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**IN PROTEST:** New York Regional Interconnect, Inc. (NYRI) officials were greeted by protesters outside a May 18 public informational meeting held at the Delaware Community Center in Callicoon. The private company proposes to develop a 190-mile, High Voltage Direct Current transmission line from near Utica to Rock Tavern, NY. Both study routes listed in NYRI's May 31 application to the New York State Public Service Commission would impact the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridor. (UDC Photo by David B. Soete)

## High-Voltage Power Line Sparks Wide Opposition

A \$1.62 billion private enterprise to develop a High Voltage Direct Current electricity transmission line from Oneida County to Orange County to supply downstate energy markets has been met with unprecedented opposition throughout the proposed 190-mile route, which includes the Upper Delaware River Valley region.

New York Regional Interconnect (NYRI), Inc. filed an application with the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) on May 31 seeking a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to authorize the construction, operation, and maintenance of the 400 kV power line.

NYRI's string of 67- to 137-foot overhead transmission towers, spaced about every 800 feet, would carry electricity at a flow rate of 1,200 megawatts between the exist-

ing Edic substation in the Town of Marcy and the Rock Tavern substation in the Town of New Windsor.

The Upper Delaware Council, Inc. (UDC) was first made aware of the project via a March 31 phone call from NYRI President Richard A. Muddiman, who announced the Albany-headquartered company's goal to start construction in the spring of 2008 and be fully operational by 2011.

Muddiman was formerly the president of Pegasus Power Systems, Inc., the Canadian company which had in October of 2003 announced plans to build a 500 kV Direct Current line known as the Niagara Reinforcement Project on a 360-mile route between Utica and Weehawken, NJ, largely along rights-of-way secured from Norfolk

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# Upper Delaware Profile: Sal Indelicato

For a man who says he is "most comfortable when I'm working", it's not surprising to learn that Sal Indelicato has led an impressively industrious life.

The 76-year-old is serving his fifth term as Supervisor of the Town of Cochection, having been elected to that office in 1998 after a 1992-95 stint as a councilman.

It's a part-time position for which he was reluctantly drafted but has always received his full-time commitment.

"I'm not a politician," Indelicato insists. "I just do the best I can. I've always tried to treat everybody the same. I tell people what I think and the way I see it. I try to do what I say I'm going to do. I've returned every phone call I've ever gotten. People have a right to answers."

Indelicato retired at the age of 60 following a 38 1/2-year career with the New York State Police (NYSP). From 1967 to 1990, his title was Administrative Senior Investigator with the Middletown-based Troop F's Bureau of Criminal Investigations.

Other troop assignments after his 1952 induction into the State Police included Horseheads, Sidney and Ferndale, but Indelicato also spent many years working undercover throughout the state.

Indelicato infiltrated an organized crime family in western New York and lived among them for six months. Working undercover, he also played major roles in breaking up a number of gambling, narcotics, and prostitution rings.

For a clean-cut kid who grew up on an Ulster County farm, Indelicato says that he relied on the people skills gained during his bartending days to blend in and gain trust for his dangerous undercover work.

"You had to live like them, but not take on their habits. It was an interesting life, though all the traveling and time away from home was difficult," he says.

Indelicato had admired state troopers from a young age, particularly from his interactions with them as he earned extra money as a shoeshine boy.

"It's all I ever wanted to do. You dealt with the finest people in the world ... and the worst," he notes, ultimately reflecting, "It was very rewarding for me."

Indelicato was the youngest of six children born of immigrant parents who met in Highland, NY, where he grew up. Shortly after Sal's birth, his father became ill, leaving his seamstress mother to support the family during the Great Depression.

Indelicato joined the Air Force when he turned 18, returning after one year to complete his high school education. During his active service before Indelicato's six years in the Reserves, he was assigned to the fire department and crash crew at Bowling



Sal Indelicato, Town of Cochection, NY

Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

Indelicato married his wife, Helene, in 1959. He credits her for gracefully tolerating his frequent absences and the "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" lifestyle required by his law enforcement job, while she pursued her own, continuing career as valued secretary to three prominent judges in the New York State Judicial System.

