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## Annual Town of Neversink Veterans Day Service to be held Nov. 11 at 11:00 am

The community is invited to the annual Veterans Day Services that will be observed in the Town of Neversink on Monday, November 11th, at 11:00 am at the flagpole in the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. Participants will include local veterans, Boy Scouts, clergy, local officials and families of the veterans whose flags are to be exchanged.

## Governor Cuomo recognizes Deputy Joseph Steyer for service during Tropical Storms Irene and Lee



Undersheriff Frank Faluotico and Deputy Joseph Steyer with Governor Cuomo.

Ulster County Deputy Joseph Steyer was among those recognized by Governor Andrew Cuomo for service during and after the major storms Irene and Lee. The recognition ceremony took place during a conference on Emergency Preparedness hosted in Albany by Governor Cuomo on Monday, October 28, 2013. Deputy Steyer was one of ten New York individuals or agencies recognized for heroism during the dangerous and devastating storms. During Tropical Storms Irene and Lee, the deputy, and other members of the Ulster County Sheriff's In-Water Rescue Team, rescued more than 50 individuals by watercraft in the course of a 20-hour period.

## SCDW Wins More Awards !!

"Drop Dead", a comedy by Billy VanZandt & Jane Milmore, closed the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop's 2013 Theatrical Season winning awards from TANYS (Theatre Association of New York State). The cast was recognized for "Meritorious Achievement in Ensemble Acting". Bunny Woloszczak received "Meritorious Achievement in Direction". Ed Berens won an "Excellence in Costume Design" award. The adjudicator's comment: "Drop Dead" at Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is a farce that will surely have you leaving the theatre laughing."

Previously, TANYS granted a "Meritorious Achievement in Ensemble Acting" to the cast of "12 Angry Jurors".

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is the longest standing community theatre group in our area - a private, not-for-profit 501(C) (3) organization devoted to providing and promoting quality theatre in Sullivan County. From its inception, the Workshop has provided a niche for anyone interested in any aspect of theatre - from behind the scenes work to center stage - and has provided countless audience members with hundreds of memorable performances. For further information, phone (845) 436-5336 or log onto our website: www.scdw.net.

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## TVCS FBLA Off to a Busy Start



The Tri-Valley Junior Chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (Jr. FBLA) has gotten off to a busy start.

The new officers for the 2013-2014 school year are the following: President- Jaclyn Musa; Vice President- Morgan Shamro; Secretary- Lindsay McCoy; Historian- Mikayla Clearwater; Treasurer- Julia Leland; and Reporter- Gillian Mathews

On October 5th, Junior FBLA helped at the Daniel Pierce Library's annual "Giant Pumpkin Party." (Contd. Pg. 8)

## The PRASAD Project Receives Global Recognition



Photo credit: Barbara Kinney / Clinton Global Initiative

"PRASAD's Commitments to Action with the Clinton Global Initiative were prominently featured during the 2013 CGI Annual Meeting. At the meeting, Dr. Cecilia Escarra, Executive Director of The PRASAD Project, met former Secretary of State, Hillary Rodham Clinton."

New York, NY-The PRASAD Project, based in Hurleyville, NY, received global acclaim when the organization's Executive Director, Dr. Cecilia Escarra, participated in the Clinton Global Initiative's (CGI) Annual Meeting in September.

This year's theme, **MOBILIZING FOR IMPACT**, explored ways that PRASAD and other CGI members are leveraging individuals, partner organizations and key resources in their commitment to improve quality of life among the world's most impoverished people. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands. Acts 17:24

## OBITUARY



**Thor Morgan Geyer** of Woodbourne passed away on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 at home. he was 25.

He was the son of Jeanni Miller and Dirk Geyer born on January 14, 1988 in West Islip, New York.

He was a loving person that would give the shirt off his back. He was currently working construction and seemed to really enjoy it. He was a hard worker and knew how to make someone smile. He will truly be missed.

He is survived by his loving mother Jeanni Miller and his step father Billy Miller, his father Dirk "Digger" Geyer, his brother Oden Geyer and his wife Jess, his sister Cindy Porter, his grandmother Marge Wares, great grandmother Madeline Menette, step-sister Brittany Darby and her husband Rob, step-brother Jeffery Beach Jr., several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

He was predeceased by his Pops Ronald "Bear" Montaldo.

Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial-Bryant Funeral Home for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit [www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com](http://www.colonialbryantfuneralhome.com).

