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**REMINDER:** *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman* will not be printed next week in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. On behalf of the entire Townsman Staff, we all wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

## Tri-Valley FFA Chapter (Grahamsville, NY) Earns Top Honors for Community Development at the National FFA Convention

Indianapolis, Indiana - A local FFA chapter will be returning home with some new hardware and plenty to smile about when the 85th National FFA Convention & Expo wraps up Saturday. The Tri-Valley Central FFA Chapter from Grahamsville, N.Y., was named winner of the 2012 Model of Innovation - Community Development award by the National FFA Organization Thursday, October 25, 2012. Community Development serves as one of three FFA Model of Innovation award areas geared to drive complete development of an FFA chapter. The award, contested among ten national finalists during judging earlier in the week and announced during the national FFA convention's second general session at Bankers Life Fieldhouse, is sponsored nationally by John Deere as a special project of the National FFA Foundation. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## UC Sheriff Announces Promotions



Pictured left to right: Captain Louis Russo, Captain Jon Becker, Sheriff VanBlarcum, Lt. Chris Ferro, Lt. Charles J. Polacco, Lt. Michael McGirr, Superintendent James Hanstein.

Sheriff Paul VanBlarcum announces the promotions of three officers to the rank of Lieutenant in the Corrections Division of the Ulster County Sheriff's Office. Promoted are Chris C. Ferro, who joined the Sheriff's Office in 1988; Michael J. McGirr, who joined in 1990; and Charles J. Polacco III, who began in 1990. All three gentlemen formerly held the rank of Sergeant.

## Congressman Secured \$1.36 Million in Federal Funds to Renovate Wall Street & North Front Street

Kingston, NY -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) joined local Kingston officials on Saturday, November 10 for a celebration of Wall Street in Uptown Kingston being named as one of America's 10 Great Streets for 2012 by the American Planning Association. The designation covers Wall Street from the intersections of North Front through Franklin, which is a six block area. Hinchey helped lead the effort to revitalize Wall Street by securing \$1.36 million for renovations to the Pike Plan in Uptown Kingston that included reconstruction of the portico along Wall Street and North Front Street. The city has also reconstructed sidewalks and curbs and installed new lights and plantings. (Contd. Pg. 12)

## SC Sheriff Presents 'Yellow Dot' Program to TV Lions



Pictured from left to right, Lions Treasurer Jack Clark, Undersheriff Eric Chaboty, Lions President Carmen Salvemini, and Lions Secretary Liza Salvemini.

On Tuesday November 6, 2012, Undersheriff Eric Chaboty of the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office spoke at the monthly meeting of the Tri-Valley Lions. The meeting was held at Nardi's Restaurant in Hurleyville. The Undersheriff gave a presentation on the New York State Sheriff's Association "Yellow Dot" program, which is a medical alert system designed to notify emergency personnel that an occupant of a vehicle has a medical condition. A "Yellow Dot" is placed on the rear most driver's side window and a card with the passenger's medical information is placed in the glove box. If the vehicle is involved in an incident where the occupants are unable to communicate with first responders, the "Yellow Dot" system will speak for them.

## Grand Opening of Ulster County Dept of Social Services Family & Child Advocacy Center



Mike Hein assists at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at the Grand Opening of UC Dept of Social Services Family & Child Advocacy Center

County Executive Mike Hein, District Attorney Holley Carnright and the NYS Police hosted a grand opening of the Ulster County Department of Social Services Family & Child Advocacy Center.

"This is an extremely special place that's essential for helping children and families in crisis. It is with deep sensitivity, that my administration has partnered with dedicated organizations and individuals to make this center a reality," said County Executive Hein. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.  
Ruth 1:16

**ENGAGEMENT:**

Mr. & Mrs. James R. Sheeley of Claryville, NY proudly announce their daughter Karyn Jayne's engagement to Michael Joseph Diescher Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Joseph Diescher of Livingston Manor, NY. Karyn is a student at Russell Sage College in Troy, NY, pursuing her degree in Psychology and Business and is currently employed by the Frost Valley YMCA as the Administrative Assistant. Michael is employed at Malzahn Gas Company in Port Jervis, NY. An October 2013 wedding is planned for the happy couple.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:**

Please join our family and friends for an OpenHouse in celebration of Archie Dean's 90th Birthday on November 17, 2012 at Neversink Fire Hall from 3:30 pm to 5 pm. Light refreshments will be served.

**Days of Yore...****...Today's History**

**November 19, 1952** - The Woodbourne Reformed Church will celebrate its 150th anniversary this week by having special services to which the public is invited. On Friday there will be an historical pageant, "The House and the Bell" and on Sunday there will be anniversary services at 11:15 a.m.

Mrs. Emma Brooks and Mr. Walton Hamilton were married Saturday at the Lows Corners Baptist Church. The Rev. J. Milton Harris officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton will be at home to their friends after a wedding trip to St. Petersburg, Florida.

About two hundred parents and friends were present to hear the first formal concert of the Tri Valley combined choirs, under the direction of Miss Marilyn King and the Tri Valley band under the direction of Mr. Arlington Visscher. During intermission the audience was invited to see the exhibits from the different departments of the school which were set in the lobby.

**November 7, 1962** - Mrs. Helen D. Furman, 59, died Wednesday, Oct. 31st at Woodbourne. She was born in Sundown May 15, 1903, daughter of the late Norman and Ella Haines DuBois. She was married on November 3, 1922 at Grahamsville to Maurice Furman. She was a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church.

Mrs. George D. Countryman, 84, widow of George D. Countryman, died on Tuesday, October 30th at her home in Neversink. Mrs. Countryman was born on October 13, 1878 in Neversink, the daughter of Benjamin and Cornelia Ann Countryman Misner. She was a member of the Grahamsville Methodist Church and the Liberty Women's Christian Temperance Union.

Mrs. Madeline Adams and Mrs. Inez Gridley were recently accepted as members of The Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, an honorary society for women teachers who have distinguished themselves in educational work.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carlsen of South Hill Rd., Grahamsville, are the parents of a baby boy born Tuesday, November 6th at Liberty Loomis Hospital. The baby, their third son, weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz.

**November 29, 1972** - The 5th of December is shared by locals Harry and Hattie Moore who will celebrate 44 years of marriage and also on that day, the Thomas Cyperts will be married 8 years.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Smith on the arrival of their granddaughter on November 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Roger Fredenburgh of Ulster Heights are the parents of Kimberly Ann.

November 18, 1982 - Sgt. Richard W. Schmitz, son of June A. Schmitz of Woodbourne, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force automatic flight systems control course at Chanute A.F.B. in Illinois. Richard will now serve at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico with the 479th Aircraft Generation. He is a 1978 graduate of Tri-Valley Central School.

Gladys VanWagner, the "Doll Lady of Sundown", is now working hard making Campbell Soup Kids rag dolls for Christmas. She has a nice collection of dolls, many of them constructed from spare parts that she

has picked up at flea markets, yard sales and auctions.

Good luck to talented writer, Jean Webster of Grahamsville, in her new job as Associate Editor of the Ellenville Press.

**Kudos go to Tri-Valley Cross Country Team**

The Tri-Valley Cross Country team placed 8th at the 2012 New York State Cross Country Championship in Buffalo last Saturday. Freshmen Autumn Bender had the Race of her career by placing 14th to earn a medal and distinguish herself as a top freshmen over-all in New York State.

The remainder of the team placed: 64th- Sabrena Smith, 76th Danielle Graham, 92nd Brooke Gillette, 97th Brittany Pennell, 104th Ali Reynolds, Keara McHugh 116th.

Congratulations on a great season!!

**NYS Counties Renew Call to Fix Preschool Special Education**

We can do better for our kids and our taxpayers. That's the message out of the New York State Association of Counties this week in a report recommending specific reforms to New York's Preschool Special Education Program.

The report, titled "Roadmap to Mandate Relief: Improving Preschool Special Education," details changes the State government can make to improve the services to families in need of these services, save taxpayers money, and make this government program more efficient. The latest recommendations would reorganize the State program, which provides services to children with disabilities between ages 3 and 5.

The deficiencies apparent in the Preschool Special Education program triggered an audit of 18 providers by New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli and an investigative series of articles published in the New York Times. The Comptroller's audits revealed severe program inefficiencies that have resulted in waste, fraud and abuse amounting to tens of millions of dollars annually.

"This is an egregious mandate. Counties do not have education departments- we are not in the business of education- yet we devote nearly \$1 billion in local tax dollars to the State's Preschool Special Education Program each year," said NYSAC President Edward A. Diana, Orange County Executive.

Currently, Federal and State laws govern the Preschool Special Education Program and grant the legal authority to administer the program to the State and school districts. However, New York is the only state in the nation that mandates counties to fund a share of the Preschool Special Education Program.

This arrangement separates program decision making authority from fiscal responsibility. Remarkably, counties have no real role in the Preschool Special Education Program, other than to bankroll it. Unfortunately, much of this funding is not being used to serve the children- instead it is spent on transportation costs and salaries of provider executives.

"There have been many proposals to fix this program, but they have all failed to be enacted," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. "With this report, we continue to press for reforms that will help the children being served and relieve the taxpayers funding these vital services."

New York's Preschool Special Education Program was enacted in 1989. At its inception, the program cost approximately \$96 million annually. Just 10 years ago, the program cost \$792 million annually and served approximately 60,000 children. Today, the Preschool Special Education Program is estimated to cost \$2 billion annually and serves about 75,000 children.

"Our proposals will improve services, boost accountability, and save tax dollars at the State and county level," said Acquario.

The report, released this week, is the second in NYSAC's 'Roadmap' series of mandate relief reports, which detail changes the State government can make to save taxpayers' money and improve government efficiency.

