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## Neversink Veteran's Day Service November 12<sup>th</sup>

Veteran's Day Services will be observed in the Town of Neversink at 11:00 am on Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, at the flagpole in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. Participants will include local veterans, Boy Scouts, clergy, local officials and families of the veterans whose flags are to be exchanged.

At this service, the flag honoring John Egan will be lowered and retired, after flying for six months in tribute to all our veterans. In its place, a flag presented by the family of Wardell C. Graham of Grahamsville, a veteran of both the Army and the Navy, will be raised.

Following the exchange of flags at the cemetery, the service will be moved to the steps of the Neversink Town Hall in Grahamsville, where a wreath-laying ceremony will be held by members of the Town Board. Following the ceremony, all present are invited into the Town Hall for refreshments.

We hope you will be able to join us as we honor our brave servicemen and women, past and present. We especially invite any members of the military to join us.

## Olive Memorial Post 1627 of the American Legion Veterans Day Ceremony

On Monday, November 12, 2012 at 11:00 am, the Olive Memorial Post 1627 of the American Legion will conduct a Veterans Day Ceremony. The Ceremony will be held at the American Legion Hall on Mountain Road in Ashokan, New York. The Ceremony commemorates the services of veterans of all wars.

The Ceremony will take place in front of the flag pole and kiosk at the edge of the parking lot. Chairs will be set up in the parking lot for those who come. After the ceremony, light refreshments will be available in the Legion Hall.

In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held in the Legion Hall.

## SC Manager David Fanslau Issues a Statement on the State of Emergency

"Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau issued the following statement: "A limited State of Emergency remains in effect through 12:01 AM Thursday regarding the gasoline purchases. We are in the process of communicating with fuel suppliers to determine whether that will need to remain in effect, or could be rescinded. We had a conference call at 11:00 with NYSEG, and we have a call at 4:00 on Monday with County and Town officials.

"The State of Emergency included the prohibition of purchasing gasoline or diesel fuel at retail locations in any quantity greater than that which would fill the vehicle, with the exception of a small container necessary to fuel a generator or similar machine, as well as an exception for Sullivan County Agricultural industry support. This prohibition shall continue through 12:01 AM Thursday, November 8, 2012."

"There is not currently a shortage of fuel in Sullivan County. However, there have been reports of persons seeking to purchase large quantities of gasoline and or diesel fuel, in storage tanks in the backs of pick-up trucks, with the stated intent of reselling the fuel in the New York City metropolitan area."

"There is a concern that price-gouging will occur. There is also a concern that sufficient fuel supplies be available for Public Safety vehicles, Public Works vehicles, and local citizens. I am requesting the assistance and cooperation of the retail fuel distributors in Sullivan County to take action to ensure that gasoline and diesel fuel will be available for the residents of Sullivan County. I have also asked the Sullivan County Sheriff to take whatever action is necessary to safeguard the available fuel supplies for the people of Sullivan County, and to take action against any price-gouging that may occur."

Transportation to and from shelter facilities for showers and food would be available. Contact or report to one of the warming stations, and arrangements will be made. All information posted is available at 845-807-0800. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Sandy Leaves Us in the Dark



Traveling down Route 55A in Grahamsville, this scene was repeated many times. Trees were randomly snapped off and uprooted, taking down the power lines as they fell.

Damaging winds from Hurricane Sandy whipped through the area bringing trees down across the wires and leaving us in the dark. Road crews were busy throughout the days and into the nights last week cutting trees and limbs, and cleaning up the debris. The cleanup continues and many still did not have power as of this past Sunday.



Paul Beach, David Ferguson, Tom Reynolds, Bill Greffrath, Jason Kraack, Pasquale Destio and Kyle Jasper of the Sullivan County Highway Department, working on the Sundown Road, as well as all the local highway crews, are to be commended for their determined efforts as they continued to clear the roads from fallen trees and debris throughout the week.

Those fortunate enough to have generators found the gas lines were long, as many local stations were without power, but all-in-all, despite the inconvenience of no electric, we are all quite thankful in the Tri-Valley area that we were spared a major flooding event.

## UC Executive Mike Hein Surveys Damage from Hurricane Sandy



Ulster County Executive with Mountain View Senior Residence resident Laura Towne.

County Executive Hein toured damaged areas in Ulster County Wednesday morning to speak with residents and business owners and best direct County resources. (Contd.Pg. 4)



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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him. Psalm 34:7-8

### OBITUARIES

**Owen F. Davis** of Grahamsville, NY passed away peacefully at Glen Arden Health Care on Friday, October 26, 2012. He was 75.

He was the son of the late Oliver and Margaret Ferriter Davis, born on May 24, 1937 in Springfield, MA.

For over 30 years Owen was a teacher and guidance counselor at Tri-Valley Central High School and was an active member of his community. For many years he was a member of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. He was also a member of the Grahamsville Fire Department and former Chairman of the Fire Commissioners. He enjoyed many things like gardening, cross country skiing and hiking. He loved to spend time with his family but he especially loved to play with his grandchildren. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to all that knew and loved him. He will be sorely missed.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 50 years, Shirley Davis; his children: Paul Davis and his wife, Jodi, Susie Bower and her husband, John, and Laurie Bunning and her husband, Paul; his grandchildren: Pierce, Jyliann, and Preston Davis, Owen and Maggie Davis-Bower and Morgan and Jackson Bunning; his siblings, John Davis and his wife, Myra and Nancy Moore and her husband, Bob; and many extended family members.

Firematic services were held Friday, November 2nd at Memorial Colonial Funeral Home, Woodbourne. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 3rd at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Woodbourne. Interment followed at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery, Grahamsville, NY.

Donations in Owen's name can be made to the Alzheimer's Association National Office, 225 North Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601; Grahamsville Fire Department, 205 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or the Church of the Immaculate Conception, PO Box 66, Woodbourne, NY 12788.

### The Quiet Scholar

To Shirley, Paul & Jodie, Susie & John, and Laurie & Paul and families,

Owen F. Davis, from Grahamsville, age 75 died October 26, 2012, virtually the same day and night that Hurricane Sandy hit Sullivan County.

For over 30 years, Owen was a teacher and guidance counselor at Tri-Valley Central High School. He was involved in the education of hundreds of students, including mine.

He was a low key, but very active member of the Grahamsville Fire Department and former Chairman of the Fire Commissioners.

At the Fireman's Service at the visitation on November 2nd in Woodbourne, the speaker for the Fire Department, Scott Raymond, described Owen F. Davis as a man who always smiled. He was very quiet, soft spoken with a remarkable record of obtaining consensus and achievement, seemingly with a smile. You remembered that smile.

Also, at the visitation, Owen's son Paul Davis, speaking for the family, spoke of his father's low key, friendly and quiet disposition, both at home and at Tri-Valley School, which he and his sisters, Susie and Laurie also attended. Paul fondly remembered walking past his father in the school hallway, and getting a gentle affectionate punch on the arm.

But among his most lasting memories was his father's bright infectious smile, like a ray of sunshine. He always had a smile, calm and unperturbed at home, at school, at church, at community activities, and even, nearing the end, at the hospital.

Wife, Shirley described it as the almost perfect marriage.

Which raises the question, when the quietest and most serene of people, who rarely if ever, raised his voice, died, how come Hurricane Sandy suddenly turned inward to land towards, among many other places, New York, striking with rain and strong powerful, loud and howling winds, causing massive destruction and blowing down trees throughout Sullivan County and particularly around Grahamsville? I do not know why, but I do know I will long remember Owen F. Davis, and smile.

Sincerely and respectfully,  
William A. Brenner

### Another Facet of Cecily Fortescue's Life -

With all her accomplishments and life story, one thing appears to be missing from last week's obituary for Cecily and that was her long-term relationship with her husband, Arnold Friedman, a film/tv person and a real mensch who must be grieving horribly.  
Peggy Friedman

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

**November 12, 1952** - Mushrooms spring up overnight. In our day houses appear where they were not the day before. A house and garage to be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Botsford appeared last week on Rte. 55A on the lower end of the Ralph Hornbeck property. The house is 26 by 32 and was moved from the Hollow Road, Neversink.

Next to you, would you like to wear,  
a whisper of nylon, fluffy and light  
Or a good, substantial hug-me-tight?  
We have nylon stockings sheer as air  
And unmentionables for my lady fair.

KUM TO KRUMS

**October 31, 1962** - William J. Wright, 76, a veteran of both World Wars, died On October 24, 1962 at his home on Route 55 in Curry after a long illness. He was born March 28, 1886 in Colingwood, Ontario, Canada, the son of Joseph and Mary McClain Wright. Mr. Wright lived four years in Curry and was a retired hotel manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kile of Hasbrouck Rd., Woodbourne have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Kevin F. McKeon, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. McKeon of Liberty. Miss Kile, a graduate of Tri Valley School is now employed as an educational secretary there. Her fiancé, a graduate of Liberty High School, served three years in the Marine Corps and is now employed as a correction officer at Eastern Correctional Institution in Napanoch. A late spring wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kane of Berwick, Maine are the parents of a daughter, Sharon Anita, born on October 24th. The baby, their fourth child, weighed 8 lbs. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown are the maternal grandparents.

**November 22, 1972** - A reception for Beverly Youmans, District Deputy Grand Matron of the Delaware-Sullivan District, Order of the Eastern Star, was held Saturday night by Revonah Chapter, Liberty in the Masonic Temple in Liberty. Over one hundred attended from chapters in the two-county district.

Marine Sgt. Mark A. Condon recently returned from a year of service overseas. His tour of duty included Thailand and Viet Nam. He also saw service in Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan and South Korea. Sgt. Condon has been assigned to Quantico, Virginia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Condon.

**November 11, 1982** - Kim Webster of Grahamsville and Steve Krom of Neversink, both Tri-Valley seniors, have been nominated for the 1982 McDonald's All-American High School Band. They were nominated by their high school band director, Mr. Balestra, on the basis of musical honors and solo ratings.

Beatrice E. Robinson of Rocky Hill Road, Grahamsville, a lifelong area resident, died Wednesday, Nov. 3rd at Community General Hospital in Harris. She was 85. She was born May 19, 1897 to the late Elva and Archie Smith in Montela. She was the widow of Harry R. Robinson. Survivors include four sons: Morris Robinson of Napanoch, Virgil Robinson of Wawarsing, Vincent and Arnold Robinson, both of Grahamsville.