Since 1961, the couple has lived in the Cochection Center house where Helene had been raised since age seven. Their son, Sal, 40, followed in his father's footsteps and is currently a sergeant with NYSP Troop C, residing in Kirkwood. The Indelicatos' five-year-old granddaughter, Nicole, will soon be joined by a baby sister.

Indelicato, who serves as Town Historian as well as Supervisor, is a member of the Town of Cochection Volunteer Ambulance Corps, Cochection Democratic Committee, and Our Lady of the Lake Church in Lake Huntington.

While proud of the strides that Cochection has made over the past decade, Indelicato has more to accomplish. His agenda includes centralizing the town's offices and records, maintaining its debt-free finances, attracting appropriate growth, and actively opposing the New York Regional Interconnection high-voltage power line.

One of Indelicato's greatest pleasures is living year-round in an area where other people choose to vacation.

"The Delaware River is probably unique in the river systems of our country. Not only is it a border between two states, and a water supply for New York, and great for recreation and sporting, but you can also find every means of transportation within sight of it: the railroad, the water, the highway, the air. It's a treasure. Without it, you'd have no valley here. We're lucky that people ahead of us understood that and built around it. The scenery here is magnificent. Each season gives you a different dimension of life," he says. ❖

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Southern Railroad.

After being strongly advised by the UDC and National Park Service that the Final 1986 *River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River* prohibits major electric lines of 125 kV or greater as an "incompatible use" in the river corridor, Pegasus officials had pledged to bury that 73.4-mile portion of their route underground.

The Niagara Reinforcement Project was subsequently removed from the New York State Independent System Operators' queue. NYRI, which appeared on the list in May 2005, has acquired the various railroad rights-of-way leases from Pegasus.

NYRI identified two study routes in its original announcement. Detailed maps are available for review on NYRI's web site at [www.nyri.us](http://www.nyri.us) or in copies of the PSC application filed in 28 NY libraries along the proposed and alternate routes.

Under one variation impacting the Upper Delaware region, the towers would be erected alongside the Central New York Railroad tracks from Binghamton to Port Jervis, in NY and PA. The railroad largely parallels the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, which Congress in 1978 placed under the federal protection of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

The "river valley route" remains listed as an "alternate" in NYRI's application. The company's "nominated", proposed route takes a more easterly direction and would cross through eight NY counties.

From Deposit, the electricity cables would run adjacent to the Columbia Gas Millennium Pipeline throughout much of the Upper Delaware vicinity. It would be necessary to cross the Delaware River's



**FUNDING FROM SENATE:** NYS Senator John J. Bonacic, at front center, held a press conference May 11 in Narrowsburg to announce that he secured \$50,000 as an "offensive fund" to counter the New York Regional Interconnect proposal. "Our message to them is, you're in for a fight and we don't want you here," he said. Bonacic tapped the Upper Delaware Council to administer the funding. Pictured, from left to right, are Town of Mount Hope Supervisor William Novak, Westfall Township, PA Supervisor Ken Thiele, Town of Tusten Supervisor Ben Johnson, Port Jervis Councilman Stephen Conklin, City of Port Jervis Mayor Gary Lopriore, Town of Highland Supervisor Stephen Barnes, Town of Cochection Council Members Larry H. Richardson and Daisy Smith, Town of Fremont Councilman Jack Niflot, Town of Delaware Supervisor Jim Scheutzow (in rear), UDC 2006 Chairperson Charles Wieland, and Town of Deepark UDC Representative Phil Chase. (UDC Photo by David B. Soete)

West Branch and East Branch, and the Mongaup River at the Rio Reservoir.

Citing prohibitive costs, NYRI proposes to bury the power line only in the segment through the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Mongaup Valley Wildlife Management Area.

Approximately 4.5 miles of this "Millennium Pipeline route" falls within the Con-

gressionally-designated Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River corridor.

