8-9/24

### 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 ITEMS OFFERED FOR SALE:

The Buildings and Grounds items for sale are as follows:

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2. (2) Smokeeater - electronic air cleaner
3. (2) Shop Wood Lathes

The items are to be sold "as is" and all sales are final. PARTIAL BIDS are accepted on items (1) (2) and (3). Questions about the items 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 Tuesday, October 6, 2009 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: September 30, 2009  
Martha Lee Ter Bush, District Clerk  
Tri-Valley Central School District  
At Grahamsville, NY 12740

9/24: 10/1

### TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740 AGENDA - BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

September 24, 2009-7:00 p.m.-Regular Board Meeting  
Secondary School Library - Lower Level

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. GUESTS
- B. TREASURER'S REPORT
- C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
  1. Minutes
  2. Building Use Forms
  3. Personnel (extra-curricular/volunteer coaches)
  4. Second Reading of FERPA
- D. OLD BUSINESS
- E. BUSINESS REPORT
  1. Warrants
- F. EXECUTIVE SESSION
- G. ADJOURNMENT

### SULLIVAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING & DINNER

The Sullivan County Farm Bureau will hold its Annual Meeting & Dinner on Thursday, October 7, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. at the Rockland House, Roscoe, NY. The cost is \$12 for members and \$22.00 for non-members. There is a choice of Prime Rib, Chicken or Fish. Please make reservations by September 23, 2009 by calling Ray & Donna Denman at 985-2839.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Farmer and Humorist Joe Peck. The business of the evening will include the election of Sullivan County Farm Bureau officers and directors for 2010, and voting on resolutions that will then be sent to the State Farm Bureau Policy Development Committee. Any member may submit a resolution at this meeting.

All those interested in the future of agriculture and rural living in Sullivan County are urged to attend. For more information, please call 845-985-2839.

### SC BICENTENNIAL (From Pg. 2)

The Bicentennial County-wide Picnic is the official closing ceremony of the 2009 Bicentennial Season, and will feature more than a dozen local bands and musicians from all genres of music, including rock & roll, country, jazz, classical and R&B will perform on multiple stages throughout the Bethel Woods site. The confirmed performers include The Mountaintones Community Marching Band, The River's Edge Band, The Slam Allen Band, The Pondering Phoxes, Far Beyond Gone, Janet Burgan, Larry Kitzmiller, Jared & Aaron, Hilfiger-Adriani, For the Love of Music, Suave, and Darren & Albi. The West Point Jazz Knights will also be on hand for a special performance.

Fred Stabbert III, Bicentennial Committee Honorary Chair remarked, "The County-wide Picnic is the perfect way to finish off our birthday bash, and I hope we make this the biggest and best event yet! What a perfect ending to a great year!"

Local museums, including The Sullivan County Museum and the Catskills Fly Fishing Center and Museum will present displays from their archives, and local townships will also be on hand to present displays and answer your local history questions. The Sullivan County Recycling Program, Sullivan Alliance for Sustainable Development and Sullivan Renaissance will showcase local green energy initiatives, including a MINI E fully-electric vehicle on display. Sullivan Renaissance will also give away daffodil bulbs, while supplies last.

The Sullivan County YMCA and Boys & Girls Clubs of Sullivan County have planned a variety of free children's activities, and The Museum at Bethel Woods has organized a scavenger hunt. The Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will present DARE education and activities, as well as free Kid Printing, which provides parents with photos and fingerprints of their children in case of emergency.

Other event highlights include a reading by County Attorney Sam Yasgur from his new book, Max B. Yasgur, The Woodstock Festival's Famous Farmer; a brief lecture and Q&A of local history by County Historian John Conway, and a special interview of Woodstock promoter Michael Lang by radio personality Denis Elsas, as part of The Museum at Bethel Woods' 2009 Speaker Series.

The bands will include a performance by the *West Point Jazz Knights* along with local favorites such as the *Slam Allen Band*, *The Mountain Tones Community Band*, *Rivers Edge* and *Darren and Albi*.

Join your friends and neighbors for this family-oriented event celebrating the Sullivan County Bicentennial at Bethel Woods Center for the Arts. Bring a picnic basket and blanket and enjoy the beautiful park-like grounds, or sample the offerings presented by the food vendors on site.

Darlene Fedun, Chief Operating Officer of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts said, "Bethel Woods is proud to collaborate with the Sullivan County Legislature to celebrate the Bicentennial, and offer our community this opportunity to come together and celebrate the rich history and talent of Sullivan County, at one of our region's unique historic sites."

The Bicentennial County-wide Picnic is made possible thanks in part to grant funding from The Sullivan County Legislature and Assemblywoman Aileen M. Gunther, numerous Bicentennial sponsorships from local businesses including Bicentennial Heritage Partner Crystal Run Healthcare, as well as the generosity of Bethel Woods Center for the Arts.

For more information about the Bicentennial County-wide Picnic, including a complete listing of performance and activity times, please go to [www.seva.net](http://www.seva.net) and click on the Bicentennial logo or visit [www.bethelwoodscenter.org](http://www.bethelwoodscenter.org).

### PUBLIC INVITED TO OFFICE FOR THE AGING ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING

Ulster County Executive Mike Heim invites all interested members of the public to attend the County's Office for the Aging Annual Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2009, beginning at 9:00am, at the Rosendale Recreation Center, Rt. 32, Rosendale.

The Annual Public Hearing provides seniors the opportunity to comment on current programs, offer suggestions for improving services and share ideas for additional programs that would be valuable to Ulster County seniors.

For those seniors who cannot attend the Hearing but would like to share their ideas and comments, please call the Office for the Aging and speak directly to the Director, Anne Cardinale.

The Ulster County Office for the Aging can be reached at (845) 340-3456 or 1-877-914-3456.



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Last year about 200 youngsters were screened by Dr. Dyrszka and the Bethel Lions at both Woodbourne and Monticello Head Start facilities. This year alone 108 children at the Woodbourne program have their parents' permission to have the screening. Last May at the second annual Fallsburg Central School District Wellness Day, local Lions members tested six children for amblyopia to inaugurate this program at the district. Fallsburg Lions Club president Larry Schafman said the club members are very enthusiastic about supporting the Screening Eyes Early or SEE Program that embodies the worldwide mission of Lions International to provide for good vision, especially in our very youngest people in the community. Once parents see how easy the procedure is and how effective it is in catching some early vision problems, they are eager to enroll their youngsters.

If you are interested in finding out more about this screening program and the Fallsburg Lions Club, please contact Larry Schafman at (845) 436-6167.

## FALLSBURG YOUNGSTERS CELEBRATE DIVERSITY



Isaiah Hannold and Rebecca Patterson-DaCosta, from Ms. Espinoza's second grade class, holding the quilt of flags made by the class.