Uncle Zeb says thank God for the downpour last Thursday evening and he also offers this bit of free advice to his fellow man - "Women are to be loved, not understood".

### CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

The Neversink Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Craft and Gift Fair on Saturday, November 11, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Neversink Fire House. Come and start your Christmas shopping early!!

### 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.



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

Congratulations to NYS Trooper, Tim Dymond of Neversink on being named NYS Troop F's 2012 Trooper of the year! Tim was also promoted to the position of investigator at a banquet held last week. The Revonah-Lincoln-Kiamesha Chapter of the Eastern Star presented Frances Fuller of Grahamsville with a 25 year membership pin last Thursday evening.

Jack and Carol Clark of Aden Hill just returned from a trip to the western states. They and their daughter traveled in a motor home and, I'm sure, have some interesting stories to tell now that they are back.

It was nice to see Linda Goldstein and her granddaughter, Claire, at story time at the Daniel Pierce Library last Thursday. Linda is enjoying more time with her grandchildren now that she has retired from Tri-Valley.

A few locals joined Helen Exner and Bucky Green from the Ulster Heights Methodist Church on a trip to Lancaster on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. They saw the Christmas Show at the American Music Theater and The Confession, a play by author, Beverly Lewis. Lancaster is a beautiful place and you can't beat the meals at the local Amish/Mennonite restaurants!

Mike and Ruth Curley take such good care of the Town of Neversink sign in Bradley. It is always so nicely decorated. By the way, I think Mike and Ruth recently celebrated an anniversary on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations!

On October 26<sup>th</sup>, the Kindergarten classes at Tri-Valley took a field trip to Kelder Farms in Accord. Although the day was not very sunny, it didn't rain, and the little ones seemed to enjoy seeing the animals, the hayride and and picnicking at the farm.

Owen Davis, a guidance counselor at Tri-Valley School for many years, passed away on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Sympathy goes out to his wife, Shirley, and to his children Paul, Susie, and Laurie and their families.

Happy belated 99<sup>th</sup> birthday to Claire Smith, formerly of Napanoch and now residing in Kingston.

Crissy Wachter of Grahamsville had an birthday party on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Her parents hired a man to come to show some of his "outrageous" pets. The children seemed to really like the large, hissing cockroach and the fuzzy tarantula, which they got to pet. The program was very entertaining, as well as educational!

When we hear about the terrible devastation caused by "Sandy", I guess most of us around these parts can consider ourselves very fortunate!

**Statement of Deputy Commissioner Paul Rush Urging Recreational Users to Exercise Caution on City Lands and Observe Temporary Closures**

"Due to dangerous conditions caused by Hurricane Sandy, we are urging recreational users on all New York City water supply lands to use extreme caution. The best course of action at this time is to stay away from areas that appear to have suffered damage or look dangerous. DEP staff are conducting rapid assessments and temporarily closing areas that are unsafe. Red and white signs will be posted for areas that have been temporarily closed. Entering areas that are marked closed will be considered trespassing. East of Hudson lands were particularly hard hit, especially those areas with boat storage. A list of areas that have been temporarily closed is available at [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep)."

**SC Transfer Stations to Accept Storm Debris Waste**

Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau issued the following statement: "The Sullivan County Legislature convened an Emergency Meeting conference call to waive the solid waste fees at the transfer stations to accept storm debris waste associated with Hurricane Sandy, effective Monday, November 5, 2012 through Sunday, November 11, 2012. The waiver does not include normal household waste.

The damage to the public infrastructure and individual property was extensive. There is significant storm debris that needs to be disposed as a result of Hurricane Sandy. The Legislature took action to provide for the ability of the Town and Village governments, and the citizenry to dispose of the storm debris without being concerned with paying disposal fees. The cost associated with this storm cleanup from Hurricane Sandy will be reimbursed by FEMA, pending a declaration by Governor Cuomo."

**Tri Valley Lions Club Newsletter for September-October 2012**

By Lion Fran Fuller

Our member Dinner Meeting, on September 4<sup>th</sup>, was a Chicken BBQ at the Daniel Pierce Library. Thank You Mark McCarthy for cooking such a feast

for us and Thank you to Lions Carol Furman, Carol Clark, Phyllis and Dave Moore and all the lions who helped out with the food preparation and decorating.

We sent our Peace Poster material to the Tri-Valley Central School for judging for our district Convention on November 10<sup>th</sup> in Fishkill, NY.

Our second Rabies Clinic was held at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

September 8<sup>th</sup> was the "Sportsman's Federation Youth Day" at the Fairgrounds. Our soda booth distributed soda and coffee, Hot Chocolate, Ice Tea and Ice cream to the patrons and operated by our Lions group.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, the soda booth at the Fairgrounds was open again for the "Neversink Antique Machinery Show".

On September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012 the Lions Sight and Hearing Group met at Danny's in Wurtsboro. A large Number of Tri-Valley Lions attended that meeting along with other S&H groups from other area Clubs

The last event for the Tri Valley Lions Soda Booth was the Giant Pumpkin Party held on October 6 at the fairgrounds. Thank you for all who Volunteered and worked that day.

Last but not least. Thank you for all who donate their Eyeglasses and frames in our containers around the area. We appreciate it very much.

Please attend one of our meetings if you would like to join a wonderful Organization. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month, usually at Frankie and Johnny's in Hurleyville, NY,6:30pm.

**Fanslau Statement on the State of Emergency (From Pg. 1)**

NYSEG and Orange & Rockland Utilities have staff at our Emergency Operations Center. Utilities trucks are being paired with Public Works crews to attend to opening the remaining County and Town Roads that have trees and wires down. The main issues remain that 5,500 locations remain without power throughout the County. NYSEG crews are dispersed throughout Sullivan County repairing the major transmission lines and completing repairs to substations. NYSEG crews of restoring power to individual homes and businesses.

Sullivan County officials at the Emergency Operations Center are also planning for possible impacts of a potential Winter Storm that is presently on-track to affect our area Tuesday night through Thursday. Town officials have been contacted to coordinate preparation of warming centers and shelters that may be needed as a result of the incoming storm. However, the storm could change course over the next few days.

They are currently working to coordinate the clean-up of the storm debris with Town Officials. An announcement will be made this afternoon.

The following is an update at the beginning of the week regarding the recovery efforts of impacts associated with Hurricane Sandy:

NYSEG Dry Ice distribution as follows: (while supplies last)

- Liberty Police Department (noon - 6pm); White Lake Fire Department (noon-6pm); Monticello Fire Department (noon-6pm); Lumberland Town Hall (ongoing); Village of Woodridge Municipal Hall; Neversink FD (ongoing)

Current Outage Estimates

- NYSEG - 4250; O&R - 1491; Central Hudson - 12

Storm Helpline and Resources:

- 2-1-1; Non-Emergency Trees Down Reporting 845-807-0877; NYS Helpline: 1-888-769-7243

Comfort Stations:

- Forestburgh Fire Department (Shower, charging, water refill, warming, food); Mamakating Town Park - till 11pm each day (Showers and warming); Neversink Fire Department (Water refill, warming); Lumberland Town Hall (8am-5pm); Thompson Town Hall; Ted Stroebel Building (Jefferson St,

Monticello) Warming only

- Smallwood Fire Department; Village of Woodridge Municipal Hall (Food, water, warming, dry ice); American Legion Ambulance Bldg (showers and food); Literacy Volunteers of Sullivan County, 36 North St Monticello (warming 8 AM to 8 PM, can accommodate 50 people, call to reserve; Connie Keller on Sunday (845)866 8713, or the Literacy Office on Monday 794 0017)

Road Closures:

- County Road 44 - Sackett Lake Rd / Town Forestburg

Public works and utilities crews are working together and diligently to get power restored. Power outages continue to be expected to be prolonged and last for several days. Regular updates will be provided."

**MOSSES, DIAPERS AND DINOSAURS**

By Peggy DeWire



As I sat on the soft green moss beside Trout Brook watching the strands of water moss waving in the current, my mind flashed back 150 million years when mosses filled ancient swamps. Then fast-forward millions of years to plant-eating dinosaurs feasting there. Can you just imagine those huge hulks moving slowly through the wetlands munching on drippy moss waterweeds?

Moss (Musci, subclass of Bryophyta) originally came from water bound one-cell green algae. Leaving the water after millions of years, it scrambled up on dry land and survived! A miracle plant with no roots, no stem, no leaves! How did this happen?

Keeping to moist stream banks and splash zones of waterfalls, moss put out root-like hairs called rhizoids that anchored the plant and absorbed moisture.



Next, moss developed cells that joined end to end, a primitive stem that also supported tiny leaf-like tissues only a single layer of cells thick. IF this simple structure dried out, it easily soaked up twenty five times its own weight of rain or dew drops.

Moss accomplishes this by osmosis, a natural process whereby water is drawn through cell walls along the whole plant and refills storage cells. This is how moss regains its fresh green condition so quickly.

Besides storing water, moss leaf cells also make plant food by photosynthesis.

Moss reproduces in a primitive two-step cycle: a green generation of two separate plant tissues, the protonema, a tiny green pancake from which grows the moss plant that we recognize; and the fruiting generation, a stalk rising out of this new moss plant with a capsule full of spores on top.

When the capsule splits open, ripe spores are windblown to fertilize nearby female plants (sporophytes).

Spores are so small that hundreds packed together look like a puff of dust, a miniature version of stepping on a puffball or mushroom.

Empty spore capsules remain on the moss and are the easiest way to identify these small plants. Mature capsules look like tiny tan footballs with a cap at one end. Some are pear shaped.

I use a hand lens to compare other moss features to field guide book pictures such as leaves (fernly or spiky) and how the moss grows (erect or creeping). Around Grahamsville, you can easily find Pin Cushion moss, Star moss in plushy green mats and sphagnum.

Because moss is so absorbent and contains a natural antiseptic, people have used it to dress wounds from 2000 B.C. to World War I.

Europeans have burned peat moss to heat their homes for centuries.

Some American Indian tribes used moss to diaper their babies.

When I see green moss in the woods, I'm happy that it has survived and dinosaurs didn't.

**Household Hints**

**Vinegar to the Rescue!**

Has the budding young artist in your home just decorated a painted wall in your home with a ballpoint original? Don't lose your cool. Rather, dab some full-strength white vinegar on the "masterpiece" using a cloth or a sponge. Repeat until the marks are gone. Then go out and buy your child a nice big sketch pad.