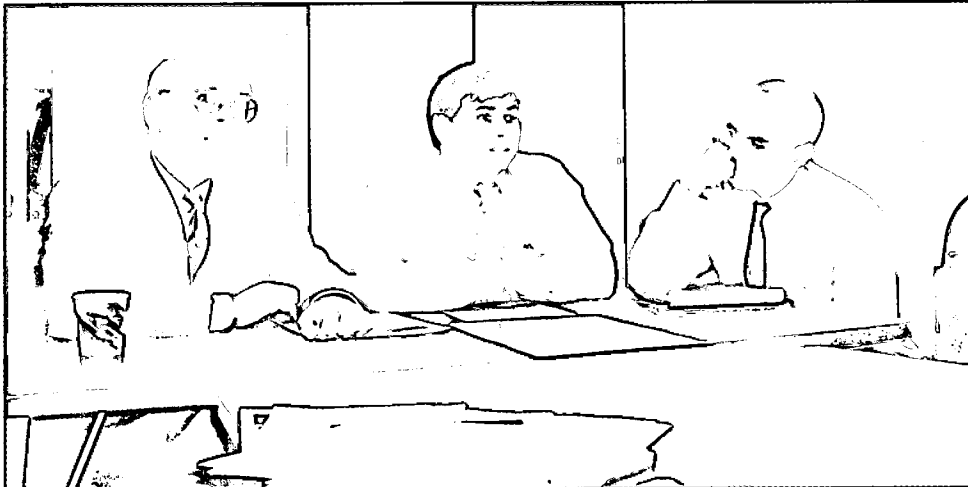
The UDC has gone on record opposing both routes as "a clear and direct threat" to the river corridor, joining numerous municipalities, citizen activist groups, elected officials, business associations, environmental organizations, and other partners fighting against the power line.

The Council also formally objected to NYRI's March 6 request to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for early designation of a National Interest Electricity Transmission Corridor (NIETC) as provided for in the Energy Policy Act of 2005, based on the UDC's concern that this was a means of superseding state authority.

The DOE put all NIETC applications on hold until after its expected early-August completion of a Congestion Study.

NYRI has reported that New York State consumers will receive an \$11.7 billion benefit over the project's initial 20 years of operation by lowering congestion pricing.

But at a June 15 hearing called by the NYS Senate Energy and Telecommunications Committee in Norwich, NYRI spokespeople acknowledged that those savings will only benefit the lower Hudson Valley and metropolitan New York markets, while upstate wholesale energy prices will actually increase by an average of five percent.



**ENERGY IN ASSEMBLY:** Representatives from the Upper Delaware Council and National Park Service Upper Delaware met on May 24 in Albany with 105th District Assemblyman Paul D. Tonko, at left, chair of the NYS Assembly's Energy Committee, along with his Legislative Director Tom Lynch, center, and Energy Committee Counsel John Williams, right. The meeting to share information on the New York Regional Interconnect proposal was arranged and attended by 98th District Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and two of her staff. The UDC has participated in dozens of NYRI-related meetings since March. (UDC Photo by Laurie Ramie)

# UDC Pays Tribute to River Supporters

The Upper Delaware Council (UDC) welcomed 125 guests to its 18th Annual Awards Ceremony on April 30 at Flo-Jean Restaurant in Port Jervis, NY.

The event included an hors d'oeuvres reception, banquet dinner, a keynote address by U.S. Congresswoman Sue Kelly, and the presentation of 12 awards in 10 categories.

Representative Kelly, whose 19th District encompasses portions of the Delaware and Hudson River valleys, congratulated the UDC for offering a forum to "fully recognize those who make our river communities such remarkable places to live and raise our families."

## Quality of Life

"When it comes to quality of life, what makes the Upper Delaware Council and all of you here today stand out so remarkably is that you put those words into action," Kelly said in her keynote address.

"You work closely with local municipalities to ensure success in community planning, environmental protection, and emergency responsiveness. Some of you here today are being honored for your extraordinary work in organizing recreational activities or community events that are essential to quality of life in our area. Others of you are being recognized for your citizen safety efforts along the river. We have some gentlemen being honored who successfully rescued others who were in harm's way during the past year. What a heroic distinction for you to be proud of for the rest of your own lives. You epitomize quality of life



Rep. Sue W. Kelly, keynote speaker

at its absolute finest," Kelly said.

