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*The Olive Jar* -Carol Lamonda- Pg. 6

## Roast Pork Dinner to Help Repair Flood Damage to Claryville Reformed Church



The Claryville Reformed Church suffered considerable damage during the recent floods.

Probably the highest and most destructive floods in remembered history struck the Claryville area and Northeast a few weeks ago. The Claryville Reformed Church was not spared. The flood waters got behind the stonewall in front of the church and reached the foundation sending water into the basement and debris into the cemetery and their community garden which was muddied.

The fellowship hall bore the brunt of the water. The carpet in the Pastor's office had to be removed and all the furniture and stuff moved into the fellowship hall. The creek dug a six foot hole by the foundation exposing the

oil tank and cutting a similar hole diagonally across the lawn back to the creek. The wheel chair ramp was lifted with mud and a tree limb. One women's room wall was wet. The lawn is now more sand than dirt and grass. The propane tank, which was full, in the back of the fellowship hall is gone and down river somewhere.

The church is holding a roast pork dinner on Saturday, October 22nd from 4-7 at the church hall. All funds raised will be used to repair flood damage at the hall and property.

## Sennett Confident and Strong, Carnright Shrinks in First Debate

Jon Sennett former Bronx Assistant District Attorney and prominent Kingston lawyer clearly wins first debate, as Carnright struggles to answer questions about his record. The Daily Freeman in Kingston held the first debate in the election for Ulster County District Attorney and Jon Sennett stands out confident and strong as Holley Carnright struggles to defend his record. The two hour debate which was broadcasted live on the Internet, showed a clear contrast in candidates and demeanor. (Contd. Pg. 12)



Jon Sennett, Democratic candidate for Ulster County DA

## Snakes and More at Jake's Event



The weather was beautiful on Saturday the 17th. The workers and volunteers were busily manning and setting up their booths that included hands on booths and demonstrations and a special show by Scott Matthews from Benelli, who not only gave a spectacular show but stayed around and signed various items for the youth. There also was an educational and hands on show with the Snake Man who gave a very special presentation with a variety of poisonous of snakes. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## Local Tri-Valley Student First Runner Up in the Miss Teenage NY International Beauty Pageant



Congratulations to Brianna Worden who was First Runner Up in the Miss Teenage New York International Beauty Pageant that was held at the Villa Roma Resort and Conference Center in Callicoon this past weekend. Brianna's platform was Neurofibromatosis Awareness. A victim of this genetic disorder herself, Brianna expressed confidence in her speech as she explained the disorder to the audience. She made it very clear that nothing can stop the beauty that shines from within, and was a shining example of never giving up hope and remaining courageous.

Brianna is a freshman at Tri-Valley High School. She is the daughter of Janna Comando-Worden and Rob Worden, and the granddaughter of Vivian Worden of Neversink and Frank and Linda Comando of Sundown.

Brianna was the winner of the People's Choice Award and she currently holds the crown of 2011-12 Miss Teenage Sullivan County.

## A Fish by Another Name

FERNDALE, NY - The brown trout featured in the logo promoting Roscoe, NY as the Ultimate Fishing Town has a name. After a month long contest to "Name the Fish", with over a hundred entries, the name chosen is "Hatch". Fifteen judges were given the entries without knowing who had submitted them. With a final vote from the judges, the name Hatch inched out Caster by one vote.

The lucky winner is Everett Kunz, a 14 year old young man from Roscoe who is a real fan of fishing. Hatch was announced at the recent Roscoe Fall Festival and Everett received a basket of prizes including a painting by Jack Yelle, fishing reel from the World Fishing Network, fishing lures from the Dette's Shop and an assortment of other goodies.

Roscoe is proud of its World Fishing Town, USA designation after competing against other fishing destinations throughout the United States earlier this year. It came down to the final day of competition, with the entire County of Sullivan and its supporters voting to edge out Waddington, NY and win the award.

Roscoe, the Sullivan County Catskills and Hatch again would like to thank everyone who participated in the vote and the contest and especially Everett for his entry.

Congratulations Everett!

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, and with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright.  
II Samuel 22:26

**OBITUARY**

Diane M. Kern, a lifetime area resident, passed away suddenly at Catskill Regional Medical Center, Harris, on Sunday, September 25, 2011. She was 46.

The daughter of Peter R. Pezzella and Dawn Yarnes, she was born March 3, 1965 in Liberty, NY. Diane is survived by her father and step-mother, Peter and Barbara Pezzella of Rock Hill; her mother, Dawn Gorton and her companion, Al Picard of Woodbourne, NY; her companion, Ralph Soules at home; a son, Blake Case of Liberty; daughters, Kacia Kern of Swan Lake and Anissa Avery of Swan Lake; brother, Robert Pezzella of Rock Hill; sister, Tina Pezzella of Woodbourne; 11 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Funeral Service was held Saturday, October 1, 2011 at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church in Grahamsville, NY. The Rev. Robert Kersten officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made in Diane's name to the Alzheimer's Association, 2 Jefferson Plaza, Suite 203, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

**NOTE OF THANKS**

The Sundown Ladies Aid would like to take the opportunity to thank the many helpers, people who donated items, suppliers, guests and friends who made our Harvest Fair such a success again this year. Our thanks to those who either purchased items from some of our many tables that we had set up or just enjoyed lunch, which included homemade soup and pies made by some of our great cooks! We appreciate everyone who came out and supported us.

Hope to see you at our next fair and may God Bless Everyone!

**DAYS OF YOKE...**

**Today's History**

**September 26, 1951** - Mr. Warren Many of Grahamsville, Neversink's oldest resident, celebrated his 94th birthday Thursday. Mr. Many, a retired farmer and former school teacher, was born on Red Hill, the son of Robert Thompson and Elvira Bennett Many.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rose were guests of honor at a surprise party given by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rose on Saturday to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary.

Bruce Denman Jr. of Grahamsville was called for an army pre-induction physical examination on Monday. Mr. Denman has been employed at the Sullivan County National Bank in Liberty since his graduation from Rider College this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Kortright and daughter Sharon attended the Earl Kortright family reunion on Sunday. The occasion was celebrated with a clam bake held at the Clifford Kortright place at Aden. 28 members of the family attended.

The engagement of Miss Ethel Low of Goshen to Mr. Paul Benton of Liberty has been announced. Miss Low is the daughter of Mrs. Abram D. Low and the late Mr. Low who were former residents of Lows Corners.

**September 27, 1961** - Miss Lillian Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smith of Divine Corners, became the bride of Raymond Bauernfeind, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bauernfeind of Beechwoods, on Sunday, Sept. 10th. The bride is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is employed at the National Bank of Liberty. The groom is a graduate of Callicoon Central School and is a self employed truck driver.

The plank bridge at Beaver Dam has passed away. To those of us who grew up on South Hill, the rumble of wheels going over it was part and parcel of a very good and happy life. Evocative memories of things past have short shrift in today's world. Still, to listen for the R.F.D. carrier on Saturday morning can be magic for a growing boy or girl; and in twenty minutes to hear the rumble of the plank bridge as he completed his circuit, was just one more sign that all was right with the world.

**October 6, 1971** - Miss Rose Louella Rutledge and Mr. James Elmond Allison were united in marriage on Sunday, October 3rd at the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Kingston, N.Y. The new Mrs. Allison is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rutledge. James Allison is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison.

Temperatures on Saturday morning were 32 at Peekamoose, 34 at Sundown and 36 at

Greenville. The frost lay heavy on the meadowland along the highway from Sundown to Yeagerville.

At the annual dinner meeting of the Dairy Herd Improvement Cooperative, at the Youngsville Fire House on October 4th, Ross Bonnell received the trophy for high herd on D.H.I.C. with 17,739 lbs. of mild and 621 lbs. of fat. He also received the trophy for most improved herd.

**October 1, 1981** - Airman William W. Schulte, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Schulte of Grahamsville, has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill. after completing basic training. The Airman will now receive specialized instruction in the Avionics Systems field. He is a 1981 graduate of Tri-Valley.

Col. John O. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Davis of Rocky Hill Road, Grahamsville, has been awarded the Legion of Merit, the nation's fifth highest medal. Davis, Director of Logistics at Norton Air Force Base, Calif., was awarded the medal for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States.

On September 6, 1981, Keri Ann Flynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Flynn of Grahamsville and Timothy Alan Manell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Manell, Big Hollow Rd., Grahamsville, were united in marriage at Kings in Livingston Manor. The Rev. Steven Shick officiated. After a wedding trip to the Poconos, the happy couple will make their home in Walden.

Elthea Many happily announces the birth of her 8th great-grandchild born September 27, 1981 to Keith and Pam Zanetti of Grahamsville. The youngster who was named Amy Jean, weighed in at 8 lbs. 2 oz. The proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Merton Lockhart and Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Zanetti.

**Gillibrand, Graham to Help 250,000 Vietnam Vets Harmed by Agent Orange, but Ignored by Feds Due to Technicality in the Law - Current Law Would Require VA to Provide Benefits for Service Members Exposed to Agent Orange On Dry Ground, But Ignores Vets in the Water- Gillibrand, Graham Introduce Legislation to Cover Illnesses from Agent Orange, Study Effects on Vets' Children**

U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) introduced legislation to ensure that more than 250,000 Navy veterans from the Vietnam War exposed to the powerful toxin Agent Orange will be eligible to receive the disability and health care benefits they have earned for diseases linked to Agent Orange exposure. During the Vietnam War, the U.S. military sprayed approximately 20 million gallons of Agent Orange in Vietnam to remove jungle foliage. This toxic chemical had devastating effects for millions serving in Vietnam. In 1991, Congress passed a law requiring the Veterans Administration (VA) to provide presumptive coverage to Vietnam veterans with illnesses that the Institute of Medicine has directly linked to Agent Orange exposure. However, in 2002 the VA determined that it would only cover Veterans who could prove that they had orders for "boots on the ground" during the Vietnam War. This exclusion affects as many as 250,000 sailors who may have still received significant Agent Orange exposure from receiving VA benefits.

"Because of technicality in the law, hundreds of thousands of American veterans are being denied the benefits they need and deserve," Senator Gillibrand said. "Our government must fulfill its commitment to the service members who have fallen victim to Agent Orange-related disease and enact new legislation that will provide our vets with the disability compensation and healthcare benefits they have earned. Agent Orange is a very difficult chapter in our nation's history. It is time that we correct the errors of the past."

"This is a legacy issue that needs to be dealt with," said Senator Graham. "There are Vietnam vets who are suffering from Agent-Orange related illnesses and we need to ensure they are getting the care they need. It's now time to ensure the government takes care of their needs which were incurred during their defense of our nation." (Contd. Pg. 10)

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy**

Condolences to the Hill family on the passing of Don Hill of Grahamsville, and to the Pezzella family on the passing of Diane Pezzella Kerns, formerly of Grahamsville.

A belated Happy Birthday to Martha Lee TerBush who celebrated her day on September 30th.

Eileen Minarsky wants to remind everyone that the Fallsburg Pool is now open for swimming classes. Call her at 985-7011 for more information.

Have a good week and God Bless!  
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

**Jake's Event (From Pg. 1)**

John Kelder from Ducks Unlimited brought his prize Black Labrador, who is the only Master Hunter dog in Sullivan County and will be going on to show in the Nationals. The State Police dog was also a very interesting & exciting exhibit for adults and children alike. The Parks Department, fly tyer Mike Cannazon & other fly tyers (which included several JAKES members who also tie) & casters were present to demonstrate their knowledge and skills for the fishermen & women in the group. The Sullivan County Long Beards Boys Scouts Venturing Crew also manned a table seeking recruits for their shooting team.