Mysterious Book Report No. 74 by John Dwaine McKenna



Part I - A Tribute to James Lee Burke

Twenty-some years ago, at a time when we only had one vehicle, I was waiting in the car for my wife, June, to get off work, listening to a woman named Terri Gross interview a crime-fiction writer about his latest book. The writer's name was James Lee Burke and his book featured an iconic character he'd created: a Louisiana police detective named Dave Robicheaux. (pronounced ROW-ba-show) I can't remember which of Mr. Burke's novels he was talking about, but I'm certain it was one of the first two or three. In listening to the description of both the character and the plot, it dawned on me that Robicheaux was one of the most compelling, most complex and most interesting characters I'd ever heard about. It's a long held belief of mine that the most interesting and compelling characters in crime fiction are the ones with flaws; the more interesting. They have to struggle to overcome themselves, while at the same time fighting an unknown entity or group in order to solve the crime, right a wrong and obtain justice for the victims . . . the poor, the powerless and the dead . . . those who can not speak for themselves.

When June got in the car, just as the interview ended, I said, "Wow! It's too bad you couldn't hear the interview that was just on with a writer named James Lee Burke," and told her all about it.

"You've never heard of him?" she said. "I can hardly believe it, as many whodunits as you've read."

"Me neither," I said, "but I'm gonna fix that right now." On our way home, we stopped at Chinook, our favorite local bookstore, and bought the novel Mr. Burke had just written. Thus began a twenty-plus year conversation between myself and the author whose work and unique combinations of beauty and horror; crime and compassion; hatred and violence mayhem gunfights and the religious lessons of forgiveness tolerance and love have kept me enthralled through all thirty-one of his novels and short stories. Dave Robicheaux is a character at odds with himself and the world he finds himself living in; a man whose self-description speaks volumes about his struggle with himself, addiction to alcohol and his character:

"My history is one of alcoholism, depression, violence and bloodshed. For much of it I have enormous regret. For some of it I have no regret at all, and given the chance, I would commit the same deeds again, without pause, particularly when it comes to protection of my own."

After reading that first novel featuring Robicheaux, which I believe was called *Black Cherry Blues*, I was intrigued, and bought the first two, *Heaven's Prisoners* and *The Neon Rain*. By the time I had finished those two, I was hooked with a gaff. And over the years, I've read each one of Mr. Burke's novels as they were published. Indeed, I have read many of them twice. He's the author I admire most and who, along with Hemmingway, Elmore Leonard and a couple of others, has had the biggest influence on my own modest efforts. With that in mind, I can say in all honesty, that I think his latest work is probably his best. James Lee Burke has been awarded two Edgars, named a Grand Master by the Mystery Writers of America, honored with Guggenheim and Bread Loaf Fellowships, and nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. He's been called "America's best novelist" by the Denver Post and that, I think is probably the greatest compliment a writer could ever get from a reviewer.

This ends part I of our tribute to James Lee Burke. Next week we will review his latest Robicheaux novel: *Creole Bell* and give a short synopsis of his life and career.

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 -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 you 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 with part II of our tribute to James Lee Burke. Be good to yourselves, your kids and your grandkids read a book with them. --JDM

UC Executive Mike Hein Surveys Damage from Hurricane Sandy (Pg. 1)

While some communities of Ulster County did not receive the same level of damage felt during Hurricane Irene, there are many communities that were severely impacted with flooding and power outages.

"County Executive Hein said, "I had the privilege to tour businesses and homes from Highland and Gardiner to the Ellenville-Wawarsing area. What is clear, is that damage from Hurricane Sandy, though different from Hurricane Irene, was no less devastating in certain areas. My administration is committed to working with businesses and homeowners as we recover from Hurricane Sandy's impact.

He continued, "I want to commend and acknowledge the hard work of all First Responders for keeping the residents of Ulster County safe during the storm. Additionally, the people of Ulster County are truly amazing as they acted to help their neighbors' in need."

Many of the Hudson River communities in Ulster County were impacted by a record setting storm surge. County Executive Hein visited with local residents and business owners in the Town of Lloyd to assess the damage. The waterfront in the Town of Lloyd was one of the communities hardest hit by the Hudson River storm surge.

The County Executive said, "For the communities along the Hudson River impacted by the 9.5 feet above sea level storm surge, we will continue to provide County support as you work to return

your lives to normal. I would also like to express how incredibly pleased I am that the Ulster County Emergency Operations Center was able to provide actionable data on Hudson River storm surge projections in time to assist local officials with local evacuation efforts."

Town of Lloyd Supervisor Paul Hansut said, "The Ulster County Emergency Operation Center under the direction of County Executive Hein worked very well and the information provided to local officials about flood levels was critical to our efforts to keep residents out of harms way."

Connie Dutra, owner of Mariner's on the Hudson, a business flooded by the Hudson River said, "We are very optimistic that we will be back in business in a couple of weeks. It means a lot to us to have the support of County Executive Hein, Supervisor Hansut and the whole community."

In the Town of Wawarsing County Executive Hein met with municipal officials, local law enforcement officials and toured the Mountain View Senior Housing community, which was evacuated to the County's Trudy Farber Resnick building due to the storm. The County Executive met with residents who were reassured by his visit that the County was quickly returning to normal.

Ellenville Village Manager Mary Sheeley said, "I am very appreciative that everything ran so smoothly. It is comforting to know that the County had a plan in place."

Town of Wawarsing Supervisor Scott Carlsen said, "I am glad County Executive Hein came to visit Ellenville today to survey the damage. The Ulster County Emergency Operation Center was great and I appreciated all the assistance the County provided to us during the storm. Our shelter, run by the Red Cross at Ulster County's Trudy Farber Resnick building worked out great."

The County Executive will tour the northern and western portion of the County Wednesday afternoon.

Gunther and Samuelson call for a Round-table discussion with Power Utilities, Cable, and Telephone companies On preparedness on storm response

Emergency Operations Center, Bethel, NY - Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther and Sullivan County Legislature Chairman Scott B. Samuelson today sent an open letter to the Chief Executive Officers of New York State Electric and Gas, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Central Hudson, Time Warner Cable, Verizon Communications, and Frontier Communications, requesting a round-table discussion on the preparedness of the companies on storm response.

"This is not a witch-hunt," said Assemblywoman Gunther. "This is about making sure that the communication between the utility companies, the public, and government officials during Hurricane Sandy is greatly improved for any future natural disaster," said Gunther. "The Utilities had time to prepare for

this storm, but their response indicates that they did not. There's a responsibility to the public that needs to be met, and this round-table discussion is about making sure that it is."

"There were positive actions that the County requested from the power companies, which were fulfilled after an original weak response," said Samuelson. There is a need for a representative of each utility to be present at our Emergency Operations Center during an event to pair public works crews with utility vehicles," added Samuelson. "The workers that have responded to assist our residents are working hard, and we thank them. However, there needs to be a more focused and results oriented response, along with accountability from the Corporate leaders of these companies," concluded Samuelson.

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## The Olive Jar - Carol LaMonda

### Aftermath

I should be on a beach in Aruba sipping a tall, cool drink with an umbrella in it. We were to fly out on the morning that Hurricane Sandy hit New York. Obviously, I am here, and vacation will wait until we all live through this emergency.

Olive was hit hard with many trees down, roads closed and power and cable outages. As of this moment, there are still about 600 households without power. Not many houses have cable. I am using a neighbor's internet to get this column out.

We learned a lot from Irene last year, and many more households were prepared with food, water and generators. For those without, the Olivebridge firehouse had bottled water and began distributing dry ice on Wednesday. Three town board members and fireman manned (and womaned) the emergency shelter taking conference calls from

Central Hudson updating the progress of power. Chris Winne and the firemen, Tim Elmendorf and the First Aid Squad, and Jim Fugel and the highway department have done an exemplary job getting Olive out of the dark and back on the roads.

Sue Horner, Supervisor's secretary has been on 24/7 call keeping lines of communication open to all first responders and county agencies.

After Irene, government officials and key emergency personnel (fire, ambulance, highway) had NIMS training and developed contingency plans for emergencies. Unlike Irene, there was little flooding. The Boiceville Market took the precaution to sandbag the store. They bought the sand and bags and borrowed the Town's sandbagging machine. Christina Nash and boys from the Onteora Football team provided the man (and woman) power. Luckily, the Esopus stayed within its banks.

One thing we have learned, once again, is that Mother Nature can be a powerful force in so many ways that it is hard to match her blow for blow. One must now add COMMUNICATION to the list of things to update. Many now have smart phones, but we have places like Samsonville, without cell service. Cable went out with power.

we had to rely on print and radio to inform many citizens who could not access the updated website. Facebook helped to network, but so many people were out of touch.

Once again, Olive was the scene of neighbor helping neighbor. Offers to gather for showers and flushes abounded. My neighbors hoofed it up the hill to bring wine and cookies.

Today I got to see the devastation of Long Island and New York Burroughs. Freeport is my home, and I was horrified to see boats tumbled upon each other some distance from the water. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those who suffered loss of life and property. We in the Catskills will cut up the trees and burn them in our woodstoves and go on. Let us resolve to help those who need it now.



**RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES** - Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center  
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Greetings loyal readers!

I hope everyone made it through Hurricane Sandy without any major damage or losses. How many more American cities will have to be underwater before we decide to do something about our energy deathwish junky mentality? Anyone with a drop of foresight saw this coming a half century ago, but I guess we just hadn't squeezed the last dollar out of the last drop of oil yet, so nothing could be done, right?

Remember in Superman comics, when he was a babe in a basket on his home planet of Krypton, before he came to Earth and got super? Remember the origin story? His father, a leading scientist, warned that Krypton was going to be torn apart by internal stress, in other words, earthquakes and tsunamis. Politicians laughed at him! As a young child, I thought this was unrealistic, because if a leading scientist had such a dire warning about the fate of a planet, surely he would be believed, right? Guess not! We are definitely living on the Bizarro World (look it up)! Ah well, 12/21/12 is right around the corner. It'll be interesting to see if anything happens.

And now back to our regularly scheduled program!