**Barbara Newberg** was a founding Mother of the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop. In 1950, Barbara, along with Sunna Rasch decided that what Sullivan County needed was some 'culture.' Barbara had left a blossoming Broadway career (she had appeared on Broadway with Bud Abbot and Lou Costello) to move to South Fallsburg when she married Ben Newberg. Together, Barbara and Sunna started the first Community Theatre group in the Catskills, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop. Barbara starred in the SCDW's first production of 'Blithe Spirit' back in 1950. She graced the stage with countless other performances and brought live theatre into the lives of countless audience members in the decades that followed. Barbara was truly a legend, a grande dame, and a lovely, talented lady. Barbara left us on October 2nd. Her passing marks the end of an era. She will be greatly missed. Memorial contributions are gratefully accepted. Mail to Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop PO Box 353 Monticello, NY 12701

## THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you to all who helped with our Roast Pork Dinner by serving, baking, setting or cleaning up, or all of the above. Special thanks to all who came to enjoy the dinner. We very much appreciate your support.

Members of the  
Claryville Reformed Church

## DAYS OF YORE....

## Today's History

**November 11, 1953** - Snow which fell unexpectedly Friday night and Saturday to a depth of two to three inches left roads slippery but no highway accidents were reported. Highway maintenance men were called to open three foot drifts on the Lackawack Hill road and drifts on the Myers Groo Road at Big Hollow.

Mr. Walton Hamilton has sold two of his lots in Woodbourne to Dr. Leon Small and one lot to Mr. Robert VanKeuren, formerly of Grahamsville. One or both expect to build.

The 35th anniversary of Armistice Day will be observed at 11 a.m. today (Wednesday) and the American Legion suggest that it would be most appropriate if we would commemorate the fallen of the World Wars by praying for an end to all wars.

**November 6, 1963** - Mr. and Mrs. Edward O'Brien celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Sunday, November 3rd and were guests of honor at a dinner party in New York. Besides their daughter, Carole of Washington, D.C., their daughter Judy and son Edward, there were over fifty relatives and friends present.

Lyle H. Coddington of Napanoch died Wednesday, October 30, 1963 at Veterans Memorial Hospital, Ellenville. He was 84. Born in Denning on September 1, 1889, he was the son of John and Carrie Hornbeck Coddington. He was married in Ellenville on December 22, 1917 to Leith DuBois who survives. Besides his wife, an uncle, Leonard H. Coddington of Walden and several cousins survive.

Miss Annabelle Varga, class of 1965, is one of sixty students selected from a total enrollment of more than 1100 at Hartwick College in Oneonta to sing with the Concert Choir during the 1963-64 academic year. Miss Varga will sing second soprano. The daughter of Mrs. Anna Varga of Grahamsville, she is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School.

**November 28, 1973** - Thomas H. Smith, 70, a retired stationary engineer at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility, died Wednesday in Roswell Park Memorial Hospital in Buffalo. Mr. Smith, who lived at South Hill Road, Grahamsville, was born there June 27, 1903. He married Linda George on June 16, 1928 in Grahamsville. He was a member of the Grahamsville United Methodist Church, The Grahamsville Volunteer First Aid Squad and a volunteer worker for "The Townsman" for more than 20 years. He is survived by his widow; a son, Thomas A. Smith of Grahamsville and two grandsons.

Anniversary congratulations are extended to the following couples this week: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Knight, married 33 years on Nov. 30th; to Dr. and Mrs. Al Krebs wed 29 years on Dec. 2nd; to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Moore, married 45 years on Dec. 5th; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mentnech married 15 years on the 6th; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Smith celebrating 16 years on the 7th; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cypert, 9 years on the 5th.

**November 10, 1983** - Beth Coombe of Grahamsville will join FFA members from all across the country to provide music and entertainment for more than 23,000 FFA members and guests at the organization's 56th National Convention on Nov. 10-12 in Kansas City, Missouri. Beth, who is a member of the Tri-Valley FFA Chapter, is the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Coombe.

Emily Katz and Michael McNamara were married October 22, 1983 in St. Peter's Church in Liberty, N.Y. with Father Givney and Steve Schick of Grahamsville Methodist Church officiating. A reception at the Elks' Lodge followed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of JoAnn and Ed Katz of Liberty. The bridegroom is the son of Betty and Ray McNamara of Lackawack Hill, Napanoch. The bride is a graduate of Liberty High School and is employed at Norstar Bank. The groom is a Tri-Valley Central School graduate and earned an AAS degree at Delhi. He is presently employed at Grossinger's. The couple will reside in Liberty.

## Roscoe Kiwanis Club's Roast Beef Dinner

Come enjoy a delicious dinner at the Roscoe Central School cafeteria on Wednesday, November 13 from 5 to 7 PM sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Roscoe. There is a suggested donation of \$10, and the menu will include: tomato juice, cole slaw, rolls, roast beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, green beans, pie, coffee, tea and milk. Take-outs will be available. For more information, contact Karrie at (607) 498-5747.