The Long Beards members were everywhere in their SCLB STAFF T-shirts. There were over 60 members and volunteers available to assist in all the goings on. Blue-Bird houses and turkey calls were made along with some very new donut makers. The free raffles that were donated by the vendors were youth bows by both Dream Archers & Travis Archery, a wood carved bear by Dan Frisbee from Roscoe and the Morgans gave away a beautiful gray bunny.

There were 20 20" boy & girls bikes and 20 pellet guns as prizes. The rest of the children received a slate turkey call they could take home and put together with their parents. Robert Green, from The Robert Green dealership in Monticello generously donated 400 hats for the group imprinted with his and the Long Beards names. There were 360 children attending and 326 of those became JAKES members. Depending on their age, they will either receive a quarterly JAKES magazine or have access to the EXTREME JAKES website with their membership number. There were quite a few very generous donors and co-sponsors. Please look for our thank you ad in a later paper. We annually thank our donors with this ad and ask that you check it out and remember them as you do your shopping. Remember, without these very generous donors, we would not be able to make our events as special as they are. They are the backbone of our County.

**Hello Neighbors and Goodbye Irene**

by Karl Connell

I went to bed Saturday, August 27, with Irene sounding like the quiet murmur of the small brook beyond the driveway past the Stone House. I awoke the next morning - 13 inches of rain later - with Irene sounding like the charge of the Light Brigade at full gallop. To avoid the Florida hurricane season, I had spent the month of August at the Stone House on the West Branch of the Neversink River in the Catskills Mountains 120 miles Northwest of New York City. The Stone House and upper Neversink are in a narrow cold valley, most appropriately named Frost Valley. This valley runs south from Slide Mountain, at over 4,000 feet, the Catskills' highest, for a distance of 14 miles to join the East Branch and form the Neversink River.

The radio reported that Irene was likely to devastate Long Island and the New England shoreline, so without concern on Saturday I attended the annual meeting of the Catskill Landowners Association in another valley and spent that afternoon playing a game of chess with an old friend. The game ended in a draw so I was invited to spend the night - I believe because he wanted to avenge the draw. However, an inner instinct told me it was time to return to Frost Valley. There the radio reported Irene had chosen to veer west up the Hudson Valley rather than following the Atlantic Coast.

I went to bed early, but at the first shade of light I was awakened by a great roar, the river was no longer 100 yards away, it was near the Stone Wall just in front of the Stone House. In color the river had turned from gin clear to a forbidding red and risen to not only cover and sweep away the Frost Valley Road but also cover the entire valley floor. It was up to the top guard rail on the bridge over the small brook now indistinguishable from the mighty torrent.

There are two rocky bends just down river from the Stone House and the road along their edge was completely washed away, so there was no way to drive to the south. To the north Slide Mountain had lived up or I should say down to its name. The road had slid away and the Esopus River had gouged out a 40 foot deep 70 feet wide Little Grand Canyon. With no electricity, no telephone, no running water and no exit one might become depressed, but to the contrary

practically the entire population of Frost Valley, amounting to about a score, had to stop by the Stone House since it was near where the road became a roaring rapids. We all shared stories and tea heated on the wood stove.

And neighbors in need are good neighbors indeed. My nearest neighbors are Paul and Katie Metzger with their three children, Sam, Stella and Arlo. Although the Frost Valley Road was half gone right at the entrance to their driveway, Paul, knowing I was alone, negotiated the perilous wash out with a 4 wheel drive vehicle to see how I was doing. He noticed a fair sized maple tree on his side of Schofield Brook had fallen across it and impaled my garage roof. Facetiously, I asked him if he remembered the (non-existent) letters I had written him about this leaning tree. Laughing he came back with his trusty Stihl Chain Saw and started working on the roof. In a few hours that tree was a pile of logs cut into a cord of firewood.

Next Irene had blocked my access to the road by carving out a three foot wide and three foot deep ditch in my driveway. There was no way to get my rental car out of the back yard. Along came the Claryville potter, Ann Cramer and a neighbor, David White. They helped fill in a place down a field less deep so at least I could get the car to the road. Then two new neighbors, whom I had never met before, Sherill Tippins and Bob McCoy, showed up. With no electricity, I had no water other than a bathtub filled as a precaution. So I sent Bob 600 odd feet straight up the edge of Schofield brook to see if he could find the abandoned spring and turn it on. He did and returned in awe of the magnificent cataract into which the tiny brook had turned. Then my neighbors, sister Gioia and Mitchell Brock, relieved my diet of hot dogs and buns, by treating me to some of the best food ever cooked on a wood stove. And last but certainly most thanks to Jerry Huncosky, who heads up the YMCA, whose equipment was marooned over in the East Branch. He recruited Dave Estes to man his mighty back hoe, working from dawn to dusk to make the roads barely passable at the rocky bends. His sister Abigail was there too. She to changed the metal shoes on the machine and performing other maintenance tasks as necessary.

If it was one lady, Irene, who got me into this pickle, it was another, my daughter, Gioia, who got me out. Communicating through Paul Metzger, who had a generator and a satellite hook up, she left her car at Round Pond on the nearest unblocked road and hiked three miles down into the Valley through the woods on Tuesday so we, the first ones out, could hike up the Valley wall some three miles Wednesday morning. It is a pleasure to know I can skip a stress test this year, survive on a hot dog diet, be back at my winter residence and hopefully never have another date with Irene.

Goodbye Irene forever!

**TVCS District Superintendent's Message**

Dear Community Members,

I would like to remind everyone that next Thursday, October 6th, we will be having a "Go Home Early" drill. Students will be dismissed at 2:00. They will take the bus to the alternate site you have identified with the Elementary or Secondary School Office instead of your home.

This drill is done in case of an emergency and the District has to send the students home during the course of the day. Your cooperation in this is very important. We appreciate your cooperation with the school in making this a successful process.

There is no school for students on Friday, October 7th. It is a Superintendent's Conference Day and there is no school on Monday, October 10th, Columbus Day.

If you are on campus next week, we are working on a new bus line-up for our students. We are looking at alternate ways to line up our buses for the safety of our students as well as a more efficient way to load our buses. Please remember that when you pick up your child(ren) in the afternoon, be observant of the buses and do not to park or drive through the bus parking area. We will have additional staff to assist you to make this a smooth transition.

Last year, I held "Superintendent's Chats" to talk with the school community on issues that are important to you, questions you may have, or ideas you may want to share. My first community "Superintendent's Chat" for this school year will be October 12th at 7:00 - 8:30 am in the District Office. I look forward to speaking with you.

Take Care,  
Tom Palmer  
Superintendent

**SPIDERS** By Peggy DeWire

As I hung out the morning laundry, I was much more interested in the small spider webs around me on the ground, each with its load of dazzling dewdrops. They looked like diamond lace doilies in the sunlight. These small grass spiders were one of the 650 kinds in the Northeast U.S.

And they brought back a Florida childhood memory of a broken promise that caused my dad to yell at me - my easy-going loving father who helped me collect insects.



I had dumped my glass jar with the morning's catch on our back porch table and stood expecting his approval of the

assortment. Instead he roared, "You promised never to catch spiders and you broke your word. Bad girl, Peggy! Look here at those two Black Widows."

"But Dad, I never touched them - just flipped them in the jar with a blade of grass like you showed me with biting bugs. I'm sorry! I won't ever get spiders again."

"You'd better not, young lady!" he advised, adding dire threats of no more collecting insects for me.

That afternoon I got educated about spiders belonging to the class of Arachnids, animals with eight jointed legs, two body parts and a hard outer skeleton. There are 30,000 species worldwide. Some relatives are scorpions, lobsters and daddy-long-legs.

Then we continued with the poisonous Black Widow (*Latrodectus mactans*) that live in southern U.S., southern Europe, Australia and warm weather countries worldwide.

I learned that Black Widows are a 1/2" to 1" black spider with a bright red hourglass marking on the underside. They weave a loose web in dark corners of barns, basements and shady outdoor spots. A Black Widow is a comb-footed spider that wraps its prey in sticky silk thread using the combs on its long black legs. Its fangs deliver a venomous bite that has killed humans.

The other deadly spider in the U.S. is the Brown Recluse (*Loxocoeles recluse*) found in our southern states and warm countries worldwide. They are 1" size, and are an overall muddy brown color. Its bite rarely kills people but the takes a year to heal.

For bites from these two spiders get to your doctor quickly. Remember that all Arachnids have venom to kill prey but most are too small to puncture human skin.

The American Tarantula, a Wolf spider, (*Lycosidae*), is as big as your hand. It makes an underground burrow with a trap door. It looks scary but is supposedly harmless.

However, the European Tarantula bit and killed many people years ago around the town of Taranto Italy. Back then doctors believed that one cure was to have the victims get up and dance, so the Tarantella got its name.

A spider has a two-part body: the head and thorax combined and the abdomen. Attached to the head are poison glands, eight jointed legs, two palps (feelers) and two jaws. Each jaw is tipped with a hollow fang through which poison is pumped into the prey. All these front body parts are controlled by muscles inside the skeleton. On top of the head are eight eyes that enable jumping spiders to locate prey. Most web-weavers feel the vibrations of a struggling insect with their legs. The second part of a spider's body contains the lungs, stomach and glands that make liquid silk which leaves the spider's body through little tubes called spinnerets at the back end of the abdomen.

Spiders have five silk glands that produce different threads, some sticky or smooth, white or transparent. All are used for different purposes like safety lines and egg sack covering. Baby spiderlings spin one long thread and go ballooning away on a breeze to a new place. Orb weavers trap and wrap insects then eat the whole meal, silk and all.

Each kind of spider spins its own characteristic web shape. Garden spiders form the lovely wagon wheel pattern. They're called orb weavers. Ground spiders make funnel webs and hide in the tips. Grass spiders spin panel or sheet webs. Jumping and crab spiders don't weave webs. House spiders make familiar cobwebs.

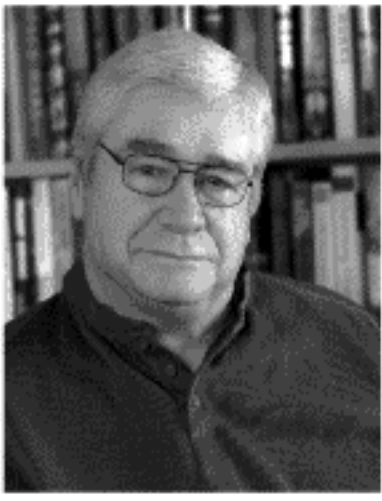
My dad ended by telling me that Greek legend about Arachne, a lady who boasted of being the world's best weaver to the goddess Athena who turned her into a spider instantly.

I have to share Miss Muffet's feelings about spiders. I've never collected another one since that day long ago.

**Helpful Hint from Mary****Measuring Cups**

Before you pour sticky substances into a measuring cup, fill with hot water. Dump out the hot water, but don't dry cup. Next, add your ingredient (peanut butter, honey, etc.) and watch how easily it comes right out.

## MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 20



By John Dwaine McKenna

It's confession time. I'm going to admit to "fudging some," as Grammie Jocelyn used to say, because I'm referring to my notes for this week's MBR NO. 20. I actually read it last spring. The reason for using notes is because all kinds of details are cropping up with the November 15 publication date for the Neversink Chronicles (full details on my website, click on LATEST NEWS), and I haven't had time for reading. Please bear with me folks, it'll get better soon . . . I promise.

With apologies for the shameless self-promotion and endorsement, this week's MBR is *The Four Stages of Cruelty* by Keith Hollihan (Thomas Dunne, \$25.99, 294 pages, ISBN 978-0-312-59247-9) it's a first novel and, oh boy, it's a prison book.

