Council advocates ecosystem-based planning for wild lands Mary Peryea The Bob Marshall Wild The Bob Marshall

by Mary Peryea The Bob Marshall Wild Land Complex is comprised of over a half million acres of public and private lands in the midst of the Adirondack Park.

The Bob" includes nearly 450 lakes and ponds, almost 70 miles of rivers classified as wild, scenic and recreational by New York State, and large boreal wetlands. In the heart of "The Bob" are some of the largest old-growth woodlands in the eastern United States.

Containing some 300,000 acres of roadless wilderness, The Bob is surrounded by 24 gateway communities, including, Tupper Lake, Long Lake, Piercefield and Cranberry Lake to the north and east, and Blue Mountain Lake, Old Forge, Woodgate and Brantingham to the south and

These gateway communities are the entry points for the largest wild lands complex in the eastern United States. An integrated approach to managing The Bob could facilitate an Team gave a presentation economic boom for these gateways. The connection of various trail networks and canoe routes could draw an

The Adirondack Council is advocating the creation of an ecosystemplanning management approach for The Bob and other wild lands complexes in the state. To that end, the council has been hosting a series of meetings with business owners in gateway communities, as well as officials from DEC and DOT, to gain a better understanding of issues

in Tupper Lake recently.

management principles the way to parking, trail, recreational activities and environment include environmental canoe routes, camping areas, components such waterways, open spaces and well components can problematic and can involve involving multiple user involve partnering among groups and stakeholders, and agencies and groups.

policy frameworks. building a network of to the region. activists in neighboring communities. These people Council applauded a recent could compile and centralize presentation park information, food and Preserve lodging, and prompt longer stays in the approach that consolidates growth.

signage along roads through as scenic vistas and more, as wildlife, and human interpretation of points of be in this instance.

Packaging of land operating under a variety of Brochures and websites begin to be solved by developed to entice travelers

> Adirondack The by od and Preserve Advisory other Committee in which the DEC

planning purposes and local links to local communities.

the information it collects managing components, such as interest. Partnerships among through this series of interrelated communities. Integrating the agencies would be necessary meetings to the DEC in Ecosystem-based decision-making, Preserve Advisory crossing jurisdictional lines, complexes would also Committee's interest in "looking at new, more cost effective and efficient ways to manage and plan large showing maps of attractions landscapes and that better These problems can and services could be reflect current principles and practices of conservation science and smart growth planning.'

It has found that local the communities need planning information on the lands in Department of Environmental and marketing assistance and information that could unveiled an innovative asset to their economic

question. This could include Conservation to the Forest funds to develop as gateways and to incorporate the Forest Preserve as an

Green Team details activities to BOE

on their activities to the school board at last Monday night's meeting.

Superintendent Seth influx of outdoor enthusiasts. McGowan introduced

The high school Green members and their advisor Kathy Eldridge as leaders of the "green revolution" at the local high school.

Members presented a slide show of their activities, including locker







Members of the sixth grade class at L.P. Quinn Elementary School were showing their collective "girl power" during the staging of the "Great American Bake Sale" under the eaves of Shaheen's Supermarket Saturday. The campaign is directed to stop world hunger, the girls told the Free Press photographer. These four kept traffic coming to their outdoor stand with shouts to passing motorists. From left were Alamanda team would have an exhibit King, Paulina Kwasniak, Alyssa Gaff and Allison Chamberlain.

APO plans Transit of Venus celebration

everyone to join them in the on June 5. Both events are 4,7 pm. celebration of the Transit of free and open to the public. Venus as it moves between the Earth and the Sun. Venus is the transit, and why is it will pass in front of the Sun important? These questions, June 5. The APO is planning by Aileen O'Donoghue, two public events: The APO Priest Associate Professor of

and will have observing of University, and APO board

The Adirondack Public the transit – with telescopes member at a lecture at the invites and live video from NASA – Wild Center on Monday June

Second, the Viewing: First, the lecture: What June 5, 5 pm until sunset: Transit Day! Telescopes will be set up at Little Wolf Beach beginning at 6:03 pm EDT on and more, will be answered to <u>safely</u> watch the transit until the sun sets. Several fun activities will be provided will host a lecture on June 4, Physics at St. Lawrence preceding the actual viewing. The APO cautions everyone that directly looking at the sun without eye protection can cause serious damage to your vision. The APO will also bring NASA's live video of the transit for projection on the large screen in the Flammer Theater of the Wild Center. This will permit continued viewing of the transit after the sun sets in Tupper Lake, and as an alternative for viewing in the event of cloudy weather.

This will be the last transit of Venus until 2117, so wish for clear skies!

clean out and the Green Team store for used school supplies, teaching teachers about composting, the Youth Food Summit at SUNY Potsdam, the Adirondack Youth Climate Summit, art projects at LP Quinn and Terracycle.

A new campaign for the Green Team is "Flip the Switch" - reminding students to turn off the lights when they leave the restrooms.

The team presented Mr. McGowan with a Green Team t-shirt and passed fresh fruit as a snack for everyone at the meeting.

Board member Dan Mansfield commented on the influence the team has had on cafeteria offerings in district schools, such as the availability of more fresh fruits and vegetables and smoothies.

"With all the discussions we've had on food here, the Green Team brings it up," he said.

Mrs. Eldridge said, "I see an LP Quinn Green Team in the future. Our goal is to extend the green machine that's started here to the high school." She added that community outreach and education is also a goal for the team.

Board President Michael Dechene told the team they should do an exposition to the community at the spring concert or musical.

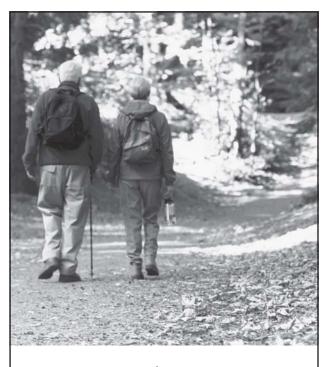
Mrs. Eldridge said the at the budget vote.

Board member Dan Mansfield commented that he is really impressed by the Green Team.

Board member Jane Whitmore said she echoed that comment. "The Green Team is phenomenal," she

economies, Ecosystem-based the area. Signs could point focuses on creating new communities and the natural Adirondack Park necessitate the rethinking of supports of the Forest management incorporates considers "entire ecosystems, impacts of all actions."

environmental quality, enhance community wellthe being and increase economic vitality." This approach "recognizes coupled social The council will present traditional approaches to and ecological systems, complex, integrates science and public issues. perception and values into cumulative



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