



April showers bring May flowers: Saranac Lake's inaugural Daff Fest, which celebrates the daffodil and arrival of spring, has been rescheduled for May 13-15, due to flooding in the village. <http://www.daffest.com> Photo by Melissa Hart/ANCA

DID YOU KNOW?

NYS FORESTRY FACTS

\$4.6 billion

Forest industry's annual contribution to New York State's economy.

18.6

Millions of acres of forested land, which is 62 percent of the State.

1.27

Million acres of forest in St. Lawrence County, which is No. 1 in State

3

Jobs in forest-based manufacturing, forestry and logging, for every 1,000 acres of land

60,000

People employed in NYS forestry and forest-based manufacturing industry

Sources: <http://www.esfpa.org/forestryfacts.aspx>, <http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/309.html>

Biomass as an Economic Driver

On April 19, 40 community and school leaders from around the region met with renewable heating and biomass experts, manufacturers, and related professionals for a **Biomass Basics workshop at the Wild Center.**

Organized by The Adirondack North Country Association, the Biomass Energy Research Center (BERC), the Northern Forest Center in conjunction with The Wild Center and NYSERDA, the agenda focused on how to help schools, municipalities and other institutions get started with plans to transition to woody biomass-based heating/power systems.

Many schools and communities have already begun the process and are close to installing highly efficient wood boilers, which are expected



to save hundreds of thousands of dollars in upcoming heating seasons.

Beside the savings, some of the benefits of transitioning to a biomass-based system brought up in the workshop are the implications for boosting the region's economy.

As David Dungate, founder of ACT Bioenergy and a director on the NY Biomass Energy Alliance stated at the meeting, when oil is used as

the source of heating, over 75 percent of dollars spent leave the State, and the country. When using locally harvested fibers processed into wood chips or pellets, delivered by local companies, jobs are created in our communities.

Dungate's organization estimates that if 25 percent of oil users in New York State switch to biomass systems, there is the potential to create 3,000 direct jobs to support the new industry.

A study of a community in Austria that converted to a district heating system found that when the residents used oil and gas for heat, there were nine jobs in the community connected to supplying and servicing furnaces. Following the conversion, that number grew to 135, according to information provided by BERC.

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"EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO HIS OWN OPINION, BUT NOT TO HIS OWN FACTS." — FORMER U.S. SEN. DANIEL PATRICK MOYNIHAN

WHAT TO MAKE OF 2010 CENSUS NUMBERS?

With all the recent buzz surrounding the release of 2010 population data, we are curious to hear how area residents are interpreting the results. The Census numbers bring good and bad news: For instance, while Hamilton County lost about 10 percent of its population; Saranac Lake gained more than 7 percent. Compare that to Western

New York, which has seen staggering decline over the past decades. Of course, our understanding of both the growth and decline of certain areas will expand as subsequent reports are released by the Census Bureau. But for now we'd like to hear your thoughts: What to make of the trends? Send your comments to mhart@adirondack.org.



Here comes the sun: Solar panels at The Wild Center are part of a solar thermal hot water heating system.



David Dungate of ACT Bioenergy (right, facing camera), gave a tour of The Wild Center's system, the first commercial scale pellet boiler in New York State, during the April 19 Biomass Basics workshop. Dungate designed the boiler, which saved \$31,652 in its first year.

On a broader scale, more than 750,000 jobs could be added throughout the Northeast if all oil users converted to biomass, according to a 2025 Vision Plan authored by Dr. William Strauss, chief economist with the Biomass Thermal Energy Council.

The paper maps a vision for the Northeast to reach 25 percent renewable energy by 2025.

Among the outcomes that could be achieved under the plan:

- Eliminating the need for more than 1.14 billion gallons of oil annually.
- Conversion of 1.39 million homes and businesses will enable the retention of more than \$1.6 billion in annual income in the Northeast region's economy.

CASE STUDY: EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

St. Lawrence County

The \$2 million biomass facility at Edwards-Knox Central School District marked its one year anniversary Feb. 2.