## Ulster Heights UMC Bake Sale and Luncheon

The Ulster Heights United Methodist Church (1264 Ulster Heights Road, Ellenville, NY) will be holding a bake sale and luncheon on Saturday, November 23rd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured items are baked goods jams and jellies and holiday items. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Homemade soups, chili, hotdogs, apple crisp and beverage will be on the menu. For info, please call 647-7680, 434-4220 or 647-5389.

## A Round About Tri-Valley

-Carol Furman

An open-house was held on November 3rd from 1:00 - 4:00 pm at the Grahamsville Firehouse to honor Horace and Eunice Sheeley on their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The occasion was a catered affair and was attended by Sheeley family members and many friends of Horace and Eunice.

A get well wish goes out to John Powers of Grahamsville, who I understand, had fallen and suffered a broken hip. Here's to a speedy recovery, John!

Get well wishes to Penny Coombe who is recovering nicely following surgery.

Loretta Ackerley recently had eye surgery. No more glasses for her as she says she now has 20/20 vision.

My daughter, Karen, also had this surgery some-time ago and now also has 20/20 vision. Karen had worn contact lenses to correct her vision since she was teenager. Isn't it amazing what can be done in this day and age!

Margaret Dolan, soon to be 92 years old, will be leaving soon to spend the winter months with her daughter, Sally, in Tennessee. I told her to be sure and come back to Grahamsville in the spring with a southern accent. Margaret, who always speaks rather quickly, says southerners sometime have difficulty understanding what she is saying because she is such a "fast talker".

Ward Blade of Neversink called to tell me that he made his yearly telephone call to George Ratner, who resides in a nursing home in Grants Pass, Oregon. George, who is 102, still remembered Ward and Sandy. Ward is going to send him a note and some pictures he had recently taken of the Claryville area. George used to live on Blue Hill in Claryville, and probably might remember some of the places in the pictures Ward is sending. Thank you, Ward. I am sure there are still some "locals" who remember George and Milicent Ratner!

Happy 91st birthday to Archie Dean on November 17th.

The Town of Neversink Veteran's Day service will be held on Monday, November 11th at 11:00 am at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Flagpole. The flag of Don Hill will be retired and the flag of Calvin Drown will be raised. Following the ceremony at the Cemetery, a wreath will be laid at the monument at the Neversink Town Hall. Light refreshments at the Town Hall will follow.

Condolences to the family of Martin Kitson who passed away on October 26th. Martin, age 52, was a former Grahamsville resident.

The Sundown Methodist Church will be having a Breakfast on November 16 and 17 from 5:30 - 9:30 am. All are invited to attend.

Grahamsville Reformed Church will be having a Pork Dinner on November 9th from 4:00-7:00 pm. Spencer and Jackie Quick recently returned from a trip to Greece. They went with a tour led by Barbara Hahl ("Barbara's Bunch") and had a wonderful time!

**Words of Wisdom:** A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble. (Unknown)

## NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

On Saturday, November 2nd several relatives and friends of Claire Knight Smith, formerly of Grahamsville and Napanoch and now a resident in Golden Hill Nursing Home in Kingston, helped to celebrate Claire's 100th Birthday. A wonderful time was enjoyed by all.

Get well wishes to Laura Entenmann who is recovering from surgery.

Sympathy to the family of Thor Geyer who passed away on October 30, 2013.

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

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association Cares Committee, along with other community groups, will again be assisting families during the holiday season. We are looking for anyone who may be interested in purchasing gifts for families in our school district. You could be an individual, a group of people, or an organization that is willing to help out to make a family's holiday even more special. There is a great need again in this upcoming holiday season to help the people in our community. If you are interested in doing this, please contact Deb Swett at [debraswett@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:debraswett@trivalleycsd.org) or 985-2296 x 4229, or Kim Edwards at [kimberlyedwards@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:kimberlyedwards@trivalleycsd.org) or 985-2296 X 7061 by Nov. 15. Thank you in advance for any support you can give!

## AARP Driver Safety Program

AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at the South Fallsburg Community Center on Laurel Avenue South Fallsburg, New York on Saturday, November 23, 2013 from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

PLEASE ARRIVE AT 8:45 AM; NO WALK-INS. To Register - Call Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

Sonny Smith, an AARP- Certified Instructor, will give this course in one full day session, which will consist of a lecture, discussion and video presentations. Participants will receive a certificate which entitles them to apply for a discount on their automobile insurance.

For information, phone Sonny Smith at 434-8922 (Leave Message). PLEASE CALL AFTER 9:00 AM IN THE MORNING.

The fee is \$17 for AARP members and \$19 for non-members; make checks payable to AARP, and mail to Sonny Smith. Please enclose your phone number with payment. Classes are limited to 35, so apply early.

This course is instructed by a Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) volunteer and is sponsored by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging & RSVP.

