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Trains of Yesteryear



Tioga County Historical Society (TCHS), in association with Frank Bocek (pictured below) and friends, present a Lionel Toy Train display highlighting the trains of yesteryear. This exhibit contains both Lionel trains, like the Erie Lackawanna Freight Train, as well as old photographs and information about Tioga County trains of the past. The old time steam locomotive is a highlight of the display. Photographs from the collections of TCHS, Tom McEnt-

eer, Dan Sloat, Troy Smith and Howard Davis are on display. This display also contains a blue print of a Lehigh Valley Engine and many different pre-electric and electric toy trains of varying sizes, including the largest electric engine ever created by Lionel. Backdrop hand-painted by Carrie Tornatore and Bette Daimo. See the display at the museum, 110 Front Street in Owego, until March 1, 2011.



The Town of Owego: 2010 in Review

By Donald Castellucci Jr., Town of Owego Supervisor

It has been a busy year at the Town as we have transitioned to a new Town Board. I would first like to thank the Town Board and Town employees for helping to make the transition to new leadership, seamless and efficient. I suspect most people who do business with the Town each day never noticed a difference in their business transactions. That speaks highly of the talent and dedication of the Town employees.

Let me share a few highlights of 2010 here in the Town of Owego. We closed our Digester Cover project with a serial bond in the amount of 1,810,000 dollars on June 24, 2010. These funds were used to replace the digester covers at the Apalachin plant. They had been in use roughly 40 years. We also closed our bond on our water projects with the USDA on December 15, 2010, in the amount of 3,239,000 dollars. These funds helped to replace or refurbish all the water reservoirs in the Town, build a booster pump station on Glann Road, established emergency power at all our water pump houses and the construction of the 17C water inter-connect with the Village of Owego. A budget line has been established to reserve funds for painting the water reservoirs in the future so we do not have to borrow money for this maintenance item.

The Chesapeake Bay Initiative, which is not new, is not only going to be another burden on sewer and water users but private property owners as well. Recently the State DEC (Dept. of Environmental Conservation) has challenged the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) on the restrictions (TMDL's Total Maximum Daily Load). For this articles purpose, basically the Chesapeake Bay can only handle so many pollutants to keep it viable. All rivers and streams that flow to the Bay are under scrutiny. New York's waters have been significantly cleaned over the past decade to battle the problems caused by nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment. To



reach the numbers the EPA wants local municipalities to have in their effluents would be astronomical in cost. Fortunately the State has, for the moment, challenged the EPA to come up with more reasonable and fairer numbers for New York. The jurisdictions in the Bay Watershed include Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. The State has made the argument that the numbers being suggested for the other jurisdictions are not fair. The other jurisdictions have more of an impact on the Bay and New York's waters are much cleaner when they leave New York. This is just a short synopsis of one way the federal Government is trying to control local and State government. If you are a private land owner or a farmer, this is a way to control your land. Residents need to educate themselves on this issue.

The Town has a new website: www.townofowego.com. There are many new features, some that may save you a trip to the Town Hall! You can view and download information such as hours of operation, Ordinances and Codes, Town Board minutes, Permit and License information and much more. Peruse the website and let me know what you think! Send me an email at: dcastellucci@townofowego.com

Is there something you would like to see added? Was it helpful? I believe you will find it a valuable resource when you need information about your Town government.

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The students of St. Patrick School in Owego recently raised \$800.00 in an effort to make Christmas a little merrier for two local families. “Adopt-a-Family” is an annual school service project that allows students to put their faith into action by carrying out a mission to do service for others. Students

raised money to purchase gifts by holding raffles for themed baskets and paying one dollar to dress out of school uniform for a day. This year, students raised enough money to buy gifts for two families. Pictured here are students in fourth and fifth grades who shopped and wrapped the gifts for the families.



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Annual Sportsmen & Outdoor Recreation Legislative Awareness Day - January 25th



Assembly Republican Leader Brian M. Kolb (R,I,C-Canandaigua) is pictured (standing, third from right) listening to Wayne LaPierre, CEO and Executive Vice President of the National Rifle Association (NRA) (speaking, at podium), as LaPierre gives the keynote address at the 2010 Sportsman and Outdoor Recreation Legislative Awareness Day last January.

Kolb and LaPierre were joined by nearly 3,000 outdoor enthusiasts at this first of its kind celebration of Second Amendment Rights in Albany. Due to the unprecedented success of this event, Kolb and the Assembly Republican Conference have made Sportsmen and Outdoor Recreation Legislative Awareness Day an annual event, where hunters, fishermen, trappers, snowmobilers,

ATV devotees and others can gather at the State Capitol to showcase their products, lobby their legislators and network with like-minded New Yorkers.