Now that the boiler has been operating for a full year, annual savings are estimated at \$135,000 to \$140,000, Albert "John" Daniels Jr., the district's superintendent of buildings and grounds, told the Watertown Daily-Times.

Edwards Knox is one of the first school districts in the region to operate a biomass facility. The project was fully paid for by state aid money and state Expanding our Children's Education and Learning aid awarded to the district four years ago. School officials from several other area districts have toured the operation to help determine if they want to pursue a similar endeavor.

If Edwards-Knox still relied on fuel oil to heat its building complex, Daniels said, about \$200,000 would have been budgeted for energy expenses this school year. That compares with \$35,000 the district has in this year's budget to purchase 700 tons of wood chips. He also said that unlike fuel oil, spending for wood chips supports the local economy because the chips are produced and purchased from Curran Renewables in Massena.

On a subzero degree day, 10 tons of wood chips costing about \$500 are used to heat the school, which equates to 650 gallons of fuel oil, at an estimated cost of \$1,650, Daniels said.

The story can be found here: <http://www.watertowndaily-times.com/article/20110130/NEWS05/301309941>

NYSERDA INVESTS \$20M IN COGENERATION PROJECTS

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) will invest \$20 million in combined heat and power generation projects to improve energy efficiency at 19 hospitals, paper mills, supermarkets, apartment complexes and other facilities in New York City and upstate.

Funding for the projects will leverage an additional \$68 million in private investment toward the cost of buying and installing the technology, which generates on-site electricity while also making use of the heat created during generation.

Combined heat and power (CHP) is considered a clean-energy technology, and is also known as "cogeneration." In a conventional system, when power is generated by burning a fuel, the heat created usually goes up the chimney or smokestack, wasted. CHP instead reclaims the heat, using it to provide heat or hot water to buildings, for manufacturing or other uses. Since power from CHP is generated on-site, there is no transmission loss as there is when electricity is moved over power lines.

The NYSERDA incentive pays between 30 to 50 percent of the cost of a CHP project, up to \$2 million. The selected projects represent more than 22,000 kilowatts (kW) of new generation capacity. All projects will be capable of operating during a power outage.

The largest CHP projects include a hotel on NYC's Madison Avenue and two North Country paper mills that will use wood chips to generate electricity.

UPSTATE PROJECT DETAILS:

(All projects are natural gas powered unless noted.)

- **Utica:** ConMed Corp., a manufacturer of medical and surgical equipment - 2,310 kW, \$7.5 million. NYSERDA funding: \$2 million.
- **Syracuse:** SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry - 195 kW gas-fired engine; 275 kW biomass turbine. \$2.4 million. NYSERDA funding: \$963,000.
- **Potsdam Specialty Paper** - 960 kW (biomass), \$13.7 million. NYSERDA funding: \$2 million
- **Newton Falls Fine Paper** - 13,600 kW (biomass), \$23.7 million. NYSERDA funding: \$2 million.
- **Dunkirk Housing Authority** - 49 kW, \$796,000. NYSERDA funding: \$316,000.



ANCA ENERGY TIPS

Less is More: Ways to Boost Car's Fuel Economy

As gas prices continue to rise, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) recommends the following fuel saving tips:

PROPERLY INFLATE YOUR TIRES:

You can improve your gas mileage by approximately 3 percent by keeping your tires inflated to the proper pressure. Under-inflated tires can lower gas mileage by 0.4 percent for every pound-per-square inch drop in pressure.

CHANGE YOUR AIR FILTER: Replacing a clogged air filter can improve your car's gas mileage by as much as 10 percent. A low restriction air filter can add an additional 10 percent to fuel economy. Not only will replacing a dirty air filter save gas, it also will help to protect your engine.

OIL CHANGES: Gas mileage can improve 1-2 percent by using a manufacturer's recommended grade of motor oil. Using the wrong grade of motor oil can decrease your gas mileage 1-2 percent. Also, look for motor oil that says "Energy Conserving" to be sure it contains friction-reducing additives that can increase gas mileage.

TAKE IT EASY: Gas mileage decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph. For

every 5 mph above 60, drivers will use incrementally more gasoline per mile.