"Our county leaders are prepared to engage our partners at the State level to lower the cost of government and enact needed mandate relief," said NYSAC President Edward A. Diana, Orange County Executive.

**A Round About Tri-Valley** -Carol Furman

Congratulations to the Tri-Valley FFA on an excellent showing at the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana. The group received many awards. They won the Model of Innovation Community Development National Award, beating 7,498 other FFA Chapters nationwide. Now that's a real feather in their caps! Ashley Exner was a National Chorus participant and Sowoo Chon participated in the National Band. Thank you to Tara Berescik for guiding these students to such a high level. Thanks also to Regina Hartman for her work with the National Chorus and for acting as a chaperone.

Congratulations to Don and Loretta Ackerley on the birth of their great-grandson, Gaige Matthew Hendrickson on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Greg and Lisa Wachter and Mike and Darlene Beiling are the grandparents. Gaige's parents, Aubrey and Heather are so proud of their little fella! Oops, did I say "little"? He weighed 8lbs. 7ozs!

Congratulations also to great-grandma, Gloria Beavers, on the birth of her great-grandson, Asher Timothy Morse. Erik and Cindy Amthor are the grandparents. Their daughter, Libby, delivered the little guy on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Kudos to Archie Dean of Neversink who will be 90 years old on November 17<sup>th</sup>! His family is planning an open house at the Neversink Fire Hall on November 17 \* from 3:30-5:00 pm for any of Archie's friends who would like to stop by and wish him a happy birthday. No gifts please. Archie is looking forward to seeing his many friends from around the area!

There will be a community Thanksgiving Eve service at 7:00 pm on November 21<sup>st</sup> at the Grahamsville Methodist Church. Most of us have so much to be thankful for! It's important to remember to take time to thank "The Man Upstairs" for all of our blessings!

It was so nice to see Cheryl Hendrickson Conturier, now of Tennessee, visiting the Grahamsville area again. Cheryl was a teacher at Tri-Valley for many years. No, she hasn't picked up a southern drawl yet!

Kacie TerBush, daughter of Art and Cindy Soule of Grahamsville and the late Thomas TerBush was married to Nick Vislocky in Lake George on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Lou Millsbaugh from Lackawack Hill continues to recuperate at home following a heart attack. Lou, a man of great faith, continues to be thankful to God and all who helped him stay alive.

At the Sullivan County Senior Sportmen's dinner held in Jeffersonville, Al Hall was presented with the Bill Engle Sportsman Award. Al's sons, Steve and Dean, surprised him by being present at the award presentation. Al taught physical education and coached at Tri-Valley School for 35 years. Congratulations, Al!

Sullivan County Under-Sheriff, Eric Chaboty, gave an informational program concerning the YELLOW DOT PROGRAM at the Tri-Valley Lions monthly meeting. YELLOW DOT is a free program designed to help first responders provide life-saving medical attention during that first "golden hour" after an accident or other emergency. For more information contact: [www.nysheriffs.org/yellowdot](http://www.nysheriffs.org/yellowdot).

Get well wishes to Paul Kelly of South Hill who is a little under-the-weather and to Dave Forshay of Willowemoc who had shoulder surgery. Get well and follow those doctor's orders!

Words of Wisdom: Life is not about how fast you run, or how high you climb, but how well you bounce.

**NEVERSINK NOTES** - Hulda Vernooy

A belated Happy Birthday to Claire (Knight) Smith who celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on November 1<sup>st</sup>! Happy Birthday Claire!

Belated birthday wishes also go to Helen Conrad and Marge Denman.

And a Happy Birthday to Carl Allison who celebrated this week!

**Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Cares Committee is getting in the Holiday Spirit!**

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Cares Committee, along with other community groups, will again be assisting families during the holiday season. We are looking for anyone who may be interested in purchasing gifts for families in our school district. You could be an individual, a group of people, or an organization that is willing to help out to make a family's holiday even more special. There is a great need again in this upcoming holiday season to help the people in our community. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Deb Swett at [debraswett@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:debraswett@trivalleycsd.org) or 985-2296 x 4229, or Paula Gray at [paulagray@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:paulagray@trivalleycsd.org)

or 985-2296 X 5406 by Nov. 16. Thank you in advance for any support you can give!

**Kittens Left at Grahamsville Post Office**

Whoever left the two little kittens in the vestibule of the Grahamsville Post Office last week, please note that the cameras are now on, so don't do it again or you will be caught!!

**Tri-Valley FFA (From Pg. 1)**

The Tri-Valley Central FFA Chapter became eligible for the award after earning a gold placing at the State FFA Convention at Vernon Verona Sherrill High School in May, 2012 and then proceeding to earn a Three-Star rating during national chapter judging completed by FFA during the summer. There, judges evaluate a chapter's Program of Activities (POA) that contains activities specified by three standing chapter committees which are to be accomplished during the course of a school year. Each of the 7,498 FFA chapters nationally are required to develop a POA specific to their needs and goals and 10 percent of those chapters are able to move onto the national level for judging.

The Tri-Valley FFA was selected for Model of Innovation in Community Development for three projects - a willow growing project where students cultivated nearly 10,000 willow shrubs for planting along local streams to protect stream bank erosion along the New York City Reservoir properties in Sullivan County. The second project was a character education puppet show presented to local youth to raise money for the Catherine Harth Memorial Scholarship. The puppet show demonstrated anti-bullying, respect and friendship to youth in the community in order to promote quality character, something Catherine promoted as chapter president. Finally, interested in seeing agriculture outside the United States, 16 members of the Tri-Valley FFA Chapter in New York took a trip to Costa Rica during spring break 2011. The members explored urban, coastal and rural areas of the country and learned about various production techniques used in different regions. The trip culminated in the cloud forest town of San Bernardo, where members worked a combined total of 336 hours to help a family finish their coffee house so that they could begin making money selling their coffee. This community service had members mixing concrete by hand to pour sidewalks, building a septic tank to allow the community house to have running water and sanitary septic facilities, preparing walls and painting and the development of a small memorial garden to remember the time and efforts of all those who helped.

At the National FFA Convention senior, Nathaniel Tompkins and junior, Sierra Hennessey, developed a ten minute presentation to further explain the projects that qualified the chapter for selection as a Model of Innovation. The students then answered ten additional minutes of questions from the judges. They were present on stage when the results were announced as well.

Overall, the chapter created over 15 exceptional activities during the school year related to quality standards set by the National FFA Organization and was recognized for their service to their local community, their state, their nation and their innovation in international service. Tara Berescik is the FFA chapter advisor at Tri-Valley Central High School.

**About the Tri-Valley FFA Organization**

The Tri-Valley FFA Chapter was started in 1951 by Mr. Richard Strangeway and has been a staple of the community of Neversink, NY since its inception. Currently the chapter has over 120 students in grades 7-12 and an additional 20 graduates are still on the roster. Tri-Valley is a two teacher program specializing in small animal care, animal science, food science, floral design, conservation, turf grass management, international agriculture and environmental science located in the Catskill Mountains. Students in the program excel in career development events and competed on the National Level in Livestock Judging, Nursery Operations and Prepared Public Speaking in 2012. Tri-Valley is also proud to represent New York with consistent State Officers and works to prepare students for careers in agriculture and by providing an appreciation in agriculture for all who participate, regardless of their future career choices.

**About National FFA Organization**

The National FFA Organization is a national youth organization of 557,318 student members as part of 7,498 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a federal charter granted by the 81<sup>st</sup> United States Congress and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a

service to state and local agricultural education programs. For more, visit the National FFA Organization online at [www.FFA.org](http://www.FFA.org), on Facebook, Twitter and the official National FFA Organization blog.

**AMERICAN WILD TURKEY** By Peggy DeWire

"Gobble, gobble," said the wild tom turkey sitting on a limb in a maple tree almost hidden in the leaves. "You caught me resting after my lunch of grasshoppers and seeds. I'm called Tom Two Toes and I'll tell you how I got named."



He settled himself more comfortably on the limb fluffing out his beautiful brown plumage, tail hanging down neatly folded and beard tassel on his chest swinging to and fro.

Two years ago when I was a small chick, my Mom moved me and my twelve brothers and sisters away from our nest on the ground hidden in the woods to the edge on an open field.

There we watched how she pecked at ants, bugs and berries (strawberries are my favorite). She showed us things that are good to eat. She walked along very slowly to keep her brood together and stopped often, spreading her wings so we could rest under their shade.



We came to a pond on our way to the next open meadow and the whole family waded in with Mom cackling at us to stay together and paddle quickly across.

All the splashing caught a snapping turtle's attention and it investigated, managing to bite off two toes of the last chick to struggle up on land, safely across. I limped along at first but I kept right up with my family after that awful experience.

I also remember my first flight one summer day when I was about two weeks old. Mom and all of us were feeding together in a field pecking at ants and grass seeds. My keen eyesight helped me get the smallest bits of food as well as keep a sharp lookout for danger.

Suddenly Mom flew up into a tree and landed on a limb six feet off the ground. From there she called perk, perk encouraging us to join her.

One by one we flapped our little wings to get up there, the smaller chicks landing short on the ground and launching themselves again and again till they succeeded. I made it on my first try and snuggled beside Mom proudly. After that day we never slept on the ground but always in a tree.

By the end of my first summer I was nearly as big as Mom and looked like her in my new brown-bronze plumage. My head and wattle turned red, white and blue, my wing feathers brown with white edging. Half-inch long yellow spurs grew on my legs. A grand five-inch brown bristle beard drooped from my chest.

My brothers and I practiced loud gobbling, dragging wing tips on the ground and spreading our tail feathers into wide showy fans. All this gobbling commotion was too much for Mom and she drove all her young toms out of the flock with loud yelping cries, and led our sisters off and away.