You may have a job you love to hate; you might even work in a prison . . . but I'd bet none of you ever worked in a place like the fictional and "nightmarish" Dittsmarsh Penitentiary located somewhere in the Midwest United States. This novel's got so many twists and turns, it's like being dropped in the middle of a cornfield maze - blindfolded! And it's all because of a missing, inmate-drawn work of art which hides a secret so important some are willing to kill for it. Guards, inmates and administrators are all mixed up in a stew of intrigue so thick you'll be unable to tell the good ones from the bad ones right down to the last page. This book will keep you busy long after you were supposed to go do chores. I can't wait to see what Keith Hollihan writes next. He's good.

The new Daniel Pierce Library and The Time and the Valleys Museum is not just good . . . it's "double-DOG" good as Schwartz said just before he TRIPLE-Dog dared poor Flick into sticking his tongue to the frozen flag pole in *A Christmas Story*. Check it out. Don't be a bonehead! You know why . . . because "One civilized reader is worth a thousand boneheads." H.L. Mencken

And don't get your panties in a wad if you've missed a Mysterious Book Report, either. They're all on my website: [johndwainemckenna.com](http://johndwainemckenna.com) along with the newest news about the Neversink Chronicles, book lists, a free story, and, you can comment, suggest, critique or ask a question, click on CONTACT.

If you'd rather do it the traditional way: John Dwaine McKenna, P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO. 80901

I'll look for you next week . . . reading a good book.

--- JDM

### CWC Board approves flood recovery fund for businesses - allocates \$245,000 for Sullivan County businesses in Towns within the New York City Watershed

Grahamsville - Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau applauded the announcement by the Catskill Watershed Corporation's creation of the 2011 Flood Recovery Grant Program for businesses in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed that sustained structural damage to their buildings as a result of flooding from Tropical Storms Irene and Lee may receive assistance from a new program approved by the Board of Directors of the Catskill Watershed Corporation September 13. "This assistance is vitally important to businesses that were affected by these storms and the resulting floods and loss of power. All too often small businesses get lost in the shuffle when federal and state programs assess damages under statutory criteria," said Fanslau

Meeting in special session, the CWC Board authorized the 2011 Flood Recovery Grant Program to help for-profit enterprises get back on their feet, using money from the Catskill Fund for the Future (CFF), the CWC's economic development fund. The Board also approved establishment of a separate recovery fund using money that can be donated by outside entities. The rules for this fund have not yet been finalized, but grants would be available for both businesses and non-profit organizations and institutions. For information on how to contribute to this fund, please contact CWC Executive Director Alan Rosa at 845-586-1400. "We want to help stores, shops, salons, mills and other small businesses that are the heart of the Catskills' economy to get back in business as soon as possible," Rosa said. "Functioning businesses will allow our communities to recover from this disaster, and will help us resume life as we know it and love it in this beautiful region."

The new, \$5 million CFF program will provide a maximum of \$30,000 to businesses for labor and materials needed to repair walls, floors, foundations, windows and fixed improvements damaged in the storms of August 28 and September 9. The business portions of home-based companies are eligible for repair grants, but residences are not. Inventory losses, income loss, or expenses covered by insurance or other grants are not reimbursable. Non-profits, mobile home park operators or apartment building owners are not eligible for assistance, nor are multi-state franchises or chain stores.

The program allocates funds for each of the five counties in the Catskill-Delaware New York City Watershed, based on the percentage of Watershed land in each county. Delaware will receive up to \$2,573,000, Greene \$931,500, Schoharie \$220,500, Sullivan \$245,000 and Ulster \$1,029,500.

The Supervisors of Watershed Towns in each county will decide how to divide their county's allocation among affected municipalities, and it will be the Supervisors of those municipalities who will provide CWC with a list of businesses needing reconstruction help.

CWC staff will contact affected businesses, determine eligibility, and complete paper work, coordinating with flood insurance, participating agencies and other charities. The respective town boards must approve each grant and disbursement request. Businesses will also have the option of applying for low-interest loans through the Catskill Fund for the Future. The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

For more information about this press release, please contact David Fanslau, County Manager, at 845-807-0450.

### UC Executive Mike Hein Proclaims October Domestic Violence Awareness Month

On October 3rd at the Ulster County office building remarks by the County Executive, advocates, and others dedicated to shining a light on domestic violence were heard by those attending the event.

The County Office building will be illuminated with purple lights and all County vehicles will have purple ribbon stickers during the month of October to bring awareness to the problem of domestic abuse.

Speakers included: Michael P. Hein, Ulster County Executive; Walter Frey, Ulster County Legislator; Holley Carnright, Ulster County District Attorney; Paul Van Blarcum, Ulster County Sheriff, or a representative; Madeline Miller, Ulster County Senior Crime Victim Counselor; Kathleen Welby-Moretti, Director of Family Domestic Violence Services; Emily Trotter-Bodie, Assistant Director of The Washbourne House; Survivors of domestic violence

Domestic violence is a serious problem that affects too many Ulster County families each year. Bringing awareness to the problem and providing valuable information are the first steps in preventing further abuse.

### Village of Monticello Halloween Parade

The Village of Monticello, working in cooperation with the local business community and youth groups, is organizing a HALLOWEEN PARADE on Sunday October 30th!

Families, individuals, community groups, youth groups, businesses and civic organizations are invited to march in the parade and participate in the festivities. Now that the construction is completed, the parade will be back on Broadway! Groups are encouraged to decorate floats and enter them in the parade to make the event as festive as possible! Prizes will be awarded for the best costumes and floats!

Line-up for the parade will start at 2PM at the parking lot on the corner of St. John Street and Broadway (across from the courthouse). The parade will step off at 3PM and will travel down Broadway, ending at the Ted Stroebele Center (Neighborhood Facility) on Jefferson Street.

Young people will be able to enjoy food, live entertainment, a haunted house, games and other Halloween-related festivities at the Neighborhood Facility that will be organized by the Monticello Parks & Recreation Department in cooperation with local youth groups such as the YMCA, Community Progressive Response (CPR), Dream Tank, and others. Families and community organizations are also invited to participate in a "trunk or treat" in the parking lot by decorating their car trunk and handing out candy.

To participate, please fill out the form ATTACHED and FAX it to (845) 794-2327 or mail it to: Monticello Village Hall, 2 Pleasant Street, Monticello, NY 12701. For more info call John LiGreci at (845) 794-6130 x 306.

### Free Tetanus Vaccinations for Residents, Volunteers and Emergency Responders Involved in Post-storm Clean-up Efforts

The Ulster County Department of Health is making free tetanus vaccinations available, to all Ulster County residents, volunteers and emergency responders, 18 years of age and older, who have been involved in post-storm clean-up efforts.

Tetanus is a serious bacteriological disease, which can be transmitted through open cuts and puncture wounds associated with handling debris during the clean-up process. The Ulster County Department of Health recommends that individuals involved in clean-up efforts receive a tetanus vaccination as a sensible precautionary measure.

The free Tetanus vaccinations are available, by appointment, at the following locations:

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Ulster County Department of Health Clinic  
Reformed Church of Saugerties/Chapel  
16 John Street  
Saugerties, NY 12477  
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### National Fire Prevention Week Begins October 9

Metro NY North Red Cross urges people to make sure they have smoke alarms in their homes.

As the country marks National Fire Prevention Week October 9-15, the American Red Cross Metro New York North, which serves Greenwich, Westchester and the Lower Hudson Valley, is urging everyone to help save lives by making sure their home is protected by smoke alarms.

"The largest percentage of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or alarms that don't work," said Mary Young, chief executive officer, Metro NY North Red Cross. "Smoke alarms provide a few minutes of advance warning in the event of a home fire, and that extra time can save lives."

People who do not have smoke alarms in their home should have them installed, and those with smoke alarms should make sure they have been properly maintained and updated.

Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of the home, as well as inside bedrooms, and outside sleeping areas of the home. People should test their smoke alarms once a month by pushing the test button, and replace alarm batteries at least once a year.

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## The Olive Jar - by Carol LaMonda Alphabet Crisis

Help! We have too many capital letters in the alphabet as we try to repair damage from Hurricanes Irene and Lee and the recent deluge. I am convinced if we could just trade in some of these capitals for some lowercase ones, we would be much better off. Our problem is we, in Olive, have a business district still covered in mud and in need of cleaning crews, plumbers, carpenters and electricians. Notice that they are all spelled in lower case letters. They are being held up by funds from FEMA and various insurance companies with too many capitals in their title. To complicate matters, agencies like the DEC have jurisdiction over some areas, and the DEP has jurisdiction over others. When roads wash out, highway departments divide into UC (Ulster County), S of NY (State of New York) or T of O (Town of Olive). Then again, we could call in the Army Corps. of Engineers (U. S. of A) to help with the reconstruction. The bottom line, however, is the GOP and the DEMS on State and Federal levels, have yet to agree on funding that will pay for all these organizations to help.

Imagine the task of removing trees from a stream. The access road is County of Ulster. No one can own the stream, so the trees have to be picked up, removed and put somewhere before the creek or stream bed can be dug out and re-contoured to divert water. To where? Who knows? No one, these days, wants more of the muddy stuff. There seems to be no one CAPITAL LETTER agency that can coordinate the EPA, DEC, DEP, NYC, UC, FEMA, RRA, and AC of E. We need loggers, bulldozers, excavators, and cherry-pickers, again all lower case letters., but they can't begin to work until all these "Initialed-capital-lettered" groups sort out who does what, and, what's more important, who pays for what.

Know who is making money? Whoever prints the reams of paper and produces the red tape and hoops to jump through for permission and funding. Time to rebel against capital letters and let the lower case alphabet get to work. The only capital letters Olive, and Shandaken, and Margaretville, Prattsville, Windham and Schoharie need right now can be written in the silt and mud. Those letters are HELP!

## Olive Muse - Charlie Blumstein

### Onteora Awakened, or Back to Business as Usual?

The Sept. 27 meeting of the Onteora Central School District Board of Trustees featured the presentation of a Long Range Planning Report by Dr. Richard Timbs of Bernard P. Donegan Inc., a municipal financial consulting firm. Dr. Timbs is a former school Superintendent as well as a former BOCES Superintendent. The 27 page report and an audio file of the presentation have been posted on the OCSD website located at: <http://www.onteora.k12.ny.us>. The report addresses the long term fiscal viability of OCSD along with various ways to deal with the accelerating trends of rapidly declining enrollment, compounded by rapidly escalating employee salary, benefit and retirement costs which have been the prime drivers of the rapidly escalating Real Property Tax levy over the past decade.

The report indicates that with current spending levels and the projected increases in salary, benefits and retirement costs, there will be a \$2 million deficit by 2015 and an astounding \$11.6 million deficit in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Dr. Timbs explained that a combination of declining state aid, decreasing enrollment (25% drop since 2006), large increases in benefit and retirement costs, unfunded mandates imposed by the state and federal governments and the 2% tax cap (passed by Gov. Cuomo last year), has created an unsustainable situation.

As to how to cope with the rapidly approaching perfect storm, Dr. Timbs made several recommendations such as "right sizing the district" by closing a school, negotiating employee contracts as a means of reducing benefit costs, implement early retirement incentives for long term employees and also lobby Albany for more money, although he said "that would bring you about 50 cents."

Few people in Olive were surprised to hear of the looming budget debacle unfolding at OCSD due to the report produced by the OCSD Budget Advisory Committee which was presented three and a half years ago at the school board meeting of 3-4-08, and which arrived at the same conclusions. Seemingly, the present board chose to ignore the BAC report of 2008 while the projections have accelerated, making the current projected deficits far worse than originally thought.