Beginning last school year Benjamin Cosor Elementary School has participated in the national Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. The goals are to reward positive behavior and minimize disruptive behaviors. An essential element of the rewards was creating special days during the school year for kids to celebrate. The first of many "Spirit Days" for the 2009-2010 year on September 18 was having kids share about their ethnic heritage with each other and with their teachers and staff. In the lobby, teachers put together a bulletin board showing their own nations of origin. Many students made national flags to wear during the day; one class made a quilt of flags and signs showing the ethnic roots of the group. As one fourth grader said, "We are learning about respect for the different countries." Working together and celebrating where everyone comes from makes the children aware of differences and the importance of tolerating others. At the same time, the children are learning about respecting themselves and their own personal heritage.



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**CHAMBER MUSIC AT ST. ANDREW'S** (From Pg. 1)

The concert is free and open to the public and takes place in St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, located at 5277 State Route 42 in South Fallsburg. Reservations are required; call: 845-292-8967.

Chamber Music at St. Andrew's offers two free chamber concerts each season, performed by outstanding musicians that enrich, inspire and bring pleasure to Sullivan County audiences. All are invited to come and bring their families and neighbors. Music for Winds and Strings is the second and last in the series' eighth season.

**FLIGHTS OF FANCY** (From Pg. 1)

Evelyn's striking but little known gargoyles and masks are the inspiration and focus of the show. The other four artists embellished and diversified the gargoyle theme. When Evelyn passed away earlier this year, her artistic and organizational skills, as well as her friendship, were sorely missed. She was very enthusiastic about the show and it is dedicated to her memory.

Evelyn's pieces figure prominently in the show and show her fascination with exotic and multi-talented use of different mediums ranging from oils and acrylics to colorful woodcuts. Ann presents a variety of watercolor and colored pencil pieces including landscapes, Celtic knotwork and meditative Chinese brush paintings. Elise departs from her well-known landscapes to include American Indian portraits and other work following the idea of flight. Dan will exhibit his lifelike bird studies and Indian pieces which complement Elise's. Emily, sixteen years old and new to the art scene, experiments with a variety of media and subject matter. In all pieces she demonstrates her meticulous craftsmanship and fertile imagination.

The reception will be held on Sunday, October 4, 2:00pm - 4:00pm. The gallery will be open every Saturday Next Col.)

and Sunday 2:00pm - 4:00pm until October 25 when the show closes. More information and maps are available on the Stone House website, <http://www.oldstonehouse.catskill-life.com> or call Ann at 845-985-2814, Elise at 845-985-2489 or Carol at 845-985-2452.

**INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS FOR SULLIVAN AND ULSTER COUNTIES**

Sullivan County BOCES and a consortium of organizations, Dutchess BOCES, Ulster County BOCES, the Middletown School District, and the Orange County Arts Council, have come together to organize and present the Regional Scholastic Art Awards Program for Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster Counties. This is our second year as a four-county region affiliate. The Scholastic Art Awards, which are open to students in grades 7-12, bring outstanding visual arts by teenagers to an audience by showcasing their remarkable work and encouraging their creative journey and career development. Awards will be presented on both the local and national level of the Scholastic Art Awards, and high schvailable to view. These sessions will be held in the following locations in Ulster and Sullivan Counties:

Ulster County: September 29th, 2009 4:45-5:45PM Ulster BOCES Conference Center  
175 Route 32 North New Paltz, New York 12561

Sullivan County: September 30th, 2009 4:45-5:45PM Sullivan County BOCES Administration Building conference room #1 6 Wierk Avenue Liberty, New York 12754

Refreshments will be served.

Many of our nation's most accomplished artists and writers are alumni of The Scholastic Art Awards, including Richard Avedon, Truman Capote, Frances Farmer, Joyce Maynard, Joyce Carol Oates, Sylvia Plath, Robert Next Col.)

Redford, and Andy Warhol. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have celebrated more than 80 years as a unique presence in our nation's classrooms by identifying and documenting outstanding achievement of young artists and writers in the visual and literary arts. Since 1923, 12 million students have participated, 2 million young artists and writers have been recognized, and \$20 million in awards and scholarships have been made available. The awards are administered by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers.

Each year, 250,000 students in grades 7 through 12 participate through regional programs and 50,000 students receive regional awards and exhibition opportunities. More than 30,000 entries qualify for national adjudication, and 1,100 young artists and writers across the country receive national awards. The Gold Portfolio Award recipients receive \$10,000 scholarships, representing the highest level of achievement in the Awards.

For more information about the awards, please contact Lisa Pacht, Director of Instructional Technology/ Arts In Education at 845-295-4033.

**CAS ARTS CENTER BODY CHRONICLES**

The Catskill Art Society proudly presents Body Chronicles, a new exhibition featuring the work of artists Valerie Hallier and Joni Wehrli at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor. This exhibition will explore a dual meaning of the word "body" - the physical vessel as well as an assembly of objects. Hallier's work is a photographic catalog of every single object accumulated by the artist over ten years and questions our collective relationship with consumerism and with the idea of possession. Wehrli's paintings and watercolors act as markers of another step in her thinking about bodily movement, and her efforts to get the body's energetic sheath onto the canvas. Gallery hours for this exhibition are Thursday - Saturday from 11am-6pm, Sunday 11am-3pm. The CAS Arts Center is wheelchair accessible.

**October 3, 2009 4pm - Artists' Talk** - CAS will host an Artists' Talk for its new exhibition, Body Chronicles, at 4pm on Saturday, October 3. This event is free and open to the public.

**October 3, 2009 5-7pm - Opening Reception** - CAS will host an opening reception for its new exhibition, Body Chronicles. All are welcome and light refreshments will be served.

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

**CERTIFIED HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC FOR INSTRUCTORS SET FOR OCT. AT FROST VALLEY YMCA**

A Certified Horsemanship Clinic will be held from Monday-Friday, Oct. 19-23 at Frost Valley YMCA in Claryville. This certification clinic is geared to riding instructors of all levels and offers instructors the opportunity to gain nationally recognized certification at Levels 1-4 for both English (with and without jumping) and Western riding. For full certification details, visit the CHA Web site at [www.cha-ahsc.org](http://www.cha-ahsc.org). The five-day package includes the full clinic, books, all materials, and lodging. There is also a clinic-only option that includes only lunch and no lodging. Auditors are also welcome for a nominal daily fee. Frost Valley YMCA is one of the northeast's premier camp and conference facilities.

CHA certification is both beneficial and advantageous for the equine professional whether it's someone who owns a barn and offers a few lessons locally, or for someone working at large equestrian facility, commented Frost Valley's Equine Programs Director Jennie Stover. Hotel-style lodging will be provided in Frost Valley's historic Forstmann Castle. Clinic participants will also have the option of accommodations in Frost Valley's new Lakeview Lodge.

Celebrating its 51st year in the valley, Frost Valley YMCA Camp and Conference Center in the Catskill Mountain High Peaks is open every day through four seasons, welcoming school children, family, group and business retreats every week from September through June. The camp is just 2.5 hours drive from metro NY/NJ and about 1 hour from Kingston. For general information, please call (845) 985-2291 or visit: [FrostValley.org](http://FrostValley.org).