The second annual Sportsmen and Outdoor Recreation Legislative Awareness Day will take place on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the “Well” of the Legislative Office Building. The event is free and open to the public.

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By Yashmina Reza
translated by Christopher Hampton

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Campville Fire Wire

Campville Fire Department 2011 Officers: Chief - Rob Ziemba, 1st Assistant Chief - Ken Schneider, 2nd Assistant Chief - John Hickey, Captain - Patrick Mercer, 1st Fire Lieutenant - Brad Schuyler, 2nd Fire Lieutenant - Open, 3rd Fire Lieutenant - Kristen Lovejoy, Squad Assistant Chief - Carl Laposky, 1st Squad Lieutenant - Allen Peterson, 2nd Squad Lieutenant - JP Radzikowski, Fire Police Captain - Vince Fabiano, Fire Police Lieutenant - Dave Hogg Sr.

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AWARDS DINNER

The Firefighter of the year 2010 was Vince Fabiano. Vince's dedication to his position of Treasurer has been above and beyond any expectations. He spent many long hours fulfilling his obligations, just ask his wife Jackie! He is also our Fire Police Captain and volunteers driving the ambulance on Thursday evenings. Thank you Vince for a

great job. Our theme for the dinner was an Hawaiian Luau and a fun time was had by all. This is a night off for the firefighters and their better half to enjoy for their many volunteer hours they put into the department. Thank you to the Awards Dinner Committee, John Hickey, Pat Hickey and Marie Mead for a job well done.

We didn't forget the members' children and Santa showed up on a Sunday afternoon to visit with all of them. Each child got to sit and talk with Santa and received a gift. They played, created some neat crafts and made ice cream sundaes of their choice. Thank you to the Children's Christmas Party Committee, Jenn Ford and Brenda Ziemba for a job well done.

2011 will bring new challenges and changes to the fire service and we will be actively recruiting new members to come and join us. It's a 365 day / 24 hr day volunteer shift. Come to the station on Tuesday evenings at 7PM and visit with us.

January 4, 2011, at 6:30PM, a NYS Certified First Responder Class is scheduled to begin. This class is open to members of any fire department age 16 and older. There is no charge to attend and after passing the NYS course, you will be certified to run with the squad. Please consider volunteering your time to help your community. All you need to do is call the Tioga County Bureau of Fire to register.

Tioga/Nichols Lions Club Book Sale & Soup Lunch

The Tioga/Nichols Area Lions Club will hold a Book Sale and Soup Lunch on Saturday January 15. The event will be held at the Lounsburry Methodist Church, River Road, Lounsburry, NY, from 10 am to 2 pm. There will be a variety of soups to choose from as well as a slice of

Panera Bread, drink and dessert is included in the price. Along with lunch there will be a huge selection of hardcover and paper back books to purchase. There will also be two guest authors, Ray Ward and Robert L. White. The proceeds will benefit the community funds.

American Red Cross Blood Drive O+ and A+ Donors Needed!

American Red Cross Blood Drive, will be held on Friday January 7 from 1pm to 6pm at the Candor Fire Station Route 96 Candor. Every two seconds, someone needs blood. With that many donations are needed, it's almost impossible that blood donation won't touch your life. The reason people need blood are numerous. Accident and burn victims, cancer patients, children

with blood disorders, patients with sickle cell disease, the list goes on. You can donate every 56 days. Everyday in the United States 38,000 donations are needed. There is a real need for blood please so please make that call. Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE

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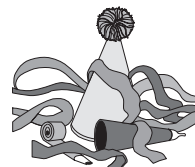
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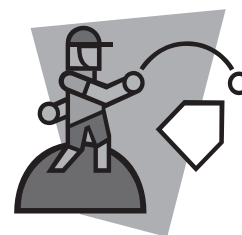
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Teener Baseball— Must be 13 before May 1st of the current year and cannot turn 17 before May 1st of the current year.

Residence Requirements

Either parent (or the legal guardian) must reside within the
Owego-Apalachin School District.

For more information see our web site at

www.eteamz.com/owego

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Ohio Valley Refinery Arrives Tomorrow in Owego for a 5 Day Event!

By **DAVID MORGAN**
STAFF WRITER

Been following the gold and silver market lately? Well if you have a jewelry box or lock box full of gold or a coffee can full of old coins you should be according to Ohio Valley Refinery spokesperson John Miller. “The gold and silver markets have not been this strong for over 30 years” said Miller. Typically when the U.S. dollar is weak and the economy is flat gold and silver markets soar. “That’s good news if you are setting on a few gold necklaces or an old class ring” says Miller.