The mission statement of the BAC report presented to the Onteora School Board on 3-4-08, which is archived on the school district website under board minutes for that date, in part reads: "Come to grips with escalating budget and declining enrollment." "Obligation to say things in public that will be unpopular, uncomfortable and necessary." "Continued freefall declining enrollment." (sadly, this trend has accelerated in the three and a half years since the BAC report.)

"Window of opportunity... Fiscal changes now will reverse devastating trend." "Ratio of teaching and non-teaching staff to class rooms significantly higher than surrounding districts." "Must reduce current (2008) budget by \$12 million." Under "Short Term Recommendations", we find: "Increase employee contributions to benefit packages." "Align better with current business practices." "Potential savings vary, depending on contract negotiation." Under "Long Term Recommendations", we find: Eliminate lifetime benefits for retirees." "District plan to reduce average teacher salaries." "Incentive for long term employees to retire early." "Reduce entry level salaries." "Close an elementary school." "Create a master plan of a 5-8 middle school." "Decrease operating and maintenance costs." "Sale of unused schools." Under "Conclusions", the committee advised the board that the process must be an "on going endeavor", "Budgeting cannot be from year to year, it has to be a long range plan", and finally the 40 million dollar question: "What if we do nothing?"

The answer to that question lies in the very costly consultants report presented by Dr. Timbs to the board on 9-27-11 confirms the conclusions arrived at by the volunteer BAC committee back in 2008. Will the OCSD Board of Trustees take heed this time around before the district founders are on the rocky shoals of the Isles of Bonding and Upper Taxony?

Stay tuned for a response from current OCSD board members in a future column. If you are not ill over this, have a great week!

## From the Ulster County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee:

### PERSEN HOUSE KINGSTON, NY

On Sat. Oct 1st, 2011 at 11 AM, the Ulster County Civil War Sesquicentennial Committee, UCCWSC, unveiled the Civil War Display Case at the Historic Persen House located on the corner of Crown and John Streets in Uptown Kingston. Designed by co-chair and Textile Specialist, Candace Schuster, loaned items will be on display every Saturday in October from 10am-2pm and guided tours can be taken of the living history museum as well.

We were able to successfully share with the visitors and guests the rich history that exists here in Ulster County. After the salute to the Flag, co-chairs Shirley Anson, Laura Smith and Candace Schuster welcomed guests speakers, UC Clerk Nina Postupak who gave a brief description of UC's mission in the Archives and Records Dept. Next, David Keehn from the UC Historical Society Headquarters at the Bevier House, portrayed Lt. George Mulks of the 20th NYSM, followed by Joel Craig President of the Ulster County Civil War Roundtable and also a Living History Educator, both in uniform. Local Author and Military Historian, Seward R. Osborne spoke about discrepancies that plague the 20th NYSM, further enlightening the guests that the 20th NYSM (80th NYV) are one in the same Regiment and should never be confused with the 20th NYI from NYC, thank you Seward, you are a wealth of information and we are fortunate to work with you. Then, lastly, Deana Preston, Site Assistant at the Historic Senate House, and UC Legislator Wayne Harris District 9 shared their views on education and the role that Tourism plays here in the Hudson Valley. Also present was UC Historian Anne Gordon, relaying that there were several African Americans mainly from Kingston, who also gave themselves to the cause of the Rebellion (as was noted in the North), many of these men are buried in the Mt Zion Cemetery in Kingston.

Our mission as volunteers of the UCCWSC is this:

To commemorate the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War 1861-1865 while honoring the service of our soldiers from Ulster County.

Our duties include:  
Encouraging civic, historical, educational, economic and other organizations across the County to participate in activities to expand the understanding and appreciation of the significance of the Civil War.  
We will maintain a directory of organizations with the hopes that they will collectively work together to participate in events and share information relating to Ulster County and its role in the Civil War during 1861-1865.

It is agreed, that this was a good starting point and we look forward to the next four years 2011-2015 as we commemorate the events that changed history 150 years ago.

Sincerely,  
Laura Smith co-chair UCCWSC  
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U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) announced that late last night, U.S. Senate unanimously approved legislation to combat Autism. The bill, which also passed the House of Representatives last week, now heads to the President's desk for his signature. The Combating Autism Reauthorization Act is critical, bipartisan legislation that will extend programs authorized under the original Combating Autism Act (CAA) to continue for an additional three years.

"Cases of autism are increasing at an alarming rate," said Senator Gillibrand, a sponsor of the legislation. "It is vital that we invest in new research that will benefit the lives of millions. We know that early intervention is one of the best ways to ensure a child's long term success. This legislation will help provide essential services, treatment and support for families."

The CAA provides for autism surveillance programs at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as intervention and training programs at the Health Resources and Services Administration. Additionally, this legislation allows for the continuation of the Interagency Autism Coordinating Committee (IACC), which is responsible for advising the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) on autism policies,

coordinating the federal response to autism and developing the annual strategic plan for autism research. These programs have been critical in advancing research on the causes, diagnosis and treatments of autism. The CAA sunsets on September 30.

Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the country, affecting on average 1 in 110 children and 1 in 70 boys. An estimated 48,000 children across New York suffer from Autism - more than pediatric cancer, diabetes and AIDS combined

**Hinchey Working to Protect Mid Hudson General Mail Facility - Nearly 400 Jobs at Risk as USPS Weighs Consolidation with Albany Facility**

Newburgh, NY - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) this week sent a letter to U.S. Postmaster General Patrick R. Donahoe to stress the importance of maintaining full mail sorting operations at the Mid Hudson General Mail Facility (GMF) in Newburgh, New York. The U.S. Postal Service recently announced an area mail processing (AMP) study to examine the possibility of consolidating the facility's operations with the Albany Processing and Distribution Center. Hinchey stressed the importance of the Newburgh facility to the local economy. The facility currently employs 380 workers in the Newburgh region.

"It's clear that the United States Postal Service is facing serious economic challenges, but closing the Mid Hudson General Mail Facility in Newburgh would actual-

ly make the problem worse," said Hinchey. "The possible consolidation or closure of this facility could result in delays in mail delivery and significantly higher transportation costs. The Postal Service needs to carefully consider the benefits of this facility, including the no-cost long-term lease and the GMF's ideal location near Interstates 84 and 87 and Stewart Airport. I'm going to keep fighting to keep this facility open because closing it would have negative impacts on our region's economy and result in the loss of jobs for up to 380 hardworking people. I'm going to do everything I can to make sure that doesn't happen."

The Postal Service is currently accepting comments from the public on the study to determine if the Mid Hudson General Mail Facility should be consolidated with the Albany Facility. Hinchey says local residents can make their opinion known by writing to the USPS District Office at: Manager of Consumer and Industry Contact, 1000 Westchester Ave, White Plains, NY 10610-9631.

In August, Hinchey urged the Postmaster to prevent the closure of the Newburgh facility after it was announced that the USPS had initiated a separate AMP study to consider consolidation with a distribution center in White Plains, New York. The White Plains AMP study was recently suspended pending the outcome of this new AMP study with Albany. (Contd. Pg. 10)

## "Manescapes" photography by LaVerne Black at Alliance Gallery



"Waves" by LaVerne Black, part of "Manescapes" exhibit of photography at Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg.

"Manescapes," an exhibit of photography by LaVerne Black opens with a reception on Friday, October 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Alliance Gallery at the Delaware Arts Center in Narrowsburg, NY. The exhibit will be on view through November 12, 2011.

"I hold dear the rural landscape and country lifestyle that remains a large part of my life," says LaVerne

Black who was born on a small farm in Sullivan County, NY and has exhibited her photographs widely throughout the Catskills. "In my photography, I look to simplify and abstract a single element, be it a barn, old farm house, or detail of animal anatomy."

The work in "Manescapes" documents horses' manes, some lush and flowing, others textured and unkempt. "By eliminating extraneous elements from the frame, parts become a complete image," Black explains. "I begin to see cascading waterfalls, a storm brewing behind a mountain edge, a sun dappled hillside, rippling ocean waves, the texture of sand and surf, sedge grass undulating in the wind; an infinite variety of parts contributing to the whole."

Over the past several years, Black has been working with historian Carol Smythe to preserve local farm architecture through photographs. "The force behind much of my photography is to document, rendering captivating bucolic scenes and architectural elements of the farming community," she says. In 2010, she completed "Saved by the Camera: Functional Farm Buildings of the Past," documenting structures routinely used by small farmers through the 1950's, which is on display at the Town of Neversink offices in Grahamsville, NY.

Free and open to the public, the exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts, celebrating 50 years of building strong, creative communities in New York State's 62 counties.

Alliance Gallery is located at the Delaware Arts Center at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the exhibit call (845) 252-7576 or visit [www.ArtsAllianceSite.org](http://www.ArtsAllianceSite.org).

## Gourmet Foliage Dining in the Hudson Valley with great views of the colorful fall trees

Pumpkin, nutmeg, cinnamon, and wine flavor autumn dishes and also become the palette for the changing leaves. With all these aromas and hues, what could be more perfect than dining in a wonderful restaurant taking in the splendor of the fall foliage? A glass of Hudson Valley wine in hand, take a seat before sundown to see Mother Nature's colorful performance.

Autumn starts in the upper Hudson Valley, where summer elegantly transitions into a spectacular season. At taste, there's a vibrant take on fine contemporary dining with affordable appeal. Sip a handcrafted cocktail on the terrace where cityscape and river vistas spread before you, then move into the elegant dining room for an imaginative culinary experience. A more casual atmosphere can be found at Potter's Tavern across the river in Troy. The European style patio is great for dining on warm days, and inside you can sit by the fireplace as you gaze at the falling leaves through a wall of windows. The menu offers unique entrees, tavern sandwiches, and specialty pizzas, perfect for couples and families.

Not far down the road, the landmark Mario's in New Lebanon has been serving Italian inspired regional cuisine for over 45 years. The inventive menu and comfortable atmosphere all come with a fabulous view of the New York Berkshires ablaze with color. Even more expansive views can be found at Point Lookout Mountain Inn. On a clear day, you can see forever! The inn is internationally known for its spectacular view of five states, and the continental menu has dishes just right for a crisp fall evening.

Perched on the second floor of downtown New Paltz's Water Street Market, Harvest Cafe takes in the splendor of the changing Shawangunk Mountains both inside and out. A broad outdoor deck faces the ridge while floor to ceiling windows in the dining room make this the perfect spot to both see the countryside and sample their New American menu made with local ingredients. Windows also frame the colorful landscape at The Rhinecliff, a beautifully restored historic railway hotel built in 1854. Looking west, the brilliant fall foliage of the Catskill Mountains is reflected in the Hudson River. The gourmet fare is made with the freshest seasonal produce and cheeses from local farms, inventively interpreted by a master chef.

Residents of the valley love dining on the Hudson River in any season. Drive through the quaint village of Cold Spring to Hudson House for delicious cuisine (you must try the popovers). Built in 1832 and always operated as a hotel, the building is just steps from the river. Savor the gourmet dishes as you watch the sun set over the mountains lighting up the blazing colors of the trees. On the opposite shore in Newburgh, Torches on the Hudson is encased in glass, perfect for watching the passing river traffic and the patches of red and copper in the far hills. Sip a cocktail in the U-shaped bar where a huge aquarium takes up an entire wall, separating it from the dining room. You'll find delicious seasonal favorites on the menu in this sophisticated yet comfortable restaurant.

Further south on the river, the Hudson Water Club overlooks the bobbing

sailboats and cabin cruisers of the Haverstraw Marina. Inside, snazzy terrazzo tile, vaulted ceilings, and floor to ceiling windows make tremendous use of the natural views of the river. The restaurant's cuisine is Contemporary American with a strong emphasis on seafood featuring seasonal items at their peak of freshness. If you prefer a higher perch, sit in cloud-like splendor at Restaurant 42 in White Plains. The panorama of the Hudson Valley and the tri-state area is fantastic from the top of the tallest building between Manhattan and Boston where dishes reminiscent of Spain and Portugal whet the appetite.