DRIVE SENSIBLY: Aggressive driving wastes gas. It also can lower your gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and 5 percent on local streets.

CRUISIN': Cruise control helps you save gas by maintaining a constant speed on the highway.

CHANGE YOUR DRIVING HABITS: If you own more than one vehicle, drive the one that gets the best gas mileage. Try to avoid driving during peak rush hours to minimize engine idling and fuel loss.

COMBINE TRIPS: Stop by the store on your way home rather than making a special trip. Combining travel can save time, fuel and money.

CAR POOL: Sharing a ride to and from work saves you and your coworker(s) gas, money and wear and tear on your vehicle.

For more information and other fuel saving tips, visit www.NYSERDA.org.

ENERGY NEWS

— By Jamie Rogers, ANCA Energy Program Coordinator

Over the past six months, ANCA, in partnership with the Jefferson County Cornell Cooperative Extension office, has been promoting New York State Energy Research Development Authority (NYSERDA) energy efficiency programs. To date, ANCA has assisted in over 30 home energy audits under the Green Jobs Green NY program.

We have also been working in the business sector to help manufacturing facilities, private business, not-for-profits organizations and local governments gain access to energy efficiency programs and incentives.

The private sector has been especially exciting from an energy conservation and renewable energy point-of-view and from an economic standpoint. There are two, possibly three, energy-related projects that will create construction jobs initially and, once completed, will result in full-time, permanent jobs. One of the region's farms has also enrolled in NYSEDA's agriculture renewable energy program.

On the power-generation side, we have worked with one existing hydroelectric plant as well as one potential hydro plant.

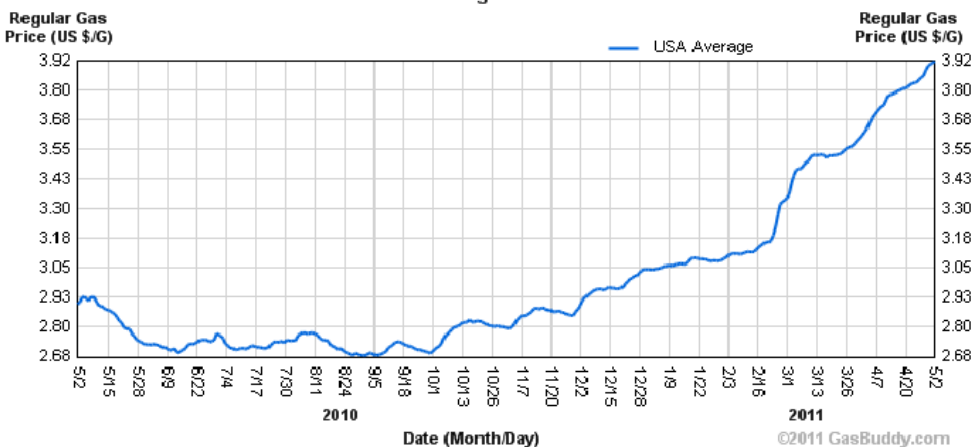
In April, ANCA, in partnership with the Northern Forest Center and the Biomass Energy Resource Center, organized a Biomass workshop hosted by The Wild Center in Tupper Lake. It was a perfect setting for those in attendance to learn more about the potential of biomass heating as well as learn projects happening in the region. The Wild Center and a number of schools are using wood pellets and chips produced in our region as a source of fuel. As that number grows, we will continue to reduce fossil fuel consumption and create sustainable, local jobs.

The number of people, businesses and communities in the region taking advantage of NYSEDA's programs is increasing.

If you are interested in reducing your energy costs, contact me at irogers@adirondack.org or 518-524-0240.

U.S. AVERAGE GAS PRICES

12 Month Average Retail Price Chart



Advisory group weighs in on Adirondack traditions for guidebook project

Members of a new regional advisory group for ANCA's Scenic Byways Interpretive Guide Project met recently at the Adirondack Museum in Blue Mountain Lake.

Participants are highly respected leaders in their chosen fields, and bring region-wide perspective, experience, and passion.