Starting Tuesday at 9am and every day through Saturday, the Ohio Valley Refinery will be setting up a satellite refinery right here in **Owego** at the **Owego Treadway Inn & Conference Center**. During their 5 day stay, anyone can bring gold, silver or platinum items and turn them in for immediate payment, explains John Miller. “Just about everybody has some amount of gold or silver just lying around collecting dust and next week anybody can sell theirs direct to our refinery. Typically, selling direct to a refinery is reserved for larger wholesale customers like jewelry stores, pawn shops, and laboratories,” says Miller. “We are changing how business is done,” he explains. “We want to do business with everybody so we took our business to the streets. Our teams visits various cities around the country hosting 5 day events allowing the general public to take advantage of our services. The turnout has been overwhelming,” says Miller. “Usually each day is busier than the previous day. It seems once people come to us and sell something, they are so amazed by what an old ring or gold coin is worth that they go home and start digging around for more and tell relatives, friends and neighbors. It’s like a feeding frenzy by the third day. People line up with everything from gold jewelry to sterling silver flatware sets to old coins. I think during this bad economy everybody can use extra money but most people say they are taking advantage of selling direct



Above: Refinery representatives will be on hand starting Tuesday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

to our refinery because of the higher prices we pay.”

During this special event anyone is welcome to bring all types of gold, silver and platinum to the refinery and turn it in for instant payment. The types of items they will accept include: all gold jewelry, gold coins, gold ounces and dental gold. We also buy coins dated 1964 and before including: Silver Dollars, halves, quarters and dimes. Anything marked “sterling” is accepted including: flat ware sets, tea pots, silver bars, silver ounces and all industrial precious metals.

What should you expect if you go to the event to sell your gold and/or silver? Just gather up all gold silver and platinum in any form. If you are not sure if its gold or silver, bring it in and they will test it for free. When you arrive at the event you will be asked to fill out a simple registration card and will be issued a number. Seating will be available. When your number is called you will be escorted to a table where your items will be examined, tested

and sorted. This only takes a few minutes using their expertise and specialized equipment. Items will be counted and/or weighed. The value of the items will be determined based on up to the minute market prices. Live feeds will be available at the event displaying current market prices of all precious metals. If you choose to sell your items, they will be bagged and tagged and you will be escorted to the cashier to collect your payment. Waiting time to sell your items may range from just a few minutes to 1 hour so bring something to read.

If you are the owner of a jewelry store, pawn shop, dentist office or a dealer, you are encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment with the smelt master to discuss their special dealer programs. You can call our venue to make an appointment at **(607) 687-4500**.

Ohio Valley Refinery will open for business Tuesday from 9am-6pm. The event continues every day through Saturday. No appointment is needed.

Silver and Gold Coin Prices Up During Poor Economy.

Collectors and Enthusiasts in Owego with \$200,000 to Purchase Yours!

By **DAVID MORGAN**
STAFF WRITER

Got Coin? It might be just the time to cash in. This week, starting Tuesday and continuing through Saturday, the International Collectors Association, in conjunction with the Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery, will be purchasing all types of silver and gold coins direct from the public. All types are welcome and the event is free.

Collectors will be on hand to identify and sort your coins. Then the quality or grade will be determined. According to collectors I talked with, the better the grade the more they are worth. With the current silver and gold markets, prices are up for older coins too. Any coins minted in 1964 and before in the U.S. are 90% silver, except nickels and pennies.

The coins worth is determined by the rarity and the grade. Old silver dollars are worth a great premium right now. Even well worn and heavy circulated ones are bringing good premiums. Franklin and Kennedy halves, Washington quarters and Mercury and Roosevelt dimes are all worth many times their face value. While older types like Seated Liberty, Standing Liberties, and Barber coins are worth even more.

Gold coins are really worth a lot right now according to Brian Eades of the International Collectors Association. “This country didn’t start minting coins until 1792,” says Eades. “Before that people would trade goods using gold dust and nuggets. Some shop keepers would take more gold than needed to pay for items purchased. There was no uniform system of making change.”

The government opened the first mints and began distributing the coins in 1792. By the beginning of the 19th century, coins and paper currency were wide spread and our monetary system was here to stay. In 1933, Roosevelt required all banking institutions to turn in all gold coins.