During the winter it was very hard to find enough food until we joined some deer that scraped snow aside uncovering moss and grass. While they foraged, we turkeys with sharp eyesight watched every alert for danger. And then we ate.

I'm now a full-grown gobbler who controls the clearing you're standing in looking up at me. This spring I fought another tom and beat him in a knock-down fight for this spot.

He grabbed me by the neck but I spurred him hard enough on the chest to draw blood. He let go and fell flat on the ground defeated. I jumped on his back and did a victory march to and fro. Then I let him escape.

Now I gobble to attract hens to my clearing where I'll be the alpha male for the next ten years, barring a hunting accident.

I think it's easier for you to call me Tom Two Toes rather than my full name, *Meleagris gallopurva*.

**Household Hints****Get rid of water rings on furniture**

To remove white rings left by wet glasses on wood furniture, mix equal parts vinegar and olive oil and apply it with a soft cloth while moving with the wood grain. Use another clean, soft cloth to shine it up. To get white water rings off leather furniture, dab them with a sponge soaked in full-strength white vinegar.

**Mysterious Book Report No. 75** by John Dwaine McKenna



**Part II - A Tribute to James Lee Burke**

*Creole Bell*, (Simon & Shuster, \$27.99, 528 pages, ISBN 978-1-4516-4813-3) by James Lee Burke, begins in Indian summer with a torpid Dave Robicheaux in the hospital recovering from gunshot wounds. He's on a morphine drip for pain and very uncomfortable. He has a history of alcohol and drug addiction, and is a long-standing member of AA, Alcoholics Anonymous . . . the twelve-step program that's helped so many people to control their illness . . . one day at a time. In the second paragraph of his narrative Robicheaux makes this observation:

"Those who have had the following experience will not find my descriptions exaggerated or even metaphorical in nature. A morphine dream has neither walls nor a ceiling nor a floor. The sleep it provides is like a warm bath, free of concerns about mortality and pain and memories from the past. Morpheus also allows us vision through a third eye that we never knew existed."

Then, in the early morning hours shortly after midnight on a Friday, he gets a visit from Tee Jolie Melton, a local Cajun woman, an entertainer who sings in local nightclubs . . . who leaves him an iPod loaded with songs she put on it . . . who tells him she is afraid because she is living with a famous man, and she heard him and his associates talking about an oil well casement and a blowout involving several deaths and billions of dollars. Before leaving she adds that he's married, she's pregnant, he wants her to get an abortion, but she thinks he's going to divorce his wife and marry her, and lastly, that some of his associates are 'bad men', the kind that 'carry guns and hurt peoples'.

Robicheaux, already uncertain if she was really there or if he's in the midst of a morphine dream, learns from his wife that Tee Jolie Melton and her younger sister named Blue have been missing for a couple of weeks while he's been in a coma, suspended somewhere between life and death. He puts the event out of his mind and concentrates on his recovery.

Then, just as Robicheaux is back at work as the Iberia Parish Sheriff's Offices Senior Homicide Investigator, Blue Melton's body is found encased in a block of ice, floating in an inlet from the Gulf of Mexico. It puts Robicheaux and best friend Clete Purcel on a mission to rescue Tee Jolie . . . which sets them on a collision course with a powerful cartel of ultra-wealthy businessmen, thugs, and aristocrats with billions of dollars at risk. When an assassin named Caruso, who may be Cletes' daughter turns up and one of the characters may in fact be a high ranking Nazi war criminal, the case takes a sinister turn with life-and-death consequences for Robicheaux, his wife and daughter as well as Clete Purcel. *Creole Bell* is a five-hundred page thrill ride through the swamps and bayous and crime-infested society of one of the most beautiful . . . and beleaguered states in the entire union. If you've never had the pleasure of reading one of Mr. Burke's novels, please consider this an introduction, as well as an invitation to read this, or any of his other books and become one of his legions of fans. He is a master of the English language, a wordsmith extraordinaire and certainly in my opinion, America's Best Writer.

James Lee Burke was born in Texas in 1936, but spent much of his childhood in New Iberia, Louisiana, where his family has lived since 1836. He received a BA and MA from The University of Missouri and has been awarded *The Mystery Writers of America Edgar Award* in 1990 for *Black Cherry Blues* and another one in 1998 for his novel *Cimarron Rose*. In 2009 he was awarded the ultimate distinction by the MWA, when he was named a Grand Master. He lives in Montana with his wife, Pearl.

James Lee Burke's books are readily available at your local library. *Creole Bell* may be on the "Hot Reads" list, meaning it's in wide demand and must be returned in one week, but there'll be plenty of others as well. They're all good. Be a regular patron of the library. It's all good!

My website's good: [johndwainemckenna.com](http://johndwainemckenna.com) It's where you'll find blogs, links, bios and book suggestions as well as reader commentaries at *The Neversink Chronicles* and *The Whim-Wham Man*. All the MBR's are there too, and you can leave your own comments as well.

*The Neversink Chronicles* are available at Cannie D's in Neversink, the Time and the Valleys Museum Store in Grahamsville and Peter's Market in Napanoch. *The Whim-Wham Man* is available at bookstores everywhere, Amazon, Kindle, and iTunes. Signed copies are at: Rhyolite Press, P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901

By sending \$15.00 plus \$5.00 postage and handling. We'll see you next week of our tribute to James Lee Burke. Be good to yourselves, your kids and your grandkids read a book with them. --JDM

**Local History and the Civil War**



Daniel Pierce Library

*Between the Bookends*

Daniel Pierce Library. *The Last Dispatch Rider* by Robert F. Harris is a biographical account of Private Thomas D. Collins' phenomenal exploits as a member of Company H. This boy soldier, who hailed from Neversink Flats, survived two train accidents, captured a Rebel flag, and delivered a war ending letter to General Sherman.

Another book that is available to read at the library is *Brass Buttons and Leather Boots: Sullivan County and the Civil War - Sullivan County (N.Y) Historical Society. Sullivan County Civil War Commission*. This reference book is dedicated to the memory of the men of the 143rd regiment who fought in battles such as "Bloody Annandale," Battle of Missionary Ridge, and the Siege of Atlanta. While these men fought the war, local tanneries provided leather for the soldiers' boots, and their horses wore saddles and harnesses made from Sullivan County leather.

Readers may also be interested in reading *History of the 143rd Regiment, New York Volunteers, Infantry, Sullivan County*. This book was edited by Robert G. Yorks, a direct descendant of two of the soldiers listed in this book. He includes lists of soldiers' names, ranks, last known addresses, transfers, and dates of death. Some of the local surnames mentioned in the book are: Swarthout, Bowers, Everett, Hartman, Higgins, Hornbeck, Knox, Misner, Osterhout, Sheeley, Stratton, Terwilliger, and Van Valkenburgh.

The Sullivan County Historical Society is honoring the 143rd Regiment by displaying their flag in the Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville. The people of Sullivan County presented the flag to the regiment in 1862, and the men carried it throughout the south where they eventually joined Sherman's famous march to the sea. This *Bringing Home the Flag* exhibit celebrates the 150th anniversary of the county's participation in the Civil War. It runs from October 20 to November 25, 2012. For more information, please call the museum at (845) 434-8044.

**NOTES TO THE EDITOR:**

**Post Election Comments**

THANK YOU to all who voted to "keep Neversink dry"! A few comments I heard from around town:

1) Some voters had difficulty locating the resolution regarding alcoholic beverages which was on the reverse side of the voting ballot. Apparently not all voters were told where the resolution was located

and spent time looking for it. It should not be left up to the election officials to be responsible for telling voters where the resolution is printed on a ballot. Apparently some voters missed being told. A notice should have been posted in each voting cubicle informing voters that the alcoholic beverage resolution was located on the back of the ballot.

2) Several voters thought the campaign advertisements urging residents to vote "yes" to permit alcoholic beverages in Neversink were misleading. It appeared that you were voting for an alcoholic beverage to be served with a meal served "in-house". Even some of the residents who did vote "yes" were not aware that the resolution would have permitted the sale of unopened containers of beer (six packs and kegs) to be sold from restaurants for consumption at another location. Voters must be better informed when they vote.

3) Voting FOR the alcoholic beverage resolution was going to increase jobs in the Town of Neversink. HOW? (Well, maybe it might take more than one employee to load a keg of beer into a car for off-premises consumption!)

Carol Furman  
Town of Neversink

Friends,

I hope this message finds you and your family safe during this difficult time. As our state continues to recover from the devastation of Hurricane Sandy, I have been inspired by the caring and generosity of so many New Yorkers toward our neighbors in need. Unfortunately, there are some unscrupulous individuals who have tried to take advantage of the storm to profit at the expense of those who are suffering.

My office has zero tolerance for price gouging. While most retailers understand that customers are also neighbors, and would never think of taking advantage of New Yorkers during such disruptive times, emergency circumstances always require an extra sense of vigilance. We are aggressively investigating complaints from consumers regarding potential price gouging of necessary goods, such as food, water, gas, generators, batteries and flashlights, as well as essential services such as transportation and hotels.

In addition to investigating potential price gouging, my office is also working to ensure consumers are protected from scams related to home repair, clean up services and tree removal in the wake of the storm. Click here to learn more.

If you believe you are a victim of price gouging or a post-hurricane scam, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Helpline at 800-771-7755 or fill out a complaint form online.