Fall is a wonderfully sensory experience in the Catskill Mountains and Hudson Valley. The crisp air sharpens the senses and makes dining at one of our many noted restaurants a delicious treat. Surrounded by the multicolored leaves, it's a great way to spend a relaxing afternoon or evening.

If you are out for a drive heading away from the Hudson, nestled in the hamlet of Claryville in Ulster County is the Blue Hill Café that provides a relaxed and cozy dining experience in a setting that artfully combines contemporary and country styles. All of the wood used to construct the restaurant was harvested from local Claryville pines. The natural, rough hewn beams in the dining room contrast with contemporary paintings adorning the walls from world renowned Russian artist Alexander Kaletski. Whether you're one of our local clientele, or visting from the City, you will feel right at home at the Blue Hill Café.

Hudson Valley Tourism, Inc. is the 10-county region designated by I LOVE NEW YORK to promote tourism for the area. Counties include Albany, Columbia, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Ulster and Westchester. The Valley welcomes over 20 million visitors a year who spend \$3 billion annually.

## USCG Aids to Navigation Team, Station Saugerties Devastated by Irene - by Ed Duffy, FSO-PA, 20-4

Saugerties, NY. - Hurricane Irene badly damaged AToN Station Saugerties. As flooding waters withdrew the office furniture and electronic equipment left behind was caked in mud and slime. The station was left with no electricity, telephones, internet or running water. The damage done to the out buildings will require that they be restored from the ground up.

Just where do you start when you have no place to live, no working phones or equipment to work with? To maintain a working link between SecNY and AToN Saugerties, the USCG Auxiliary transported District 1SR's Communications Trailer to the station. This mobile, self-contained trailer has a generator, working radios (not damaged by the flooding) with power outlets and A/C. The built in desk area gives Chief Sheppard, the Officer in Charge of AToN Saugerties, space to confer with his staff away from the mud and enough room for volunteers to work the radios.

Auxiliarists are tasked to man the comms trailer in daily shifts, doing odd jobs, tracking personnel and the facilities as they reset buoys in the Hudson River. Chief Sheppard estimates the cleanup will take weeks and longer before the station is restored to full working order. Until equipment is replaced the comms trailer is the hub that keeps that station running.

Captain Fagan, Commander CG Sector NY, recently visited Station Saugerties and declared it the worst hit station in her command. But beyond the destruction you can see the determination on the faces of those who are working to restore the station to working order.

Working as a force multiplier, members of Coast Guard Auxiliary freed up CG personnel to man their vessels, get the station restored and reset buoys that were knocked off station by Hurricane Irene in the Hudson River and its tributaries.

Tri-Valley residents who attended this year's Little World's Fair may remember meeting members of this USCG team who manned their booth at the fair just a short time before Irene devastated their station.

## Sullivan BOCES: Health Occupations/Nursing Program "Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony"

MONTICELLO - On Wednesday, October 5, 2011, the Career & Technical Education Program of Sullivan County BOCES held their d a Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for its Health Occupations/Nursing Program.

The Program recently moved into their new Health Occupations Suite at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. The grand opening ceremony took place in the Eugene D. Nesin Theatre for the Performing Arts in the St. John Street Education Center, followed by a ribbon cutting and a tour of the Health Occupations Suite.

Guests were able to tour the Health Occupations classrooms, library, and the Learning Lab Center and also had the opportunity to learn about the LPN and Health Occupations Programs and their clinical experiences. Information about career pathways in the health /nursing field for current students will also be available.

"We are very proud and excited about the new suite for our Health Occupations/ Nursing programs and would like to share this special occasion with our students, parents and community members," said Deborah Theysohn, Director of the Health Occupations/Nursing Programs at BOCES.

The Career & Tech Culinary Arts students at BOCES prepared refreshments for the celebration.

For more information about the Health Occupation and Nursing Programs at Sullivan BOCES please contact Deborah Theysohn at (845) 295-4941.

The Career & Technical Education Program at BOCES provides students with "Skills, knowledge and work ethic for the 21st century"

## SUNY Sullivan to Engage in Emergency Drill

Loch Sheldrake (Sept. 27, 2011) - Because SUNY Sullivan subscribes to the concept that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," the college will engage in its first full-scale emergency drill, Saturday, October 15 between 8:00 am and noon.

The SUNY Sullivan emergency drill will be conducted as part of the federal education emergency management grant the college received in September 2010. The college was awarded a grant of \$284,435. SUNY Sullivan was one of only three community colleges in the nation and one of just two New York State colleges awarded a grant.

Since receiving the award, the college has participated in a number of all-day table-top workshops for the purpose of developing emergency management policies and procedures. The October 15 drill, however, will be the first time that the college will put the knowledge gained in the (Contd. Pg. 9)



workshops into practice. The drill will attempt to create a real-world emergency situation to see how well the campus community reacts and responds. The college will be working closely with local and county emergency service organizations and coordinating the drill through them since they would be the first responders in the event of a real emergency.

"This is an important step for the college to take," said David Seigerman, director of security/ peace officer. "It's one thing to know what to do in the event of an emergency, but it's a totally different thing to actually do what needs to be done in real-time. An emergency drill will allow us to see how the campus responds to the situation and to learn from it. This drill will help take us to the next level of emergency preparedness."

Area residents need to know that the college is conducting this drill because not only will they see and hear emergency vehicles enter and leave the campus, smoke and flames will be visible from the campus.

"We will also be calling up campus volunteers to play the part of victims and evacuees," Seigerman added, "so the public should not be concerned that there has been a real incident on campus."

In the week following the drill the college will evaluate the campus response to determine any corrective measures that need to be taken in the future.

**SUNY Sullivan to host a "Creating a Sustainable Workshop"**

Loch Sheldrake (Sept. 27, 2011) - With organizations looking for ways to reduce their fuel and electric dependency to lower costs and limit their carbon footprint, SUNY Sullivan is proud to host "Creating a Sustainable Campus Workshop" on Friday, October 14 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The workshop is free and open to the public.

Dr. Stephen Mitchell, dean of workforce development at SUNY Sullivan, has been responsible for connecting the college with the community in a number of areas, but in particular when it comes to greening and sustainability efforts. Dr. Mitchell worked with Keane University on hosting the upcoming sustainability workshop. Keane University received an EPA grant to conduct 16 regional forums on sustainability in higher education. The grant was awarded for the purpose of helping campus communities learn how to track and lower greenhouse gas emissions.

The sustainability workshop at SUNY Sullivan will cover such topics as: LEED V3 and the evolution of the LEED rating system; U.S. Green Building Council's resources and educational programs; an introduction to the hospitality green resource tracking tool and operations training and an update on New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's subsidies. There will also be a session on using the New Jersey Higher Education Partnership for Sustainability and Clean Air "Cool Planet Calculator." In addition there will be a case study on sustainability at SUNY Orange.

To register for this informative workshop, go to <http://ku3.eventbrite.com>.

**Important FEMA Update**

(ALBANY, N. Y. - New Yorkers affected by Hurricane Irene have only 30 more days to register with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for possible federal disaster assistance.

October 2 marks the halfway point in the 60-day registration period. It's important that those who may need to register for aid do so as soon as possible. Registrations cannot be accepted after the October 31, 2011 deadline.

"Registration keeps open the possibility of a wide range of assistance," said Philip E. Parr, FEMA Federal Coordinating Officer. "If your insurance coverage comes up short, or other damage appears later, you need to be registered for us to help."

To register, call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362. Phone lines are open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET, seven days a week until further notice. People with hearing disabilities can use the TTY number, 800-462-

7585. Applicants can also register online at [www.DisasterAssistance.gov](http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov) or with any web-enabled mobile device or smartphone at [m.fema.gov](http://m.fema.gov). Follow the link to "apply online for federal assistance."

The registration period and the deadline apply to the major federal disaster declaration signed by President Barack Obama on August 31 that enabled residents and business owners in Albany, Bronx, Clinton, Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Essex, Greene, Herkimer, Kings, Montgomery, Nassau, Orange, Otsego, Putnam, Queens, Rensselaer, Richmond, Rockland, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Suffolk, Sullivan, Ulster, Warren, Washington and Westchester counties to register for federal recovery aid.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

FEMA has extended the filing period for RPAs. This change will grant municipalities and private not for profit organizations until October 28 to file their Request for Public Assistance.

**Flu Shots Available in SC**

Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau has announced that the Sullivan County Public Health Department has scheduled Flu Clinics. The Flu Clinics began on Friday, September 30, 2011, and will run at various locations through October 28, 2011, as detailed below.

Flu vaccine is free to adults who bring their Medicare Card; all others will be charged \$15. There is also a limited supply of free pneumonia vaccine available. When the supply is exhausted, \$25 will be charged for those without a Medicare Card.

Residents can make an appointment on line at [www.co.sullivan.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us). For more information call 292-5910

The scheduled clinics are as follows. All clinics are held from 10AM to 12 Noon unless otherwise noted.

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**Wonder Weed Mugwort and Mold? -L. Comando**



As a Sundown resident I am among those who were fighting daily with mold in the kitchen.

One of the sunny days that we had since Irene's nasty visit to our area reminded me that fall was just around the corner and I was out collecting my annual crop of weeds (herbs) for drying for winter teas, floral arrangements, etc. Among those weeds were many large stalks of mugwort that seem to be very abundant in Sundown this year.

While I had done the usual Clorox and water treatment of the wooden kitchen cabinets that morning, after hanging the mugwort in the kitchen, to dry,

we noticed the next morning that there was no mold on the cabinets. At first we thought perhaps it was beginning to just dry out as we did have those two days of sunshine!

It has now been over two weeks and the mugwort is still hanging in the kitchen. Of course, it is a little annoying having to walk through the maze that is hanging from the ceiling in the kitchen, but alas, we have had no more mold.

I have been trying to research if this is indeed a property of mugwort, or did I discover something new, or maybe it was just coincidental. There are a few others who are now trying the mugwort mold therapy plan, and I will be checking to see if they have had the same results.

If you want to know more about mugwort in case you want to try this there are many sites on the internet that will explain what it looks like as well as pictures.

Mugwort is a member of the daisy family (Asteracea) with flowers in panicles, (flower made up of many small flowers, in groups, several off the same stem) that are very small, reddish or greenish yellow. Blooms from July to September. It grows in weedy areas and waste places and reaches 3-6 or more feet tall. Mugwort has grey-green pinnately lobed leaves, with silvery gray fuzz underneath and the tall straight stem that usually has a purplish tinge.

If you want to try this possible mold inhibitor experiment, let us know the results and we will not only share it with our neighbors, but will send it along to FEMA. When I told the FEMA representative our story, they too were very interested.

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**Gillibrand, Graham to Help 250,000 Vietnam Vets Harmed by Agent Orange** (From Pg. 2) During Vietnam, the U.S. military sprayed 20 million gallons of Agent Orange. Blue Water Navy Vets - veterans who were on duty in the waters around Vietnam, but did not have "boots on the ground" - were often exposed to Agent Orange on a daily basis. Studies have shown that Agent Orange contaminated the water sources on ships, affecting veterans onboard ships or aircraft that transported barrels of Agent Orange, and ships and aircraft deployed in close proximity or even downwind from Agent Orange drop sites.

A May 2011 report by the Institute of Medicine established several "plausible routes" for Agent Orange exposure through the water distillation process aboard Navy ships and through the air. In 2010, a study by the Institute of Medicine cited exposure to Agent Orange resulted in an increased chance of developing serious heart problems and Parkinson's disease. A 1990 study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) showed Vietnam veterans had a rate of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma 50 percent higher than the general population. Agent Orange is linked to a range of other diseases, including several blood and respiratory cancers, type II diabetes, prostate cancer and more.