**"AMERICAN BUFFALO," a Classic Drama Comes to Shadowland**

Ellenville is in an economic recession, as is Ulster and Sullivan Counties. So it is strangely appropriate that the Shadowland Theatre in Ellenville should conclude its 25th Anniversary season with David Mamet's "American Buffalo," a cult classic and a New York Drama Critics Circle Award winner.

The plot involved three men meticulously and desperately planning a small time burglary which hasn't got a chance of success. The set is a second hand store selling garbage knick knacks that we see everywhere.

But this was New York City Broadway brought to the Catskills, to the Shadowland Theatre for the summer. This was professional theater on a similar level as musically bringing the New York Philharmonic or the Boston Pops to Bethel, New York.

With the support and blessing of Actor's Equity Professional Theatre of the Hudson Valley/Catskill Region, the Shadowland Theatre initiated their 25th Anniversary 2009 Season on May 29th with the Arthur Miller blockbuster "The Price" starring Orson Bean (with a Yiddish accent) and Stephanie Zimbalist, and never slowed down.

Appreciative audiences have generally packed this small beautifully preserved and renovated theatre. After the show, the audience usually mingle with the cast next door at the Aroma Thyme Bistro. Sometimes there is impromptu entertainment around the piano.

In "American Buffalo," Don, the owner of "Don's Resale Junk Shop" played by Charles Stonsky, never left the small stage. Debuting at the Shadowland, he is a distinguished member of Actors Equity Association for over 30 years.

Jack Harris as "Teach" was a taunt explosive small hoodlum desperate to pull off this burglary. He has appeared at the Shadowland in five previous performances.

Anthony Blaha as the backward manipulative kid who wants to get in on the burglary, demonstrated in his low key performance (Contd. Pg. 9)

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As I attended opening night, I had one concern. The Shadowland's limited seating was packed with the elder gentry of the community.

High school and various area college students interested in the arts and the finest theatre should be offered "reach out" opportunities and specific encouragement to attend. This is similar to telling the kids (or grandchildren), this is a special event that you have got to see.

The theatre had a public warning that obscenity was used. Although not encouraged, the language was "everyday" low crass speaking, unfortunately common in city neighborhoods.

At the Shadowland, "Theatre," is both a noun and a verb. David Mamet's "American Buffalo" was a non-stop breathtaking theatrical experience, and unless you plan to travel to New York City in the near future, should not be missed.

why he was named "Best New Actor" by New Jersey's Daily Record.

Equal recognition must go to the perfectionist Director/Producing Artistic Director Brendan Burke (co-produced by Jim Gebhard). He kept the show at such a reckless, stealthy, dangerous pace like a pick-up speeding doing wheelies along curvy Route 209. Burke is in his fifth hair-pulling season as artistic director at the Shadowland Theatre, along with teaching acting in the Department of Theatre at SUNY New Paltz.

Special mention has to go to scenic designer Drew Francis whose cluttered stage resembled the most unique, unprofitable junkshop in town.

Equal hands in the overall success of "American Buffalo" go to Rachel Lefberg, for her lighting design, Holly Lewis Budd for costume design, production stage manager Brittany Green, (Actors Equity Association) technical director Travis Kerr, props/assistant stage manager Angela Perez (an Actors Equity candidate) and sound design Jeff Knapp.

Notably for the Shadowland Theatre production of "American Buffalo," original music was produced by John Simon with Woodstock's eclectic "far out" duo of Mikhail Horowitz and Gilles Malkine. It was recorded at Neresso Studios in Woodstock, New (Next Col.)

Entertainment in the Ulster and Sullivan County area has been exceptional this summer of 2009, in Ellenville, Woodstock, Forestburg, Narrowsburg, and, of course, Bethel Woods. The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop's "Agnes of God" opened the same night in South Fallsburg as "American Buffalo."

"American Buffalo" is at the Shadowland Theatre, 157 Canal Street, Ellenville, New York through September 27th. For more information call (845) 647-5511.


Written by William A. Brenner, Grahamsville, N.Y.  
*William Brenner, an independent reviewer has been writing reviews for local newspapers throughout Sullivan and Ulster Counties for 35 years.*

**CAS GALLERY GRAB BAG BENEFIT**

The Catskill Art Society is pleased to announce the 2009 CAS Gallery Grab Benefit celebrating two years in Livingston Manor on Saturday, October 24 from 6:30-9:30pm with the Gallery Grab beginning at 8:00pm. The event will be held at the CAS Arts Center, 48 Main Street in Livingston Manor and will honor Assemblymember Aileen M. Gunther. The evening will feature the work of twenty-five local artists who generously donated to this event. Twenty five lucky winners will take (Next Col.)


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home one of the exhibited pieces, and all other guests will take home a small work. The benefit also includes: opening remarks by Assembly-member Gunther; a celebratory cocktail reception, light supper catered by the Lazy Beagle; CAS Birthday Cake from Flour Power Bakery and live music by Stacy and Friends. Benefit Tickets are \$100 per person and are on sale now. For more info, please call 845-436-4227 or email: [Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:Kathryn@catskillartsociety.org)



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bloom, soil, care, and water needs of the garden. My goal was to make the garden easy to maintain. Planted in this garden one may find a rose bush, tulips, peony, hyacinth, pansy (attracts the butterfly), rudbeckia, garden aster, lily, mini aster, and hardy white geraniums.

Behind the statue of Mary is the Winged Euonymus or Spindle tree also known as the Burning Bush, *Euonymus alata compactus*. This shrub is one of the great beauties of the autumn season. It is distinguished by vibrant scarlet foliage and small red-orange fruit in the late fall as well as unusual corky "wings" which flare out along its branches. It is effective an accent plant. While some species can grow to be 15 plus feet, *Compactus* grows to only 6 feet. This is a shrub that is best left un-pruned although it can be pruned if you have space issues. It is not fussy about soil requirements (except for excessive wet areas) and there are no significant pest problems. It also transplants very easily. It is truly a maintenance free shrub and a great accent for this prayer garden.

A grant was received from the town of Woodbourne Beautification Project and funding went toward the cost of many of the flowers. Many local vendors including Barthels Farms in Ellenville donated some of the plants and herbs. Various community members donated supplies and assisted with the heavy equipment and wood chipping. The boy scouts of Troop #97 supported me by digging and planting the garden. The cost of the concrete benches, bird bath and statue of Mary was donated by the Knights of Columbus of Ellenville, and purchased at a great discount given by "First Lawn and Garden" on Route 209. Many thanks go to the community and to those who assisted by donating supplies and materials thus helping to make this beautiful garden what it is today.

Gardens date back to the creation of this world. It's in our blood. It is a spiritual experience. Gardens foster spiritual lessons and cycles of birth, death, resurrection, renewing, the spirituality of perseverance and much more. It draws us closer to God.

I hope to obtain my Eagle Scout Rank prior to turning eighteen in November, and I highly appreciate everyone's efforts and support. In just a short time in a garden, aside from all the physical exercise one received from planting it, there is the magic of having one's soul restored. When one leaves the worries and anxieties of the day in the garden and gets in touch with the creator through his creation, he often is amazed to find the touch of the creator's hand.