Those in attendance:

Jill Breit, Executive Director, Traditional Arts for Upstate New York (TAUNY) Canton;

Todd DeGarmo, Founding Director, Center for Folklife, Crandall Library, Glens Falls;

Steven Engelhart, Executive Director, Adirondack Architectural Heritage, Keeseville;

Jennifer Potter Hayes, Executive Director, Arts Center/Old Forge;

Micaela Nerney-Hall, Public Programs Manager/Museum

BYWAYS VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Our 14 counties is a region of special places. For a sense of this from the Eastern side of the ANCA region, we suggest a look at 19 excellent "Passage Minutes," a series of 1-minute videos produced by Mountain Lake PBS for the Lakes to Locks Passage Scenic Byway, with funding support from Stewart's Shops:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/mountainlakepbs#/c/89AA57CD3A2CEFB>

Educator, Adirondack Museum, Blue Mountain Lake;

Hilary Oak, Director, St. Lawrence County Arts Council, Potsdam;

Michele Powers, Tourism



Director, Plattsburgh North Country Chamber of Commerce;

R. David Smith, Associate Professor, Cornell University, Northern New York Ag Development Program;

Caroline Thompson, Executive Director, Arts Council for the Northern Adirondacks, Westport.

Together, they will provide input for the guidebook on traditions, foods, and culture that can enhance travelers' experiences.

OUTCOMES INCLUDE:

- Advisors agreed the guide will help travelers enjoy the Scenic Byways in the Adirondack North Country by presenting the region in a way similar to that of the traditional European concept of "ter-

roir," or sense of place. As a result, it will build tourism, benefiting the economies of communities in the region.

- Content of the guide needs to be produced in digital and print formats.

SESSION OVERVIEW

The varieties and contrasts of place, and the connection with people who live here are foundations for memorable Scenic Byway travel experiences.

The abundance of waterways and the impacts of the northern climate are among significant factors that shape and have shaped who we are and how we live.

For more information, contact Bob Hest, Fuller Communications Project Liaison, at rbest@adirondack.org.

Buyer Days celebrates successful Silver Anniversary

Good news to report from the 25th annual Buyer Days gift products trade show: 135 shops (with a total of 231 owners and staff) came to see 71 vendors over a two day period at the City Center in Saratoga Springs on April 6 and 7.

This was an increase from 121 shops last year, according to organizer Nadia Korths. The average total in sales per vendor was \$2,512 (based on reports from vendors disclosed in post-show survey). From those numbers, Korths estimates that the total dollars in sales at the show was \$175,840.

Shops have increased their reorders after the show

from 2.6 shops after the 2009 show to 3.5 shops per vendor after the 2010 show, a sign that the region's tourism economy has started to improve, Korths reported.

Here's just one of many positive comments from participants:

"I was very pleased with the outcome this year. As it



Buyer Days organizer Nadia Korths, who is moving on after 15 years with ANCA, enjoyed a sweet send-off at this year's show.

turned out, I doubled (sales) in the end, with late cash and carry sales. Every year I have had an increase and I tell new exhibitors that you can't go on what your first year brings. Stores want to know that you will be around if they want to reorder," said Alexius Jones of I'm Melting Glass (www.immeltingglass.com).

The success is bittersweet for those involved with the show, as this year marks the last as organizer for Korths, who is moving on after 15 years with ANCA. She received a sweet send-off during the show, with a cake provided by the City Center and thank-you cards and gifts from show participants.

She's enjoyed working with area artisans and product buyers around the region.

Korths is further developing her own business of making and selling abstract relief prints. People can follow her progress at www.nadiakorths.com. She will also continue to help micro-businesses through her work with ComLinks and its Women's' Entrepreneurial Business Center, doing counseling and workshops regarding the art and science of marketing.

Dates for the 2012 Buyer Days are tentatively scheduled for April 4-5 at the Saratoga Springs City Center.

In order to support our vision of building sustainable, local economies, we will be providing regular business highlights, news and features.