The Delaware River Basin Task Force member reported that the House of Representatives group is actively working on issues pertaining to flood mitigation, erosion, clean water, habitat restoration, and environmental protection.

Since her 1995 election to Congress, Kelly remarked that the region has experienced an "unprecedented surge of growth" that raises numerous challenges.

"We need to preserve our land, our cul-

ture, and our heritage in the Upper Delaware region. Specifically we need to do that by controlling community growth as much as possible. It needs to be safe, responsible development. Things need to be done in ways that boost our local economy, protect our local environment, and preserve that quality of life that we speak of so often - all at the same time," she said.

To enthusiastic applause, Kelly indicated her opposition to the idea of high-voltage power lines cutting through the valley.

"Our electricity needs must always be met in a way that puts the interests of local residents first. We must always protect the scenic land and aesthetic nature of the Upper Delaware River Valley," she said.

## 2006 Honorees

The UDC has paid tribute since 1988 to those who have made significant contributions to the Upper Delaware River Valley.

This year's recipients were:

Distinguished Service Award - **Wayne Elliot**, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (retired), for his exemplary performance as Region 3 Fisheries Manager since 1980 and his role as State of New York alternate to the UDC.

Robin M. Daniels Memorial Lifesaving Awards (2) - **Charles Hallock, Jr.** and **John Von Steenburgh** of the Highland Lake Volunteer Fire Department, for their Oct. 13, 2005 rescue of three capsized firefighters responding to a Shohola, PA train derailment; Rangers **Vince Pareago** and **Kevin Reish**, National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River, for their Aug. 14, 2005 successful resuscitation of a teenage, female rafter near Mongaup Rapids.

Outstanding Community Achievement Award - **Town of Deerpark, NY**, for its emergency response coordination and mitigation efforts related to the devastating April 2005 floods.

Partnership Award - **Japanese Knotweed Initiative**, for their development of a brochure, test sites, and public outreach campaign to aid the eradication of this invasive plant species.

Volunteer Award - **National Canoe Safety Patrol**, for 25 years of highly-trained, citizen safety patrols on the Upper Delaware River.

Recreation Achievement Award - **Town of Lumberland Circle Park**, for the community initiative to enhance recreational offerings in the Town of Lumberland, NY.

Cultural Achievement Award - **Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance**, for 25 years of historic preservation and advocacy work in a five-county, NY-PA region.



**HIGHEST HONOR:** UDC Chairperson Charles Wieland, left, presented the Distinguished Service Award to Wayne Elliot, who retired at the end of April 2006 from a 38-year career with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). Elliot had served as Fisheries Manager for DEC Region 3 since 1980 and was an active member of the UDC's Water Use/Resource Management Committee since 2001. (UDC Photos on Pages 4-5 by David B. Soete)

In exchange for the eight-county region serving as a conduit for their power line, NYRI proposes to pay full taxes along the route and enact a \$30 million "Community Benefit Program" to fund local initiatives.

Senator John J. Bonacic says that is too little gain for what could be lost in terms of impact on local property values, permanent degradation of aesthetic values, and the inconclusive health effects from the high voltage electromagnetic fields.

Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno agrees, saying: "Because of the economic harm it would cause, because of the possible environmental damage it would cause, because of many concerns and strong community opposition, and the opposition of Senators along the power line route, it is my strong belief that the power line plan should not go forward."

NYRI notes in its 1,000+-page application that \$73.1 million has been earmarked to acquire land and rights-of-way along the 190-mile route. Undisclosed investors will privately finance the \$1.62 billion project.

At press time, the Senate and Assembly were taking up legislation that would prohibit companies like NYRI that file as a Transportation Corporation under NYS law to exert their eminent domain authority to condemn private property.

UDC activities in the NYRI fight include:

- issuing comment letters, resolutions, memos, and news releases.
- attending the majority of seven public informational meetings sponsored by NYRI and the citizen forums coordinated by the Upper Delaware Preservation Coalition.
- meeting with PSC staff to discuss the Article VII Certification Review process and filing to obtain active party status.
- attending Senate hearings on NYRI, keeping the river valley's legislators informed, and granting media interviews.
- accepting an at-large membership on the "Communities Against Regional Interconnect" steering committee formed by the eight impacted counties of Broome, Chenango, Delaware, Herkimer, Madison, Oneida, Orange, and Sullivan.
- monitoring and sharing information on ongoing developments at every level.