I leave you with a quote from Anne Frank: "The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. - Thomas Riordan, Life Scout

**HINCHEY, STUPAK LEAD CONGRESSIONAL EFFORT URGING AGENCY TO PROTECT PUBLIC FROM FINANCIAL SPECULATORS ARTIFICIALLY INFLATING OIL PRICES**

Congressmen Lead 20 House Members in Calling on the CFTC to Implement New Rules to Safeguard Public from Financial Speculators

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Congressman Bart Stupak (D-MI) this week led a group of 20 House members in calling on the U.S. Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to implement new rules that will safeguard the public from financial speculators who are artificially inflating the price of oil. In a letter sent to CFTC Chairman Gary Gensler, Hinchey and Stupak applauded the agency for working on a report that details how financial speculators have unfairly manipulated oil prices, but they encouraged the chairman to put safeguards in place now in order to protect the public from unnatural price fluctuations.

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"It is encouraging to see the CFTC taking steps toward reining in excessive speculation in the energy markets," Stupak said. "Under Chairman Gensler's leadership, the CFTC has begun to address problems in our energy markets that Congress has been calling on the commission to look into for years. The fact that CFTC now acknowledges speculation plays a role in energy prices further confirms what energy market analysts, market experts and other government agencies have already found. As we in Congress continue our work on legislation addressing excessive energy speculation, the CFTC should utilize current authority to rein in excessive energy speculation sooner rather than later."

Hinchey, Stupak, and their colleagues wrote to Gensler that the CFTC has the authority under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act to implement strong protections that would safeguard against oil price manipulation.

**THE MARIAN PRAYER GARDEN - (From Pg. 1)**



The Marian prayer garden was designed using the old stone and the new blue stone to create a path in the shape of a cross. Multiple biblical plants and herbs can be found in the garden. Today people still study a few in details and look up where they are found in the bible. In this prayer garden is parsley, a very hardy herb, although not mentioned in the bible was abundant and was used at the Passover as a symbol of a new beginning because it was one of the first herbs to pop up in the spring. The Romans served it at banquets as a breath freshener. A passage reflecting the bitter herbs is Exodus 12:8 and also Numbers 9:11. Parsley is a meaningful herb in this garden since this Eagle Scout Project is a renewal of the Immaculate Conception Prayer Garden. Other herbs mentioned in the bible that can be found in the garden are mint, basil, rosemary, Russian sage, and thyme. In addition, one may see some three leaf clovers if they look closely, symbolizing the Holy Trinity.

Flowers are also mentioned in the bible such as Willow herb, Water lily, Violet, Tulip, Salvia, Star of Bethlehem, Rose, Ranunculus, Peony, Nigella, Narcissus, Meadow Saffron, Mallow, Lupine, Loosestrife, Larkspur, Jonquil, Hyacinth, Bedstraw, Crocus, Anemone, etc. Of course, I was only able to include plants and flowers that will grow well in this area and remain sensitive to the growing zones, heights, spread, sun needs, and color of (Next Col.)



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Letter to the Editor and All Neversink Tax Payers:

I applied to the Town Code Enforcer and received detailed plans that were approved. A local contractor was hired to do the work and has been paid in full.

The trouble is that it wasn't done per the permit. The Town says I should get a few taxpayers to look at the approved plan and the way that looks, and as you see it now.

This type of work should not be done in our town and no employee, whether elected or appointed be paid with tax dollars. This is incompetence or possible corruption.

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To The Neversink Community,

On Friday Sept 4th I, Meigan Dean, handed in petitions with over 400 signatures showing support for a vote on the question of alcohol sales in Neversink.

Once again there were "technical difficulties". Seems there had been a change in the format of the petition document. Because of the change, the petitions are no good.

What do we do? We live and learn! Over the years I have learned, 1) Never keep the full pages of signatures on the counter.

2) Always check the address in the voter roll. As many as 40% of the addresses in the voter rolls are wrong! Even married couples have two different addresses! 3) Never assume to know how people feel about the issue. I had surprises, both pleasant and unpleasant. 4) Don't give up! There are many people who feel as I do that alcohol is just another product. 5) Get it right. The devil is in the details.

Throughout this endeavor, I have encouraged people to register to vote. If they could not be found in the book, I encouraged them to call the Board of Elections to clear up their issues. I have directed people how to do a change of address to be included in the town rolls. This is a winning scenario!

Finally, I have found a wealth of support and understanding surrounding this issue and how it affects business in our town.

To all who signed, I say THANK-YOU. I hope I can count on your support in the future.

Thank-you  
Meigan Dean  
Neversink, NY

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### The Claryville Fire District Has Received No Help From Ulster County Officials

In February 2009, the Claryville Fire District received a check dated February 3, 2009, from the Town of Denning Supervisor for \$35,041.95. This check was \$111,370.05 short from the \$146,412.00 that the District had budgeted for 2009. The Ulster County Real Property Tax Service was obligated by municipal law to collect this \$146,412.

Numerous inquiries by the District Treasurer provided no answer. On June 24, 2009, Charles Breiner, Chairman of the Claryville Board of Fire Commissioners received a phone call from Sue Tillson of the Ulster County Real Property Tax Service informing him that their office had made an error involving some NY State land recently included in the Fire District and the equalization rate resulted in a \$97,000 shortfall. In reality, this turned out to be \$146,412 that was due. She also stated that there was nothing they could do and that essentially that it was the District's problem and that we would have to take out a bond and pay the interest. This information was totally erroneous as there was no possible way the District could take out a bond in either the time frame or circumstances.

On June 26, 2009, Charles Breiner called Brian Shapiro and Donald Gregorius who represent the Town of Denning in the Ulster County Legislature and asked them for assistance in the matter. On June 30, Don Gregorius informed Mr. Breiner that he was working on this and that the County Executive, Michael Hein, was involved and working to find a solution. On July 1, Brian Shapiro called with the same message. Since then nothing more has been

heard from or any solution been brought forward by these legislators to help the people of Denning in the Claryville Fire District.

Charles Breiner was asked to attend a meeting in the Ulster County Executive's office at 10:30 AM on August 6. Commissioners Charlie Breiner and Jerry Huncosky attended this meeting with Deputy County Executive Robert Sudlow and staff from the Real Property Tax Office. They offered no solution. The Commissioners asked the County for an interest-free loan and to send a letter to each taxpayer explaining what happened and why they will be receiving such an extra large tax bill in 2010. It was stated that they would get back to the Fire District in a week. Two weeks later Commissioner Breiner called Robert Sudlow but the call was not returned. To make matters worse, the fire commissioners were charged 75 cents to park their car to the attend the meeting.

In summary, as of today (September 10, 2009) nothing has been offered by Ulster County to help the Claryville Fire District and the people of Denning in the district.