This week's live music picks are as follows.  
Wednesday, November 7 - Big things are going on tonight! PHIL LESH's invasion of the East Coast begins tonight at The Wellmont Theater in Montclair, NJ. The first of three nights at this venue, the tour continues Sunday night with three nights at Roseland Ballroom in Manhattan, and finishes with four nights at the historic, newly reopened Capitol Theatre in Port Chester, NY, next week. It's hard to top that, but I believe ROKY ERICKSON at The Bell House in Brooklyn does! At least for rarity of appearance! Roky was the main man for the legendary Texas Psychedelic band, Thirteenth Floor Elevators, and before returning to the music world a few years ago, spent a longer career in and out of mental institutions. The last time I saw him, Billy Gibbons of ZZ Top sat in! That's what I'm tryin' ta tell ya. The man's a legend in Texas, and anywhere else where they know good music! And up in Hudson at Club Helsinki, 80's punk-dance band, HUMAN SEXUAL RESPONSE, rolls through!

Thursday, November 8 - Well, it seems like the only show in town tonight is the second night of PHIL LESH's three at The Wellmont, so get thee over there!

Friday, November 9 - Phil winds it up at The Wellmont, but more importantly, TEA LEAF GREEN, a band who I've only heard a few songs from, but some of those songs are absolutely stunning, stop by The Brooklyn Bowl for the first of a two night run. These guys are really good, really different, and you should really check them out! In

Manhattan, LITTLE FEAT and LEON RUSSELL co-headline at Hammerstein Ballroom, and upstate, OZ NOY, ANTON FIG, and WILL LEE are at The Falcon in Marlborough. More info at [www.liveatthefalcon.com](http://www.liveatthefalcon.com).

Saturday, November 10 - ROBERT RANDOLPH AND HIS FAMILY BAND bring their magic to The Bearsville Theater in Woodstock for another great WDST produced show. They're on some run over there! Check the schedule at [www.bearsvilletheater.com](http://www.bearsvilletheater.com).

Sunday, November 11 - PHIL LESH begins a three night engagement at Roseland Ballroom, and the Bluegrass legends known as DR. RALPH STANLEY AND HIS CLINCH MOUNTAIN BOYS are at City Winery, both in Manhattan, and guitar virtuoso, KAKI KING, makes a rare NYC appearance at Glasslands Gallery in Brooklyn.

Monday, November 12 - PHIL LESH continues at Roseland, MADONNA is at Madison Square Garden, and LIVING COLOR celebrates what would have been Jimi Hendrix's 70th birthday at City Winery.

Tuesday, November 13 - PHIL LESH closes out his run at Roseland and KAKI KING stops by Le Poisson Rouge, both in Manhattan.

Wednesday, November 14 - THE WHO make their first appearance at Barclay Center in Brooklyn.

Thursday, November 15 - PHIL LESH starts a four day run at The Capitol Theatre in Port Chester and The Museum of Modern Art begins a two week retrospective of THE ROLLING STONES in cinema, with showings of some really rare Stones movies. This runs through December 2. More info at [www.rollingstones.com](http://www.rollingstones.com).

Stay warm, stay dry, and stay rockin'! Have a great week!

**Schumer, Gillibrand Announce Emergency Food Assistance Approved for Struggling New Yorkers Reeling from Hurricane Sandy 1.1 Million Pounds of Food Headed To New York After Senators Called On USDA To Send Emergency Food Assistance; USDA Also To Reimburse SNAP Benefits To Cover Cost Of Food Lost During Sandy**

U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand today announced the USDA has approved New York State's request for emergency food resources. Roughly 1.1 million pounds of household-size USDA food items will be distributed to households through 1,000 designated emergency feeding outlets in the areas of Westchester and Rockland counties, New York City, and Long Island. This distribution will take place from November 4 through November 30.

Additionally, the USDA also approved New York State's request to extend certification peri-

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ods for ongoing Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) households due to recertify in October and November in Bronx, Kings, Richmond, Queens, New York, Nassau, Rockland, Suffolk, Westchester, Orange, Putnam, and Sullivan counties. Cases in the 12 counties will be extended for one additional month without the need to recertify. The USDA also approved New York's request to issue automatic, mass replacement benefits equal to 50 percent of the October 2012 benefit amount for SNAP recipients in the Hudson Valley, New York City and Long Island. A complete list of zip codes where recipients will receive replacement SNAP benefits is available here: <http://otda.ny.gov/news/SNAP-replacements.pdf>

The USDA announced these efforts after Senators Schumer and Gillibrand called on the agency to send emergency food resources to struggling New Yorkers reeling from Hurricane Sandy and left without food or shelter.

"As residents throughout New York City, Long Island and the Hudson Valley recover from the devastation of Hurricane Sandy, the federal government needs all hands on deck," said Schumer. "I am relieved that the USDA heeded our call to provide over a million pounds of food for New Yorkers who are fighting through the aftermath of this storm, and has agreed to extend critical support to those that rely on federal food assistance to feed their families. I will continue to call on the federal government to provide meals, safety and infrastructure repairs for the hardest hit areas."

"The damage I have seen and the destruction of whole communities is just devastating," Senator Gillibrand said. "Too many families are still struggling with basic necessities like food, heat and shelter. The federal government will stand with these families at every step of the way to meet these basic needs and rebuild. The Obama Administration promised no red tape in this effort, and I am thankful to the USDA for backing up those words by acting as quickly as they could to put food on the ground in communities where families need it most."

Soup kitchens and food pantries are serving New Yorkers with food deliveries where conditions allow, and nutrition advocates and volunteers are working around the clock to bring meals within reach to New Yorkers displaced by the storm and flooding. But as families that receive food stamps reach the end of the month when benefits typically run scarce, more turn to food pantries, doubling the pressure on these resources already stretched thin by the storm.

Late last week, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand called on the USDA to bring all federal resources to bear to keep food pantries stocked, and help feed struggling New Yorkers left in the wake of this massive storm.



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### DEP Watershed Operations Staff and Delaware County Public Works Head to NYC to Aid in Hurricane Recovery

In the wake of Hurricane Sandy, New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland today announced that watershed crews are being mobilized and deployed to New York City to aid in the recovery efforts. Six DEP employees from Orange, Delaware, Sullivan and Ulster Counties, have arrived in the city and are already providing assistance with flood abatement and downed trees. Tomorrow they will be joined by ten more DEP employees as well as two members of Delaware County's Department of Public Works. The crews are bringing six industrial Godwin pumps, dump trucks, a back hoe, a mini excavator, chain saws and wood chippers. In addition to aiding in the removal of downed trees and limbs across the five boroughs, the crews have already aided in the important work of draining Manhattan's Battery Underpass from water.

"I want to thank Delaware County and Board of Supervisors Chairman Jim Eisel for providing support to the City's recovery from Hurricane Sandy," said Commissioner Strickland. "The team from the Delaware County Department of Public Works will work alongside our DEP team from the watershed to help remove downed and dangerous trees as well as pump out submerged buildings and infrastructure. Working together in this manner demonstrates in the strength of our partnership."

"Delaware County stands ready to support New

York City in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy," said Delaware County Board of Supervisors Chairman James Eisel. "We were fortunate to have the help of New York City to assist in the county's recovery after Hurricane Irene and the June 2006 Flood. True partners work together best in times of need. This time the skilled workers from the Delaware County Department of Public Works will assist with debris removal in New York City."

"Task Force Chipper" and "Task Force Godwin" will continue until the recovery effort in New York City is complete, however staff will be rotated out every three to four days. In the past New York City has sent staff and equipment to support watershed communities, most recently during the aftermath of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, and now upstate community members are able to return the favor.

For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep), like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nycwater](http://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/nycwater](http://www.twitter.com/nycwater).

### Beware of Internet Donation Solicitations

The Ulster County District Attorney's Division of Consumer Affairs, Wednesday, said Internet users who receive appeals to donate money in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy to use caution before responding to those requests. Past tragedies and natural disasters have prompted individuals with criminal intent to solicit con-

tributions purportedly for charitable organizations. Before making a donation of any kind, consumers should: Be skeptical of individuals representing themselves as survivors or officials asking for donations via e-mail or social networking sites; Verify the legitimacy of nonprofit organizations; Make contributions directly to known organizations rather than relying on others to make the donation on your behalf; you might consider a known local entity such as the United Way (phone number 845-331-4199 or on the web at [ulsterunitedway.org](http://ulsterunitedway.org)); Be cautious of e-mails that claim to show pictures of the disaster areas in attached files because the files may contain viruses; Do not give personal or financial information to anyone who solicits contributions; Not respond to any spam e-mail or click on links contained within those messages. Spam e-mail can be forwarded to [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) and then deleted. Consumer Affairs can be reached at 845- 340-3260.

### Autism Awareness Day POSTPONED

Due to the extensive storm damage throughout the County, Sullivan BOCES is postponing the Annual Autism Awareness Day slated for November 3rd to April 2013. Once the new date has been determined, BOCES will notify the community.

Since there are a number of areas still without power, we are requesting your help in spreading the word, if you know of someone who was planning on attending, please let them know that the event has been cancelled.

For additional information, please contact Scott Lederman at (845) 295-4040 or [scott.lederman@sco-boces.org](mailto:scott.lederman@sco-boces.org).



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The Ensemble Includes: Robert Lloyd, who has worked extensively with the Royal Shakespeare Company and with Peter Brook. For Brook, Robert played Vyasa in *The Mahabarata* - BAM and world tour, Puck in *A Midsummer Nights Dream* - world tour, Edgar in the film of *King Lear*, also appeared in Brook's *Marat-Sade* - Broadway and *Carmen* - world tour and Lincoln Center. This October 14th will mark the re-release of his starring role in Peter Brook's film *Tell Me No Lies*. Christa Trinler, has worked extensively in Chicago on numerous Jeff Nominated productions (Chicago's Tony Award). Christa is also a freelance producer and a recipient of a 2011 Telly Award. Ron Morehead, has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, Radio City Music Hall, and The White House. AR Rappaport is the recipient of the LA Drama Critics Circle Natalie Schaefer Award and several *DRAMA-LOGUE* and *LA WEEKLY* Drama Awards. Last January Audrey Rapoport's *FUNNY STORIES* played to packed house at the Kleinert/James Center. Justin Waldo, just returned from playing *Hamlet* in Oxford, UK. Megan Leigh was a principal in Martin Scorsese's *Bringing out the Dead*.