## Celebrate National Family Caregivers Month

LIBERTY, NY- National Family Caregivers Month in November applauds the loving care of the dedicated family caregivers from which our communities benefit. They can often go unrecognized and may not realize how much they do. Caregivers don't require a special thank you but it's always nice to receive one. On Tuesday, November 19, 2013, the Caregiver Resource Center (CRC) of Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County hosts its annual holiday party thanking our county caregivers. The free celebration will be held at Yiasou Café in Liberty at 6 pm.

Participants can enjoy a lecture entitled "Partners in Healing: Simple Ways to Offer Support, Comfort & Care to a Loved One Facing Illness", presented by special guest lecturer Susan Buzzell, LMT and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant. The CRC will treat caregivers to any homemade dessert available and any non-alcoholic beverage they prefer. Pre-registration is required by November 13 by calling CCE at 845-292-6180.

The CRC salutes those special people who serve as family caregivers during National Family Caregivers Month. They commit much time and energy towards caring for spouses, parents, and other loved ones who require daily assistance in dealing with physical, developmental, and/or emotional needs. The National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA) began honoring family caregivers in 1994 during Thanksgiving week, eventually naming November as National Family Caregivers Month.

The Caregiver Resource Center, Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging (OFA) want to say "thank you" to the people who care for family members and loved ones and encourages them to empower themselves with the education and resources to nurture themselves. These resources include caregiving classes, information on coping through support groups, senior services through the OFA, and more provided by the CRC. Questions about the CRC can be directed to Bonnie Lewis, RN at [bjl25@cornell.edu](mailto:bjl25@cornell.edu).

## Discover 4-H Day & National Science Experiment with CCE Sullivan

LIBERTY, NY- Families can help "Make the Best Better" at a free program sharing the many facets of the 4-H experience on Monday, November 11, 2013 beginning at 10 am. Participants will learn about the benefits of enrolling children in the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) 4-H Youth Development program in Sullivan County, with information on volunteering and starting a club. The event will be held at CCE's Gerald J. Skoda Extension Education Center on 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

There will be hands-on activities for children while parents have the option of attending a brief orientation. Other educational booths for youth will be on hand, including topics of erosion and stream table fun, healthy snacks and living, animals, Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) program information, the National Science Experiment, and a Living History Shooting Sports display. Children can learn how to enter a 4-H project into the county fair, become a full-fledged 4-H member, and "Join the Revolution of Responsibility"!

## Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall and Polly Hill.

## The Bats are Back!



At first we thought it was the creepy Halloween decorations that attracted a few bats and their families to our daughter's front porch. The day after Halloween, Janna called to tell us that she was quite surprised to see the bats flying in and out of the spider

webs that donned the porch. She was even more surprised to see that the high cathedral window over the front door was completely cleaned of the bugs that had collected on the outer panes! She watched the little brown bats scavaging every last bug!

In cultures all over the world, the peculiar characteristics of bats has captured the imagination of storytellers who claim they have mysterious and supernatural qualities giving the little bats a notorious, sinister reputation. Having them appear when they did added a spooky touch to Halloween!

But a little research revealed that Janna was lucky to have these great little flying mammals make their abode at her residence.

These little brown bats, (*Myotis lucifugus*) are efficient little hunters and are known to make up to 1600 dives an hour over a thirty mile circle and eat their weight in insects each night before returning to roost at daybreak!

The small brown bats that are now 'hanging out' in Sundown most likely have flown hundreds of miles from the north, looking for a cave in the Catskills where they could huddle in a group for the winter surviving off their fat reserves. These small brown bats have also been known to find comfort in homes that provide suitable conditions similar to the cave habitat during the winter. They usually look for homes that have cinder block or rock foundations as the walls are just what the bat needs to maintain the optimal hibernating temperature of 35-45 degrees Fahrenheit.

Some bat facts: Bats are the only flying mammals (flying squirrels glide) that evolved to conquer the air ten million years ago and took advantage of the great food supply of night-flying insects.

Most bats have a breeding season, which is in the spring for species living in a temperate climate. Bats may have one to three litters in a season, depending on the species and on environmental conditions, such as the availability of food and roost sites. Females generally have one offspring at a time, which could be a result of the mother's need to fly to feed while pregnant. Female bats nurse their young until they are nearly adult size, because a young bat cannot forage on its own until its wings are fully developed.

The teeth and skulls of fossil bats are monkey-like and suggest a common ancestor for both bats and primates which could mean that those flying visitors may be relatives swooping and diving erratically and cleaning a window or two, as they were looking for insects!