In 2005, the VA's former Director of Environmental Agents Service Dr. Mark Brown publicly acknowledged that there was no scientific basis for the exclusion of Blue Water Vietnam veterans, but the VA has continued to refuse these veterans the presumptive benefits Congress initially intended. In his article in the Journal of Law and Policy, Dr. Brown wrote, "Science does not back up the VA's policy on the Navy."

Senators Gillibrand and Graham introduced the Agent Orange Equity Act of 2011, which would clarify the existing law so that Blue Water veterans would be fully covered by the VA if they served within the "territorial seas," or approximately 12 miles offshore of Vietnam. The bill would make it easier for the VA to process Vietnam War veterans' claims for service-connected conditions and alleviate a portion of the VA's backlog by extending presumptive coverage of Agent Orange benefits to these veterans.

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**Hinchey Working to Protect Mid Hudson General Mail Facility** (From Pg. 7)

Hinchey is a cosponsor of legislation designed to help ease the financial challenges currently faced by USPS. The United States Postal Service Pension Obligation Recalculation and Restoration Act of 2011 (H.R. 1351) would free up billions in financial resources for USPS every year. Under current law, the Postal Service is required to pre-fund healthcare benefits of future retirees at a cost of \$5 billion annually. H.R. 1351 would help reduce the financial burden of this requirement by allowing the Postal Service to use billions of dollars in pension overpayments to pre-fund healthcare benefits of future retirees. The legislation is strongly supported by the National Association of Letter Carriers.

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## Sennett Confident and Strong, Carnright Shrinks in First Debate

(From Pg. 1)  
Sennett asserted missteps, mismanagement and lack of leadership from Carnright over the last four years and Mr. Carnright had a difficult time defending his record. Carnright continued to state his disinterest in pursuing key cases of public and government corruption citing a "lack of resources."

The debate was dominated by a series of unanswered questions by Carnright about the Ulster County Jail investigation, the Resource Recovery Agency, the Health Department, Confidential Investigation spending protocols and the ongoing investigation into former Kingston Police Lt. Timothy Mathews.

Jon Sennett summed it all up by asking the voters, "Are we safer in our homes now than we were four years ago? Are we safer in the streets? Are our children safer in their schools? Are our tax dollars being watched more closely than they were four years ago? And I would submit to you that the answer is no on all counts."

For more information go to:  
<http://www.dailyfreeman.com/articles/2011/09/26/news/doc4e80ac277214d287818293.txt>

## MARKING THE FIRST 1000 DAYS OF U.C. GOVERNMENT Comptroller Elliott Auerbach Comments on Charter Success

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach offers his perspective on the first 1000 days of Ulster County's new Charter-form of government and the County's progress toward fulfilling the promise of a new government designed to be economical, efficient and effective.

"Already, so much good is evident in our Charter-form of government," said Auerbach who will make a detailed presentation to the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce's "Meet the Leaders" Program on October 6th.

Lauding how effectively County Executive Hein and his staff responded to the natural disaster caused by storms Irene and Lee, Auerbach said, "Mike set the county's resources into play before Irene arrived, was still very much hands-on when Lee followed and as a result no lives were lost."

Auerbach offered major kudos to the County Legislature for its handling of the Legislative Commission on Redistricting. "This was a first in Ulster County, perhaps in NYS, but the Legislature appointed credible individuals then allowed them to apply the required legal criteria to create 23 brand-new legislative districts," said Auerbach praising the outcome of a process that neutralized traditional politics to create districts that are fair and equitable. The Charter changed the Legislature by focusing the body on budget, policy and law and by downsizing it from 33 members to 23 members. The Charter segregated the functions of a county administrator from the Legislature by creating the elected Office of the County Executive and vesting it with broad executive authority.

New to the County, though, was the creation of the Office of the County Comptroller.

Auerbach explains that the role of the Comptroller is often best described by what it is not. The Ulster County Comptroller does not:

- legislate or adopt resolutions or confirm appointments
- develop or approve budgets or appropriate funds
- establish, administer or oversee County programs
- manage, administer or invest county funds
- approve contracts or supervise procurement

"What we do," explains Auerbach, "is protect the public interest by monitoring County government to assess and report on the degree to which its operation is economical, efficient and/or effective and its financial condition sound." The Comptroller is the Chief Auditing and Accounting Officer of the County.

Being independent - elected by the people of the County - Auerbach explains is critical to fulfilling the mission of evaluating and reporting on the conduct and outcomes of County departments and offices.

Since his first reports to the public, Comptroller Auerbach has repeatedly noted that the County's financial management system is inadequate and inappropriate, does not produce essential data in a reliable format and, manages financial data using a "DOS-like" system and multiple separate departmental methods of payroll management.

"There also remains a lack of standardization in how public funds are managed among the many departments and agencies," said Auerbach, "there

are redundancies and errors in data that can produce inconsistent and unreliable reports. It's a shame that excessive staff time must be spent to compensate for the failures of the financial management system."

A Charter Revision Commission has recently been seated to review and make recommendations on amendments, additions or revisions to the County Charter. "This is an important opportunity to ensure the independence of the comptroller position is maintained, the role of legislature clarified and power of the executive checked," said Auerbach.

Auerbach will detail further his concerns regarding the County's need to focus on the fundamentals of government management at the "Meet the Leaders" event. "If the Charter experiment is to achieve its full potential," said Auerbach, "there are a host of basic needs that require legislative and executive action."

The U. C. Chamber of Commerce "Meet the Leaders" event is October 6, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Courtyard by Marriott. Advance registration with the Chamber is required.

## Innovative Energy Efficiency Financing Program Seen as Jobs Engine President Clinton Lauds NY's On-Bill Financing Law

Yesterday in a speech on New York's economic future, former President Bill Clinton spoke at length about New York's groundbreaking Green Jobs Green New York on-bill recovery law championed Assembly Energy Chair Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster / Dutchess). The President said the energy efficiency financing program has the potential to create thousands of jobs across the state while lowering energy costs for all New Yorkers.

"Giving consumers the ability to finance energy saving projects through their utility bills will present huge job creation opportunities by opening up whole new markets for employers in the building improvement business," said Assemblymember Cahill. "As a world leader in the fight against climate change, President Clinton has seen the positive economic and environmental ripple effects that come out of large scale investments in energy efficiency."

Assemblymember Cahill has been leading efforts in the legislature to establish an on-bill recovery program, beginning with the passage of the Green Jobs Green New York Act in 2009. The new law will enhance the Green Jobs Green New York Program by directing NYSERDA to coordinate with electric and gas utilities to offer energy efficiency loans to homeowners and small businesses to be paid back through their utility bills. Individuals that take advantage of this option can obtain upfront financing to make energy efficiency improvements and use the energy cost savings to pay off the loan. Utilities will begin offering the financing option in May of 2012.

"The creation of this program would not have been possible without the hard work of a broad coalition of environmental groups, labor activists, and community based service organizations," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Specifically, I would like to acknowledge the Center for Working Families for their exhaustive advocacy and policy research and the grassroots efforts of the Working Families Party that helped make on-bill recovery a reality."

"Green Jobs/Green NY with on-bill financing is a groundbreaking program to address our state's intertwined problems of joblessness, carbon emissions and economic stagnation. The Center for Working Families is already working with local stakeholders from around the state to heed former President Clinton's call to maximize this tool. With strong job standards and buy-in from institutional lenders, the program will surely pave an economically vibrant path forward for New York. CWF looks forward to working with Assembly Member Cahill to make this happen," said Dave Palmer, Center for Working Families.

"Here's who worked on this bill: unions, contractors, patient capitalists, Working Families Party, environmentalists, policy wonks and several very focused legislators. Everyone gets a share of the credit, and everyone will reap the benefit of lower utility bills, less carbon in the atmosphere, and the all-important creation of living wage jobs," said Dan Cantor, Working Families Party.

"Yesterday former President Clinton highlighted on-bill financing's potential to create jobs and drive investment in energy efficiency. Retrofitting our homes and businesses saves New Yorkers money on energy costs-money that can then be redirected towards the state's economic recovery-and is hands down the most cost-effective method for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other pollution from power plants," said Jackson Morris, Senior Policy Advisor at the Pace Energy and Climate Center. "We again commend the Governor and legislature-and particularly the leadership of Assemblyman Kevin Cahill-for making on-bill financing a reality, and now call on state agencies and utilities to ensure the program is implemented quickly and effectively."

"Upfront costs are the biggest barrier to residential energy efficiency work. On-bill financing will help eliminate this barrier and bring energy efficiency to moderate income households. My company works in Steve Bellone's Town of Babylon Long Island Green Homes program which leverages a different financing mechanism to eliminate the upfront cost of projects. In the last two years we've retrofitted over 250 homes and created 25 jobs. We're ecstatic that former President Bill Clinton recognizes the job creation potential of these green financing programs," said Dan Kartzman, Powersmith.

"As the regions of the state draft economic development plans to move NY forward, we're very excited to hear the call for strengthening the retrofit sector from such a catalytic figure as former President Bill Clinton. A robust retrofit industry maintains New York's lead at the forefront of the green economy. What we need now are big commitments from financial institutions to unlock the power of on-bill financing," said Eric Walker, PUSH Buffalo.

The statewide Green Jobs / Green New York Program, administered by NYSERDA, began in December of 2010. It is backed by \$112 million in funding from the State's groundbreaking carbon emission cap and trade program, known as RGGI (pronounced REGGIE). As the program moves forward the funds will be used to leverage private investments to make it self sustaining.

Since the program's rollout NYSERDA has conducted nearly 11,000 free energy audits and contracted over 2,100 projects. As of the end of August, there has been a 22% increase in the number of completed retrofits over the same time last year. The average loan is just over \$8,000 for a term of 11 years with a 3.49% interest rate.

## POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando -

### THE LOCAL SCENE

**SHANDAKEN - CANDIDATES FILLING THE FOOD PANTRY.** Please join the Shandaken Democratic Committee at an open-air Apple Pressing Party on the Hoyt's lawn at 5321 Route 28 and meet our Democratic candidates for Shandaken town offices, while **raising funds for Helping Hands of NY Food Pantry to aid in post-flood food distribution in and around Shandaken.** A \$10 suggested donation covers all the fresh-pressed cider you can drink and use of the apple press for your own apples or for those of we supply. Apple pie, candied apples, and apple cider will also be available for purchase. Helping Hands of NY Food Pantry ([www.helpinghandsofny.com](http://www.helpinghandsofny.com)) is a non-profit volunteer organization based in Phoenicia that collects and distributes food to members of the Ulster County community and surrounding areas. For more information, contact Nick Alba (688-2061) or post to the Shandaken Democrats page on Facebook.

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3. November 8th, 2011 - work 5:30 am to 9:30 pm at a poll site. Must work all day. If you work at a poll site other than the one you vote at, you can vote absentee. If you work outside your town, you will be paid mileage to and from the other poll site from your home. Pay is \$200.00 for the day - paid by Ulster County
4. Next year there will be two Primaries - the Presidential Primary and the Regular Primary, Pay per Primary is \$125.00
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If you are available and interested, please contact: Linda at 845 334-5430

The time is now to sign up. The election is 5 weeks away - 35 days and counting.

*If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me (Frank Comando, Democratic Chair of the Town of Denning) at 845-985-0501, or email: [denningdems@yahoo.com](mailto:denningdems@yahoo.com) or 'snail mail': Frank Comando, Democratic Committee Chair, 135 Peekamoose Road Sundown, NY 12740*



**Sundown Community  
2nd ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ**  
sponsored by the  
**Sundown Methodist Church**  
October 8, 2011  
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
**Sundown Methodist Church Hall**  
Take-outs available  
Adults: \$10.00  
Children under 10: \$5.00  
BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Rolls,  
Dessert and Beverage  
This event is for the benefit of building  
a new roof for the  
Sundown Church Hall.