Shauna Kanter, Director and Artistic Director of VOICETheatre, has directed over 38 productions in 7 countries on 4 continents. In 2008 she was awarded The People's Choice Award in Detroit for Best Director of JET Theatre's production of *Women's Minyan* and has been twice shortlisted as a Fulbright Scholar. Her latest play *Birds on a Wire* received a 4-star review at the 2012 Edinburgh Fringe Festival and is being held as a regional finalist in the 2012/2013 Kennedy Center National Theatre Competition. VOICETheatre's first production was in 1988 at *LA MAMA*. Since then VOICETheatre has been producing in New York City as well as numerous venues across the United States and internationally, including: Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, London, The Cockpit Theatre, London, Klecks Theatre, Hanover, Germany, and Espace de la Grace in Paris. For more information visit: [www.voicetheatre.org](http://www.voicetheatre.org).

At The Creekside Grille, at the Woodstock Golf Club @ Route 375 & 212, Woodstock, NY - November 30th - December 16th (Friday, Saturday & Sunday); Fridays & Saturdays at 7:30 PM, Sundays at 5:00 PM; \$22 (Senior & Students \$18). For Reservations: 845-679-0154 - LIMITED SEATING. Call for group rates.

**VOICETheatre's Production of SEASON'S GREETINGS**



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Alan Ayckbourn has written 76 plays, over half of them having been produced in London's West End and Broadway. He has received numerous Tony & Olivier Awards (Britain's most coveted theatre award). -- As the play opens, friends and family are once again gathering at the Bunkers' home to celebrate the holidays, only for things to quickly devolve into a farcical mix of adolescent husbands, authoritarian seniors, neurotic singles and at least one tipsy married woman behaving very, badly under the Christmas tree. Although the play takes place at Christmas, *Season's Greetings* is about all of us and the Bunker families heightened expectations, joys and fears during the Holiday Season.

*Season's Greetings* will take place at The Creekside Grille, housed in the historic clubhouse of the Woodstock Golf Club. This 1929 former club lounge will be transformed into the living room of Neville and Belinda Bunker, incorporating the original front door, stone fireplace, and staircase creating the intimate and unique site -specific audience experience. The Creekside Grille

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In photo from left: Carolyn Kuhlmann - accepted award on behalf of her late husband Robert H. Kuhlmann; Pam Kuhlmann - daughter of the late Robert H. Kuhlmann; Bill Brown - Treasurer, Ellenville Regional Hospital Board of Trustees, Ellenville Regional Hospital Foundation Board Member, Friend of Kuhlmann family; Steven L. Kelley - President and CEO, Ellenville Regional Hospital and David Eikszta - Chairman, Ellenville Regional Hospital Foundation

On Saturday, October 13, 2012, the Ellenville Regional Hospital hosted its Annual Gala and Silent Auction at The Fountains at Wallkill Golf Club. This year's honoree was the late Robert H. (Bob) Kuhlmann.

Mr. Kuhlmann was a long-term Board member and Chairman of the Ellenville Regional Board of Trustees, as well as a Foundation Board member, when he passed away in 2011. He was a strong leader who was passionate about the Hospital, and who was able to rally the community to support the Hospital in its time of need. Under his leadership, the Hospital was able to emerge from bankruptcy and become a highly successful institution.

Accomplishments under Mr. Kuhlmann's tenure include the building of a new Emergency Department, Physical Therapy Center and an affordable Senior Housing Complex on the campus. In addition, the Hospital has won numerous State and National quality and patient safety awards and recognition for our 90-minute turnaround time in the ER.

The Gala Committee would like to recognize and thank the sponsors of the Gala and Silent Auction for their generous support: Coombe and Bender Co., Inc.; Gillette Creamery; The Institute for Family Health; Health Quest; Kingston Risk Management; Nevele Resort, Casino & Spa; Provident Bank; Rose and Kiernan Inc.; Veritas Villa Foundation, Inc.; Warwick Properties Inc.; and The White Wolf Restaurant and Lounge.

The event raised over \$58,000. This year, proceeds from the Gala and Silent Auction will assist the Hospital in funding targeted capital projects, and will provide funds for Hospital staff clinical and continuing education. In previous years, funds have supported construction of the aforementioned Emergency Department, expansion of the Physical Therapy Center and most recently, renovation of patient rooms into state-of-the-art private patient suites.

**"High Tea High Fashion" Fundraiser for Delaware Valley Arts Alliance**

"High Tea High Fashion" a four course tea and fashion show, will be held on Sunday, November 11 at 2 p.m., at the Gloria Krause Recital Hall, Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main St, Narrowsburg, NY.

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Advanced tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in person at the Arts Center or with a credit card by calling (845) 252-7576. Seating is limited.

For more information, visit Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY, Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., call (845) 252-7576.

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For directions: [www.maryknollsociety.org/travel](http://www.maryknollsociety.org/travel). Hours are Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information about the Maryknoll Gift Shop, see the video on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L6LSjtMLZmM&feature=share&list=UUPt7naU3SfuLxcr1O-Z4YLA>

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There will be no reduction or elimination of services as a result of this proposed 2013 budget, and I have not appropriated fund balance to balance the 2013 budget. There are also no layoffs included in this tentative budget, as County departments are operating at minimal staffing levels. An arbitrary percentage cut would not support the expectations that our residents deserve from our County Government. There is a need and a justification to increase the property tax levy, as necessary to pay for the ever-increasing bills for State required programs, and to provide for necessary services, such as public works and public safety, and public health and senior services. However, if I had simply funded 2013 budget requests with the information available in July, then there would have been a need for a 39% increase to the property tax levy. After many hours of refining the 2013 tentative budget, cutting expenses where it made sense, and was supportable, and conservatively anticipating revenues for 2013, the proposed budget levy increase has been cut by two-thirds for a projected property tax levy increase from 39.28% to 13.77%.

While this increase to the property tax levy is necessary, there are measures that must be taken to provide some "breathing room" for the County in 2013. First, the County must participate in the "pension smoothing" program that will avoid the need to increase the property tax levy an additional 7% or another \$3.5 million in required spending in 2013. The public employer pension contribution rates that are set by the State Comptroller have exponentially increased over the last three years, to such an extent that county governments throughout the state won't have the ability to keep pace without participating in this program. Second, the Capital Plan has been reduced to a level that will provide funding for those projects that are critical to the operation of the County government, and I am recommending that the Legislature withhold approval of any bond issuance in 2013. Third, and perhaps most important, the Legislature must take measures to further reduce expenses by attritioning positions that become vacant during 2013. I am recommending the adoption of a policy that would automatically defund a position that becomes vacant during the fiscal year, returning the funding to the contingency line, and if the legislature determines to permit the filling of any such position that a formally adopted resolution be required to be adopted by a super-majority of the legislature voting in the affirmative. This policy should avoid any reliance on the concept that a position could be filled because "it is budgeted". A "budgeted" position must first be subject to attrition, prior to approving the filling of a position.

The Public Safety Radio Infrastructure project is required to ensure that our emergency responders will have a reliable communications system that will address their needs for the next generation. The county's current system was established in the 1950's, and parts are no longer available to fix the system should a

catastrophic incident occur. The County has secured \$1.2 million in grants, and another half-million in revenues for this project. However, the Legislature should provide its support to moving this project forward in 2013 for three of the nine towers; secure the new frequencies from Motorola, and plan to bond for the balance of the project in 2014. In the meantime, the Legislature should pressure the State government to appropriate the full revenues collected from the 911 surcharge to the counties throughout New York state that maintain the emergency 911 systems, which was the lawful intent of this surcharge.

There is a need to substantively reform the delivery of services through the Department of Family Services. Commissioner Randy Parker has been charged with the task of reducing County share expenses wherever possible, with an initial focus on the Safety Net program, Foster Care placements, emergency housing, and fraud issues. Commissioner Parker has developed a proposal for a restructuring within the Social Services District, and this proposed 2013 budget reduces the County share expenses, while providing sufficient staffing, through the restructuring that has been requested by Commissioner Parker.

The 2013 Tentative County Budget appropriates a total of \$195,199,420, an increase of \$1,353,817 from the 2012 adopted budget. The sales tax revenues realized in 2012 are projected to be about \$1.25 million more than the \$33 million that was anticipated, which is a sign that the County's economy is on the path to a recovery. However, to remain conservative, this 2013 proposed budget does not rely upon a growth in sales tax revenues above the projected amount to be collected for 2012. I would note that the increase in spending is directly connected to the uncontrolled growing bills from the State to Sullivan County for the State's programs, as opposed to increased spending for local priorities, such as public works and public safety."

[http://webapps.co.sullivan.ny.us/docs/omb/CountyofSullivanTentativeBudget\\_2013.pdf](http://webapps.co.sullivan.ny.us/docs/omb/CountyofSullivanTentativeBudget_2013.pdf)

## Schumer, Gillibrand Call for Emergency Food and Assistance for Struggling New Yorkers- Millions Of New Yorkers Going Without Food, Shelter - Doubling Pressure On Food Pantries Senators: Send Emergency Food Assistance Now

As Hurricane Sandy leaves millions of New Yorkers without shelter or access to food, including those who were already struggling to make ends meet, U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand are calling on the USDA to implement emergency food resources. Specifically, the Senators are calling for approval for a mass Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) reimbursement for recipients in the impacted counties as well as approval to implement a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) as soon as possible. The Senators are also asking the USDA to channel all possible federal resources through the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) to New Yorkers in need, particularly in New York City, the Hudson Valley, Westchester and Long Island that took the worst of the storm. These steps will help New Yorkers to cover costs of purchased food that was lost to Hurricane Sandy, and to waive the unprepared food requirement for SNAP purchases.

"Hurricane Sandy has devastated the lives and homes of millions of New Yorkers, and it is critical that emergency food assistance is provided to those left in its wake," said Schumer. "We are urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide critical support to New York food pantries, as well as to individuals that rely on such assistance to feed their families during these difficult times." "Standing by those who are struggling is part of who we are as Americans," Senator Gillibrand said. "And as Hurricane Sandy leaves millions of struggling New Yorkers without food or shelter in its wake - we need to stand by them today with access to healthy meals so they can meet basic needs as we work to clean up and get back on our feet." Soup kitchens and food pantries are serving New Yorkers with food deliveries where conditions allow, and nutrition advocates and volunteers are working around the clock to bring meals within reach to New Yorkers displaced by the storm and flooding. But as families that receive food stamps reach the end of the month when benefits typically run scarce, more will turn to food pantries, doubling the pressure on these resources already stretched thin by the storm. Therefore, Senators Schumer and Gillibrand are calling on the USDA to bring all federal resources to bear to keep food pantries stocked, and help feed struggling New Yorkers left in the wake of this massive storm. The Senators' complete letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack is below:

Dear Secretary Vilsack,  
Thank you again for your partnership in helping New York after Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee struck our state last fall. Your attention to New York's post-disaster needs were much appreciated, and

we are writing to you today to again ask for your assistance in helping New York recover from Super Storm Sandy.

