

The Market: The idea that hemlines reflect the economy's fortunes was first perpetuated in the roaring twenties, as women began showing some leg for the first time in seeming celebration of the thriving times. Economist George Taylor - who wrote his PhD dissertation on the hosiery industry - posited that the "Hemline Index" could be used as an economic indicator. But is it true? Do stocks rise along with hemlines? Do lengthening skirts indicate recessions? Keep an eye out and let us know.

The Tracy DeLucia Band Plays Music by the Lake



The band onstage. | PHOTO BY CALLYE ROSE

by **Callye Rose** | Staff Writer

Murrow Park was full of energy as the Tracy DeLucia Band took the pavilion to play the third concert this season for the Music by the Lake series.

Despite the hot and humid weather, over one hundred people, adults and children alike, came out Saturday July 23rd. Many people feasted on picnic dinners as they enjoyed the music.

Lead singer, Tracy DeLucia, frequently walked amongst the audience as she sang hits from yesterday and today including "Something to Talk

About", "Mustang Sally", "Margartaville", "You Belong with Me", and "That Don't Impress Me Much". In addition they played several original songs including "Billy", "Best Laid Plan" and "Good Morning to You".

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This was the second straight year the band played the Music by the Lake series. Over the past year, the Tracy DeLucia band has really taken off; they now have a radio promoter out of Nashville, Tennessee helping to get their songs heard throughout the country. Their new album entitled "Empowered" as well as upcoming performances can be found on their website, www.tracydelucia.com.

The country style band consists of Kenny Wick on base, Steve Wanzer on keyboard, Denny Blandino on guitar, David DeLucia on drums and Tracy DeLucia with lead vocals.

The next Music by the Lake will be held August 6th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Murrow Park, with musical guest The Dangling Success. The Pawling Recreation Department sponsored event is free of charge.

Cricket Valley Energy host open house in Dover Plains

by **Steven Joao** | Contributing Writer

Cricket Valley Energy hosted an open house on Saturday, July 23 at their community outreach office on 5 Market Street in Dover Plains.

Cricket Valley Energy experts were available to discuss the proposed project and answer questions on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). There were many people throughout southeastern Dutchess County who stopped by to ask their questions on various topics. Cricket Valley Energy experts greeted nearly everyone as they entered their office and welcomed any questions they had on any issue, including air quality.

Dr. Richard Londergan, who was responsible for Cricket Valley Energy's air quality studies, was in attendance at the open house to answer questions. Londergan, was the lead scientist in Cricket Valley Energy's air quality modeling, impact assessments and air permitting. He is a recognized expert in dispersion modeling and has directed modeling analysis for more than 100 facility permit applications, risk assessments, regional air quality analysis and environmental impact assessments.

Londergan also has extensive experience applying United States Environmental Agency (EPA) guideline models and has authored over 40 technical publications on air quality issues related to air quality dispersion modeling and permitting. "This project will have no significant impact on the air quality in the valley," said Londergan, who has 35 years of experience in environmental consulting. "The studies that have been done so far have shown that Cricket Valley meets all increments that the EPA has set as their standard."

Dr. Londergan spent nearly 18 months compiling data on the air quality in the surrounding areas that could be affected by the proposed power plant to make sure Cricket Valley would meet the EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The studies conducted have shown that the air quality throughout southeastern Dutchess County will have no significant impact as a result of the proposed power plant, Londergan said.

Cricket Valley Energy will only receive their draft permits from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the EPA if the application demonstrates strict compliance with state

and federal air quality regulations. Cricket Valley Energy will not receive their permit unless their estimates match what the NYSDEC and EPA determines in their analysis, said Frederick Sellars, Cricket Valley Energy's lead environmental consultant.

According to a Dispatch Analysis, Cricket Valley Energy's operation would result in substantial emissions reductions across the region. By displacing older, less efficient power plants with its clean burning natural gas combined cycle technology, Cricket Valley Energy would achieve annual reductions on many greenhouse gases.

Linda French, of Dover Plains, who met the Cricket Valley Energy team nearly two years ago, appreciates Cricket Valley Energy's continued availability to the public on their proposed project. "They have given the public every opportunity to learn about their project and they have not hid anything from anybody," French said. "I've personally learned a lot from them on things I otherwise would have known little about, such as air quality."

French believes that the Cricket Valley Energy Power Plant would add many positive things to the area and would help rejuvenate the area. "I believe Cricket Valley Energy could help the Town of Dover grow as a community," French added. "The power plant could help re-grow the town and could keep the little stores going because there's not much here."

The power plant would add at least 750 construction jobs at the peak of the two to three year construction project, with annual salaries totaling nearly \$50 million, according to Cricket Valley Energy. It would also include 25 to 30 highly skilled permanent employees when the power plant is operational, with salaries totaling more than \$2 million annually.

The power plant is said to add significant tax revenue to the Dover school system, town and Dutchess County, according to Cricket Valley Energy. The project's annual tax contribution could be up to \$4 million.

Cricket Valley Energy's proposed power plant is planned to be constructed at an inactive industrial site off Route 22 in Dover approximately five miles north of Pawling. Any written comments on the DEIS must be submitted before Friday, August 5 to the NYSDEC, lead agency for the project.

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