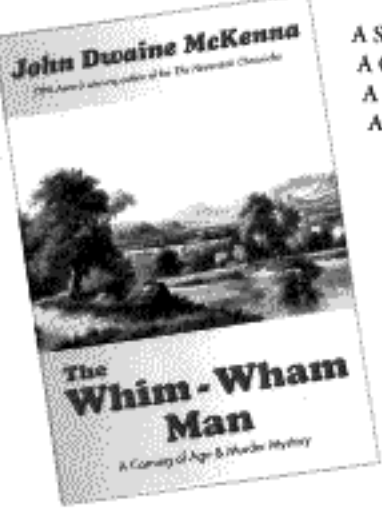
While there will always be those who try to take advantage of disasters like this to make a

quick buck, I know that difficult circumstances also bring out the best in New Yorkers. If you are able to help with relief efforts for those in need on Staten Island, Long Island, the Rockaways and other hard-hit communities, click here for a list of volunteer resources.

You can also get information about food and water distribution centers, shelters, heat centers, and other storm related resources from the City of New York.

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## The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda

### The Fiscal Cliff

Two days after the election, and more than half the country is celebrating the re-election of Barack Obama while the remaining almost-half are licking their wounds and wondering what went wrong. The two parties meant to exist to present platforms of issues turned into adversaries battling over control. It is time to relearn our civics lessons of high school. It is time to blend that vivid red and blue into a soft purple that we all can live with in harmony.

There is much being said about "The fiscal cliff." Whenever I think of a cliff, I think of lemmings, following each other blindly to the edge. Tax cuts, tax reform, revising entitlement programs (By the way, it irks me to call a social program funded by individual contributions and public funds an "entitlement" program.) all can be areas of compromise. Time to reach across that aisle and grab a helping hand that might prevent us from falling off that cliff.

Months and years of gridlock could actually be worked out in an afternoon on a cocktail napkin. Perhaps capital gains tax might be raised to 20%. Perhaps we could return to a tiered percentage of income tax where those making \$300,000. could pay the higher rate as they did before. Certainly the tax loop holes for the wealthy might be closed. The volumes of tax requirements might be simplified to something that could be read and followed by the average tax payer. Medicare might have to be delayed until sixty-five and a half. Actually, if the Affordable Health Care is in full swing, Medicare and Medicaid won't be needed as the stop gap measures we rely upon for the poor and aging.

I do not worry about the fiscal cliff. If everyone wants the same thing, the only action possible is sensible compromise. Democrats and Republicans and Independents all want to create jobs, to have health benefits available to all, and to strive for peace.

The few road signs and political dialogue shows are a reminder that we just spent six billion dollars and months of noxious political ads and phone surveys fighting each other. Now it is time to sharpen those pencils and redirect our energy into solving our own economic problems rather than fixing blame and pointing fingers.



**RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES** - Fred Perry - Owner of Reservoir Music Center  
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Fred will be back with his column in the next issue of the *Townsman*.  
In the meantime - have a **Happy Thanksgiving!**

### Olive Free Library to host Author Talk and Presentation by Marty Podskoch

On Saturday, November 10, 2012 at 2 p.m., the Olive Free Library in West Shokan, NY will host an author talk and presentation by Marty Podskoch. He will give a Power Point presentation on the new edition of his book, *Fire Towers of the Catskills: Their History and Lore*.

Marty Podskoch is a retired teacher and the author of six books: *Fire Towers of the Catskills: Their History and Lore*, *Adirondack Fire Towers: Their History and Lore*, *the Southern Districts*, and *Adirondack Fire Towers: Their History and Lore*, *the Northern Districts*, *Adirondack Stories: Historical Sketches*; *101 More Adirondack Stories: Historical Sketches*, and *Adirondack Civilian Conservation Corps Camps: Their History, Memories and Legacy*. Marty also writes a weekly newspaper column, "Adirondack Stories" published in five Adirondack area newspapers. There will be books available for purchase and signing at the presentation.

The Olive Free Library is located at 4033 Route 28-A in West Shokan, New York. The program will take place in the library's Community Room. Please call the library at 845-657-2482 for more information or visit the library website at [www.olivefreelibrary.org](http://www.olivefreelibrary.org).

### Pine Hill Community Center to Host Upcoming Events

Neither Barbie nor the Transformers has much market share in a place like Zimbabwe, where a teacher would have to work for a month to afford the most minimal of Mattel's offerings. Life expectancy is just 34 years, and half the population is on the verge of hunger.

Yet even in such dire circumstances, kids will be kids - and Zimbabwean's sort through the detritus of towns and cities for Vaseline jar caps and shoe polish lids, for pieces of wire, discarded buttons, scraps of cloth and bits of yarn that became their dolls, their cars, their fantasies.

Awed by their imagination and spirit, in 2005, Dennis Gaboury, an American sculptor spending the year in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second largest city, sponsored a competition among the city's orphans to encourage and reward their creativity. More than 250 boys and girls built dolls and trucks, motorcycles, airplanes and helicopters. And in the Spring of 2006, at special awards show, they all received prizes - movie tickets and backpacks, beans and pencils, courtesy of local and international donors. Their toys were displayed in an exhibition mounted at the National Gallery, and the top four toymakers garnered something even more spectacular - an airplane ride over their own hometown.

The orphans gained more than their prizes and their moment in the spotlight: When Dennis took a sampling of the toys home that summer, dozens of his friends and neighbors reached out with a helping hand by donating money for the toymak-

ers. Dennis used those donations to buy baskets of food sufficient to feed a family for a month, notebooks, pencils, and to pay school fees for every child who participated. For the first time in their lives, they glimpsed the possibility of helping their families by working with their own hands. In a world where charity and handouts are the coin of the realm, they caught an inkling of dignity.

On Saturday, November 17, Dennis will visit the Pine Hill Community Center with toys made by the children of Pumula North, one of Bulawayo's poorest and most underserved neighborhoods. Dennis will offer the toys for sale and will share the inspiring story of how Zimkids has grown into a thriving 501 (c) 3 operation and focused its efforts on serving this community. In the morning, Dennis will join the Kid Stuff program, and participants will have an opportunity to speak directly with the children of Pumula North through Skype. Kid Stuff is 10:30 - noon. The presentation and sale will take place from 1-3pm. The dolls and toys make wonderful holiday gifts, and the buyer will receive a picture and bio of the child who made the toy. Each toymaker receives information and a picture of the purchaser and will write a thank you note. For more information about ZimKids, see [www.zimkids.com](http://www.zimkids.com).

### Thunder Bear Drum Circle

Big Indian Native American Cultural Center will host the Thunder Bear Drum Circle on Saturday, December 8 Noon-4pm.

The Native American Gathering returns to Pine Hill Community Center for the winter months. Join us for an afternoon of Native American Culture and community. Dancing, stories, drumming. Bring a dish for the table. All are welcome. Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main St., Pine Hill, NY 12465. (845) 254-5469. [info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org](mailto:info@pinehillcommunitycenter.org); [pinehillcommunitycenter.org](http://pinehillcommunitycenter.org).

### Catskill Cabaradio Saturday, December 8 6 - 9pm

The Catskills favorite event with an exciting line up of music, interviews, poetry, storytelling and trivia. The evening begins with a pot luck supper at 6:00pm. Then promptly at 7:00, house lights dim and the broadcast begins. A Prairie Home Companion meets David Letterman meets Hee Haw extravaganza not to be missed, but if you must tune in live at [www.wioxradio.org](http://www.wioxradio.org) or 91.3 FM WIOX from Roxbury.

### Pine Hill Community Center Annual Winter Holiday Fair, Saturday, December 15 10 am. - 4 pm.

Crafts, gifts, children's workshops, great food. Join us for a seasonal celebration of all that's wonderful in the Catskills. Shop for gifts, make holiday ornaments, hear some great music, eat chili donated by the legendary Jaime DeForest. Vendors welcome.

### Calendar Listings for Pine Hill Community Center - November/December

Ongoing activities at Pine Hill Community Center:  
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Saturdays: Kid Stuff 10:30- noon. Free for kids 6-12. (no Kid Stuff in December).

Check our website calendar for info on each week's program. Coffee's Ready. Arts and Crafts Shop open 11am. - 7 pm.

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Wednesdays - Fridays 10 am. - 5pm; Saturdays - 10:am -2pm.

### Giving Back to the Community

The 45th annual WGHQ Happy Christmas Fund Radio-thon was broadcast live from Boice's Milk House on Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 7am-5pm.

"There is no better way to start the holiday season than to give back to those who need it most in our community," said Assemblymember Cahill. "I am heartily happy and honored to be part of this wonderful event."

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**Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited**

On Wednesday, November 14th, the Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter of Trout Unlimited will host a lecture with Ed and Judy Van Put on The Catskill Rivers School of Angling Art.

Noted fly-fishing guides Ed and Judy Van Put will present famous anglers and angling artists who have cherished Catskill streams, including many artists of the so-called Hudson River School of Painting, whose paintings feature our own Esopus and other Catskill rivers. Come join us for Ed and Judy's unique and charming appreciation of fly-fishing and its art and history.

Please remember to attend the opening of our 2012 Leaping Trout Exhibit at the Arts Upstairs on Main Street in Phoenicia on November 17th.

The Chapter's monthly meeting begins at 6:30 pm with informal fly tying (bring your own equipment) and social networking, followed at 7:30 pm by a short business meeting. The presentation begins at 8 pm. The entire evening is open to the public at no charge. For more information, please visit [www.apwctu.org](http://www.apwctu.org)

**Assemblymember Cahill Sponsors Children's Book Drive -Donations to Help Foster Love of Reading**

The Office of Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) is hosting a Book Drive to benefit children in need for the Holiday season. In a continuing effort to promote reading to young people in the community after the Summer Reading Program has ended, Cahill's office plans to collect a number of new and well kept, slightly read books for children ages 3 to 16 for donations that will be made to local area shelters this December. Books in good condition will be collected continuously from Monday, November 5, 2012

**Announcing the Jeff Bank 2014 Photo Calendar Contest**

Livingston Manor, NY - Jeff Bank is seeking photographers interested in submitting up to four (4) color images (preferably depicting the four seasons) for their 2014 Calendar. Organized by Catskill Art Society, the theme of this year's contest is the Four Seasons of Nature & Landscapes in Sullivan County, NY.