The Public Service Commission will appoint an Administrative Law Judge to preside over the typically 16-month-long Certification Review process. Public comment opportunities are provided.

Please see future newsletter coverage and these resources for more information: New York Regional Interconnect, Inc., [www.nyri.us](http://www.nyri.us) or (877) FYI-NYRI; New York State Public Service Commission, [www.dps.state.ny.us](http://www.dps.state.ny.us) or (800) 335-2120; Upper Delaware Preservation Coalition, [www.udpc.net](http://www.udpc.net); or UDC, (845) 252-3022. ❖



**2006 WINNERS:** Posing in front of the Port Jervis, NY-Matamoras, PA Bridge after the Upper Delaware Council's April 30th Awards Ceremony were, seated from left to right: Catherine and Bill Sterling, representing the Town of Lumberland Circle Park Committee; 2006 UDC Chairperson Charles Wieland; Wayne Elliot, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation; Jamie Myers, representing the Japanese Knotweed Initiative; and Debra J. Reimer and Linda Slocum of Narrowsburg EagleFest. Standing, from the left, Kim Lust, Lumberland Circle Park Committee; Charles Hallock, Jr. (rear) and John Von Steenburgh of the Highland Lake Volunteer Fire Department; Bill McKerrell, Lumberland Circle Park Committee; Charles E. Knapp of the Town of Tusten; Edward M. Boyer, representing the Upper Delaware Heritage Alliance; John McKay, 2005 UDC Chairperson; Bill Walters, representing the National Canoe Safety Patrol; Allan Schadt of the Town of Highland; and Rangers Kevin Reish and Vince Pareago, National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

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Community Service Awards (2) - **Allan Schadt**, for his contributions to the Town of Highland, NY as Town Supervisor from 1996-2005 and UDC alternate; **Charles E. Knapp**, for service to the Town of Tusten, NY as Town Councilman for 30 years, as well as his volunteerism with the American Legion, Narrowsburg Fire Department, Sullivan County Fire Police, and Boy Scouts of America.

Special Recognition Award - **Debra Reimer and Linda Slocum**, for their volunteer organizational work with the Narrowsburg EagleFest.

Oaken Gavel Award - **John S. McKay** of Lackawaxen Township, Pa, for serving as chairperson of the UDC in 2005.

In addition to their UDC awards, the honorees received accolades from U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, who was represented at the banquet by Jean Bordewich; Representatives Sue Kelly and Maurice Hinchey; NYS Senator John J. Bonacic; Orange County Legislator Wayne Decker; and Sullivan County Legislators Chris Cunningham and Kathy LaBuda. ❖



**BITTERSWEET AWARD:** Town of Deerpark, NY Supervisor Mark House explained that he wished his town had never faced the devastating April 2005 floods that led to its Outstanding Community Achievement Award applauding Deerpark's handling of the emergency response and mitigation efforts.

# UDC Highlights Quarterly Activities

Upper Delaware Council (UDC) activities from mid-March to late June 2006, not covered elsewhere in this issue, included:

## FLOOD PROTECTION

The UDC wrote to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on April 6 requesting the expansion of the DEC's spill reduction program to include New York City's Cannonsville Reservoir, "which could help to reduce flooding along both the West Branch and Main Stem of the Delaware River during exceptionally wet periods."

"We would also like consideration to be given to making releases during other times of the year when the reservoirs are spilling and significant storms are forecast, along with a favorable probability of refill. The releases should also be made in a beneficial manner to the river and the fisheries," the letter stated.