**TIME & THE VALLEYS  
MUSEUM**  
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY

**Current exhibits**  
• Impact of Water on the Life and the Growth of the Valleys  
• The Rondout and Neversink watersheds: Before, During and After  
• Quilt Exhibit 9/1-10/30  
• Photo exhibition on view entitled: **A Glimpse into the Building of the Rondout and Neversink Reservoirs and Connecting Tunnels:** Photos from the DEP Archives.

**Time and the Valleys Museum** has copies of every **Townsman** printed since the beginning in loose-leaf binders classified by year for anyone to research.

Open Thursday to Sunday, Noon to 4 p.m. through October, and other times by appointment. Adults: The current admission is \$2, Children under 16 -\$1, and children under six are free. For more information call: 845 985-2262 x 313 or go to the website: [timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org)  
e-mail: [historian@townofneversink.org](mailto:historian@townofneversink.org)

**FREE Quilting Programs at the Time and the Valleys Museum**

To celebrate the Time and the Valleys Museum temporary exhibition, *A Quilted Past: Quilts from the Valleys and Beyond*, FREE quilting programs will be held for three **Sundays in October**.

**Sunday, October 16th, 2 p.m. A Quilter's Journey, Part 1**  
Accomplished quilter Sally Abrams (member of the Catskill Mountain Quilter's Hall of Fame) will talk about the evolution of her work from her first attempts at quilting to her most recent stunning creations. She will share tips on techniques, styles and use of color.

**Sunday, October 23rd, 2 p.m. Caring for Quilts**  
Quilt lover and expert Mia Koerner will discuss caring for, restoring and valuing quilts from a historical prospective. She will also provide information about the quilt appraisal process.

**Sunday, October 30th, 2 p.m. A Quilter's Journey, Part 2**  
Accomplished quilter Katharina Litchman, a new inductee of the Quilter's Hall of Fame, will discuss the evolution of her work from her traditional beginnings to the amazing art quilts she is producing today. She will offer insight on her techniques and her sources of inspiration.

The programs are FREE with Museum admission. Please call 985-7700 to register.

The temporary exhibition, *A Quilted Past: Quilts from the Valleys and Beyond* includes twenty-seven quilts, most made by women living in the Rondout and Neversink watershed areas between 1860 and 1950. Many of these beautiful quilts have interesting stories attached to them about the quilters and their families. Visitors to the exhibition will leave with an appreciation of the time, effort and skill needed to create these beautiful works of art, many made from scraps of old worn out clothing and used as bedcovers or blankets. The exhibition is open to the public Thursday through Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m., through October 30th.

The Time and the Valleys Museum is a living and interactive resource that preserves the past, educates the present and ensures

the uniqueness of the Rondout and Neversink watersheds for all generations. The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville and is open to the public from Thursday through Sunday noon to 4 p.m.. The Museum has three floors of exhibitions, a local history research center and a Museum Shop stocked with local history publications, locally made crafts, toys and gifts.

Current exhibitions, (on view through October 30th) are: A History of the Watershed areas from Geological Times to the 1930's, The Rondout and Neversink Watersheds: Before, During and After, and the temporary exhibition, *A Quilted Past: Quilts from the Valleys and Beyond*.

Admission to the Museum is \$2 adults, \$1 children and children under 6 and members are free. Group tours of children and adults are available by appointment. For additional information on the Museum please call us at 985-7700 or go online at:

[www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org).


**The Claryville Reformed Church**  
**Roast Pork Dinner**  
Saturday, October 22nd  
4-7 at the church hall.  
All funds raised will be used to  
repair flood damage at the hall  
and property.

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Covered Dish Supper

**Oct. 1, 2011**  
Sundown United Methodist Church  
at the Sundown Church Hall



**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

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Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

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**LEGAL NOTICES:****PUBLIC HEARING**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the 2012 Proposed Budget of the Neversink Fire District, located in the Town of Neversink, State of New York, will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District for its consideration.

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7 p.m. at the Neversink Fire House in the Community Hall, State Route 55, Neversink, NY 12765 on the 18th day of October, 2011.

Pursuant to Town Law 105, the Board of Fire Commissioners must hold a public hearing on the budget, make the proposed budget available to the public prior to the hearing, and allow the public to comment on the budget at the public hearing. This public hearing must be held to allow maximum public participation in the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to allow any person to be heard in favor of or against the proposed budget as submitted, or for or against any item or items contained in the proposed budget, and hearing all persons interested in the subject concerning same.

A copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Neversink at 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740, where it may be inspected by any interested person during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Dated: September 27, 2011  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Neversink Fire District  
PO Box 394, Neversink, NY 12765

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Neversink Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners regular meeting for the month of October will take place at the Neversink Fire House, State Route 55, Neversink, NY 12765, on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:30 p.m., with the public meeting at 8 p.m.

Dated: September 27, 2011  
Board of Fire Commissioners  
Neversink Fire District  
PO Box 394, Neversink, NY 12765

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TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY 12740  
AGENDA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
October 6, 2011  
6:30 pm. Audit Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm. - Board Meeting  
Secondary School Library Lower Level

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- A. GUESTS  
B. TREASURER'S REPORT  
C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT  
1. Presentation - National FFA  
2. Minutes  
3. CSE Recommendations  
4. Building Use Forms  
5. Personnel  
a. Substitutes  
b. Extra-Curricular  
1. New Teacher Mentor  
2. 7/8th Grade Student Council  
6. Nurses Sub- Pay  
7. Items to declare obsolete/discard  
8. Board Policy Adoption: Students  
D. OLD BUSINESS  
E. BUSINESS REPORT  
F. EXECUTIVE SESSION  
1. Personnel: Discipline of an employee

**G. LATE-BREAKING NEWS****H. ADJOURNMENT****Schumer, Gillibrand: Orange and Ulster Counties Absolutely Deserve Federal Help in Wake of Lee**

U.S. Senators Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand called on President Barack Obama and FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate to immediately approve individual assistance for Orange County residents and public assistance to Ulster County in the wake of Tropical Storm Lee. Public assistance helps local governments fund cleanup and recovery efforts of public buildings and infrastructure, and individual assistance provides housing, small business and other aid.

"The Hudson Valley has been absolutely pummeled by these back-to-back storms," said Schumer. "Local governments, families, and business owners shouldn't be left to shoulder this massive burden alone, and its FEMA's job to step up to the plate and deliver. Administrator Fugate and President Obama should extend this assistance as quickly as possible, so that it can reach the individuals who need it the most, and help overburdened local governments rebuild and get the local economy back on track as quickly as possible."

"Families and businesses in Orange and Ulster Counties are in dire need of help to dig out from this devastating storm, and begin to recover," Senator Gillibrand said. "Roads, bridges, homes and businesses are being washed away from massive flooding. Now it's time to put all necessary resources on the ground where we need them. I will fight to secure all the federal funding our families need."

Orange County was granted eligibility for public assistance earlier this week, but Schumer and Gillibrand believe that Orange County is entitled to both types of emergency aid through FEMA. The county has not yet been issued Individual Assistance for citizens who suffered losses after Tropical Storm Lee, which includes the Individual and Households program, disaster unemployment insurance, and Small Business Administration loans. Ulster County should also be eligible for public assistance to reimburse communities for debris removal, emergency response efforts and restoration of public infrastructure.

**Jon Sennett Gets Big Boost from Hudson Valley Unions**

With over 14,000 union members in Ulster County, Labor Unions bring a big boost to Jon Sennett's campaign for Ulster County District Attorney. Sennett a former Bronx Assistant District Attorney and prominent Kingston lawyer received strong endorsements on Monday, September 26 from some of the region's most powerful labor leaders and representatives from the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation and the Central Labor Council.

Mike Lonigro, President of the Upper Hudson Central Labor Council along with representatives from Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation greeted Jon Sennett in Kingston with a united front. Lonigro proudly professed in his statement, "We have endorsed Jon Sennett for District Attorney this year because we are concerned with 2 things: We are concerned about crime on the street which invariably affects middle class families and affects them hard. We are also concerned about crime in the board room and we are concerned about disingenuous politicians who abuse their office and disabuse the public of their rights to transparency." Longiro also noted that, "Ulster County needs a District Attorney like Jon Sennett-someone [who] is not afraid to take on anyone. The days of special deals for insiders being paid for by working people must come to an end!"

"I am honored to have the strong support from hard working women and men of Ulster County," Sennett said. "I am fighting to make our streets and schools safer for every child and for safer communities for us all. Union support brings the legacy of years of fighting for better jobs, better pay and better work environments. Our friends in labor have also been fighting for years for better government and more accountability from our elected officials. I stand shoulder to shoulder with our friends in labor to bring justice and safety to all."

**Other regional labor leader's remarks:**

"We're proud to support Jon Sennett for real change in Ulster County. Working families are under attack and we need a District Attorney that will fight back!" said Paul Ellis-Graham, President of the Hudson Valley Area Labor Federation.

"We need to elect Jon Sennett so we can have a strong District Attorney to make sure government agencies and government contractors do right by working families. Labor in the Hudson Valley has woken up and we will

hold every level of government accountable," said Terry Gilbert, President of Civil Service Employees Association Local 8950.

"Jon Sennett is the right choice for workers in the public and private sector. Jon will be relentless in fighting for honest government and fair dealing in Ulster and that is good for everyone," said Billy Riccaldo, President of Civil Service Employees Association Region 3.

"Jon Sennett will be a champion for labor as District Attorney. We need a D.A. [who] understands the needs of working families and will prosecute economic crimes, such as prevailing wage violations, against workers," said Mike Salvia, President of Communications Workers of America Local 1120.

Sennett thanked all the union leaders and members present and said, "I pledge to you that I will work as hard as I can to make sure you've got somebody in your corner and there's no question that the way we are going to win this election is with boots on the ground and that is what labor is all about."

"Let's all work together, let's stand toe to toe, shoulder to shoulder and make sure that we let the people of Ulster County know that we are going to stand up as one solid voice, we are going to get out the vote and we going to win this election. I am ready to serve you as your District Attorney; I am ready to be the People's DA."

Along with the labor endorsements, Sennett has thus far been endorsed in the race by United States Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, The Ulster County Democratic Party and The Working Families Party.

**Hinchey's Office Now Accepting Applications for Service Academies Nominations**

The office of Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) is now accepting nomination applications for young people in the 22nd District interested in attending one of the United States Service Academies. As part of the admissions process, the academies require candidates to be nominated. Such nominations are made by members of the United States Senate and the House of Representatives.

"Every year I have the pleasure of nominating candidates for our nation's prestigious service academies," said Hinchey. "As a U.S. Navy veteran, I take great pride in the young people from across New York's 22nd Congressional District who apply to attend these academies. We have dozens of qualified applicants every year, and the process is very competitive. Our part of New York has a strong tradition of service to our military, and I look forward to helping to build on that legacy by nominating a generation of leaders this year."

Each year, Hinchey nominates qualified candidates for the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, U.S. Military Academy and U.S. Naval Academy. Hinchey may only nominate residents of New York's 22nd Congressional District. Potential applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Be a U.S. citizen;
2. Be at least 17 years of age and not past their 22nd birthday on July 1 of the year the applicant wishes to be admitted; and
3. Must have never been married; nor have any legal dependents.