Once all banks turned in this gold, the president raised the gold standard from \$20.00 per ounce to \$33.00 per ounce. This was his way of stimulating the economy during the great depression. However, gold coins were never redistributed after the recall. Not all gold coins were turned in. Many folks during that time didn’t completely trust the government and chose to keep their gold.

These gold coins are sought after by collectors today and bring many times the face value. Any gold coins with the mint marks of CC, D or O will bring nice premiums. Collectors at the event will be glad to show you where to look. Other types of coins will also be purchase including: foreign coins, Indian head cents, two cent pieces, half dimes, three cent pieces and buffalo nickels to name a few.

Collectors warn people against trying to clean their coins as significant damage can be done and the coins value lessened.

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Local records reveal to our research department that recent vintage guitar sold for \$2400.00 and another for \$12,000.00 to a collector that will be tied into the event this week via live database feed.



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WHAT: Open to public to sell gold and silver.

WHEN: January 4th - 8th

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Local Residents are ready to cash in!

International antique buyers in town this week and ready to stimulate economy!

By **DAVID MORGAN**
STAFF WRITER

Hundreds of phone calls from local residents this week to the corporate office of the Ohio Valley Gold and Silver Refinery pour in inquiring about items to be purchased all this week by the team of antique buyers that is on site with OVGSR.

The team of buyers this week are purchasing a vast array of vintage items (see left) along with coins, gold jewelry, and sterling silver items the refinery deals in. It is a Local shot in the arm for our economy. The spokesperson for the event expects to spend in excess of \$200,000.00 this week at the **Owego Treadway Inn & Conference Center** paying local residents on the spot. The spokesperson for the company explained that these collectors are paying collector price for vintage items. It’s a great way for people to get a great value for their items.



Refinery representatives will be on hand starting Tuesday to purchase all gold, silver and platinum items, as well as coins. Public welcome!

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A recent \$1532.00 grant from the NRA has allowed the Tioga County 4-H Shooting Sports Program to add the Air Rifle project to its program. The grant provided the funds to purchase eight air rifles, a storage cabinet, and air rifle pellets for a year's worth of training classes and team use.

The 4-H Air Rifle project is open to youth 9 to 19 years old. All 4-H firearms projects are taught by NYS 4-H certified shooting sports instructors. Youth members receive 12 hours of training, and learn safe and responsible use of firearms, life skills, and team work. When the training is successfully completed and other requirements are met, members then can be eligible for participation on the 4-H Air Rifle postal match team.

To find out more about the Tioga County 4-H Environmental Educations and Shooting Sports Program contact the 4-H Office, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Tioga County at 687-4020 or visit their website at www.cce.cornell.edu/tioga.

Tioga Downs & Vernon Downs Contribute More Than \$76,000 to Charity in 2010



American Racing and Entertainment is proud to announce that their donation totals between Tioga Downs and Vernon Downs in 2010 amounted to more than \$76,000 and reached more than 50 charities.

In the month of August, fans at Tioga Downs donated more than \$3,300 to each the Chloe Mulchahy benefit and Aliesia Abrams benefit, which Tioga Downs matched dollar for dollar to both charities, as well as Chairman Jeff Gural, who personally matched the contribution, and the Children's Starlight Foundation of New York City.

Some of the other charities that American Racing and Entertainment donated to in 2010 include the Ohio Harness Horsemen to help in the Lebanon fire relief, Sullivan Chapter of the Red Cross to help with aid in the Haiti disaster, and The Food Bank of the Southern Tier. The Tioga Downs employees showed their generosity with the Tioga County United Way Campaign in November and donated over \$8,000 which was matched by Tioga Downs, and Jeff Gural personally donated \$5,000 to bring the grand total to more than \$21,000.

One of the marquee events of the year for Tioga Downs is the Drivers' Championship which also helps raise money for charity. Jason Bartlett, Brian Sears, Dave Palone, Yannick Gingras, John Campbell, Bruce Ranger, and Tim Tetrick each gladly donated their 5% earnings in the competition to the Standardbred Retirement Foundation, which Tioga Downs matched, while Ron Pierce and George Brennan donated theirs to a charity of their choosing which Tioga also matched.

"We are very thankful to the communities that support us, and this is a way that Tioga and Vernon are able to give back and help these wonderful local charities out in a time of need. We would also like to thank our customers who donated their money and canned food items to many of the local charities this year, without your help much of this would not be possible" said Jason M. Settlement, VP of Racing and Simul-

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Business News



Pat & Dick's Body Shop is now opened for business again in Little Meadows Pa. For an appointment or free estimate give them a call at 507-623-2048. Pat and Dick would like to thank the many people who helped them get their shop ready for business after it was destroyed by a fire in September.