Charles Breiner,  
Claryville, NY

*Ed Notes:* In response to Mr. Breiner's letter the *Townsmen* received the following letter from the County of Ulster Real Property Tax Service Agency

Dear Ms. Comando,

On November 14, 2008, the Real Property Tax Service Agency, of which I serve as Director, received the 2009 budget for the Town of Denning. Included in that budget was \$146,412 for the Claryville Fire District. When a special district crosses county lines, my agency verifies the amounts to be collected in both counties. This fire district is located in Ulster County and crosses into Sullivan County. The apportioned amounts were \$132,066 for Denning and \$15,905 for Neversink. However, a clerical error in the calculation of tax rates was made which caused only \$35,041 to be raised in the Town of Denning instead of \$132,066. Unfortunately, the tax warrant for the Town of Denning also contained this error. This ministerial error resulted in a \$97,023 deficiency, a major portion of which was the responsibility of the State of New York as taxpayer for state owned lands. This error was not discovered until June 2009.

Once the error was brought to my attention, I enlisted the aid of all county resources in an effort to make it right. Immediate contact with legal counsel in both the New York State Office of Real Property Service and the New York State Comptroller's Office was made to see what steps I needed to take to rectify the situation. They are the State authorities that have jurisdiction over such matters. The answers that I received were not what I wanted to hear. Both agencies informed me that because the warrants showed the incorrect amount and had expired, there was no means in place for the County to make the District whole. In addition, the County Attorney confirmed that fact that there was no legal remedy available to correct this error short of providing for it in the next year. I made every attempt to find an immediate solution. No stone was left unturned to assist the Fire District.

On August 25, 2009, following a meeting with the Claryville Fire Commissioners, I wrote to the Commissioners confirming my findings. I also assured them that this error would be corrected at the first legally available opportunity, which is in January of 2010.

The County Executive directed me to do everything humanly possible to correct this error. The County will resolve this matter with the 2010 tax billing. I have further taken all necessary steps necessary to prevent anything of this nature from happening again.

Yours truly,  
Dorothy A. Martin, CCD  
County of Ulster  
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Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Congressman Bart Stupak (D-MI) this week led a group of 20 House members in calling on the U.S. Commodities Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to implement new rules that will safeguard the public from financial speculators who are artificially inflating the price of oil. In a letter sent to CFTC Chairman Gary Gensler, Hinchey and Stupak applauded the agency for working on a report that details how financial speculators have unfairly manipulated oil prices, but they encouraged the chairman to put safeguards in place now in order to protect the public from unnatural price fluctuations.

"For far too long, the American people have been forced to pay artificially inflated prices for gas and other oil products because greedy financial speculators have gamed the energy markets for their own profits," Hinchey said. "This manipulation of the energy market needs to stop and the CFTC has the authority to help bring this speculation game to an end. At a time when so many families in New York and across the country are trying to get by in very difficult economic times, the last thing they need is to be forced to pay higher prices at the pump because a multimillionaire oil speculator is trying to become a billionaire. The greed at the expense of the overall public must stop."

"It is encouraging to see the CFTC taking steps toward reining in excessive speculation in the energy markets," Stupak said. "Under Chairman Gensler's leadership, the CFTC has begun to address problems in our energy markets that Congress has been calling on the commission to look into for years. The fact that CFTC now acknowledges speculation plays a role in energy prices further confirms what energy market analysts, market experts and other government agencies have already found. As we in Congress continue our work on legislation addressing excessive energy speculation, the CFTC should utilize current authority to rein in excessive energy speculation sooner rather than later."

Hinchey, Stupak, and their colleagues wrote to Gensler that the CFTC has the authority under the U.S. Commodity Exchange Act to implement strong protections that would safeguard against oil price manipulation.

### HINCHEY, KINGSTON OFFICIALS HOLD GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR RONDOUT WATERFRONT WALKWAY

Congressman Maurice Hinchey and City of Kingston officials today held a groundbreaking ceremony for the development of the Rondout waterfront walkway. Construction at the site is now underway and expected to be mostly completed by the end of this year. Hinchey has previously secured more than \$1 million in federal funding for the project, which will enhance Kingston's waterfront walkway by constructing a landscaped trail from the Rondout waterfront to Kingston Point. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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### GILLIBRAND ANNOUNCES PLAN TO CRACK DOWN ON FINANCIAL FRAUD AGAINST SENIORS

To combat fraud and protect seniors, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today unveiled her plan to crack down on financial fraud against seniors, increase penalties on those scamming seniors, increase awareness of criminal tactics, and hold workshops across New York on financial literacy to empower seniors to protect themselves and their life savings. A new report from Senator Gillibrand's office estimates that over half a million New York seniors fall victim to consumer fraud each year.

"Seniors have spent a lifetime saving and preparing for the golden years, and they deserve financial security and peace of mind," Senator Gillibrand said. "But far too many seniors are being lured into bad investments, and getting scammed by criminals out of their savings and benefits. Seniors should have confidence that their savings and investments are in the hands of real experts, not criminals. My plan will give states the resources they need to protect seniors, increase penalties to crack down on fraud, and empower seniors to protect themselves."

According estimates from to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), 1 out of 5 seniors fall victim to fraud. And a new report from Senator Gillibrand estimates that approximately half a million New York seniors have fallen victim to consumer fraud - losing approximately \$180 million. In the Southern Tier, an estimate of over 20,000 seniors have been hit by fraud - losing an estimate of over \$7 million; and in the Hudson Valley, an estimate of nearly 60,000 seniors have been hit by fraud - losing an estimate of over \$20 million;



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## UC EXECUTIVE INTERVENES TO RESTORE CRITICAL PHONE COMMUNICATIONS IN BIG INDIAN

Following a decision by Verizon to deactivate a pay phone on Route 28, in Big Indian, New York; an area that has little to no access to cellular communications, Ulster County Executive Mike Hein has successfully intervened to persuade Verizon to reverse its decision. Verizon has reconnected the phone and, per an additional request by the County Executive, it is also seriously considering activating cellular service on a vacant municipal telecommunications tower in the Town of Shandaken, to better serve the community.

Prior to deactivation of the Big Indian pay-phone in July of this year, a limited number of pay phones were the only public telephone access available along a 15 mile stretch of roadway, extending from the intersection of Route 212 and 28, in Mount Tremper, New York, to Pine Hill, New York.

Over the years, the pay phone in Big Indian had been the source of numerous emergency calls to the County's 9-1-1 system. Charles Perez, a volunteer firefighter and proprietor of Big Indian Service, a repair and towing business located on Route 28, said he had personally made several emergency 9-1-1 calls utilizing the phone.

When Mr. Perez learned that the phone was disconnected and was scheduled to be removed, he contacted the County Executive's Office. In turn, the County Executive contacted Verizon and convinced them to reconnect the phone. "When the pay phone in Big Indian was disconnected, I immediately called Ulster County Executive Mike Hein. With his involvement and that of Senator John Bonacic's office, Verizon was asked to replace the phone, taking care of the problem within days. Having Mike Hein's voice for the people of Ulster County makes working with companies like Verizon much, much easier," said Mr. Perez.

County Executive Hein said, "I would like to thank the Verizon company for reconsidering and for keeping this critical communications option available for everyone in the Shandaken area. I also hope additional cellular and emergency call coverage will be forthcoming. We will also be working with the various carriers to identify vacancies on other facilities where service is either lacking or inadequate."