Contest entry dates are from February 22 - April 19, 2013. All entries must have a completed application form (available at all Jeff Bank branches, online at [www.jeffbank.com](http://www.jeffbank.com) or by contactin [ann@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:ann@catskillartsociety.org)), a maximum of four images in digital, horizontal JPEG format with the largest file size available (preferably 16M or larger) on CD. There is a contest entry fee of \$5 payable to CAS. All entries must be delivered in person to CAS, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY by April 19 or sent to CAS, PO Bo 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Please note that this is not a postmark deadline.

The Jeff Bank photo contest and calendar initiative is an ongoing partnership between CAS and Jeff Bank. This project was first started by Jeff Bank in 2009 as a way of offering financial support to the local arts community and to give talented photographers a venue to share their work with the public. The 2013 calendars are currently available at Jeff Bank's twelve branches.

If you have questions about the photo contest, please contact Ann at 845-436-4227 or [ann@catskillartsociety.org](mailto:ann@catskillartsociety.org).

**Superstorm Relief Concert in Woodstock**

Phelonious Phunk and Phriends with Danny Lous of Gov't Mule, Machan Taylor, Charlie Knicely, T Xiques and special guests presented the Hudson Valley Artists Hurricane Sandy Relief Concert on Sunday at the Bearsville Theater, 291 Tinker St., Woodstock.

The concert was sponsored by Family of Woodstock and the American Red Cross New York Chapter.

Other performers included The Five Points Band, David Malachowski & The Woodstock All Stars, and special guests, including MC Studio Stu, John Sebastian, Tracy Bonham, Jerry Marotta, We Must Be, David Krai, Amy Laber and more!

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“Teaching our children the value of donating and volunteering is critical to the future of our great State and our Nation,” said Assemblymember Cahill. “During this special time of giving and receiving, you have the opportunity to make the holiday season brighter for the youngsters of our community. Whether you can afford a new book or a slightly used childhood favorite, your contribution can put a smile on a child’s face.”

For questions regarding the Book Drive, please call Assemblymember Cahill’s Kingston office at 845-338-9610



**Mariner's Harbor** -By P. Nasierowski

On Sunday, Nov. 11 2012, Veterans Day we were honored by Mark and Sal Guido, owners of Mariners Harbor, with a free Seafood Buffet for all Veterans. The food was delicious and the servers could not have been more friendly and helpful, a great job. Quoting Mark, “We would just like to thank all of the Veterans and their families that came to Mariners today for our Veterans special. Sal and I were thanked so many times for doing this for them, but is they that deserve the thanks.” Mark and Sal wanted to acknowledge all of you that served and continue to serve this country, you deserve the thank you.

What they did was just a minor way to give back to the real heroes of this country, because without them we would not be fortunate enough to live the life we have been allowed to live. Again thank you to all men and women that have served and continue to serve!!! Kingston Mayor Gallo, Congressman Gibson and Nina Postupack came down to support Mark and Sal, and all the Veterans.

There are a number of restaurants that are doing this. Maybe more could participate, and I’m sure it would be appreciated by all Veterans. Maybe they can do the same thing on Sept 11, to honor all First Responders it is great PR and I am sure it would be appreciated by all. Thank you to all that serve. Mark and Sal Guido

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**SUNY Chancellor Zimpher to Speak to Manufacturers at CI Annual Luncheon**

State University of New York Chancellor, Dr. Nancy Zimpher delivered a keynote address at the Council of Industry’s Annual Luncheon & Expo on Tuesday, November 13th at the Powelton Club in Newburgh, NY. The Council of Industry is the manufacturers association of the Hudson Valley. The event began with the Member/ Associate Member Expo followed by lunch and the presentation of the Certificate in Manufacturing Leadership by Dr. Zimpher after which she addressed over 180 members of Hudson Valley industry, who were in attendance. The Chancellor discussed the Trade Adjustment Act grant to support advanced manufacturing, the SUNY 2020 strategic vision and other efforts by SUNY to provide a skilled workforce and promote economic development in the state.

Dr. Zimpher became Chancellor of the State University of New York, the largest comprehensive system of higher education in the nation, in 2009 and began her work with a statewide tour of the 64 SUNY campuses. This was the first phase of a system wide strategic planning process. This plan, called The Power of SUNY, was launched in April 2010, with the central goal of harnessing SUNY’s potential to drive economic revitalization and create a better future for every community across New York.

As The Power of SUNY is put into action, Chancellor Zimpher is leading a diverse set of new initiatives at SUNY in several key areas, including research and innovation, energy, health care, global affairs, and the education pipeline. The Chancellor spoke on the role SUNY can play to help manufacturers succeed in New York including the recent US Department of Labor Trade Adjustment Act grant to support advanced manufacturing, the SUNY 2020 strategic vision and efforts by SUNY to provide a skilled workforce and promote economic development in the state.

The Council is also celebrated the 15th graduating class in the Manufacturing Leadership program, consisting of a record twenty-two individuals from nine different companies. These hardworking individuals have completed over 70 hours of training through the Council of Industry

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and Dutchess Community College in supervisory leadership and will be honored at the luncheon when the Chancellor presents them with their certificates. The 2012 graduates are: from Alcoa Fastening Systems - Vince Carchidi, Claire Mullady, Rick Olund, Kali Pierson; from Balchem Corp. - Mike Lepes, Mike Majkowski, Chris Walicki; The Council of Industry - Alison Butler; Eastern Alloys - Jamie Negron; FALA Technologies, Inc. - Mike Senecal; MPI, Inc. - Michael Couey, Matt Dina, Dan Phillips, Aaron Phipps, Rick Schroeder; Schatz Bearing Corp. - John Hilal, Edward Mejorado, Baljit Singh, David Winchcombe, Sandra Zapata; Selux - Sarah Hendrickson; Viking Industries - Thorn Winter.

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The New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) offers disaster assistance guidance including safety tips and hotline numbers, at: [www.dhSES.ny.gov](http://www.dhSES.ny.gov)

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**Hurricane Sandy**

## Congressman Secured \$1.36 Million in Federal Funds to Renovate Wall Street & North Front Street (From Pg. 1)

"The American Planning Association selected Wall Street as one of the 10 great streets for 2012 because it recognized the unique qualities of our Uptown area," Hinchey said. "Wall Street is the perfect blend of old and new, where residents can walk to shopping, dining and meet many of their other daily needs. It is a street where charming residential homes and historic buildings mix with a revitalized business district. In the past, Kingston residents and business owners approached me about the need to upgrade the Pike Plan in Kingston to make the area more attractive. I am extremely proud that I was able to respond to their concerns and use my position in Congress to secure critical federal funding to pay for the redevelopment of the business district along Wall Street, which is making the area even more attractive for economic activity."

The American Planning Association award "recognizes streets, neighborhoods, and public spaces featuring unique and authentic characteristics that evolved from years of thoughtful and deliberate planning by residents, community leaders and planners."

In an attempt to improve the uptown area in the 1970's, a local architect, John Pike, designed and constructed a series of porticos rising above the sidewalks in Uptown Kingston. The design became known as the Pike Plan and has defined the architectural character of the district ever since. Over time, the porticos had fallen into disrepair and the commission responsible for its maintenance, the Pike Plan Commission (an incorporated Business Improvement District), undertook the now-completed restoration.

Hinchey had \$1.04 million for the Uptown Kingston rehabilitation project included in the Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (TEA-LU) measure that Congress passed several years ago. Those funds were subsequently cut by the Bush administration to \$860,000. Subsequent to that, the congressman obtained \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of Transportation for the project, bringing the total amount of federal funds to \$1.36 million.

Additionally, the Pike Plan Commission, working with the City of Kingston and Rural Ulster Preservation Company (RUPCO) was awarded a \$200,000 grant from the New York State Department of State's Main Streets program for portions of the redesign project.

## Message from Ulster County Emergency Communications/Emergency Management Director Art Snyder Regarding FEMA

Ulster County has been declared eligible for FEMA's Individual Assistance program. This will help families recover from the effects of Sandy. Individuals and families may apply on line at DisasterAssistance.gov or by telephone at (800) 621-3362.

On Wednesday Art Snyder will be meeting with FEMA officials about establishing a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) that will supply access to the various FEMA services available under this declaration. We will work to incorporate a Small Business Association presence at the DRC to assist the many businesses that sustained damages. Snyder wishes to emphasize there is no need to wait for a DRC to open - you may apply on line or by telephone.

Snyder also recognized the hard work of the building inspectors and code enforcement officials that supplied the agency with the required information on very short notice.

Snyder commented, "With respect to the Public Assistance program - which helps municipalities recover the costs associated with their recovery efforts - we had a very successful preliminary damage assessment on Friday. We needed to meet a per capita threshold, and we did. Again, this is due to the work of our municipal officials in compiling damage costs. Because we did meet the per capita threshold, I anticipate that we will receive a PA declaration as well, although this may take a week or so to clear the administrative hurdles."

## Counties To See New Administrative Flexibility From State Court of Appeals Decision

A new ruling from the New York State Court of Appeals provides an alternative and potentially lower cost route for counties to provide legal services to those who can't afford their own attorneys.

With an annual cost of more than \$300 million, the State's Indigent Defense program is one of the nine state mandates that consume 90 percent of the property tax levy statewide. It is also one of the mandates that county leaders have identified as one in need of reform.

Last week's decision, in the Matter of the New York County Lawyer Association vs. Bloomberg et al., allows New York City and counties to contract with legal aid bureaus or societies for conflict defense work

that had previously been provided by 18B attorneys or county conflict defender offices.