Congratulations to East of the Sun, West of the Moon located on Front Street in Owego, which was voted #1 in the "Bring the Spirit to Life Window Decorating Contest." Owner, Jamy Howard, selected a primary white color theme to create a stunningly beautiful, classy display which is contrasted by a few green wreaths and garland.

Owego Little League Signups

Owego Little League Player Agent Karen Vinti announces three sign up dates for Little League Tee Ball and Baseball, Owego Girls Softball (ASA) and Teener League Baseball.

League officials encourage early registration to plan teams, organize managers and coaches, recruit umpires and uniform availability.

Parents may register players from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both Saturday, January 29, and Saturday, February 5, and last call on Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Central Fire Station, 87 North Avenue, Owego, across from John's Fine Foods.

More signup details in the OLL advertisement on page 3

Wine & Beer Tasting Event

The annual Wine & Beer Tasting Event with Silent Auction will be held on January 14, 2011, at the Owego Treadway Inn from 6:00-9:00pm. Tom Westcott and Bob Jensen from the Bad Weather Blues Band will entertain participants, and local restaurants will provide refreshments along with cheese and beverage samples from wineries, breweries and cheese houses from across the state.

Advance tickets can be purchased at Lawler's Liquor Store and Scott Smith & Son for \$35/couple and

\$25/person. Tickets purchased at the door will be \$40/couple and \$30/person. Designated Driver tickets will be \$10.

Hosted by the Owego Apalachin Foundation for Excellence in Education, this event is the primary fund raising initiative. The Foundation is a nonprofit community organization that provides grants for innovative programs which benefit children in our area as well as scholarships to four OFA seniors who will pursue a career in a youth-oriented field.

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A Healthier You for 2011

by *Chef Nick Cavataio*

When we think about a healthier lifestyle, two nasty words come to mind (exercise and diet). Exercise and Diet really don't have to be bad things. I guess the old saying "Today is the first day of the rest of my life" is appropriate at any age.

Here are a couple sample recipes to start out the New Year.

Jalapeno - Swiss - Turkey Burgers

1 lb ground turkey
1 small onion, chopped
1 jalapeno pepper, sliced
8 slices Swiss cheese
4 wheat burger buns
Pinch sea salt and pepper

Mix turkey and chopped onion in a bowl, then form into 4 patties. Cook in skillet on medium heat for 7 minutes, then flip. After 5 minutes, add a slice of cheese and the jalapenos to burgers. After 2 more minutes, add the other slice of cheese.

Spicy Halibut with Horseradish Sauce

Sauce:

1 cup nonfat sour cream
1T Dijon mustard
1T minced fresh garlic
1T prepared horseradish
½ t black pepper
¼ t sea salt

Halibut:

1t dry oregano



1t cumin powder
1t onion powder
1t garlic powder
1t black pepper
1t chili powder
1t sea salt
4 halibut fillets, 6 oz each
1T olive oil

In a medium bowl, combine sour cream, mustard, garlic, horseradish, pepper and salt. Mix well and set aside. In a small bowl, combine oregano, cumin, onion powder, garlic powder, black pepper, chili powder and salt. Lightly coat halibut with olive oil and dredge each fillet in the spice mixture. Grill on high heat for about 4 minutes on each side or until done. Serve with ¼ cup sauce.

Ok, that covers the food topic, with a couple bonus recipes. Now let's talk about Exercise.

Let's be honest, there is no easy shortcuts to good health and fitness. It is hard work. What you can do is prepare, plan and be consistent. There are some basic steps you can take to get started. You will have to figure out exactly what kind of exercise is right for you.

Set your goals
Set a timeframe for your goals
Figure out how to meet your goals with an exercise program
Structure your program for you
Maintain your program

Tioga Chamber Officers for 2011

The Tioga County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the names of the new officers and members of the Board of Directors for 2011.

Officers: Chairman: James VonEsch, Owego Treadway Inn, First Vice Chairman: Deborah Howard, NYS Assemblyman Gary Finch, Second Vice Chairman: Joe Doty, The Cellular Connection, Third Vice Chairman: Judy Baust, Field Afar, Treasurer: Ed Butler, Visions Federal Credit Union, Secretary: Florence Rossi, Community Bank N.A., Past Chairman: David Woodburn, Tioga Opportunities, Inc

New Board Members: Chris

Byrne, Tioga State Bank, Val Demkovich, Tioga County Boys and Girls Club, Kevin Gillette, Tioga Hardwoods, Paul Price, Law Office of Paul M. Price, Esq., Scott Poulton, Tri-Town Insurance., Beth Winters, Lockheed Martin, Owego

Pancake Breakfasts

January 8, Saturday 8am to 10am
Candor Valley Riders Snowmobile Club will hold a good will donation pancake breakfast at Beebee Sap House, Route 96 Candor

January 16, Sunday, 8am to 11am,
The Candor Fire Department will be having their Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Station

January 23, Sunday 7am - 11 am
the Little Meadows Fire Department will hold a Pancake Breakfast at White Tails Bar & Grill, Rt 858, Little Meadows Pa.