## LEARN AND SHARE

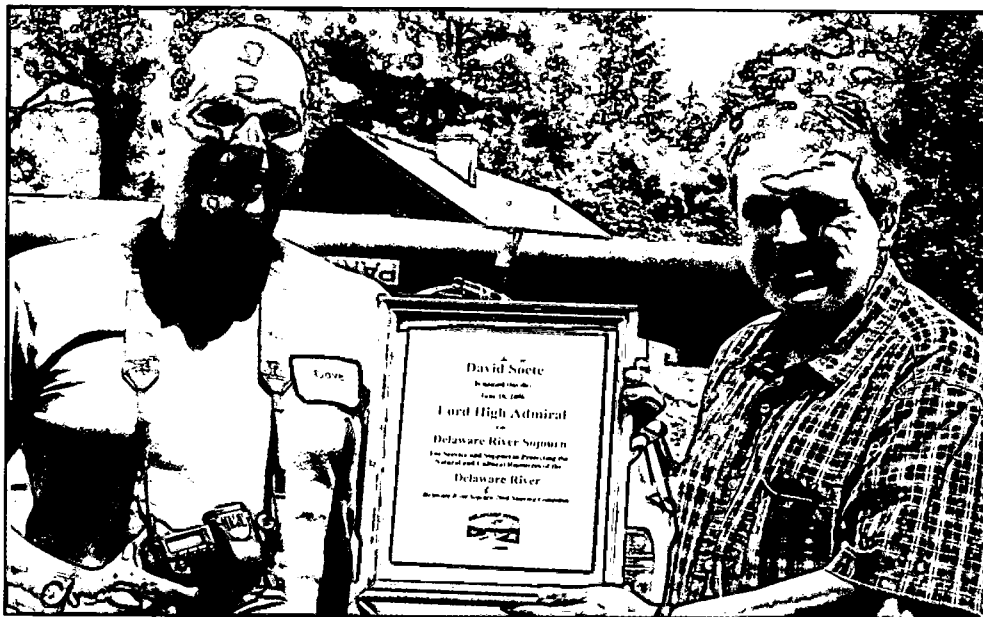
Some meetings and events in which the UDC participated this quarter included:

-- Apr. 19, D&H Transportation Heritage Council quarterly meeting, Port Jervis.

-- Apr. 28, UDC Government Officials Liaison Subcommittee (GOLS) meeting with NYS Assemblyman Clifford Crouch (107th District), Chenango Bridge.

-- May 3, Upper Delaware River Safety Committee at National Park Service headquarters, Beach Lake, PA.

-- June 8, UDC GOLS meeting with PA Representative Sandra Major (111th



**SOJOURN KICK-OFF:** In the tradition of the first Lord High Admiral of the Delaware, Daniel Skinner, the Delaware River Sojourn bestows that honorable title upon those who have worked significantly on the river's behalf. Upper Delaware Council (UDC) Senior Resource Specialist David B. Soete, left, was surprised to find himself saluted on Day 1 of the Sojourn during an opening ceremony at Lander's Minisink Campground on June 18. UDC Executive Director Bill Douglass, right, recognized Soete's project review diligence, e-mail notification services, and photography contributions in the presentation. Look for additional coverage of the 2006 Delaware River Sojourn in the Fall newsletter. (UDC Photo by Laurie Ramie)

District), Lakewood.

-- June 14, Unveiling of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's "Zane Grey Bridge" historically-replicated sign from the 1930s era for placement at the PA Route 590 Lackawaxen River crossing.

## STATE GRANTS

In an April 6 resolution, the UDC approved eight, \$6,250 project proposals submitted by the New York State member towns in response to the fourth round of Senate Initiative funding secured by Senator John J. Bonacic.

The UDC submitted the \$50,000 Draft Grant Agreement to the NYS Department of Economic Development on May 19.

All projects authorized under an earlier, third round, \$40,000 Senate grant are due to be completed by August 31.

## SCENIC BYWAY

The Upper Delaware Scenic Byway, Inc. issued a May 9 letter opposing the New York Regional Interconnect project and a June 1 letter against the developer's request to the U.S. Department of Energy for early designation of a National Interest Electricity Transmission Corridor.