Applicants should also include all of the following in their submissions:

- Completed application for academy nomination;
  - An official copy of your SAT or ACT scores;
  - An official high school transcript;
  - Three letters of recommendation;
  - A current photograph (The applicant's name and Social Security number should be written on the back of the photograph);
  - A 1 to 2 page essay on why the candidate wants to attend the academy; and,
  - Other information the candidate feels may be helpful.
- Deadline Set for October 21. Late in the fall, each candidate who submitted a completed nomination application will be scheduled for a personal interview with the congressman's Academy Nomination Interview Panel. During this interview, applicants should be prepared to discuss their interest in pursuing a military career.

All applications and supporting documents must be received by the Ithaca office by October 21, 2011. Congressman Hinchey's office is glad to answer questions and assist with the application process. More information can be found at Hinchey's official website located at <http://hinchey.house.gov>. Submissions should be mailed to the following address:

Congressman Maurice Hinchey  
123 S. Cayuga Street #201  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
Attn: Lisa Newman

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

**ZUMBA CLASS THURSDAY NIGHTS**  
 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm Grahamsville Fire House \$12 Per Class

**Come Walk with US** To Improve your well being-EVERY Tuesday NIGHT! All are welcome. Please meet at the Little League Field Rt 55A at 6:30 pm to enjoy scenic walk at your own pace.

**Holiday Shopping** - Fri., November 18. Leave Town Hall at 8 am-Shop the 5th Largest Mall in New England. Return to Town Hall approx. 7 pm. **\$20 residents and non-residents must be paid by Oct. 11**

**Transportation to NYC** Saturday, December 3. **\$20 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.**



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

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

**AL-ANON MEETINGS -**

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

**'Caring for Caregivers' Support Group in Grahamsville**

Caring for Caregivers, an educational discussion group that supports family caregivers will resume monthly meetings on October 11 (Tuesday) at 6 pm in the Daniel Pierce Library (Grahamsville, NY). Meetings will continue on the second Tuesday of the month in the library's second floor conference room. Meetings are always free with light refreshments provided.

Caring for Caregivers is intended to provide both support and new resources to assist the informal family caregiver helping an aging, ill, or disabled adult loved one or friend. Facilitated by the Caregiver Resource Center (a program provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Office for the Aging of Sullivan County) it enables family caregivers to tap into the resources provided by both offices for caregiving and senior assistance.

The AARP curriculum "Caring for Those You Care About" is frequently used as a resource, as well as other NYS Office for the Aging resources. Guest speakers are invited periodically to also provide new information or services for family caregiving needs. Caregivers can call 292-5250 (Cornell Cooperative Extension) for further questions and do not need to make reservations if they want to attend. If the weather is inclement during the future winter

- 10/5/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 10/7/11 First Friday Readers Group will meet at 1 pm at the Library. All are welcome.
- 10/8/11 **Sundown Methodist Church 2nd Annual Chicken BBQ - 4-7 pm** (see ad on page 13)
- 10/10/11 Town of Neversink COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY
- 10/11/11 Town of Denning Business Meeting
- 10/11/11 Caring for Caregivers - Daniel Pierce Library 6 p, (845) 292-5250 for info
- 10/13/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 10/14/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting Denning Town Hall 7 pm
- 10/15/11 Grahamsville Reformed Church Chicken & Biscuits Dinner 4-7 pm
- 10/15/11 **Thrft Sale** -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
- 10/16/11 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 10/16/11 **Penny Social** TVCS Cafeteria - Doors open at 2 pm - Calling begins at 3 pm
- 10/18/11 **rahamsville United Methodist Church Thrft Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)**
- 10/18/11 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 10/18/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 10/19/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 10/20/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 10/22/11 **Roast Pork Dinner** 4-7pm Claryville Reformed Church
- 10/25/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Meeting Neversink Town Hall
- 10/25/11 Claryville Fire District Meeting
- 11/1/11 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7 pm
- 11/2/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 11/5/11 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall

**Save the Date!**

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

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

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 CANNIE D'S  
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 VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)  
 WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION  
 MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)  
 P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne)  
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 NAPANOCH APPLIANCE  
 PLEASANT STONE FARM  
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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.

Town of Denning Message Board: <http://www.denning.us>  
 Town of Neversink Website: <http://townofneversink.org>  
 Daniel Pierce Library - <http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org>  
 Time and The Valleys Museum - <http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org>  
 Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman On-Line Edition: <http://thetownsman.com>  
 To find out what is happening at Tri-Valley CSD: <http://tvcs.k12.ny.us>

months, please listen to area radio stations for notification that the library is (or will be) closing and the caregiving meeting will be cancelled for that month.

**Caregiver Resource Center Calendar**

The Caregiver Resource Center has several events planned in the next month and a half that are geared for caregivers, seniors and the general public. The following is a list of all CRC activities planned for the October and November; I have attached information for each (a press release and accompanying flier).

- 1- 10/11/11 6-8pm ~Caring for the Caregiver Support Group (New) at the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville
- 2- 10/12/11 6-8pm ~Touch, Caring & Cancer at Cornell Cooperative Extension
- 3- 10/19/11 10-1pm ~Senior Safety Day: Safe Driving and the Older Adult at the Monticello Neighborhood Facility
- 4- 11/16/11 3-5pm ~ Beyond Kubler-Ross: New Perspectives on Death, Dying and Grief (a Hospice Foundation of America Presentation) at Cornell Cooperative Extension. As always, these programs are free; some are particularly geared to family caregivers (such as the support group and the 10/12 class on gentle touch) but the other programs are open to the community. The Caregiver Resource Center is supported by the NYS Office for the Aging as a partnered program between Sullivan County Office for the Aging and Cornell Cooperative Extension.

**Sullivan Renaissance is Now on Facebook**

Sullivan Renaissance wants you to "like us" on Facebook. Simply follow this link:

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/SullivanRenaissance>

Individuals can now get updates about Sullivan Renaissance programs, events and projects around Sullivan County, as well as photographs of winning projects and links to news articles. The Sullivan Renaissance Facebook page is also a good opportunity for beautification groups to post information about their own activities and events, knowing it will be seen by others with the same interests. So send an e-mail out to members of your own organization - and then tell your friends. Now you can like Sullivan Renaissance. Regular information and applications will continue to be posted at the Sullivan Renaissance website [www.sullivanrenaissance.org](http://www.sullivanrenaissance.org). For more information about Sullivan Renaissance call 845-295-2445.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

**Liberty Masons to Hold Blood Drive**

Liberty Masonic Lodge #521, Free and Accepted Masons, will be holding a Red Cross Blood Drive on Friday, October 14, 2011 from 12:45 PM to 6:30 PM at the Lodge Meeting Room, 20 Eagle Drive, Liberty, New York. All donors will get a hot meal.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**SC FALL FOLIAGE REPORT**

Ferndale - Sullivan County's colorful fall foliage season is upon us. The Sullivan County Visitors Association takes into account the foliage status from around the county and provides it to I Love New York as well as visitors and residents with its predictions of foliage intensities each week of the season. The foliage is approaching the midpoint and exhibiting greens with brilliant shades of goldenrod yellows, tangerine oranges and berry reds.

Listen to WSUL for up-to-date fall foliage reports and weekend events for the Sullivan County Catskills.

For more information on the Sullivan County Catskills, visit the SCVA website at [www.scva.net](http://www.scva.net) where you will find a complete list of attractions and events or call 845-747-4449.

**Help the Children that Lost Their Bicycles in the Flood Disaster of August 28th**

Join us for "CATSKILL KIDS BIKE RECOVERY RIDE" on Sunday October 9th for the 59 mile ride or 24 mile ride. You choose, come and enjoy the Fall Colors of the Catskills and get some exercise too!

Go to: [www.catskillscycling.com](http://www.catskillscycling.com) for more information and registration SEE YOU THEN! Sponsored by: Mike Wentland & Catskill Mt. Velo Club and Laurilyn & Charlie Frasier

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- **REDUCED** Immaculate 3 BR/2 BA on 5 private acs, built 2005. Fireplace, radiant floor heat, a/c, large garage. \$279k
- **REDUCED** Spacious 4-5 BR/2BA turnkey colonial on 5+ level acres w/lg sep garage, in quiet Grahamsville n'hood. \$287,000
- Beautifully-updated 3 BR G'vl Victorian in town with outbuildings, ample parking, creek and lawn. A gem. \$219,000
- 3BR/2BA contemp farmhouse on 100+ acres with spectacular views, 2 ponds, adj to Fire Twr, +cottage. \$669,000
- 4BR/2.5BA split level ranch on nearly 2 acs with central a/c, mature trees, views and Tri-Valley schools. \$239,000
- **REDUCED** 3BR/2BA 1920s home privately set on ~8 acres with screened gazebo, fireplace, 1 mi to Rondout. \$299,000

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**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia"**

**Gunga Din (1939)**

This adventure story is of three misfit British soldiers, who are seeking treasure during an uprising in India. Directed by George Stevens. Starring Cary Grant, Victor McLaglen, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Joan Fontaine, Sam Jaffe, Eduardo Ciannelli, Montagu Love, Abner Biberman, Robert Coote, Lumsden Hare, Cecil Kellaway. The Hollywood action-adventure yarn vaguely based on Rudyard Kipling's famous poem, about three soldier-comrades in 19th-century India battling the savage thuggee cult when they are not busying carousing and getting into trouble. Water boy Jaffe saves the day in rousing climax. Splendid comic adventure On TCM Saturday, October 8, 2011 @, 8:00 PM-117 min rated TV-PG

**Quiz:**

- A. Who played the Napoleonic Guru?
- B. Who played Gunga Din?

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

**SUNDOWN - Sundown Methodist Church Chicken BBQ to be Held on October 8, 2011**

According to Pastor Bob, "We did get a generator, and would like to thank everyone for their help with that. This year's funds raised will help us put a new roof on the Sundown Hall. We can really use the community's help with that." For more information on purchasing tickets for the BBQ, call 985-2283.

**GRAHAMSVILLE - Change of Date, Tri-Valley Little League Relief Fund, Saturday, October 15 - 10:00am - 9:00pm at the Beiling Home 57 Community Road Woodbourne, NY.**

Bring a partner or pick one at the event 10:00 AM SHARP if you plan on playing \$20.00/person half proceeds will go to the Tri-Valley Little League Relief Fund \*Bring your own beverage \*Sandwiches and Snacks Served \*No cry babies! Come have fun! If you are unable to attend, and would like to donate, please send to: Tri-Valley Little League PO Box 65 Grahamsville, NY 12740

**BOICEVILLE - It is rumored that THE BOICEVILLE (IGA) MARKET may be opening early in early October, and the BOICEVILLE FLORIST may be open by November 1, 2011, THE LANDMARK INN is hoping to open soon, too. Best of all, the owners of these establishments, are healthy and well. The very Best of Gnome Wishes to all. Have a great week!**

**Knarf Odnawoc Gnome**

**ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA**

A. Eduardo Ciannelli  
B. Sam Jaffe?

**RENTALS**

**BUILDING FOR RENT:** In Grahamsville (Old Post Office) Rent - 985-7411. tfn

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**2 Bedroom trailer:** No pets- \$700 + utilities

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**FORSALE**

**1995 Suzuki GSX 600** Katana Red/Black \$2500 (Negotiable). (845) 985-0201.

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**CAMPING, FISHING & HUNTING**

Jim and Gail Connors have served our local community and visitors, including campers and anglers for many years at **The Sundown Camp and Bait Shop** located in Sundown. Their home and their shop were in Irene's way, with Lee shortly following, playing further havoc on their home and business that was subject to extensive damages. Along with their family, friends and neighbors, the Connors are rebuilding their home and their business and are now looking forward to reopening in the Spring.

**Keep watching the Townsman for an update on what is happening at the Sundown Camp and Bait Shop.**

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