Send news items to Melissa Hart: mhart@adirondack.org



Photo Courtesy of Fort Drum Public Affairs

Fort Drum: By the Numbers

Home to the Army's 10th Mountain Division since 1984, Fort Drum in Jefferson County has an impact that covers the western side of the Adirondack North Country region. A study encompassing the three counties around the post (Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence) shows the installation had an economic impact close to \$1.5 billion dollars in fiscal 2010.

Here's a look at the major economic indicators for one of the largest employers in the region:

SIZE, IN ACRES: 107,652

POPULATION:

Active Duty Military: **19,447**

School-Aged Children of Military Members: **8,543**

Civilian Work Force: **4,826**

EMPLOYMENT:

Military payroll: **\$973,775,901**

Civilian Payroll: **\$193,129,138**

SPENDING:

Contracting impact for tri-county area: **\$154,926,813**

Privatized housing: **\$85,828,242**

Federal impact aid to school districts: **\$17,919,524**

Medical services: **\$26,746,114**

Source: [Fort Drum Public Affairs](#), compiled for FY 2010

EASING THE HOUSING CRUNCH

Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo recently announced more than \$13 million in funding and Low Income Housing Tax Credits to support construction of nearly 100 new housing units in Watertown. The project, called Creekwood, will help alleviate a housing shortage that's expected when members of the 10th Mountain Division come home next year. The incentives are from NYS Housing and Community Renewal (HCR) and the project is expected to support up to 80 local jobs.

Stream Global Services to expand in Watertown

One of the biggest employers in Jefferson County is expanding its operations. Stream Global Services announced recently that it is planning to hire an additional 120 people for its inbound call center located in the former Woolworth's building in downtown Watertown.

Established in 2003, Stream's Watertown service center currently employs about 300 and offers technical, customer care and sales support services. Stream said the announcement is a result of a new business agreement to deliver customer care support services for a leading e-commerce company.

Hannaford comes to Lake Placid

Hannaford Supermarkets, which operates more than 170 grocery stores throughout the Northeast, recently opened its newest location in Lake Placid. Located in the former Tops plaza, Store Manager Laurie Drake told the [Plattsburgh Press-Republican](#) that the store hired 75 full and part-time employees to start and expects to reach 100 jobs by summer.

The company aims to carry locally produced products, such as cheese and yogurt and maple syrup, among others.

Fujitsu moving jobs to Plattsburgh

Fujitsu Frontech North America Inc.(FFNA), a leading provider of IT-based business solutions, has been operating manufacturing and supply chain management for its Self-Checkout and Self-Service systems and servicing retail customers from the Plattsburgh facility for almost a decade.

Now, the company plans to move its point of sale (POS) manufacturing and integration operations from its current headquarters in Foothill Ranch, Calif., in a strategic decision to consolidate its manufacturing and supply chain management operations at the same location. The move is expected to create 50 jobs, the company says.

BIG NEWS FOR A SMALL CITY:

Cheers to Plattsburgh for making the top 10 in a recent ranking of Americas' "Cities of the Future." The rankings, published in fDi (Foreign Direct Investment) magazine, a publication of the Financial Times in London, use a number of criteria to analyze major, large and micro cities in North and South America (micro cities being those with less than 100,000 residents).

The independent collection of data for 405 cities was ranked in six categories, and assessment criteria included population forecasts, GDP, total inward and outward foreign direct investment and number of new projects, jobs, etc. The results mark Plattsburgh as No. 3 for economic potential, No. 5 for human resources and No. 7 for business friendliness.

Plattsburgh's close ties to Montreal, which was rated No. 6 overall in the major cities category, help tip the favor to the Lake City. Hats off to Garry Douglas, president of the Plattsburgh North Country Chamber of Commerce, for his hard work building partnerships with businesses across the border.

REVITALIZING HAMILTON COUNTY:

We applaud the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors for hiring Ann Melious as its new Director of Economic Development and Tourism. Hamilton County is one of the State's most rural places. It is one of the largest counties in the State by area and it has the smallest population. Its open space is breathtaking and its hamlets are wonderful examples of close knit Adirondack communities. Melious' focus is on attracting young people and families with the vision and knowledge to set up small enterprises able to employ even one or two people.