The committee elected officers for May 2006 to April 2007: Chairperson Larry H. Richardson, Town of Cochecton; Vice-Chairperson Edward M. Boyer, Town of Tusten; and Secretary-Treasurer Norma Schadt, Town of Deerpark. A Visitor Center steering committee was appointed to guide development of that proposed facility at the Erie Railroad station site in Cochecton.

A byway informational kiosk, funded by an Orange County grant, was installed in the NYS DEC Mongaup River parking area along Route 97 in the Town of Deerpark. ❖

## Regional Public Programs Scheduled

### Battle of Minisink

The Revolutionary War's Battle of Minisink will be commemorated on the 227th anniversary date of Saturday, July 22.

Observances begin with a 2 p.m. ceremony at The Grave of the Unknown Soldier on Scenic Drive in Lackawaxen, PA hosted by Pike County Historian George J. Fluhr.

At 3 p.m., the commemoration moves across the river to the Minisink Battleground Park in Minisink Ford, NY for two programs at the pavilion and monument.

Re-enactors from Navasing Long Rifles and the 3rd Ulster Militia welcome visitors to their park encampment all weekend.

**CORRECTION:** In the Spring 2006 issue of "The Upper Delaware", a photo on page 6 of Doug Gross, taken at the Narrowsburg EagleFest, misidentified his agency as the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Mr. Gross is a Wildlife Biologist and Endangered Bird Specialist with the Pennsylvania Game Commission. ❖

Call Allan Dampman of the Sullivan County Historical Society at (845) 292-6609 for details on the battleground event.

### Narrowsburg RiverFest

RiverFest 2006, the 16th annual music, art and environmental festival, will be held on Sunday, July 23, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Main Street in Narrowsburg, NY.

The event is co-sponsored by the Narrowsburg Chamber of Commerce and the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Call (845) 252-7576 for information.

### Meadow Party

The Delaware Highlands Conservancy will host its 10th Annual Meadow Party from 12 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, September 16, at the Butterfly Barn in Milanville, PA.

Live entertainment will include music, wildlife presentations, and puppet shows. Look for displays from regional groups on environmental stewardship. There will also be a fabulous food buffet, silent auction, and children's activity tent.

Visit [www.delawarehighlands.org](http://www.delawarehighlands.org) or call (570) 226-3164 to learn more. ❖

# Lenape Take River Journey

A historic event took place on August 24, 2002 at Pennsbury Manor, William Penn's former estate, when a Treaty of Renewed Brotherhood between the Lenape Nation Indian Tribe of Pennsylvania and the people that neighbor the Delaware River was signed following a three-week river trip.

It was agreed then that re-signing of the Treaty, as well as the river trip, would take



place every four years.

"Rising Nation River Journey 2006: United Effort for Seven Generations" will begin, again, in Hancock, NY on August 4 and will end on August 17 in Morrisville, PA. The Treaty signing ceremony is scheduled for August 19 at Pennsbury Manor.

All individuals and organizations committed to supporting and sustaining the Lenape culture, people, and language are invited to participate in both activities.

In addition, a Rising Nation Festival will take place on August 12 from 3-8 p.m. at Milford Borough Park.

This public event will feature displays from environmental and cultural groups, food, and demonstrations. There will also be Native American music, a drum circle, and speakers from Lenape Nation.

For information, contact Rising Nation Coordinator Jim Beer at (215) 257-7114, or Lenape Nation Secretary Shelley DePaul at (610) 681-3841 or depaul@ptd.net, or visit [www.lenapenation.org](http://www.lenapenation.org).



**GREY BIOGRAPHY:** Author Tom Pauly from the University of Delaware, right, presented a copy of his new book, "Zane Grey: His Life, His Adventures, His Women" to National Park Service Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River Superintendent Dave Forney during a June 14 visit to the Zane Grey Museum in Lackawaxen, PA. Pauly was among more than 100 attendees at the international Zane Grey's West Society's annual convention held June 12-16 at Woodloch Pines Resort in Pike County, PA. (UDC Photo by Laurie Ramie)

## DIGit Comes to Roebling Bridge

The DIGit Exposition - the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance's August 19-27 week of media, movies, art and nature - will kick off its feature weekend with a singular outdoor event in the Upper Delaware River Valley.