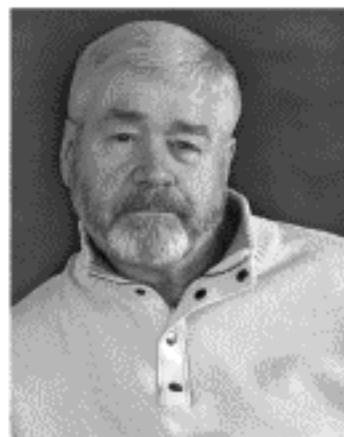
No, it isn't that bad to find that a colony of bats have decided to spend the winter in Sundown, probably in the basement of our daughter's home. Yes, she is lucky in more ways than one. She won't have to climb a ladder to clean that high cathedral ceiling, nor will she have to call the pest control company and they certainly do add to the Halloween decor of her front porch!

## Household Hints

### Clean jars, containers, and vases

Do you cringe at the thought of cleaning out a mayonnaise, peanut butter, or mustard jar to reuse it? Or worse, getting the residue out of a slimy vase, decanter, or container? There is an easy way to handle these jobs. Fill the item with equal parts vinegar and warm, soapy water and let it stand for 10-15 minutes. If you're cleaning a bottle or jar, close it up and give it a few good shakes; otherwise use a bottle brush to scrape off the remains before thoroughly rinsing.

**The Shanghai Factor Mysterious Book Report No. 122** by John Dwaine McKenna



Here's a true confession: I have been fascinated by spies, espionage and tradecraft ever since the 1950's when I read that first issue of *Mad Magazine* and was introduced to the iconic Spy vs Spy cartoon strip with its two identical antagonists, battling to a constant and eternal draw. From then on, I have read every spy novel I could get my hands on, from Joseph Conrad to John LeCarre, Ian Fleming to Frederick Forsyth and Vince Flynn as well as many others. But in all that time, over those many hundreds of books, I don't think there has been a truer, more accurate and actual, realistic depiction of the life of a spy than this week's MBR No. 122. Written by an actual operative and deep undercover CIA agent who spent more than a decade spying on eastern Europe during the height of the Cold War, *The Shanghai Factor*, (Mysterious Press-Grove/Atlantic, Inc., \$26.00, 292 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-2127-1) by Charles McCarry is the real, real deal and about as close as one can ever be to actual spyhood without taking the oath and completing the training.

Spying is a life of anonymity, mistrust, duplicity, lies, cynicism, paranoia, danger, uncertainty and loneliness. It has little or no glamour and is, in general poorly compensated and never rewarded publicly. As the protagonist, known only as 'A young American spy' and an alias says on p.68, *Befriend. Bewilder. Betray. I know what I should have said. But a new Faust is born every minute.*

The novel opens in Shanghai, China where the young American Spy is tasked with perfecting his Mandarin language skills and absorbing Chinese culture while awaiting his assignment from a spymaster at "Headquarters" whose name may or may not be "Luther Burbank." As the young spy is riding his bicycle, a beautiful and mysterious young Chinese woman known only as "Mei" crashes into him. Intentionally? Perhaps. But she threatens to call the police unless he buys her a new and expensive bicycle. Blackmailed, he complies and they soon begin a sexual relationship, and a teacher to student one as well. It becomes strange and provocative situation where nothing is as it seems, danger lurks in every hidden meaning behind every word and treachery is everywhere. It is a world in which, as our young spy says on p.122 *Suspicion, prudence, deception are the three muses of the craft . . .* and it is an utterly fascinating one as well. The novel is compelling, fascinating and marvelously well-written. It will keep the reader glued to the pages long into the night. *The Shanghai Factor* is atmospheric, excellent and intelligent. Dig in and enjoy!

There's a world of excellent spy thrillers at your local library. All you have to do is go and get yourself a free library card. Then, you can check out books to your hearts delight and read until the cows come home. Why? Because, "You must read, or surrender yourself to ignorance." --Confucius

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**Thursday, November 7**

7:00 p.m. Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville

**How do small Catskills communities like ours define progress?**

Ecologist and writer **TOM WESSELS**, discusses how the laws of sustainability function in the complex systems we can observe in the natural world around us.

**Friday, November 8**

9:00 a.m. — Noon, Denning

**Join us for a "sleuthing" woods walk to uncover our land use history with TOM WESSELS.**

\*\* The meeting place has changed from Denning Trail Head to Denning Town Hall at 1564 Denning Road where Tom will begin with some slides.

Pre-registration required.

**TOM WESSELS** is an ecologist and founding director of the master's degree program in Conservation Biology at Antioch University New England. His books include: *Reading the Forested Landscape*, *The Granite Landscape*, *Untamed Vermont*, *The Myth of Progress*, and *Forest Forensics: A Field Guide to Reading the Forested Landscape*.



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Rondout Neversink Stream Program is a project of Sullivan County SWCD funded by NYC DEP.

**Tom Wessels Event - Meeting Place Has Changed**

Thanks to everyone for responding so enthusiastically to our event with Tom Wessels on Friday November 8 from 9am-Noon. This event is full to capacity!