"Our counties will take mandate relief any way we can get it. This is mandate relief from the State's judicial branch will help us lower the cost of government at the county level," said NYSAC President Edward A. Diana, Orange County Executive.

The US Supreme Court has ruled that states have an obligation to provide counsel for the indigent. In New York, the State has mandated that indigent defense is delivered and funded by the county. Article 18-B of the New York County Law (1965) requires each county and New York City to establish a program of indigent defense. Under this law, when the original counsel (either the public defender or the assigned 18b attorney) has a conflict and cannot represent the accused, counties are obligated to provide conflict counsel.

Prior to this ruling a county had only two available options to provide conflict defense service: either operate a Conflict Defender's Office or use assigned 18b counsel. These two conflict defender choices must be agreed upon by both the local bar association as well as by the State. This ruling provides counties with the authority to use a third option that may be more efficient and in the best interest of taxpayers.

"Mandate relief can come in the form of greater flexibility. This decision provides our counties with greater flexibility, and may help counties lower the cost and improve the accountability of our state-mandated indigent defense program," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario.

Acquario noted that the needs of each New York county are unique and anything that provides our counties with greater flexibility for delivering state mandates locally is welcome.

The New York State Association of Counties is a bipartisan municipal association serving the counties of New York State including the City of New York. Organized in 1925, NYSAC's mission is to represent, educate and advocate for Member Counties and the thousands of elected and appointed county officials who serve the public.

## UC Exec Mike Hein Announces Availability of Funding for 2013 Youth Programs

Ulster County Executive Mike Hein and Youth Bureau Director Evelyn Clarke announce the Ulster County Youth Bureau is accepting Request for Applications for the New York State Office of Children and Family Services Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention (YDDP) and Special Delinquency Prevention Program (SDPP) funding to support Ulster County youth programs during the 2013 calendar year. Although New York State funding amounts have not yet been determined, agencies and municipalities interested in receiving this funding are encouraged to apply.

Eligible agencies must be not-for-profit or community based organizations with federal identification or charities registration numbers.

Programs receiving YDDP grants are funded up to 50 percent of approved expenses up to the allocated amount. YDDP grants fund recreation, service and initiative programs for the general youth population. Programs receiving SDPP grants are funded up to 100 percent of approved expenses up to the allocated amount. SDPP grants fund programs aimed at minimizing the risk of involvement by targeted youth in delinquent activities.

Applications for these grants must be submitted online. Contact the Ulster County Youth Bureau at scaf@co.ulster.ny.us, to obtain the required forms and indicate "2013 Forms" in the subject line. Forms are also available from the OCFS website. Applications are due no later than Friday, December 14, 2012. For additional assistance or information, contact the Youth Bureau at (845) 334-5264.

## Residents Warned to Beware of Carbon Monoxide in their Homes

It is crucial to have home heating systems checked and serviced, and to have working carbon monoxide detectors in the home. At least five people in the City of Poughkeepsie were hospitalized for carbon monoxide poisoning.

Last week a Shokan couple were found dead Monday in their Ulster County home apparently the result of carbon monoxide poisoning from a generator.

The Sheriff's Office said deputies and Olive police officers went to the house on Black Road after a daughter of the couple tried to contact her parents, and was not able to reach them.

The couple had been without power for several days.

When the Town of Olive patrol officer arrived at the home, the house was still without power, despite the rest of the neighborhood having had power

restored.

Authorities searched the interior and found James Stapleford in the basement level garage, and his wife, Eva Stapleford, was found at the bottom of the basement stairs. She appeared to have fallen while attempting to locate her husband.

A generator was found in the garage with extension cords running to the home's electrical panel.

Apparently the main breaker inside the home was turned off by the homeowners in order to operate the generator. When Central Hudson Gas and Electric arrived at the scene, power was restored.

A reminder that generators must be kept in well-ventilated areas, and never in a garage or basement.

It is also important to have heating equipment checked and serviced to ensure it is working properly. Something as simple as a blocked chimney flu can cause exhaust fumes to go back into the house. It is also important to install a CO detector in your home.

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, dizziness, weakness, nausea, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, high levels can cause a loss of consciousness and death.

## POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando

SPENDING BY OUTSIDE GROUPS TOPPED \$1 BILLION BY ELECTION DAY

According to a recent press release, Conservative super PACs and non-profits dominated spending in the 2012 general election.

Center for Public Integrity analysis of Federal Election Commission data collected by the Center for Responsive Politics and the Sunlight Foundation shows the total spending and win-loss records calculated based on all of the 2011-2012 election cycle activity, including the November general election, primaries and special elections. Did super PAC attacks make a difference in the 2012 election? A look at the results of the 10 most popular general elections in the U.S. Senate and House among super PACs and nonprofits shows that donors didn't get much for their money. Six of the eight GOP Senate candidates that American Crossroads spent money to try to elect - Tommy Thompson in Wisconsin, George Allen in Virginia, Josh Mandel in Ohio, Richard Mourdock in Indiana, Denny Rehberg in Montana and Todd Akin in Missouri - lost their races, along with Romney.

**Super PACs and other outside groups made possible by the U.S. Supreme Court's 2010 Citizens United decision spent more than \$1 billion on advertising in federal races through Election Day, with 10 organizations accounting for more than half the total.**

Conservative groups accounted for roughly 70 percent of spending, including more than \$440 million on the presidential race alone, a sum that helped keep Republican Mitt Romney competitive in his bid to unseat President Barack Obama.

The spending wasn't enough to put the former Massachusetts governor in the White House - nor was it enough for Republicans to wrest control of the Senate away from the Democrats, despite the proliferation of Senate and House candidate-specific super PACs.

David Keating, the president of the Center for Competitive Politics, which favors campaign finance deregulation, says this gusher of spending by outside groups was a boon for democracy.

"There were a lot of competitive races, and super PACs were one of the key reasons why," said Keating, who added that the nascent groups "helped keep Romney competitive," especially between April, when GOP rival Rick Santorum dropped out of the presidential primary race, and the Republican National Convention in August.

The well-funded re-election efforts of Obama - who did not face a serious primary challenge - were fueled to a large degree by small-amount donors, while Romney relied on wealthier patrons, many of whom also shelled out to pro-Romney super PACs.

**The challenger needed the help.**

Obama's campaign raised more than \$632 million in the 2012 election through mid-October, 62 percent more than Romney's \$389 million. Even when including money raised by the Democratic and Republican National Committees, Obama still led by \$166 million: \$924 million to \$758 million.

Super PAC's spending was nearly for naught.

To have your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and townsman guidelines adhered to, as listed in the masthead, Email [politicalslant@yahoo.com](mailto:politicalslant@yahoo.com)

**Hemlock Woolly Adelgid Training**

LIBERTY- Join Mark Whitmore of Cornell University and Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County staff on Saturday, November 17th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm for a free training on identifying and managing Hemlock Woolly Adelgid. Participants will assist CCE by identifying the infected and not-infected hemlocks on its property in Liberty and should dress for cold weather as part of the class will be outdoors. This class will count as 3 hours of volunteer service for Sullivan County Tree Stewards. For more information, and to register, contact Liz Higgins as (845) 292-6180 or by e-mail at emh56@cornell.edu. The class will take place at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty, NY.

Mark Whitmore provides leadership on issues relating to forest health and invasive forest pest issues in New York State. He conducts research on the forest stand dynamics of invasive non-native forest pest impacts and is a state Cooperative Extension Specialist in Hemlock Woolly Adelgid.

Cornell Cooperative Extension in Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities.

Please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County office if you have any special needs.

CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.  
WELCOME HUNTERS  
ALL YOU CAN EAT  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST



**SUNDAY, NOV. 18**  
Serving 5:30 until 12:00 Noon  
**ADULTS \$7**  
**CHILDREN 5-11 \$3,**  
**UNDER 5 FREE**  
\$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO THE CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.  
ALL YOU CAN EAT  
WELCOME HUNTERS  
SPAGHETTI SUPPER  
SATURDAY NOV. 24



Serving 5:00 until 8:00 PM  
**ADULTS \$6**  
**CHILDREN 5 TO 11 YEARS \$4,**  
**UNDER 5 YEARS FREE**  
\$50 FROM THE SUPPER IS DONATED TO THE CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

**Italian Dinner Before the Play**

Hosted by the Tri-Valley FCCLA  
Friday, December 7, 2012  
Tri-Valley Cafeteria  
4:00 - 6:30 pm  
**Eat In or Take Out**  
Tickets: \$5.00 per person  
Profits go to

**"Ashley Campiglia Scholarship Fund"**

Tickets are available from FCCLA Members, Secondary Office or at the Door  
Spaghetti w/meat sauce  
Salad, Bread, Cake  
Ice Tea/Coffee

**Book Drive**

For children in need

New & Used books for ages 3-16  
Collected at Assemblymember Kevin A. Cahill's Office  
Monday, November 5, 2012 through Friday, December 7, 2012  
9:00AM - 5:00PM  
(Wednesday, 12/5 until 7:00PM)  
All books collected will be donated to local area shelters

Bring books to:  
Governor Clinton Building  
1 Albany Avenue, Suite G-4  
Kingston, NY 12401

Questions, info & Pick-up requests please call 845-338-9510

Thank you for your support and generosity!

**Holiday Craft Sale**

Sundown Community Hall  
December 1, 2012  
9 am - 3 pm  
Refreshments Available



Come & do your  
Holiday Shopping!