Ulster County Legislator Don Gregorius, whose district includes the area of Route 28 in question said, "Telephone communications is extremely important. Those of us who have access to the emergency and convenience use of telephone service are something we take for granted, until we don't have it. I'm pleased that the County Executive has intervened to remedy this situation."

## COMMITMENT FROM FEDS (From Pg. 1)

"We have to let our farmers do what they do best, and that's deliver fresh fruits and vegetable to local communities," said Senator Gillibrand. "New York farmers produce some of the highest quality, fresh produce in the country. The Farm Bill was supposed to make it easier for farmers to sell produce directly to New York schools, and this USDA ruling will finally ensure that our students will have healthy New York produce and our farmers can earn the extra income that comes from providing value-added products such as pre-cut apples. During difficult economic times, we need this new market to create jobs."

State Senator Darrel J. Aubertine, D-Cape Vincent, chair of the New York State Senate's Agriculture Committee said, "When we make local food available in our schools, our children get the freshest and finest produce available. We asked Secretary Vilsack and the USDA to review this because the enforcement of de minimis handling had been contrary to what the bill's authors and all of us in the farm community were looking for. I'm pleased to see that they are reviewing this and that New York farmers will have the opportunity to provide fresh snacks for our school children."

"City Harvest is pleased to learn that the USDA is taking another look at the language in the Farm Bill around de minimis processing, so that items like sliced fresh apples from New York State farms can be part of healthy school lunches. Organizations that care about hunger and nutrition in New York City, and who care about improving school meals, have been asking for this change for some time," said Jilly Stephens, Executive Director of City Harvest.

The Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Program in the 2008 Farm Bill authorizes schools to buy local produce that has not been processed for students to eat outside of school cafeteria programs. This program operates best when this local produce has been washed, sliced and bagged, since it is eaten outside of the lunchroom. Until now, the USDA interpretation of what it means for local produce to be considered "processed" has pre-

vented local farms from participating.

In the Farm Bill's Joint Explanatory Statement, the authors of the bill said the term "unprocessed" should not be taken literally, but rather "logically implemented" to allow the preparation necessary to deliver farm products "to a school food authority in a usable form."

In February, Senator Gillibrand teamed up with New York State Senator Aubertine, to ask the USDA to "...remain mindful of the vitality and value of New York's farms, the health of our school children, and the positive benefits of promoting local agriculture."

In their letter, Senator Gillibrand and State Senator Aubertine stated that Farm to Fork programs create wealth and lead to increased employment through agriculture, "creating a ripple effect that strengthens our struggling rural communities. Additionally, locally grown and distributed food is likely to be fresher and more nutritious, a key to fighting childhood public health problems from obesity to diabetes."

## INSTITUTE FOR FAMILY HEALTH (From Pg. 1)

This level of practice excellence benefits roughly 75,000 patients from four counties who receive medical, dental, and mental health services at Institute centers each year.

The Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Program was developed to assess whether physician practices are functioning as medical homes and recognize them for these efforts. PCMH standards emphasize the use of systematic, patient-centered, coordinated care that supports access, communication and patient involvement. Care components include preventive services, treatment of acute and chronic illness, and assistance with end-of-life issues.

Neil Calman, MD, president and CEO of the Institute, commented, "This recognition is testament to the level of care provided to all of our patients, regardless of their ability to pay. This quality of care is made possible by two important factors: the commitment of the doctors, nurses, social workers and support staff at the centers, and the Institute's award winning electronic health record and practice management system, Epic. Electronic health records are a phenomenal tool to increase preventive care, improve quality, improve patient safety and reduce racial and ethnic health disparities."

"Federally-qualified health centers are critical safety net providers in our communities," said New York State Health Commissioner Richard F. Daines, MD. "Governor Paterson and the State Health Department support the Medical Home model for the high-quality, coordinated care these centers provide to patients. We congratulate the Institute for Family Health on receiving the highest recognition as a Patient Centered Medical Home from the NCQA and for being on the cutting edge of delivering the highest quality preventive health care in their communities."

Steve Kelley, CEO of the Ellenville Regional Hospital, said, "I am so pleased to have the Institute as a partner in caring for the residents of our communities. The NCQA accomplishment is a reflection of their commitment to providing the best possible medical care to their patients, even to those who have no health insurance. I hope that many area residents - especially those who do not currently have a doctor-will visit an Institute center."

In addition to the full-time health centers certified by NCQA, the Institute for Family Health operates eight part-time health centers that serve homeless individuals, two school health programs, two free clinics and a variety of other programs. It also operates two family medicine residency programs, an urban program in Manhattan and a rural program in Kingston, NY. More than 40 federal, state and private grants support the organization's efforts to provide services to special populations including those affected by HIV/AIDS or those who are homeless as well as the Institute's Center of Excellence on the Elimination of Disparities, Bronx Health REACH. The Institute also operates the Ulster County Healthy Start and Dutchess County Healthy Families programs.

The Institute's NCQA-certified health centers in the Bronx are: Urban Horizons Family Practice, 50-98 East 168th Street; Mt. Hope Family Practice, 130 West Tremont Avenue; Walton Family Health Center, 1894 Walton Avenue; Parkchester Family Practice, 1597 Unionport Road; and Westchester Avenue Center, 1990 Westchester Avenue. In Manhattan, the centers are: Sidney Hillman/Phillips Family Practice, 16 East 16th Street; East 13th Street Family Practice, 113 East 13th Street; Washington Irving School-based Health Center, 40 Irving Place; and Amsterdam Center, 690 Amsterdam Avenue. In the Mid-Hudson Valley, the centers are: Family Health Center of Kingston, 1 Family Practice Drive; Family Health Center of New Paltz, 279 Main Street; Family Health Center of Ellenville, 6 Healthy Way; and Family Practice Center of Hyde Park, 11 Crum Elbow Road. Visit [www.Institute2000.org](http://www.Institute2000.org).

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## RONDOUT WATERFRONT WALKWAY (From Pg. 12)

"It's taken a lot of hard work to get to this day, but construction is finally underway and the people of Kingston will soon have a beautiful new walkway along the Rondout that will offer them recreational opportunities and provide the city with strong potential for economic growth through the development of new businesses," Hinchey said. "I'm pleased that I was able to secure a significant level of federal funding that spared local taxpayers much of the expense associated with this worthwhile project. Along with the redevelopment of the Pike Plan in uptown Kingston, this project is helping to create jobs while transforming the city in a way that enhances the quality of life for everyone who lives and works here."

The waterfront walkway project will provide public access to and along the waterfront and will connect with the walkway already in place. The trail will provide new waterfront recreational opportunities, with greater access to the Rondout and the waterfront commercial district. It will link the proposed developments along the waterfront and serve as a destination for residents and tourists. Funds will also be used for streetscaping, including trees, lighting, benches, and other amenities.

Hinchey secured \$1.04 million in federal funds for the Rondout walkway from Congress as part of the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) measure. Additionally, \$200,000 from the federal economic recovery bill, which Hinchey actively supported and helped pass earlier this year in Congress, has been designated for the development of the walkway.