Imagine standing on the oldest suspension bridge in the United States while listening to sound and music echoing off the ridge tops, and seeing images from worldwide artists that fill the pristine valley.

The National Park Service has granted a special use permit for DIGit artists to perform at Roebling's Delaware Aqueduct on Thursday, August 24, from 6-9 p.m.

The right stereo sound will come from the Minisink Ford, NY side of the river and the left stereo sound will come from the Lackawaxen, PA side.

The French government is sending a

troupe of sound and media artists known as Locus Sonus to perform.

Aug. 24 expo activities will also take place at Bridge Arts, located adjacent to the Roebling Bridge and recently renovated by media artists Tony Brown and Kari Margolis. They will perform along with DeeJay Branch and poets from the Upper Delaware Writers Collective.

Radio Catskill WJFF (90.5 FM) will broadcast and cybercast the event from the deck of The Inn at Lackawaxen.

DIGit celebrates innovative artists who use digital tools in their workflow. For additional information on the "Roebling Bridge Environmental Arts" show, and to view the complete DIGit itinerary taking place in seven locations throughout the week, visit [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org).

## New Subscribers and Address Changes Welcomed

If you have friends or colleagues who would be interested in receiving our free newsletter, we will be happy to add them to the mailing list. Please also advise us of any address changes to help update our records. Return this notice to the Upper Delaware Council, P.O. Box 192, Narrowsburg, NY 12764, call (845) 252-3022 or e-mail [udcramie@hvc.rr.com](mailto:udcramie@hvc.rr.com).

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Check here to be removed from our mailing list.



# UDC Hosts 18th Annual Family Raft Trip Aug. 6

Join the Upper Delaware Council for an exciting, 10-mile raft trip from Lander's Skinners Falls Base to Ten Mile River Landing on Sunday, August 6.

Check-in at Skinners Falls will begin at 10 a.m. Lander's shuttles will return rafters to their vehicles at the end of their trip.

Minimum raft occupancy is four people. The UDC's discounted cost is \$19 for adults and \$10 for children ages 4-12.

Reservations are due by July 28. For a full list of guidelines, contact UDC Public Relations Specialist Laurie Ramie at (845) 252-3022 or [udcramie@hvc.rr.com](mailto:udcramie@hvc.rr.com).



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List all members of your party and the ages of any minor children:

*Return with payment by July 28 to: UDC, P.O. Box 192, Narrowsburg, NY 12764.*

## Applications Due for UDC Grants July 31

The Upper Delaware Council's (UDC) Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) program will accept applications for its 2006 round through 4:30 p.m. on Monday, July 31.

Planning and study funds are available to UDC member towns and townships, and county governments, for projects related to the implementation of the River Management Plan for the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River.

The UDC has awarded \$559,292 over the last 18 years through this program. A brochure outlining the 158 TAG projects that the Council has helped to fund is available upon request.

A special meeting of the UDC's Project Review Committee to review the applications will take place on August 8.

The full Council is expected to vote on this year's slate of TAG awards at the September 7 monthly meeting.

## Brochure Highlights Local Scenic Byway

A new brochure offers readers a travelogue of the "charming, historic, and natural" river communities that comprise the Upper Delaware Scenic Byway along New York State Route 97.

The full-color, 20-page brochure describes the approximately 70-mile-long byway route from north to south in a convenient flip-up style. Each byway community in Delaware, Sullivan, and Orange Counties is featured with a sectional map, historic narrative, trivia tidbits, photos, and a listing of traveler-friendly amenities.

Funding came in part from a Federal Highway Administration marketing grant.

To request a copy, call 1-800-882-CATS or visit [www.scva.net](http://www.scva.net). For information, visit [www.upperdelaware scenicbyway.org](http://www.upperdelaware scenicbyway.org).

The Upper Delaware Council, Inc. meets on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Three standing committees, Water Use/Resource Management, Operations, and Project Review, meet on the third and fourth Tuesdays of every month at the UDC office, 211 Bridge St., Narrowsburg, NY. All meetings are open to the public. Call (845) 252-3022 for specific meeting dates and agendas.

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