Tioga United Way Annual Meeting & Election of Officers

The Tioga United Way has scheduled its 2010 Annual Meeting and the election of officers for Tuesday, January 18th. The meeting will be held in the Large Group Instruction (LGI) area of the Owego Free Academy at 6:00 P.M. Along with the election of new officers, a 2010 report will be presented.

In addition to the above, service awards will be presented to

Mrs. Georgianna Horvath, outgoing board president, and Mr. Kenneth Davis, board past president, for their exemplary commitment as board members and volunteers.

All members of the public are invited to attend. Anyone wishing additional information may contact the Tioga United Way office at (607) 687-4028 or e-mail tiogaunited-

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New Appointments for Tioga County Historical Society

The Tioga County Historical Society Board of Directors has appointed Theresa Wells to the position of Historical Society Director and two new Board members, Ms. Andrea Melione and Mr. John Wicklund to fill unexpired board positions.

Ms. Wells has been working for the Historical Society for one year and will replace the present volunteer director. Ms. Wells has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Cornell University and has approximately 20 years of experience working in public and Academic libraries, with 10 years of supervisory experience during her career at Cornell University. She is a Tioga County resident living in Waverly and has an interest in local history, museums, and American Indian studies.

New board members include Andrea Melione and John Wicklund. Ms. Melione is presently working on her Master's Degree at Binghamton University. Her degree is in Public Administration with a special interest in management theory and community service. She brings a wide variety of talents, experience and interests to the board. Ms. Melione works for the ArtTrader Magazine as content editor, lead graphic designer and art instructor. She is

also a board member and webmaster for the Fine Art Society of the Southern Tier. She recently commented that she is delighted to be a part of the Tioga County Historical Society.

Mr. Wicklund has degrees in Physics and Electrical Engineering and has worked in the defense industry for 43 years. He brings to the board many years experience in Community Service including publicity for Tioga County Relay for Life, which he has been involved with since 2005. He is a board and committee member at the Open Door Mission, work for Meals on Wheels, CROP Walk, Southern Tier Celebrates for First Night in Binghamton, Spiedie Fest, Science Fair Judge, United Way Youth Art Show, Kopernik Youth Program and has coached youth baseball and soccer, and served as scout leader. Mr. Wicklund's hobbies include walking and artwork/cartooning and he has designed books and posters for publication.

The Tioga County Historical Society Board welcomes Ms. Wells, Ms. Melione, and Mr. Wicklund and looks forward to the future.

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The Town of Owego: 2010 in Review

By Donald Castellucci Jr., Town of Owego Supervisor

Hickories Park had another prosperous year. Many events were held to attract residents of all ages as well as residents from surrounding counties and travelers. Concerts in the Park, fireworks, dog shows, car shows, fishing tournaments and athletic events were only a few of the happenings held at the park this year. Hickories Park is one of the true treasures in the Town.

As I look to next year, I believe the Natural Gas issue will come to the forefront. Many decisions will have to be made. It is not a matter of if, but when the drilling will begin. I believe the DEC has done a very good job of listening to the concerns on both sides of the issue and will come up with a document and permitting process that will work for residents, property owners and business owners. The Town has been proactive on this issue and will continue to be in the future. The Board recently adopted a new local law that allows the highway superintendent the ability temporarily post roads when they are materially injured by the operation of overweight vehicles. We are also in the process of creating a road use agreement to be entered into with potential natural gas companies operating in the Town. This is just the beginning of the many efforts being undertaken to protect the Town's infrastructure.