"Congressman Hinchey has been a steadfast friend to the City of Kingston and has supported our efforts to advance projects like the Waterfront Promenade and many others. He is an invaluable partner in providing support and funding for our initiatives, and as Mayor, I want to thank him on behalf of all our residents for sharing our vision and working to make Kingston a better place," said Kingston Mayor James M. Sottile.

New York State Department of Transportation Regional Design Engineer William Gorton said, "The New York State Department of Transportation is proud to participate in the funding of the City of Kingston's continuing work to revitalize the waterfront and provide pedestrian access to the Rondout Creek."

Stephen M. Finkle, Director of Economic Development, City of Kingston said, "I am pleased that this critical section of the waterfront promenade is now under construction. It is an essential element of our waterfront revitalization plan, and we could not have advanced this project without the help and major funding from Congressman Hinchey as well as the New York State Department of State and the New York State Department of Transportation. This project will connect with the other sections of promenade in place and will eventually extend to the Hudson River shoreline."

In addition to the funding Hinchey secured, the New York State Department of State (DOS) provided \$350,000 in grant funds and the City of Kingston is investing \$240,000. The Office of Parks has also been involved with funding the construction of a section of the bulkhead adjacent to the section that will be constructed next year with DOS and New York State Department of Transportation funds.



THE TOWNSMAN CALENDAR OF LOCAL EVENTS

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org

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**Games & Socializing** FREE fun every Friday afternoon 1 pm - 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Town Hall.

**Paint Your Own Pottery** Saturday October 17. Town Hall 10 am. \$7 residents \$20 non-residents must be paid no later than October 6.

**Create a Cornucopia Centerpiece with Betty Shaver** Saturday, November 14. Town Hall 10 am. Free for residents/\$8 non-residents must be signed up no later than November 3.

**Shopping Garden State Plaza** Tuesday November 17. Leave Town Hall 8 am and return at approximately 7 pm. This trip is for adults 21 and over. A non-refundable \$20 residents/\$30 non-residents must be paid no later than October 6.

**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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- 9/23/09 Neversink Fire Dist Meeting - 7:30 pm - Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 9/25/09 SLAC Meeting 10 am at Ted Stroebele Neighborhood Facility -Monticello - 985-7901
- 9/26/09 **Sundown Methodist Church Bazaar** Sundown Church Hall between 9 am - 3 pm
- 10/1/09 **First Thursday Readers** 1 pm Daniel Pierce Library October selection *The Wild Swans* by Jung Chang.
- 10/1/09 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 10/3/09 Extreme JAKE Pheasant Hunt (pre-registration required) call (845)439-3738
- 10/4/09 Lemon Chicken Dinner- 3:00- 6:00 pm Liberty Lodge Eagle Drive call 434-4981
- 10/6/09 **Ulster County Care-A-Van** 11am-2pm at Sundown Methodist Church Hall
- 10/6/09 Grahamsville Methodist Church **Thrift Sale** (9-2) and **Luncheon** (11-1)
- 10/6/09 Town of Denning Board Meeting 7:00 pm - Sundown Church Hall
- 10/7/09 **Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting**- 1:30 pm Town Hall Grahamsville
- 10/7/09 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 10/8/09 **First Thursday Readers Group Meeting** 1:00 p.m. at the Daniel Pierce Library
- 10/8/09 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 10/10/09 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Smorgasbord Dinner** 4 - 7 pm
- 10/12/09 **COLUMBUS DAY** - Town of Neversink Holiday
- 10/13/09 Town of Denning Bill Audit meeting 7 pm
- 10/14/09 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 10/15/09 **Dept. of Motor Vehicles - Neversink Town Hall - 10 am - 2 :30 pm**
- 10/18/09 Claryville Fire Dept. **Monthly Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 10/19/09 Grahamsville Fire District Meeting
- 10/20/09 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 10/20/09 Claryville Fire Dist Public Hearing of Budget at 7 pm followed by regular meeting
- 10/20/09 **Tri-Valley AARP #1604 Meeting**- Noon Covered Dish Luncheon Town Hall Grahamsville
- 10/21/09 Neversink Rondout Antique Tractor Meeting - 7:30 Neversink Fire House
- 10/21/09 Neversink Fire Dist Meeting - 7:30 pm - Public Meeting 8:00 pm

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Oct 3rd -- **24th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade!!!**  
**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://thetownsmen.com>
- To find out what is happening at Tri-Valley CSD: <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

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Gilda Riccardi, candidate for County Clerk, chats with supporters at the Grand Opening Reception of the Campaign Headquarters last Wednesday evening.

**THE GRAND OPENING OF 2009 ULSTER COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN HEAD-QUARTERS**

A reception was held in honor of all Ulster County Democratic Candidates at the new Campaign Headquarters located at 315 Wall Street in Kingston last Wednesday evening kicking off the campaign season for the November 2009 election.

As the leaves begin to change their color, we will also begin to see the colorful campaign posters along the roads and highways, adding a touch of red, white and blue reminding us that November 3rd, Election Day is just around the corner. If you are not registered to vote, you can still register to vote to be eligible to vote in the November general election.

Your voter registration application must be received no later than October 9th unless you have been honorably discharged from the military or have become a naturalized citizen since October 9th, you may register in person at the board of elections up until October 23rd.

**THE RESULTS OF THE TOWN OF DENNING DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS (From Pg. 1)**

Incumbent, Joy Monforte was nominated and unanimously supported and endorsed as the candidate for Denning Town Clerk. Dan Van Sader also received the support and endorsement as Denning Highway Superintendent. On the Democratic line, Dave Brooks and Kevin Smith were nominated and endorsed as the Democratic candidates for the positions of Town of Denning Councilman.

**CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA!!**

The Roscoe Community Theatre Group Will host their annual Christmas Show on Friday, December 4th 2009 at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in performing or being a part of the show please contact Lilly at 607-498-5222 x-306. Refreshments will be served. Free Will Offering.


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Exploring Credit/Debt Management Issues is on October 20th 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" is on October 27th at 5:30-7:30 pm at CCE -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.

Woodstove Safety- October 21st at 6:00-8:00 at CCE- Begin the winter with no heating worries. Join us to learn about woodstove basic installation, different types of wood and BTUs, outdoor and indoor regulations and procedures and a yearly checklist to look at before the heating season begins. This class has a fee of \$10.00. Please call Linda at 845-292-6180 to preregister



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<b>Yiskor Services</b>	<b>September 28th</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>	
Monday Afternoon	September 28th	4:30 PM	

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**BUILDING FOR RENT:** In Grahamsville (Old Post Office) Rent - 985-7411.