Specifically, we seek your support in 1) granting a mass Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) reimbursement for recipients in the disaster impacted counties, 2) waiving the unprepared food requirement for SNAP purchases, since so many New Yorkers are without power and unable to cook their own meals, 3) approving the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP) when submitted by the state, and 4) sending additional Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) resources to our regions in need post disaster, especially New York City, Hudson Valley, Westchester and Long Island.

We are so proud of our New York soup kitchens and food pantries which continue to serve New Yorkers in need with food deliveries when weather and road conditions have allowed. Anti-hunger workers and volunteers in New York are working double time to make sure that all New Yorkers, but especially those vulnerable populations, don't go without food. New Yorkers need additional TEFAP food to survive.

New Yorkers who receive SNAP benefits have lost up to 90% of their benefits due to power outages and flooding, meaning they are in critical need of immediate reimbursement. We need to connect those eligible to the Disaster SNAP program once it is up and running, as well as procure as much food as possible for resource strapped food banks, pantries and soup kitchens. Many food pantries and soup kitchens are flooded or lost power, meaning they have spoiled food and equipment damage. We need to help them rebuild, but also recognize the added pressure this will put on those that are operational. These soup kitchens and food pantries need additional TEFAP resources to stay open and keeping hunger at bay in New York.

Thank you again for your continued support of New York, especially during these critical times after Super Storm Sandy. We look forward to continuing to work together.

## Small Businesses Assistance Available for Hurricane Victims

Both the federal and state governments have made disaster declarations with respect to the effects of Hurricane Sandy in the State of New York. Beginning on October 28, 2012, federal aid may be made available to New York to supplement state and local recovery assistance in the areas affected by Sandy. Official notification and specific details are pending at this moment.

Future assistance may include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured or under-insured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

If you have a business that suffered damages from Hurricane Sandy, here are some steps to follow immediately:

-1. Contact your insurance agent or broker immediately. Make sure you get the proper forms to file a claim.  
-1. Document: Take photos of all the damage before you do any sort of clean-up or renovations and take notes of dates, times, etc.

-1. If you hire a contractor to do the work, get a few quotes and keep these for references.

-1. Keep track of ALL expenses with receipts and notes of explanations. These will come in handy when you need to make proof these expenses.

-1. You need to register with FEMA for assistance at: <http://www.disasterassistance.gov/>. The web site has comprehensive information on Federal and local assistance available for both individuals and businesses.

-1. The New York State Office of Emergency Management can be contacted at (888) 769-7243. More information is available at the web site at: <http://www.dhse.ny.gov/oem/>.

In addition, whether you rent or own your own home, own your own business, or own a small agricultural cooperative located in a declared disaster area, and are the victim of this disaster, you may be eligible for financial assistance from the U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Information is available at <http://www.sba.gov>.

For questions you can contact us at the Mid-Hudson Region Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at 845-339-0025.

All support services provided by government agencies during disasters are free - beware of scams! Don't fall prey to empty promises by individuals who make false claims and require you to give them money or confidential information about your bank account, credit card number, etc.

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- Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau issued the following statement: "The work on the 2013 Tentative Sullivan County Budget was substantially complete just prior to the State of Emergency that was declared in anticipation of the impacts of Hurricane Sandy. As Sullivan County continues to deal with the damage caused by this natural disaster, I want to acknowledge the strength of our citizenry in coping with closed roads, and prolonged power outages. Thankfully, there was no loss of life, nor did any of our people suffer flooding. While the County experienced widespread power outages, and significant damage was caused to both the public infrastructure and individual property, one only needs to look at the devastation suffered by our fellow New Yorkers downstate, and the residents of New Jersey to comprehend the full wrath of Hurricane Sandy. I also want to unconditionally thank the public safety and public works crews, our volunteer emergency services personnel, many of whom left their families in their homes that had lost power, to assist with the daunting task of recovering from this natural disaster.

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There will be no reduction or elimination of services as a result of this proposed 2013 budget, and I have not appropriated fund balance to balance the 2013 budget. There are also no layoffs included in this tentative budget, as County departments are operating at minimal staffing levels. An arbitrary percentage cut would not support the expectations that our residents deserve from our County Government. There is a need and a justification to increase the property tax levy, as necessary to pay for the ever-increasing bills for State required programs, and to provide for necessary services, such as public works and public safety, and public health and senior services. However, if I had simply funded 2013 budget requests with the information available in July, then there would have been a need for a 39% increase to the property tax levy. After many hours of refining the 2013 tentative budget, cutting expenses where it made sense, and was supportable, and conservatively anticipating revenues for 2013, the proposed budget levy increase has been cut by two-thirds for a projected property tax levy increase from 39.28% to 13.77%.

While this increase to the property tax levy is necessary, there are measures that must be taken to provide some "breathing room" for the County in 2013. First, the County must participate in the "pension smoothing" program that will avoid the need to increase the property tax levy an additional 7% or another \$3.5 million in required spending in 2013. The public employer pension contribution rates that are set by the State Comptroller have exponentially increased over the last three years, to such an extent that county governments throughout the state won't have the ability to keep pace without participating in this program. Second, the Capital Plan has been reduced to a level that will provide funding for those projects that are critical to the operation of the County government, and I am recommending that the Legislature withhold approval of any bond issuance in 2013. Third, and perhaps most important, the Legislature must take measures to further reduce expenses by attritioning positions that become vacant during 2013. I am recommending the adoption of a policy that would automatically defund a position that becomes vacant during the fiscal year, returning the funding to the contingency line, and if the legislature determines to permit the filling of any such position that a formally adopted resolution be required to be adopted by a super-majority of the legislature voting in the affirmative. This policy should avoid any reliance on the concept that a position could be

filled because "it is budgeted". A "budgeted" position must first be subject to attrition, prior to approving the filling of a position.

The Public Safety Radio Infrastructure project is required to ensure that our emergency responders will have a reliable communications system that will address their needs for the next generation. The county's current system was established in the 1950's, and parts are no longer available to fix the system should a catastrophic incident occur. The County has secured \$1.2 million in grants, and another half-million in revenues for this project. However, the Legislature should provide its support to moving this project forward in 2013 for three of the nine towers; secure the new frequencies from Motorola, and plan to bond for the balance of the project in 2014. In the meantime, the Legislature should pressure the State government to appropriate the full revenues collected from the 911 surcharge to the counties throughout New York state that maintain the emergency 911 systems, which was the lawful intent of this surcharge.

There is a need to substantively reform the delivery of services through the Department of Family Services. Commissioner Randy Parker has been charged with the task of reducing County share expenses wherever possible, with an initial focus on the Safety Net program, Foster Care placements, emergency housing, and fraud issues. Commissioner Parker has developed a proposal for a restructuring within the Social Services District, and this proposed 2013 budget reduces the County share expenses, while providing sufficient staffing, through the restructuring that has been requested by Commissioner Parker.

The 2013 Tentative County Budget appropriates a total of \$195,199,420, an increase of \$1,353,817 from the 2012 adopted budget. The sales tax revenues realized in 2012 are projected to be about \$1.25 million more than the \$33 million that was anticipated, which is a sign that the County's economy is on the path to a recovery. However, to remain conservative, this 2013 proposed budget does not rely upon a growth in sales tax revenues above the projected amount to be collected for 2012. I would note that the increase in spending is directly connected to the uncontrolled growing bills from the State to Sullivan County for the State's programs, as opposed to increased spending for local priorities, such as public works and public safety.

[http://webapps.co.sullivan.ny.us/docs/omb/CountyofSullivanTentativeBudget\\_2013.pdf](http://webapps.co.sullivan.ny.us/docs/omb/CountyofSullivanTentativeBudget_2013.pdf)

## NYS Comptroller Thomas P. Di Napoli Comments on Hurricane Sandy

Like millions of New Yorkers, I spent a sleepless Monday night listening to howling winds and rattling windows as Hurricane Sandy hit our state.

While I was among those without power, I was fortunate to have escaped damage to my home, unlike many of my Long Island neighbors and residents throughout the boroughs and suburbs of New York City, who felt the storm's devastating impact.

This historic natural disaster brought unprecedented damage to countless New York communities. Our hearts go out to the families who lost loved ones, and to those most affected by this storm.

Against the harrowing images of damage and loss, we have also witnessed the heart and strength, determination and human concern of our great state. As the storm raged, our brave first responders risked their lives, selflessly running into harm's way to save their fellow New Yorkers. And as we have begun to clean up, we are seeing the people of New York coming together.

As I visited the Emergency Management Center and an Emergency Shelter in my community, I was struck by the resilience and compassion of New Yorkers in the midst of this calamity. From a helping hand and a warm embrace to food, supplies and shelter - the care offered, neighbor to neighbor, has been truly inspiring.

These acts of good will, through gestures large and small, are further proof of what we already know: when New Yorkers face adversity, we run towards one another, not away. During the most trying times, we step up for our neighbors and communities. Day by day, we are recovering. I have no doubt that New York will not only rebuild what we have lost, but become stronger.

## SUNY Ulster Children's Center Earns National Accreditation

SUNY Ulster's Children's Center located in Stone Ridge has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) - the nation's leading organiza-

tion of early childhood professionals. To earn NAEYC Accreditation, The Children's Center went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. This is a five-year accreditation to September 1, 2017.

"We're proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards. NAEYC Accreditation lets families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible," said Andrea Meyer, Children's Center Director.

"The NAEYC Accreditation system raises the bar for child care centers and other early childhood programs," said Jerlean E. Daniel, Ph.D, executive director of NAEYC. "Having earned NAEYC Accreditation is a sign that The Children's Center is a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education." The Children's Center provides a full-service program for children of students, faculty and staff of the college, as well as members of the community, from ages six weeks to five years. For more information about future enrollments, call the Children's Center at (845) 687-5257.