The meeting place has changed from Denning Trail Head to Denning Town Hall at 1564 Denning Road where Tom will begin with some slides.

Directions: From Liberty, Take NYS Route 55 to Grahamsville; turn left on County Road 19 at sign for Claryville; continue up the mountain past Claryville F.D., Denning Town Hall will be on your left at the double bridge.

From Phoenicia, Take County Road 47 (Frost Valley Road) to Claryville; turn left into town past Claryville F.D. to find Denning Town Hall on your left at the double bridge.

From Kingston, Take Route 209 to Ellenville, turn right on NYS Route 55; take to Grahamsville; turn right onto County Road 19 to Claryville; travel through Claryville to Denning Town Hall on your left at the double bridge.

**Of Man and Nature**

New England ecologist Tom Wessels, author of *The Myth of Progress and Reading the Forested Landscape*, will discuss how the laws of sustainability function in the natural world when he gives a public talk at the

Neversink Town Hall, Grahamsville Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. The talk is free and is sponsored by the Rondout-Neversink Stream Program of the Sullivan County Soil & Water Conservation District.

**The Sheley--Sheely--Sheeley Family of Ulster & Sullivan Counties in New York State - Part 1 Now Available**

*The Sheley--Sheely--Sheeley Family of Ulster & Sullivan Counties in New York State - Part 1* researched and compiled by James W. Sheeley of Dawson Springs, KY (formerly of Walden, NY). The geneology covers desendants of Jacob and Barbara (Stamy) Sheley 1740-1840 time frame. Other families covered include: Aldrich, Brooks, Clearwater, Hornbeck, Low Swartwout and Vernooy.

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**The PRASAD Project Receives Global Recognition**

(From Pg. 1) During one Group Discussion, "Protecting the Earth: Species and Habitats in Peril," Dr. Escarra's presentation underscored PRASAD's success in driving economic development while safeguarding the environment among the people of India's Tansa Valley.

In addition, PRASAD's new documentary about organic farming in India was featured during the Plenary Session, "Vital Resources Doing More with Less."

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## The Olive Jar - By Carol LaMonda

November can boast Thanksgiving and Veterans' Day. We celebrate them well with ceremony and tradition. November also has Election Day, which we don't always do so nicely. There has to be a better way to choose our elected officials.

First of all, we have the tradition of littering our highways and lawns with flimsy signs that by Election Day are askew and clumped into unattractive clusters at every intersection. They rarely say more than the candidate's name, so "he-or-she-with-the-most-signs" has name recognition.

Then there are the robo-calls that are little more than a nuisance. With Caller ID, most calls are disconnected before a computerized voice begins. At least the calls can be ignored. The television ads, which are more negative than positive, are an affront to all we were taught in Sunday School. They are attack ads, an insult to our human dignity.

There are valid attempts to present the candidates and their issues at forums or at social gatherings, but those events seem to be attended by the same small group of people who tend to be "political groupies" rather than interested voters. Republicans attend Republican rallies and Democrats attend their own social events.

Newspapers try to present a synopsis of biographies and platforms in a paragraph or two. Cards and letters from candidates often get tossed before they are read.

When a small percent of the possible eligible voters get into that voting booth or voting cubby, what are we really doing?

I wish I could present a better plan. I think every candidate should have a level playing field with finances. There should be a limit on spending. There should be a medium that would reach all voters with the same information.

Until we come up with that better way, we, as Americans, should at least get ourselves to the polls to do our civic duty. Years ago, there was a slogan that said, "Vote, you lucky American." By the time you read this, most of the campaign signs and literature will be gone. So, hopefully you got to use your valuable vote. I hope you voted, you lucky American.



**RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-** Fred Perry-Owner of Reservoir Music Center - 711 Route 28, Kingston, NY 12401 - - [reservoirmusiccenter.com](http://reservoirmusiccenter.com)

It's hard to believe that we still have almost 7 weeks before the actual start of Winter! I suspected this would be an early, cold Winter when I saw my first red and gold leaves in the middle of July! Prior to the last really bad Winter, about 3 years ago, I saw my first red leaf on July 26. This year it was about two weeks earlier than that! Could be a clue, so get ready for a long, cold, snowy Winter, and for everyone who doesn't ski, snowboard, or indulge in other Winter sports and activities, sorry to be the bearer of bad news. Of course, the good news is it will probably be over by April! Ha ha!

Since there's nothing earth shattering that happened in the music world since Lou Reed died, and since my deadline is looming, and since I do have a life with it's attendant demands, this week's column is gonna get right down to live music picks. Here we go.

Wednesday, November 6 - PHIL LESH AND FRIENDS continue their five night run at Best Buy Theater in Times Square, finishing up on Sunday.