The State has mandated another cost to local government by passing down the dog license operations to Town Government. We have been proactive in dealing with this

change and you should not see any change in the process for licensing your dogs. We have been taking a dog census to update our records and to make sure all dogs are properly licensed. If you have any questions about the new law or licensing, please contact the Town Clerk's Office for details. (687-0123 ext. 2)

Lastly, local municipal budgets are going to continue to get worse before they get better. We have strived to keep our costs down through budget cuts and reduction in employees. These measures will only go so far. You cannot continue to balance a budget on the back of those two measures. With the economy showing no signs of improvement over the next year, the revenues the Town depends on, mortgage tax, sales tax and state municipal aid continue to decline. Fuel prices are on the rise again and they will continue to rise as demand goes up when the economy improves. Keeping the budget numbers at zero or a reasonable rate of increase will be the biggest challenge the Board faces next year. Be assured we are driven to meet this challenge. (Next month look for my column "Why The Proposed Tax Cap Is Wrong For Local Government")

I look forward to my second year as Town Supervisor and the challenges ahead. I will work to continue to make the Town of Owego a great place to live and bring up a family. My best wishes for Blessed, happy and healthy 2011.

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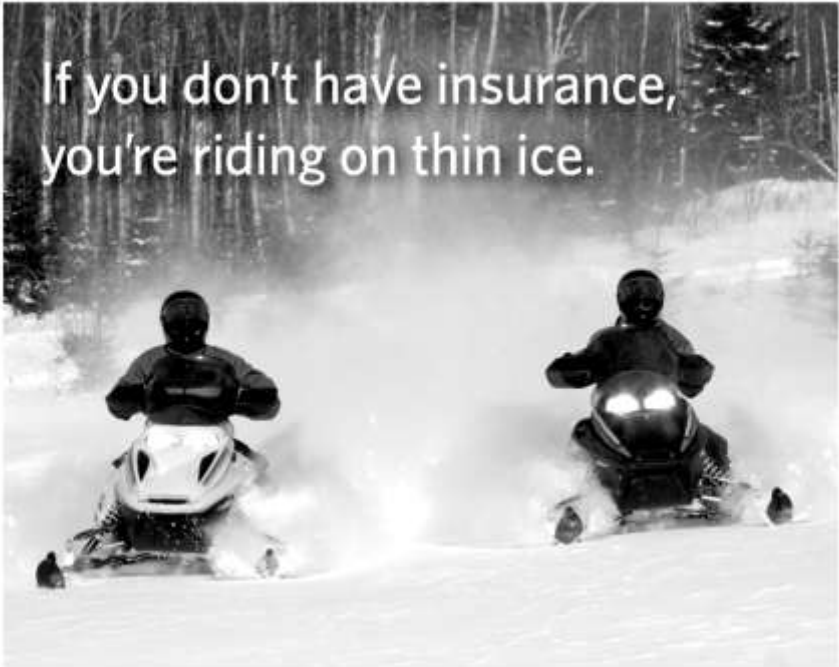


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To the editor, The longer we refrain from hydrofracking in New York State the more facts come to light that argue for restraint, caution and inaction.

On Sunday, 12/12/10, Sixty Minutes did a feature story on the country of Brazil. Prominent in the introduction, along with population figures and land mass were these strategic indices: they have supplanted gasoline imports with home-grown (and sustainable) sugar based fuel, and Brazil controls 13% of the worlds' fresh water. Thursday's (12/23) Binghamton Press informed us of the discovery of hexavalent chromium, a carcinogen, in the water supplies of 31 American cities. Ruining water supplies is easy. In Monday's (12/20) Binghamton Press appeared a sad story about what hydrofracking has wrought in an area over the Haynesville Shale deposits in Louisiana, Arkansas and East Texas. The story was familiar: bad water, escaped gas requiring evacuations, dying cows. Of special note was this: The Haynesville Shale is estimated to contain 250 trillion cubic feet of natural gas. "-enough to power the United States for more than a decade..."

Put this knowledge together with the fact that from Waverly to Vestal, the Counties of Tioga and Broome sit atop a "sole source" aquifer, one of fewer than 100 designated as such. What follows is from the U.S. EPA web site concerning our aquifer from the Federal Register Notice Volume 50, NO 9, Page 2025. Of particular interest and concern are the findings. "1. The Clinton Street-Ballpark Valley Aquifer System of the Broome and Tioga County areas is the "sole source" of drinking water for approximately 127,555 residents of Vestal, Johnson City, Endicott, Nichols, Waverly and Owego, New York."

It continues, "Since ground water contamination can be difficult or impossible to reverse and since the aquifer in this area is solely relied upon for drinking purposes by the population of the Broome and Tioga County areas, contamination of the aquifer could pose a significant threat to public health."