Watercolors  
Pottery  
Baked Goods, etc.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our friends and neighbors.  
*The Townsman Staff*

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**TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM**

2012 Season: Open Noon-4 p.m. Thurs.-Sun. and by appointment  
332 Main St., Grahamsville  
Price: \$2, \$1 ages 6-15; free age 5 and younger  
Call: 985-7700

Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman printed since the beginning classified by year for anyone to research.  
[timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org)



The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches invite you to weekly worship:  
**9 am in Hurlyeville,**  
**10:30 am in Woodridge.**  
For more information, call  
Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283



**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**  
The Little Church with the Big Heart  
**Sunday, 8:15 am Service of Holy Communion**  
Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner  
Coffee hour follows service  
All are welcome!  
5277 State Rt. 42  
South Fallsburg  
845-436-7539  
Rev. Ninon Hutchinson  
[www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org](http://www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org)

**St. Augustine's Chapel**

Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY  
Sunday Mass - 9:30 am  
Holy Days 5:30 pm  
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month  
Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

**CrossWay Assembly of God**

Service Times  
Sunday School 9:30 am  
Sunday Worship Service/Children's Church 10:30 am  
Monday Night Home Bible Study 7 pm  
Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm  
Friday Youth Night 7 pm  
**Ismael Berrios**  
Lead Pastor  
P. O. Box 480  
507 Hasbrouck Drive  
Woodbourne, NY 12788  
845-434-8263  
Email: [crosswayag@aol.com](mailto:crosswayag@aol.com)  
[www.crosswayag.com](http://www.crosswayag.com)

**Sundown United Methodist Church**

Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

Sunday Worship Service  
10:30am  
985-2283

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
Claryville, NY 12725  
845-985-2041

Bible Class 9:00 am  
Worship Services @ 10:00 am  
Rev. Paul Nulton  
John Bult, Organist



**Nov 3, 2012**

**5:30 pm**  
Sundown United Methodist Church at the Sundown Church Hall

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Nov 6, 2012**  
Thrift Sale 9am-1 pm  
Luncheon 11am-1 pm

Thrift Sale Only  
**Nov 17, 2012**  
9 am-1 pm

**RAMSAY'S FUNERAL HOMES, INC**

Serving Sullivan County Since 1896  
66 John Street, Monticello, New York (845) 794-2700  
275 S Main Street, Liberty, New York (845) 292-7100  
Route 55, Kauneonga Lake, New York (845) 583-5445

**Loucks Funeral Home**

**Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito**  
79 North Main Street  
Ellenville, New York  
(845) 647-4343

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

(embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)  
6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:  
Saturday afternoon: 5:00.  
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.

Daily Mass schedule:  
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am

Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.

Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.  
Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor

845-985-7480

**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

Town of Neversink  
Notice of Budget Adoption

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town of Neversink Town Board, Sullivan County, New York has met and considered the Preliminary Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2013 and conducted a public hearing thereon November 7, 2012 as required by Town Law, Section 108, and  
FURTHER NOTICE IS GIVEN, that the Preliminary Budget is hereby adopted as the Annual Budget of the Town of Neversink for the fiscal year beginning on January 1, 2013. Copies of said budget are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY during normal business hours.

By order of the Town Board  
Lisa Garigliano  
Town Clerk  
November 8, 2012

11/15

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT - DECEMBER 11, 2012**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the Annual Election of the Neversink Fire District will take place on December 11, 2012 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Neversink Fire House Community Hall, located on NYS Route 55, Neversink, New York for the purpose of:

Electing one commissioner for a five (5) year term commencing on January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2017.

Candidates for District Office of Commissioner must submit their Letter of Intent to run for office to the District Secretary at PO Box 394, Neversink, no later than November 21 to be placed on the ballot.

All residents of the Fire District duly registered with the Sullivan County Board of Elections as of November 18, 2012 to be eligible to vote.

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT**

Allison Mehr-Ruef, District Secretary 11/15

**TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
34 MOORE HILL ROAD  
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING AGENDA -**

November 15, 2012

Purpose: Regular Board Meeting

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Secondary School Library Lower Level  
Exit Audit Committee Meeting at 6:15 p.m.

**Mission Statement**

Our school staff will provide opportunities for students to

create, communicate, think critically, connect, compute, and collaborate using multiple methods and technologies. Students and staff will work to develop the knowledge and capacity to contribute to the well-being of self, community, and the world.

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. PRESENTATIONS/GUESTS
  - 1. Building BL T Presentation
  - 2. BOCES - Larry Thomas
  - 3. FFA National Convention Results
- D. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
  - 1. Completion of APPR process and the status for Tri-Valley
  - 2. Board Goals Update
  - 3. SS Presentation
  - 4. ES Presentation
- E. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSION
  - 1. Correction of Errors - T/Fallsburg S.B.L.#8.-1-4 - (done at Special Bd. Mtg. 11/9/12)
  - 2. Tax Collectors Report - signing of affidavits - (done at Special Bd. Mtg. 11/9/12)
- F. RECOMMENDED ACTION
  - 1. Approval of DRAFT Minutes -10/18/12 Regular Board meeting
  - 2. CSE Recommendations:
    - a. report dated 11/01/12.
    - b. report dated 11/15/12.
  - 3. Facility Use Requests:
    - a. 7-12 Talent Show Try-outs - use of theatre; 3/14/13; 2:45-6pm
    - b. 7-12 Talent Show - use of theatre; 4/5/13; 6:30-9pm
    - c. 7th/8th gr. Student Council - use of upstairs gym; Mardi Gras Dance; 2/14/13; 6:30-9pm
    - d. ES Student Council - downstairs gym, cafe & ES rooms 51, 52, 54 for sneaker night; 11/9/12; 6:30-9pm **(cancelled)**
    - e. TV Boy's BB Booster Club - SS library lower level for a meeting; 11/26/12; 6-7pm
    - f. 5th & 6th Gr. Jazz Band - HS band room #141 for ongoing Jazz band rehearsals; Thurs. starting 11/8/12 till May 2013 2:50 - 3:35 pm
    - g. 8th Gr. Class - theatre & upstairs gym for movie night watching "The Outsiders" (this novel was just completed in class); 12/6/12; 6-8:30pm (date changed)
    - h. **Tri-Valley Welfare Trust - use of SS Library Lower Level for creating a Will;** 11/28/12; 3-5pm
    - i. **9th Gr. Class - use of ES cafe, gym & hill for holiday fundraiser, babysitting for parents on 12/1/12 8am until 1pm**
  - 4. Event Approvals - None.
  - 5. Personnel:
    - a. Kim Edwards as the leave replacement for the remainder of the school year
    - b. Dan McCauliff - Tutor
    - c. Mary Zanetti - Tutor
  - 6. Discards and Obsolete Items - None
- Business Portion of RECOMMENDED ACTION**
  - 7. Treas. Report - Bank Reconciliation for month ending Sept. 2012
  - 8. Student Funds - reports for month ending Sept. 2012
  - 9. Student Funds -reports for month ending Oct. 2012
  - 10. Budget Status Report - dated Nov. 6, 2012
  - 11. Internal Claims Auditor's Report- July, Aug., Sept, and Oct. 2012

**SEND YOUR HOLIDAY GREETINGS BY WAY OF THE TOWNSMAN**

Each year Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman publishes holiday greetings to your friends, neighbors and family. This year our holiday issue will be published on December 13th. The deadline for all holiday greetings is Friday, December 7th, 2012. Businesses are welcome to send greetings too! Please use our "Holiday Wishes" order blank when ordering your greeting. Thank you and have a wonderful Holiday Season!



Please circle the greeting you want and then write the Holiday message you wish to include in your greeting:

Send this form along with your check for \$8.00 for each holiday greeting you wish to: Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman - P O Box 232, Grahamsville, NY 12740 by December 7, 2012 All greetings will be published in our holiday issue, December 13, 2012

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
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- G. OLD BUSINESS
  - H. LATE-BREAKING HEWS
  - I. EXECUTIVE SESSION
  - J. ADJOURNMENT
- This agenda is for informational purposes only and is provided as a courtesy to the community. It is subject to change.*

**The Perfect Holiday Gift**

Keep in touch with friends and neighbors!  
Order a one-year subscription to **Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman**

Fill out the order form and send it along with a check for \$25.00 to:  
Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman  
P O Box 232 Grahamsville, NY 12740

Upon receipt of your order a greeting card announcing your gift will be sent to the person(s) receiving your gift.  
All holiday subscription orders must be received by December 28, 2012 Gift subscriptions will begin with the January 3, 2013.

NAME OF PERSON YOU WISH TO SEND A GIFT SUBSCRIPTION TO: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**  
[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org)  
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312

**POTTERY SESSIONS** at Kathy Jeffers Studio-6972 State Route 42, Woodbourne, NY 12788. Must call 434-2987 to sign up and for details about future classes! Make a Christmas Gift for your Parent. Saturday, November 17, - 10 am to noon.

This class is for children to make a gift for their parents for Christmas. Cost is \$16 per person plus an additional \$5 for supplies.

Permission slips can be downloaded from our website:

[www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org) or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. For more information call 985-2262 ext. 312 or email [racerj12d@aol.com](mailto:racerj12d@aol.com).

**FREE FUN every FRIDAY** afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.

**Walking Club Tuesdays 6:30-7:30** Grahamsville Fairgrounds



**Daniel Pierce Library** hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.  
 Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday and Monday: Closed  
 If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

**VETERANS** always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

**AL-ANON MEETINGS -**

<http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>  
**Mon- 7:00 p.m.** United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty  
**Thurs- 7:00 p.m.** Immaculate Conception Church Annex, 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne  
**Sat- 8:00 p.m.** United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty

**Join the Sullivan County Sheep and Goat Producer Group**

**LIBERTY-** New Sullivan County group educates about sheep and goat production and offers networking opportunities. Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County is sponsoring this new sheep and goat producer group. The first group meeting is Wednesday, November 28th at 6:00 pm at the Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty. Each meeting will include an educational topic related to sheep and goat production. Contact Elizabeth Higgins at CCE to participate in group. Anyone who is currently raising sheep or goats commercially, or planning to, is invited. Participation from 4-H leaders and teens whose are involved with sheep or goat projects are also welcome.