Thursday, November 7 - Saturday night I was at a party and SPIV UK were playing. I had heard a lot about these guys and was interested in seeing them play. Well, they were pretty damn good, so I'm recommending their Artist in Residence series at Bearsville Theater, every Thursday this month, except, of course, for Thanksgiving, which falls on the 28th this year. So that would leave November 7, 14, and 21 for you to check out Spiv UK, who by the way, are a local band! If you're in the city tonight, THE B-52'S are at Brooklyn Bowl, and if you feel like taking a drive, the great MARTY STUART is at Infinity Hall in Norfolk, Connecticut. BTW, Marty's guitarist, Kenny Vaughn, is the best guitar player in Nashville, which is to say, one of the best anywhere!

Friday, November 8 - The superlative OS MUTANTES stop by Le Poisson Rouge in Manhattan to blow a few minds, just like they did at Bearsville Theater a few months ago. The great roots rock band, LUCERO, are at Terminal 5, HUGH POOL is at Rodeo Bar, and this week's Pick of the Week, which I was gonna keep to myself, but no one's getting in anyway, so I might as well let the cat out of the bag, is RONNIE WOOD and MICK TAYLOR at The Cutting Room tonight and tomorrow, with an unrelated and separate early show by Jefferson Airplane founder, MARTY BALIN, tonight only. Both Mick and Ronnie shows are completely sold out!

Saturday, November 9 - Only game in town tonight is ex-Moody Blues lead singer and Wings band member, DENNY LAINE, presenting an Abbey Road program that will include the album, Abbey Road, in it's entirety, as well as many other hits recorded at the world famous studio, and Denny's own hits with The Moody Blues and Wings.

Sunday, November 10- Wind down the weekend with A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR KWASI LESLIE, a young man battling Leukemia. Featured performers will be ALEXIS P. SUTER, AMY HELM, JOEY EPPARD, CHRIS GARTMANN, RAS T, and more. Please support this worthy cause, and have fun at the same time!

Monday, November 11 - There's something called DYLAN FEST NYC at Bowery Ballroom tonight and tomorrow, and ELVIS COSTELLO is also playing at The Capitol Theater in Port Chester tonight and tomorrow.

Tuesday, November 12 - JOHN FOGERTY at The Beacon Theater tonight and tomorrow, is my second Pick of the Week!

Wednesday, November 13 - CHRIS CORNELL of Soundgarden at UPAC, Kingston.

Thursday, November 14 - ELVIS COSTELLO at UPAC.

There's your week in music. Enjoy!

## Town of Olive Library - Director's Message

Recently some of our library staff attended a training workshop to learn how to better serve our patrons who are out of work. We will now be setting aside several hours per week to help people on a walk-in basis to create a resume or customize the one they have, find job openings using online resources, and improve their computer skills.

The library's community room has been skillfully transformed into a theater! This is an exciting opportunity to see "Almost, Maine," a rural romantic comedy with a cast that includes two of our library staff people. Ticket sales will help pay for the production, and will enable the library to do more programming like this in the future.

We have lots of fun activities lined up for the December 7th holiday fair, in addition to locally made crafts and yummy local maple syrup. For the very young, children's book author and illustr

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The Ceremony will take place in front of the flag pole and kiosk at the edge of the parking lot. Chairs will be set up in the parking lot for those who come. After the ceremony, light refreshments will be available in the Legion Hall. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be held in the Legion Hall. For information Contact Purdy A. Halstead, Post Adjutant Phone (845) 657-8494

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She was nominated by the College's Board of Trustees for the honor for her 38-years of service, commitment and advocacy for community colleges. Miss Donovan is the longest-serving Trustee in the history of the College.

Currently serving her fifth term, Miss Donovan, a retired Kingston school district guidance counselor, was first appointed as a trustee in 1974 by Governor Malcolm Wilson and has since been reappointed by Governors Carey, M. Cuomo, Pataki and Paterson.

Miss Donovan led the board as chairman for six years from 1978-1981 and from 1991-1994. She also has served as vice chairman in 1977-1978 and 1990-91. She has been a member of all the Board's committees, chairing the Educational Programs and Services Committee for 12 years, served on the President's Evaluation Committee for more than 25 years, and served on the Presidential Selection Committee in both 1997 and 2001. She became Chair of the Personnel Committee in 2012.

Miss Donovan received the Twenty Year Service Award from the Association Board of Trustees of Community Colleges in 1989 and the ABC Anne M. Bushnell Award in 1998. Miss Donovan is a sustaining member of the Junior League of Kingston.

Miss Donovan is a Director Emeritus of the Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. Board of Directors and was honored by the Foundation in 2003 at its annual gala.

"As one of the College's most eloquent spokespersons she has helped to forge the College's reputation as an excellent choice for students planning to eventually complete four-year degree programs," said Dr. Donald C. Katt, President. "Additionally, Anne has focused with clarity on the need for the College to give equal weight to the development of programs and services for career students and maintains strong advocacy for that effort."