## POLITICAL SLANT

By Frank Comando -

After last week, I really do not know what to say. The impact on my family has been enormous. If I knew politics would be this low and despicable, I would not have gotten involved. We do not deserve the heinous devastating, unlawful acts that were perpetuated on my family; these acts have left us in fear, and deep concern, for the physical and mental health of ourselves, and our children.

All these unlawful acts are allowed in their sick minds because they do not like our political point of view, or the color of the candidate's skin, or our beliefs to preserve our choice of candidates, U.S. Sovereignty, the Constitution, and the American Dream.

I guess this is what happens when you let the murderer's of the President of the United States (JFK) and the Attorney General (RFK) go free and accept the bogus conclusions of the Warren Commission.

Alternatively, the bogus findings of 911; it is a fact that 86% of people who crashed planes into buildings came here on Saudi passports. Perhaps if they seize 86% of Saudi holdings maybe they will watch who they give passports to. The problem is that the old world money of the monarchy, that reaches in to our rural community, where the rich, their local counter parts can control local politics, sometimes controlling many counties, entire states, and at eventually the country. The electorate that controls the economy, our jobs, and the American dream need to be taken to task, and need their feet put to the fire. Our motto should be, "If you want to be re-elected, work toward helping small business and the working class."

## FREEDOM MEANS A CHOICE WITHOUT DURESS

### SUPER PACS, NON-PROFIT FAVORED ROMNEY OVER OBAMA

Super PACs and NON-PROFITS unleashed by the Citizens United Supreme Court decision have spent more than \$840 million on the 2012 election, with the overwhelming majority favoring Republicans, particularly GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney. An estimated \$577 million, or roughly 69 percent, was spent by conservative groups, compared with \$237 million spent by liberal groups, or about 28 percent, with the remainder expended by other organizations.

Of all outside spending in the 2012 election, more than \$450 million was dedicated to the presidential election with more than \$350 million spent helping Romney and about \$100 million spent to help President Barack Obama. The spending helped close the gap on Obama's considerable fund raising advantage over Romney.

The totals are from a joint analysis of Federal Election Commission data. The Centers' analysis covers the period from Jan. 1, 2011 through Oct. 28, 2012, and does not include independent spending by the political party committees.

The final tally was higher as spending continued to accelerate by Election Day.



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**West Hurley Student's Photo Picked to go to Best of the Year SUNY Student Exhibition**  
 SUNY Ulster congratulates Amanda Cabanillas of West Hurley! Her photo was picked from the Fall 2012 SUNY Student Exhibition at SUNY Plaza, Albany, to go on to the Best of the Year SUNY Student Exhibition which will be held at the NY State Museum in Albany from June -Sept., with an opening reception on June 18, 2013.  
 The Fall exhibition at SUNY Plaza will be officially opened by Chancellor Zimpher on November 5, 2012 from 4.30-6.30pm.

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 1992 - Operation Restore Hope, Somalia; 1994-1995 - Operation Uphold Democracy, Haiti;  
 1995-1996 - Operation Provide Promise, Bosnia; 1996 - Operation Assured Response, Sierra Leone & Liberia;  
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**LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES**

**Public General Meeting**, Tuesday, November 13th, at 7:00 p.m., for Nominations of Officers of the **Sullivan County Historical Society**. Guest speaker. For information, call 845-343-8044.

Barbara Viele  
Secretary

### **FEMA Provides SC Emergency Responders Personal and Official Vehicles (Fire, EMS & Police, with Fuel at no cost**

Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau issued the following statement: "The federal government has made an arrangement with Sullivan County to provide unleaded fuel for emergency responders personal and official vehicles (fire, EMS, and Police) at no cost for the fuel. Our first shipment will be for 8,000 gallons and it will be made available at two Sullivan County Department of Public Works locations," said Fanslau.

"FEMA has recognized that it is imperative for County and local government to have the ability to respond to an emergency, and the backbone of that response are our fire and EMS volunteers, along with police and public works personnel," said Scott B. Samuelson, Chairman of the Sullivan County Legislature.

Location #1 will be: SCDPW Maplewood Facility, 745 Route. 17B, Mongaup Valley, NY. Hours will be Sunday night, November 4, 2012 from 7 PM to 10 PM, and Monday November 5, 2012 from 8:00 AM until the supply is depleted.

Location #2 will be: SCDPW Facility 450 State Rt. 55, Barryville, NY. Hours will be on Monday 11-5-12 from 8 AM till supply is depleted.

This unleaded fuel will be available at no cost, and limited to one vehicle per responder, and driver will be able to receive a full tank. No portable tanks will be filled. Each driver must show a Sullivan County Accountability card or police ID card, or a County Government identification for public works and 911 departments.

"We may be receiving more fuel in the next few days, and will announce the plans for receiving that shipment when it is known," concluded Fanslau.

### **Ulster Opens Last Road Reopened Damaged From Hurricane Irene**

The last road to be rebuilt after it was closed on August 28, 2011 as a result of damage from Hurricane Irene has been reopened.

Ulster Heights Road in Ellenville went back into service on Thursday.

County Executive Michael Hein praised the county DPW workers for their efforts in rebuilding the county's infrastructure. "Following the devastating impact of Hurricane Irene and now on the heels of Hurricane Sandy, the men and women of the Ulster County Department of Public Works are continuing to work around the clock to return our County to normal. The opening of Ulster Heights Road is symbolic of the resilient spirit of our Ulster County community. It is apropos that Ulster Heights, the last remaining road closure from Hurricane Irene, should open in the immediate wake of Hurricane Sandy," he said.

Hurricane Irene stormwater created a three story hole in a very steep hillside where the eastbound lane used to be. That created a difficult engineering challenge that county employees overcame along with other obstacles to reopen the road, Hein said.

### **Legislature May Alleviate Schools' Requirement of 180 Days Of Classes**

- Joseph Spector

The heads of the state Legislature's education committees said today that they expect to consider legislation that would alleviate schools' requirement to have classes for 180 days because of Superstorm Sandy.

School districts would face a loss of state aid if they were to have fewer than 180 days of classes. Lawmakers said they would look to modify the law to hold school districts downstate harmless because of the extended school closures caused by the devastation from Sandy.

"I believe that there will be a tremendous spirit of cooperation because of the magnitude and severity of these issues," said Senate Education Chairman John Flanagan, R-Suffolk County.

Allowing schools to hold fewer than 180 days of classes is not unprecedented. In fact, it was done

this year after tropical storms Irene and Lee for parts of upstate hampered at the beginning of last school year.

The law gave the state's education commissioner the authority to hold districts financially harmless if they lost up to 10 days "due to a duly declared state of emergency following a federally and state recognized natural disaster." The law previously had been for five days.

The education department believes a new law would need to be passed in regards to Superstorm Sandy.

Assembly Education Chairwoman Cathy Nolan, D-Queens, said she would expect the Legislature to approve the waiver for New York City and its surrounding areas. She said a similar measure was approved after a destructive ice storm in the North Country in 1998.

"We have done it in the past and it's certainly not something that's done lightly, but clearly this rises to the level of the ice storm in the North country or Hurricane Irene in upstate," Nolan said.

Lawmakers are increasingly likely to hold a special session after next week's election to deal with the state's response to Sandy. Flanagan said he would expect the issue would be addressed were a special session to be called.

"This is serious stuff, no matter what community you live, and I'll just respectfully add that I think the governor will be on board with something like this quite freely," Flanagan said.

Districts typically build in three to five snow days each year, but Sandy alone may have exhausted those days for many districts.

David Albert, a spokesman for the state School Boards Association, said schools would support the change.

"It's an extraordinary circumstance and we absolutely believe that the education department and/or the Legislature should give schools the ability to collect their state aid even if they don't meet the 180-day requirement," he said.

### **Additional Deer Management Permits are Available for Hunters -Remaining Deer Management Permits are available now several Wildlife Management Units (WMUs)**

The permits, which allow hunters to harvest antlerless deer, are issued for specific WMUs to help control deer populations. In several units, the target number of permits was not issued during the initial application period. In those WMUs, the State Department of Environmental Conservation will re-open the DMP application process on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hunters may apply for leftover permits at any sporting license sales outlet immediately.

### **US Economy Adds 171K Jobs; Rate Rises to 7.9 Percent** - Christopher S. Rugaber

U.S. employers added 171,000 jobs in October, and hiring was stronger in August and September than first thought. The solid job growth showed that the economy is strengthening slowly but consistently.

The unemployment rate rose to 7.9 percent from 7.8 percent in September, mainly because more people began looking for work. The government uses a separate survey to calculate the unemployment rate, and it counts people without jobs as unemployed only if they're looking for one.

Friday's report was the last major snapshot of the economy before Tuesday's elections. It's unclear what political effect the report might have. By now, all but a few voters have made up their minds, particularly about the economy, analysts say.

Since July, the economy has created an average of 173,000 jobs a month. That's up from 67,000 a month from April through June. Still, President Barack Obama will face voters with the highest unemployment rate of any incumbent since Franklin Roosevelt.

The work force — the number of people either working or looking for work — rose by 578,000 in October. And 410,000 more people said they were employed.

The influx of people seeking jobs "could be a sign that people are starting to see better job prospects and so should be read as another positive aspect to the report," said Julia Coronado, an economist at BNP Paribas.

Investors were pleased by the news. The Dow Jones industrial average futures were flat before it came out at 8:30 a.m. EDT. When stock trading began an hour later, the Dow was up about 50 points.

The yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note climbed to 1.77 percent from 1.72 percent, a sign that investors were moving money out of bonds and into stocks.

Friday's report included a range of encouraging details.

The government revised its data to show that 84,000 more jobs were added in August and

September than previously estimated. The jobs gains in October were widespread across industries. And the percentage of Americans working or looking for work rose for the second straight month.

The economy has added jobs for 25 straight months. There are now 580,000 more than when Obama took office.

But there were also signs of the economy's persistent weakness. Average hourly pay dipped a penny to \$23.58. In the past year, pay has risen just 1.6 percent. That has trailed inflation, which rose 2 percent.

The number of unemployed increased 170,000 to 12.3 million.

The October jobs report was compiled before Superstorm Sandy struck the East Coast earlier this week and devastated many businesses.

The nascent housing recovery is finally generating jobs. Construction companies added 17,000 positions, the most since January. Manufacturers added 13,000 jobs after shedding workers in the previous two months.

Professional services such as architects and computer systems providers also added jobs. So did retailers, hotels and restaurants, and education and health care. Government overall shed 13,000 jobs, after three months of gains.

