

Have You Been Reading?

For the past several weeks a group called "YES! Wind Power" has been filling the pages of *The Valley News* with paid advertisements supported by UPC Wind relentlessly attacking some of their opponents by name and others by innuendo. The main thrust of their argument is that wind project supporters are **much nicer folks** than those who have expressed serious reservations. Where was all the money for informing the public about this project from 2002-06 before the wraps came off? Now that a political campaign is underway, however, the coffers of UPC Wind have opened wide, and the **mud and fantasies** are flying.

Did you read their fable about the King and his Kingdom?

- *Our elected Town Supervisor, Jack Zigenfus, becomes our King.*
- *UPC Wind's political advisor, Chris Swartley, becomes a Prophet.*
- *CWW's spokesperson, Jim Hall, becomes a Retired Sorceress.*
- *The fable's author (who else?) becomes the Wise Sage.*
- *The Internet becomes a source that will Dispense No Wisdom.*
- *And, of course, the YES Men become the Saviors of the Planet.*

As much as we all enjoy a good story, it may surprise some that we live in a modern democracy where the rule of law, not personal power, is king; **committed neighbors are not witches**; venture capitalists are more about profit than prophet; wisdom is freely available to all; the Internet is an amazing source of helpful information; and sometimes the real heroes are those who have learned to Just say NO. Stop by and check out some of our ideas online at www.cohoctonfree.com.

Remember, there's always more than one side to a story. As much as we respectfully **disagree with the YES group's political tactics**, we wholeheartedly agree with their fable's final counsel that we "must not allow our progress... to be stifled by inspired superstition." Brothers and sisters, when can we stop fighting and start working together?