**3-Bedroom ranch,** full basement. 3 acres with views of river and mountains. Tri-Valley Schools. Propane/wood heat. \$160,000 or \$1100 per month. No pets 845-901-9546. p10/15

### INSTRUCTIONS

**Private Piano Instruction** - Children-Adults  
Beginners-Advanced Olga Booth, M.A.  
985-2319 p9/24

### FOR SALE

**2002 GULF STREAM MOTOR HOME "C"**  
Class; 2 slide outs; 2 TV's; too many options to mention. Less than 20,000 miles. \$27,500-  
Call Alex Rutkowski - 985-5057 4/2 fn

**1992 Dodge Shadow 79K miles** New tires. New paint. Great first car. Asking: \$900.00  
Call 845-417-6165

**207 Yamaha Raptor 700R,** bought new in 2008. Less than 50 hrs. Runs better than new! \$4,700 negotiable. (845) 985-2126 Kyle or Patrick pd 10/1

### ANIMALS/LIVESTOCK FOR SALE

**ORGANIC BEEF CATTLE** for sale. Contact David Levitz 845-985-7093 8/13bfn

### PET BOARDING

**Pet Boarding-** Small boarding facility. Heated, well ventilated, 4x6 stalls with access to an outdoor run several times daily. 845-985-5036 bfnqly

### REMINDER: ONE DOLLAR/ONE LINE/ONE ITEM AD FLYER IN OCTOBER 1st ISSUE

Do you have an item you want to sell?  
A truck, car, lawn mower, tools, glassware, piano, trampoline, -- you name it!

If you knit, crochet, paint, sculpt or have an unusual item, or a not so unusual item that you would like to sell, why not list it in our **October 1st One Dollar, One Line, One Item** for sale flyer?

Send your listing to:  
The Townsman, P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 along with \$1.00 per item by **Sept. 25, 2009**. The next **Townsman's ITEMS FOR SALE FLYER** will be published/inserted in the October 1st issue. Have a question: Call 845-985-0501.

Make checks payable to The Townsman. (Real Estate not included)

Remember we must receive all ads by this **Friday, Sept. 25th**, in order to be included in the October 1st flyer.

### SERVICES

**STUMP GRINDING** - Certified Arborist - Winter Discounts - call **LUCKY DOG** - 985-7689

**Lawn Maintenance,** Crusher Run Driveways, Stumpgrinding; Spring Cleanups; Koi Ponds and water features. **Semonick, Inc.** Est. 1994. Fully insured. 845-985-2315.

**"Helpful Neighbor"** - Basic, gardening, painting, carpentry and repair services available. Low cost especially for senior citizens. Call Bob at 845-985-7441. tm

**K & A CONSTRUCTION** - affordable General Contracting Company. Reliable, reasonable, hard-working & negotiable.

FREE ESTIMATES & DESIGN IDEAS!  
Call and leave a message (845)985-5004

### HELP WANTED

**HELP WANTED!** Grahamsville Dell, must work weekends! Competitive Salary. 985-0107.

### HEALTH FOOD/CLASSES

#### YOGA • REIKI

Close to Neversink Dam  
on Lindholm Road

Morning **YOGA** classes include gentle stretches to ease and prevent back and joint pain

**REIKI** Spiritual Energy Healing Sessions and classes by appointment  
Call: **JOY @ 845-292-7870**

### Denning Democrats

The result of the Democratic Caucus is:  
*Frank Comando for Town Supervisor*  
*Joy Monforte for Town Clerk/Tax Collector*  
*Dan Van Saders for Highway Superintendent*  
*Dave Brooks for Councilman*  
*Kevin Smith for Councilman*

A caucus is a very important part of the election process. It is the first chance that any voter has to choose a candidate and the first opportunity for candidates to go before the voters. It is the beginning of the democratic process.

The key value of the democratic process is based on the belief in the integrity and rights of all people and promotes ideals of equal participation. A strong democracy depends on engaged citizens and dedicated, competent, leaders willing to step forward and offer voters choices as to who will represent them. By running for public office, you are contributing to upholding the democracy envisioned by our country's founders. The founders created a unique system that put governing in the hands of the people. Whether a candidate is driven by a passion to address a particular challenge in the community, a realization that they are as capable as the current office holder or even more capable, your choice as a voter can make a difference.

Thank you to all who helped to make this process work at the caucus. Now, it's time for you, the voter, to join the race!

Committee Chair  
Frank Comando

### ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

B. Frank Hawkins  
A. Jack Hawkins

### TRI-VALLEY PROPERTY FOR SALE

GRAHAMSVILLE/SUNDOWN/WOODBOURNE:

- **NEW** 4 bed/3 bath mini-estate with indoor pool, 2 ponds, manicured grounds and 9 private acs. \$749,000  
- **REDUCED:** Dreamy 4 BR eyebrow colonial on 15.73 acres with views & stream next to city land. \$399,000.  
- 29 gorgeous acres with phone/elec/well and paved driveway. Views, meadows, woods. \$179,000  
- Adorable 1 bed/1 bath cabin on 1.2 parklike acres near the Rondout Creek. **Accepted offer.**

CLARYVILLE:

- Hunter's cabin 2 bed/1 bath, 700 sq ft on 2.9 acres with view. \$129,000. **Under contract.**  
- Elegant 3-4 bedroom 1860s home on 1.9 acres. Huge level back yard. A Claryville gem. **SOLD**

For more information, contact Jennifer Grimes  
Salesperson with Frank Lumia Real Estate  
Home Office: (845) 985-7153 • Cell: (848) 258-2802  
or visit [www.JCGGroups.com](http://www.JCGGroups.com)



### Knarf's "Classic Movie" Trivia

**Ben-Hur** (1959) (A Knarf the gnome favorite)

The story is set back to the days of the Roman Empire when a man's family was decimated. A young Israelite prince rebels and seeks revenge. He then crosses paths with Jesus Christ. Cast: Charlton Heston, Stephen Boyd, and Jack Hawkins. Dir: William Wyler. C-222 mins, TV-PG, CC, Letterbox Format, DVS Saturday, September 26, @ 8:00 PM see it on TCM, Quiz:

A. Name the actor who portrayed the character Quintus Arrius?  
B. Name the actor who played the character Pontius Pilate?

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

### FREE ADMISSION RAIN OR SHINE!

It is coming! Do not miss it! Its the 24th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party & Children's Parade Saturday, October 3, 2009 @ 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Children's Parade begins at 9:00 AM starting at Tri-Valley Central School and heading along Route 55 through town, past the Daniel Pierce Library to the Grahamsville Fairgrounds where the Giant Pumpkin Party will be held.

### THE FIRST NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED

What are you reading? Did you know that on Sept. 25, 1690, Boston printer, Benjamin Harris, produced the first issue of Publick Occurrences, which was the first newspaper published in Britain's North American colonies. Readers were enthusiastic, but the governor was not. Under British law, "no person [was to] keep any printing-press for printing, nor [was] any book, pamphlet or other matter whatsoever" to be printed without the governor's "special leave and license first obtained." In short, it was illegal to publish without the government's approval which Harris had failed to obtain.

Within a few days, the governor and council had banned publication of the paper. Authorities collected and destroyed every copy they could find. The one copy known to have survived is preserved in the British Library. Maybe this is why Freedom of Speech was so important to the framers of the constitution.

U.S. Constitution: First Amendment "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances".

Gnomes just love a living Constitution!

Bye,

Knarf Odnemoe  
Gnome