ASGAARD FARM

Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

LOCAL FOOD, LOCAL FILM GAINS SUPPORT:

Fans of local farms rallied to the aid of "Small Farm Rising," a film that documents three Essex County farms (Fledging Crow Farm, in Keeseville, Asgaard Farm in AuSable Forks, and Essex Farm in Essex) and is the sequel to the 2004 film "Three Farms."

Adirondack Harvest, which is producing the project, launched a fund raising campaign to come up with \$9,000 needed for post-production work and met the goal in just three days. Donations are still being accepted through June 15, and additional funds will be used to promote the film. Learn more and give at: <http://kck.st/ecxRwY>

TALKING ABOUT TOURISM:

ANCA Board Member Dick Bird attended Sen. Betty Little's "Let's Talk Tourism" session at Paul Smiths College on April 26. Bird said there was good cross-representation of interests and participants learned details of restored funding allocations for tourism in the State budget.

The consensus was that collaboration is important and that pooling our resources will be the best way for tourism to succeed here. Sen. Little, of District 45, represents Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Warren and Washington counties, and was recently appointed to be Chair of the New York State Senate Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks and Recreation Committee. Her connections with the Adirondack North Country may bode well for regional projects.

STORM WATER RUN-OFF: All the recent rain and flooding brings to mind an often overlooked topic: Storm water and its polluting effects on lakes, rivers and streams.

Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District, working with a grant from the Department of Environmental Conservation, and in partnership with the Town of Queensbury, has installed a fixture that captures storm water along a developed section of Route 9 in Queensbury.

Previously, all the storm water run-off from the Aviation Mall area flowed to the intersection of Aviation Road and Route 9, eventually entering Halfway Brook near Price Chopper. Under the new system, the solids (trash and other debris) are captured, and only water filters into the brook, said Dave Wick, District Manager for Warren County Soil and Water.



*Installation of new storm water filtration device in January.
Photo courtesy of Dave Wicks*

GOOD MOVES:

The **Adirondack Center for Writing** is moving to the Paul Smiths Visitor Information Center, which will give the Center an official home, with more visibility, and ensures the VIC is being put to good use after being closed by the State last year.

Closed since December due to a lack of state funding, the **Visitor Welcome Center** on the southbound side of Interstate 87 in Beekmantown will reopen May 9. The Adirondack Regional Tourism Council operates the center. State Sen. Betty Little was instrumental in securing the funding, said ARTC Executive Director Ron Ofner.

'Why I LOVE it here'

Note: This feature spotlights people around the region who moved here, stayed and now call it home.

Name: Kelly Chezum

Age: 44

Residence: Canton

Job title/Employer: Vice President for External Relations at Clarkson University

How long have you been living in the Adirondack region?: My husband, Brian, and I moved to St. Lawrence County in 1993 when he took a visiting faculty position at St. Lawrence University.

We had grown up together in rural Iowa and our sense of "home" quickly resonated with the regional community here – its wide open spaces (definitely not as flat as the Midwest!), winter recreation and more importantly, its people who are true neighbors with a genuine commitment to community.

In my role advancing opportunities at Clarkson and as a member of dual career family, my advice to people seeking to make a livelihood in this region is to think broadly about your professional and personal goals in order to see how you can make a difference and stay on track for a rewarding career. Sometimes one or even both of you need



to make a shift to the left or right of an original career goal to make this work.

Advice for newcomers to the Adirondack North Country region: make winter your friend and embrace the recreation, sporting venues and scenery that makes this a great place to live.

Career Accomplishments: While I have been responsible for building successful marketing and fundraising campaigns, forming alliances in professional organizations such as Association of Independent Technological Universities (AITU), my efforts closest to home are very rewarding, too. Clarkson's connection to

the Adirondack Initiative for Wired Work has been especially gratifying for its potential impact on economic opportunities in the region and it's been an honor to chair Forever Wired, an annual conference for community and seasonal residents, elected officials and technology experts in order to promote broadband adoption and bring attention to the broadband needs of people living in the greater Adirondack North Country. The 2011 Forever Wired event with a focus on entrepreneurs and small business telework opportunities will be held Tuesday, Oct. 4 in Potsdam.