The purpose of the group is to:  
 -Network with other commercial sheep

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- 11/15/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 11/17/12 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale only - 9 am - 1 pm
- 11/20/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 11/21/12 Community Thanksgiving Eve Service Grahamsville Methodist Church
- 11/21/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 11/22-23/12 - Town of Neversink Holiday - **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
- 11/27/12 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Advisory Board Meeting- 7 pm -Neversink Town Hall
- 11/28/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 12/1/12 Holiday Craft Fair at the Sundown Community Hall 9 am-3 pm. Refreshments available.
- 12/1/12 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - CANCELLED
- 12/1/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Happy Birthday Jesus Party - 1 pm
- 12/1/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Holiday Party - no meeting
- 12/4/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall- 7:00 pm
- 12/5/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 12/8/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Beef Dinner - 4 - 7 pm
- 12/11/12 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting 7 pm -Denning Town Hall
- 12/12/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 12/13/12 **The Townsman holiday issue**
- 12/19/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting -7:30 PM, Public Meeting -8:00 PM

The Townsman will not be published on 11/22/12, 12/20/12 or 12/27/12.  
 The first issue of the New Year will be published on 1/3/13.

**Reminder:** To all local organizations & municipalities to send their Meeting/Event calendars for 2013 Save the Dates!

Saturday, May 4th, 2013 for the Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk in the Townsman -- in memory of Donald Ter Bush, Charter Member and President of the Tri-Valley Lions, who passed away July 16, 2012.

Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following retail stores and restaurants:

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**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Town of Olive Board Auditing Meeting** every **second Monday of each month.** This meeting is open to the public and all bills being reviewed are available for the general public to see.

**Town Board** meets **every second Tuesday of each month.** Both meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY.

**Town of Olive Planning Board** meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month.** Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

and goat farmers in Sullivan County to better share information and resources: - Receive on-going education and technical assistance; - Help encourage and support quality youth education in sheep and goat production in Sullivan County and link young people who are interested with existing producers; At the first meeting the following will be identified; -Topics for which participants would like to receive training and information; -Possible field trips and events for 2013; -Meeting times and location(s) for the next few months

Cornell Cooperative Extension in Sullivan County provides equal program and employment opportunities. Please contact the Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County office if you have any special needs.

**Statement on Veteran's Day From the Governor's Office:**

Dear Fellow New Yorker:

On this day and every Veterans Day, we honor the men and women of our nation's Armed Forces who for generations have answered the call of duty to preserve the freedom we as Americans cherish today. In times of war and peace, our service members are on the front line protecting our nation and communities across America.

When Hurricane Sandy hit the New York metro area, the men and women of our National Guard were in the hardest-hit communities, protecting the lives of those in harm's way and in the aftermath, providing much-needed food and supplies to New Yorkers whose lives were uprooted by this catastrophic storm.

As a society, we must continue to support our service members and veterans, and forever recognize the extraordinary sacrifice made by our soldiers, as well as their families.

On behalf of all New Yorkers, I thank our veterans, their families, and all the men and women who put their lives on the line to defend our values and protect our state and nation.

Sincerely,  
 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

**Hurricane Sandy FEMA Disaster Declaration**

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau issued the following:

"Sullivan County officials spoke late this afternoon with Susan Spear of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's office. Sullivan County's request for a declaration a major disaster area associated with Hurricane Sandy has been completed at the State level and by FEMA teams on-site in New York State. The disaster declaration request, along with supporting documentation has been submitted to FEMA in Washington, D.C. Senator Gillibrand and Senator Schumer submitted a joint letter to FEMA on Wednesday requesting that Sullivan County be declared as a major disaster area as a result of damage to both public infrastructure and property and private property from Hurricane Sandy.

The FEMA disaster declaration process was initiated by Fanslau on Wednesday, October 31st, with FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessments teams arriving on-site in Sullivan County on Friday, November 2nd. The FEMA PDA team viewed areas in Sullivan County for both Public Assistance (PA) and

Individual Assistance (IA). Sullivan County had exceeded the minimum threshold for both the PA and IA FEMA programs. The FEMA PDA team submitted their report and documents to Albany late Friday, November 2nd. Senator John Bonacic and Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther requested that Governor Cuomo's and the State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services move Sullivan County's request forward to FEMA.

In an effort to assist residents and towns on cleaning up from the damage silting from Hurricane Sandy, the County Legislature has placed dumpsters located in several towns in Sullivan County to collect storm debris. These locations are available at [www.co.sullivan.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us).

Once a formal declaration has even announced by FEMA for Sullivan County associated with Hurricane Sandy, information on how to register for FEMA assistance will be provided. FEMA teams will also be expected to be available to residents and businesses on-site in Sullivan County. The County anticipates a positive announcement from FEMA declaring Sullivan County as a major disaster area from Hurricane Sandy within the next few days."

**Update 11/12/12/ by SC Manager David Fanslau: Sullivan County declared eligible for FEMA's Individual Assistance program**

Individuals and families may apply online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov)

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau issued the following statement Monday morning: "Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's Office has informed me that Sullivan County has been declared eligible for FEMA's Individual Assistance (IA) program that will help families recover from the effects of Hurricane Sandy. Public Safety Commissioner Dick Martinkovic has also received an official call from FEMA.

Representatives from FEMA's IA group will meet with Sullivan County officials on Tuesday to discuss claims process and FEMA outreach. An expected Disaster Recovery Center will likely be established in Sullivan County that will supply access to he various FEMA services available under the declaration.

There is no need to wait for a disaster recovery center to open to apply for assistance.

Sullivan County is also seeking designation for the Public Assistance program. The FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) teams were on-site in Sullivan County on Friday, November 2nd, just days after Hurricane Sandy caused widespread damage. Sullivan County satisfied the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) threshold, and we anticipate that Sullivan County will also receive a PA declaration as well, but it take additional time for that to cut through red tape.

However, the critical assistance to individuals and families (IA) has been declared, and Sullivan County officials encourage individuals and families to apply online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or by calling 800-621-3362. Additional information will be announced once a Disaster Recovery Center has been established."



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  - Bright 3 bed/1 ba on 4.5 acres adj State land. \$75k
  - 2BR/1BA authentic log cabin on 20+ acs with fpl, skylights, woods that end at the Neversink River. \$289k
  - Cute 2BR seasonal cabin on 3 acs on dead end road with fpl, screened porch. \$105k
  - RENTAL 3 BR/2 BA ranch w/fpl nr the Rondout. \$1,295/mo.
  - UNDER CONTRACT 2 BR + loft cabin on the N'sink. \$137k

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**Knarf's Movie Trivia**

**THE APARTMENT, (Comedy, 1960)**  
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for affairs, only to fall in love with the big chief's mistress, Lemmon climbs corporate ladder by loaning his apartment key to various executives for their extramarital trysts, Falling in love with his boss's latest girlfriend. There are great performances by all. Especially, Fred MacMurray as an unmitigated heel. Best Picture, Director, Screenplay, Editing, Art Direction-Set Decoration **"On TCM! This Saturday, November 17, 2012, at 1:30 PM, B/W-125 min, Rated TV-Pg.**

- Quiz:**
1. Who played Fran Kubelik?
  2. Who played Mr. Joe Dobisch?

**What's going on in the Gnome Neighborhood™ this week?**

**PHOENICIA** - Mamma's Boy's very own Sage Mannino better known to his audiences as the "Sigi Sage" will be orating with truths from the soul, at 2:00 PM on Sunday December 9, 2012 at Green County Community Collage. Don't miss this highly creative young man's presentation.

**GRAHAMSVILLE**-Thanksgiving with all its trimmings signifies the time of the year that marks the beginning of the holidays ahead. This is the last issue of the Townsman before Thanksgiving, so I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

Don't forget, there will be a Thanksgiving Eve service, November 21st at the Grahamsville Methodist Church at 7:00 pm.

**SUNDOWN** -Mark your calendars for the Holiday Craft Sale that will be held at the Sundown Community Hall on December 1, 2012 from 9 am - 3 pm. Enjoy some old-fashioned holiday shopping. There will be handcrafted items made by local artisans, as well as baked goods and refreshments.

**NEW PALTZ**- November 22nd - the 9th Annual Family of New Paltz Turkey Trot: 8am registration. 9am Free Mashed Potato Kids 1/2 mile Fun Run (10 & under); 9:30am Turkey Trot 5K Race, Fun Run & Walk. Awards ceremony, Entertainment, 50/50 Raffle, face painting, photos, Moxie Cupcakes sale. Family of New Paltz fundraiser. Pre-registration & more info: newpaltzturkeytrot.com

... and on November 30th, guess what else is happening in New Paltz? There will be a **Gnome Hunt** throughout the village - children keep whatever **Gnomes** they find at New Paltz's **Downtown Unwrapped**. See downtown in all its holiday finery. Start at Water Street Market, 10 Main St., receive Passport coupons valid at businesses for the whole weekend. Holiday windows unveiled; cider, cookies, goodies, and events in stores; Take a guided walking tour of the participating downtown shops. Festivities end with a surprise special event in front of Verde and Handmade on North Front Street. Info: 845-802-1197 or friend us on Facebook

Stay safe,  
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**HELP WANTED**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department would like to sponsor an **Ice Skating Rink at Grahamsville Fairgrounds Under the Pavilion**

We need the communities help Organizational meeting- Tuesday November 20, 6 pm

If you are unable to attend but can help please call 845-985-2262 ext 312

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- More information @ 845-985-7564.

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