Now, I know, (because the flacks for the natural gas extraction industry constantly inform me), that no instance of a well or aquifer contamination has ever been traced to a par-

ticular activity by a particular well driller. I recall this is the same argument made for decades by the tobacco lobby. It appears to require the "Marlboro Man" speaking through a trach tube, or their own well being spoiled to make believers of some people. If hydrofracking begins on a grand scale, the nearly inevitable contamination of the aquifer would negate the dubious prospects for great wealth (to be shared by all inhabitants of the area?- think again!) Any gains would be more than offset by the costs of cleanup. Of course, if cleanup is "impossible" as the U.S. Government cautions, there is no cost. There is only catastrophic loss.

The point is we cannot afford to, nor must we imperil our water. There is enough gas in the Haynesville Shale and Pennsylvania's portion of the Marcellus (in addition other formations already in "play") to power the entire country until either a fail-safe method of extraction is invented, or renewable energy sources are developed, as in Brazil. In the meanwhile, the fresh, uncontaminated water of the Southern Tier increases in value day by day. We can't live without fresh water. No one can. It is the constraining factor in much of the world. In time we will come to understand it is our most precious resource. It is more valuable than shale gas. And, as Will Rogers said in another vein, "they aren't making any more of it."

The other obvious benefit to delay is that both strategic resources; gas representing energy and water representing sustainability would be in strategic reserve. No one is going to steal the gas from beneath the land, and we cannot afford to allow the water to be contaminated. We can afford the luxury of time, as both resources increase in value as both become scarcer. If water is truly the more limited and valuable commodity as I believe it is and will forever be; we will have done right both by ourselves and future inhabitants of our Counties and New York State. This is the winning strategy for our State, our Country and our selves.

Mark Trabucco, Owego

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Harrington - Airman of the Week

Airman 1st Class John D. Harrington, a 532nd Expeditionary Security Forces Group immediate response force member, was awarded the 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing's Tuskegee Airman of the Week award for November 14-20, 2010, Joint Base Balad, Iraq.

Airman Harrington, an Apalachin native deployed from Buckley Air Force Base, Colo., evacuated 40 foreign nationals during a fuel leak. He provided critical information to the Joint Defense Operation Center and fire department which effectively saved lives.

"I get job satisfaction from the fact that people can sleep soundly on this base knowing that we are on the fence defending them," he said. "When nothing happens at work, we know that we are doing our job well. To be given an award that represents such a proud heritage is truly an honor."

Just shy of two years of security forces experience and on his first deployment, Airman Harrington has conducted joint entry control point operations with Iraqi army members and enabled



counter indirect fire missions in the base security zone, which supported the Operation New Dawn mission.

"I take a lot of pride in this uniform and in security forces," Airman Harrington said. "You always have to be vigilant because you don't know where and when the enemy is going to strike."

Airmen between the ranks of Airman and Staff Sgt. are selected for the 332nd AEW Tuskegee Airman of the Week based on accomplishments on and off duty.

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Chicken & Biscuit Dinner

The Candor Fire Company Auxiliary will hold a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner on Saturday January 8th 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Candor Fire

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Story Hour

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While Story Hour activities are developed with the pre-school crowd in mind, all ages are welcome. In past years older home schooling siblings have enjoyed story hour, and

babies and lap-sitters love participating in the activities. Story hour is also a great place for mothers to meet friends!

Story Hour begins at 10:15 each Tuesday morning at the Candor Free Library, Bank and Main Street Candor. It is free, fun, informative! If you - or a friend - have young children, drop by for story hour. For questions, contact the library at 659-7258

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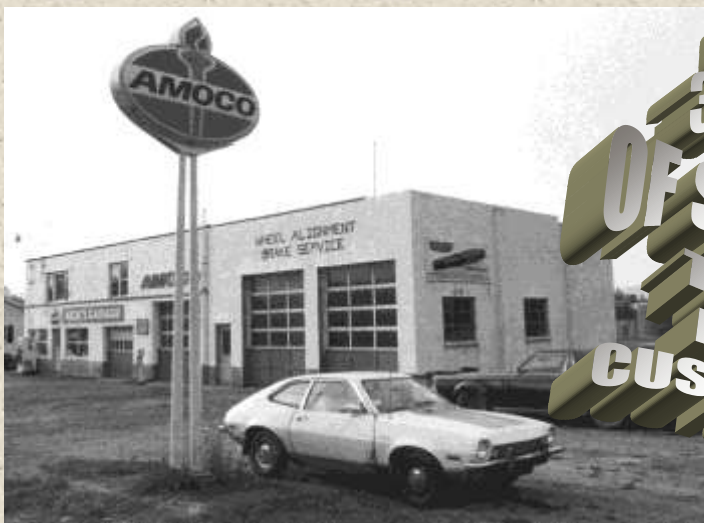
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