On a personal front, I am concluding 11 years of service in April to the Board of Hospice and Palliative Care of St. Lawrence Valley. It is a tremendous organization of volunteers and staff who give compassionate end of life care and services to families across St. Lawrence County.

Favorite place: With a son who is totally into youth hockey, I really enjoy going to all of the small ice rinks around the region and sharing in the community pride that each of these facilities reflects.

What do you love about living in the Adirondack North Country region?

While the Raquette River Valley and western boundary of the Adirondack Park create a spectacular view from Clarkson's Hill campus and reminds us of the backyard we share with recreation enthusiasts and wildlife alike, I think it is the people who make living in this region great because they are the true stewards of community values and the natural habitat – those values can get lost in larger urban settings or bureaucracies run from afar.

If you could change anything about living here, what would it be? The Adirondack North Country has been a great place for me and my family to live, learn and work. There are many people with tremendous work ethic and integrity that also want to keep calling this region home yet struggle to find meaningful economic opportunities. We need to remain vigilant to the creation of new jobs and innovative prospects for economic sustainability so that everyone who chooses to call the region home can live with dignity and prosperity.

AGRICULTURE NEWS

GLCI Sponsors Writing Contest

The Steering Committee of the New York State Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) is sponsoring a writing contest for students, farmers, and others, to promote managed grazing. Prizes of \$250 will be award in each of the following age categories – 15 to 20, 21 to 25, and 25 and older.

Articles should be about a farm that is utilizing man-

aged grazing and focus on at least one of the following four benefits: 1) animal health and well-being; 2) environmental quality; 3) economic improvement; or 4) farm family quality of life. Authors should explain how the farms have utilized technical assistance available from either a GLCI grazing specialist, or their local USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS), county Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) office, Cornell Coopera-

tive Extension (CCE) office, ANCA, or other source.

Articles should be up to 2 pages, typed in Arial 10 point font and line spacing of 1.5. Margins should be set at 1 inch. Photos are encouraged. Send submissions to GLCI Coordinator Karen Hoffman at Karen.hoffman2@ny.usda.gov or by postal mail at 99 N. Broad St., Norwich, NY 13815 by May 15. She will send release form to accompany the submission. Results will be announced by June 15.

USDA's Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) was founded to provide high quality technical assistance on privately owned grazing lands and to increase the awareness of the importance of grazing-land resources. ANCA has been an administrator of the program since 1999 and works annually with more than 75 producers.

For more information, contact Agriculture Coordinator Joshua Porter at jporter@adirondack.org.

About ANCA

The Adirondack North Country Association (ANCA) has a long history of providing innovative, grassroots leadership to help build the Adirondack North Country economy. Since incorporation in 1955, ANCA has developed and managed programs across all 14 counties in Northern New York State, successfully 'investing' millions of dollars, mostly from federal and New York State grants as well as private funding, to build capacity and to support community economic development across the region. ANCA's portfolio of programs, as well as its strengths in fostering dialogue and effective partnerships, bring together the many components that are needed to build stronger, more self-reliant and localized economies throughout the 14-county region.

OUR VISION

Vibrant rural communities and resilient local economies where people and businesses thrive in a cherished environment

ANCA organizes its work around 3 key interrelated goals, each one supported by strategic objectives and a portfolio of programs and projects.

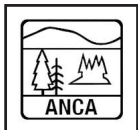
- **Resilient local economies:** provide the foundation for business development that will create family-sustaining jobs in rural communities, increase economic diversity, and build opportunities for the entire region to thrive as a more efficient, self-reliant and localized economy, linked to the global economy, and protective of the region's extraordinary natural environment
- **Vibrant communities:** foster connections between communities and people, enable visitors and residents to fully experience the region's abundant cultural and natural assets, empower and support the region's artisans, farmers, and other local producers, and to encourage investment in community infrastructure and assets
- **Distinct sense of place:** recognize and highlight the exceptional assets that make this region unique including the inter-relationship between its urban and rural communities and its vast natural areas, create a strong regional brand, and build the case for investment in the region

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