The economy has shown many signs of picking up a bit in recent weeks. Americans are buying more high-cost items, like cars and appliances. Auto companies reported steady sales gains last month despite losing three days of business to the storm in heavily populated areas of the Northeast.

Yet businesses remain nervous about the economy's future course. Many are concerned that Congress will fail to reach a budget deal before January. If lawmakers can't strike an agreement, sharp tax increases and spending cuts will take effect next year and possibly trigger another recession.

American companies are also nervous about the economic outlook overseas. Europe's financial crisis has pushed much of that region into recession and cut into U.S. exports and corporate profits.

The number of unemployed increased 170,000 to 12.3 million, pushing up the unemployment rate.

### **Gunther Expects Casino Gaming Issue to Come Up Early in New Session**

MONTICELLO — State Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther believes the second passage of legislation allowing casino gaming in New York will happen early in the new session, which begins in January. It passed earlier this year and if it is approved in the new legislature and the governor signs it as he has indicated he would, it would go before the voters this time next year.

Gunther, who supports the plan, noted there are already plans in the works for gaming in Sullivan County, specifically the Empire Resorts/Entertainment Properties Trust casino-resort project in Kiamesha Lake.

That, along with other venues in the county, would be enhanced with such a hotel-resort facility, she said.

"When we have folks come up for concerts or just come for the weekend they would have a wonderful place to offer them to stay," she said. "There are some great ones like the Villa Roma right now, but what we really do is need to have more of a resort destination."

The Empire Resorts/EPT project would also see Monticello Casino and Raceway relocated from its current site in Monticello to the new venue.

### **Storm Debris Accepted at ASB Greenworld**

Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau issued the following statement: "As service to the public ASB Greenworld located at 848 Lt. Brender Hwy in the Town of Bethel will accept clean storm debris consisting of trees and brush. This type of storm debris will be converted into mulch for an environmentally friendly reuse. This would also avoid land-filling clean waste that would have a productive use."

### **SC Manager Statement Regarding Electrical Licensing Law**

Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau made the following statement, "As a reminder to the public, Sullivan County has an Electrical Licensing law that requires electricians to be licensed as a Sullivan County Master Electrician to perform electrical work in Sullivan County. As electric wires are down on private property, as a result of damage from Hurricane Sandy, they will need to be restored. The public should ask to inspect the license of the electrician to ensure that they are a Sullivan County licensed Master Electrician, or they may access a list of license holders on the Sullivan county website, or check the electrician's vehicle for a Sullivan county Master Electrician's license decal in the windshield."



**Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department**  
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**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).

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 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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**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

**SUNY Ulster Professor Presented "Real World Biz Classroom" at the recent Annual Conference of the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship**

Mindy Kole, Instructor of Business and the Director of the Darlene L. Pfeiffer Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at SUNY Ulster was a presenter at the 10th Annual Conference of the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE), held in Chicago, IL, October 7-10. The three-day conference, which marks NACCE's 10th year as a major force in entrepreneurship education, drew more than 400 community college administrators and faculty from across the nation and

- 11/7/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 11/7/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall- 7:00 pm
- 11/8/12 Christ Lutheran Church Ellenville Rummage Sale 9-3
- 11/9/12 Christ Lutheran Church Ellenville Rummage Sale 10-3
- 11/10/12 Christ Lutheran Church Ellenville Rummage Sale - BAG DAY!
- 11/10/12 14TH Annual Veterans Day Parade - Main Street, Woodbourne Line up Noon- Step off 1 pm
- 11/10/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 pm
- 11/12/12 Neversink's Veteran's Day Service/Flag Exchange Grahamsville Rural Cemetery
- 11/13/12 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting 7 pm -Denning Town Hall
- 11/14/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 11/14/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting -7:30 PM, Public Meeting -8:00 PM-
- 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 Grahamsville Reformed Church Happy Birthday Jesus Party - 1 pm
- 12/4/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall- 7:00 pm
- 12/8/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Beef Dinner - 4 - 7 pm

**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.

around the world. Over 50 learning sessions and workshops were held to share information on the work being done at community colleges across the country to support the entrepreneurial aspirations of the people they serve.

Mindy Kole presented a session entitled Real World Biz Classroom and shared information with attendees about this collaborative program at SUNY Ulster where business students work with local entrepreneurs on developing marketing and other plans for the entrepreneur's small business. "Real World Biz Classroom is a win-win," stated Prof. Kole. "Our students get to hear about and learn about the successes and everyday challenges of running a business. And the entrepreneurs get the students' fresh perspective and ideas on their business challenges at no cost. It was an honor to present this program to my NACCE colleagues from across the country and I appreciated their support and enthusiasm."

SUNY Ulster is a two-year college of the State University of New York with a strong tradition of providing exceptional education in a student-focused environment. Offering over 50 academic programs, students are prepared to succeed in a wide variety of careers and industry specific credentialing programs. SUNY Ulster serves a crucial gateway to higher education, with more than 60% of our students registered in programs designed for transfer to four-year colleges throughout the nation to complete their baccalaureate degrees.

The National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship (NACCE), is an organization of educators, entrepreneurs, and distinguished business development professionals providing quality programs and services in entrepreneurship education and serving as advocates community-based entrepreneurship. Founded in 2002, NACCE is at the heart of the "entrepreneurship movement." Through membership, an annual conference and exhibition, a quarterly journal, monthly webinars and podcasts, a dynamic list-serve, and other resources, NACCE serves as the hub for the dissemination and integration of knowledge and successful practices regarding entrepreneurship education and student business incubation. These programs and courses advance economic prosperity in the communities served by its member colleges. NACCE is a founding member of the White House-led Startup America Partnership. For more information, visit <http://www.nacce.com>.

**SUNY Ulster Children's Center Earns National Accreditation**

SUNY Ulster's Children's Center located in Stone Ridge has earned accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) - the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals. To earn NAEYC Accreditation, The Children's Center went through an extensive self-study process, measuring the program and its services against the ten NAEYC Early Childhood Program Standards and more than 400 related Accreditation Criteria. This is a five-year accreditation to September 1, 2017.

"We're proud to have earned the mark of quality from NAEYC, and to be recognized for our commitment to reaching the highest professional standards. NAEYC Accreditation lets

families in our community know that children in our program are getting the best care and early learning experiences possible," said Andrea Meyer, Children's Center Director.

"The NAEYC Accreditation system raises the bar for child care centers and other early childhood programs," said Jerlean E. Daniel, Ph.D, executive director of NAEYC. "Having earned NAEYC Accreditation is a sign that The Children's Center is a leader in a national effort to invest in high-quality early childhood education."

The Children's Center provides a full-service program for children of students, faculty and staff of the college, as well as members of the community, from ages six weeks to five years. For more information about future enrollments, call the Children's Center at (845) 687-5257.

**Diabetes Awareness Month**

Be aware that people living with diabetes can be asymptomatic, so routine doctor visits are important to screen your blood and be evaluated for risk factors. We can all lower our risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes by maintaining a healthy weight, eating a well-balanced diet, minimizing intake of trans fat and saturated fat, getting regular physical activity and by not smoking. To learn more about diabetes during Diabetes Awareness Month in November, visit the New York State Department of Health Web site at: [health.ny.gov](http://health.ny.gov). Brought to you by Ellenville Regional Hospital.

**Great American Smokeout**

Do you smoke cigarettes? Want to quit? Join others across the state and country on Thursday, November 15, when the Great American Smokeout takes place. This annual event challenges smokers like you to not smoke for 24 hours. Ellenville Regional Hospital says: One day of not smoking may motivate you to quit forever. If you quit, you will breathe easier, have more energy and lower your risk for a heart attack. For free help quitting, call the New York State Smokers' Quitline at 1-866-NYQUITS ( 1-866-697-8487). Brought to you by Ellenville Regional Hospital.

**Its all About Fly Fishing.**

The 6th Annual Arts of Angler Show will be held on November 10 & 11 at Ethan Allen Inn, Danbury CT

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**Knarf's Movie Trivia**  
**THE PUBLIC ENEMY (CRIME 1931)** - An Irish-American street punk tries to make it big in the world of organized crime. Directed by: William Wellman. James Cagney, Jean Harlow, Eddie Woods, Beryl Mercer, Donald Cook, Joan Blondell, Mae Clarke.  
Prohibition gangster's rise and fall put Cagney on the map, and deservedly so; he makes up for film's occasional flaws and dated notions. Still pretty powerful, this is the one where Cagney smashes a grapefruit in Clarke's face. Originally released at 96m. **"On TCM! This Saturday, November 10, 2012, at 6:00 AM, B/W-84 MIN, Rated TV-PG."**  
**Quiz: 1.** Who played Mamie?  
**2.** Who played Matt, as a boy?

**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 oreating with truths from the soul, at 2:00 PM on Sunday December 9, 2012 at Green County County Community Collage. Don't miss this highly creative young man's presentation.

- **GRAHAMSVILLE - DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY**  
**Adult Programs** - An Inspiration to Get ThoseCreative Juices Flowing! *The Daniel Pierce Library* is pleased to offer a variety of programming for adults interested in developing creative interests:

**Alchemy Poets**—Are you or someone you know an aspiring writer? Don't be shy! The Alchemy Poets meet third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. to share and discuss one another's poetry.

**Cathy's Home Cooking on a Budget**— Food always brings people together! Whether you are a novice in the kitchen or an experienced cook, Cathy's Home Cooking on a Budget offers a fun-filled culinary experience for all! The fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Community Room.

**DPL Painters**— Pictures are built of marks and everyone can make them! DPL Painters is an evening of discovery for beginners and experienced artists the second Thursday of each month with instructor, **Helena Clare Pittman**. Each evening of art-making begins with a discussion of an artist's work and its place in art history. Helena then offers a project and medium to work with, as well as guidance in the creative process.

**First Friday Book Discussion Group**—Are you up for a good read? Interested in exploring the themes of literary works in a relaxed atmosphere? The First Friday Book Discussion Group meets the first Friday of every month at 1p.m.

**Rosemary's Knitting Club**— **Rosemary Mierop**, one of our star volunteers, shares her knitting expertise with beginners and experienced knitters alike on Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m.

**Studio Monday Artists**— Bring your brushes, bring your paints! And join an amenable group of aspiring artists in an encouraging environment. The Studio Monday artists gather in the Community Room weekly, Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



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