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The college's Fast Finish Program provides students with the option of completing the certificate in six months with online accelerated courses.

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This how-to workshop will feature qualified speakers from both Media Solstice and Large Media. A light lunch will be available along with networking opportunities.

10:00 a.m. Registration  
10:15 a.m.-Noon Presentation on the importance of a web site, links to other sites and tricks you need to know to get traffic to your site.  
Noon-1:00 p.m. Lunch & Networking  
1:00-2:30 p.m. The Power of Social Media and the various platforms utilized to get you noticed and engage your visitor.  
2:30-3:00 p.m. Wrap Up and future workshops

Space is limited so please RSVP by Nov. 8 - phone -1-800-882-2287 if you plan on attending this useful workshop. Please feel free to share this opportunity with other businesses who you feel would benefit from attending. They also would need to RSVP to us with their intent to attend. Members are FREE, Non-members \$10.

**Hunters, take note**

Hunting opportunities around the Ashokan Reservoir have been expanded to allow antlerless deer to be taken in two new recreation units bordering the East Basin. Bow hunting only (opens Nov. 1) will be allowed in the Glenford Unit on the north side of the basin; hunting by bow and gun will be allowed in the Mile Shore Unit on the south side.

This is an effort to control the growing deer population which is having negative impacts on the regeneration of the forest, a natural filter surrounding the reservoir. For information on how you can obtain a Deer Management Assistance Permit to hunt in this new area, call 845-340-7811. Go to: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/home/home.shtml> to see maps, obtain recreational access permits and learn more about other opportunities to hunt, fish and hike on City-owned lands.

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**Fallsburg Central School District Will Celebrate its School Related Professionals**

November 19 is Recognition Day for School Related Professionals (SRP). Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) has a unit 49 members, 22 of whom have worked at the district for over 10 years. SRP's are teaching assistants, teacher's aides, nurses, account clerks, child care coordinator, typists, and a technical data specialist. They staff both the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School and the Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School.

This group of professionals monitor playgrounds and lunchrooms to provide safe environments; provide health services to keep students' healthy and coordinate medical services for them; provide medical care to the staff; aid in-class support to teachers including running reading groups, math groups and working one-on-one with students. Outside the classroom, SRP's sustain the school by answering the phones, directing people to the correct personnel, keeping important school records, and providing bi-lingual translation for our diverse school community. Additionally, it is SRP's that keep the computer system up and functioning. FCSD recognizes all SRP's for making a difference in the lives of students, teachers, and the Fallsburg community.

**"Savor the Arts-Restaurant Style"**

When you dine out this fall, you can support the arts at the same time. Delaware Valley Arts Alliance (DVAA) and local restaurants and bakeries are partnering in "Savor the Arts-Restaurant Style," a fundraising campaign to support cultural programs and services in the Sullivan County and Upper Delaware Valley regions. Restaurants will donate a percentage of each bill to the DVAA. Here is a schedule of upcoming participating restaurants.

Sunday, November 3 Lanza's Country Inn on Shandelee 839 Shandelee Road, Livingston Manor, NY 12758 (845) 439-5070 www.lanzascountryinn.com

November 7-10 (Lunches, Thursday-Sunday) The Bakery 167 E Front Street, Hancock, NY 13783 (607) 637-2253 www.thebakeryhancockny.com The Bakery is also planning a special cooking class in April 2014

Saturday, December 7 Gerard's River Grill 251 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg, NY 12764 (845) 252-6562 www.gerardsrivergrill.com

Participating later are Samba Café in Jeffersonville, NY, Fat Lady Café in Kauneonga Lake, NY, and Dancing Cat Saloon in Bethel, NY.

DVAA thanks The Heron of Narrowsburg, Konrad's Kitchen in Yulan, and Matthew's on Main in Callicoon for their participation earlier this fall. Founded in 1976, DVAA, the arts council for the region, serves artists, arts groups, and the general public through grants and public programs such as Riverfest, the Big Eddy Film Festival, year-round exhibitions, recitals, film screenings, and talks. DVAA also provides information services through the bi-monthly Artsletter and weekly Arts Happenings eblasts.

"Savor the Arts-Restaurant Style" is a collaborative effort that helps both business and the arts. For more information call 845-252-7576.

**Art in the Sixes**

"Art in Sixes," an exhibition of small art works by local artists, opens at the Delaware Arts Center's Alliance Gallery on Saturday, November 23, with a reception from 2 - 4 p.m. The exhibit will be on view through December 22.

Celebrating its ninth year, "Art in Sixes" is the Delaware Valley Arts Center's premier year-end art event. It features artwork in a wide range of studio mediums including painting, drawing, sculpture, fiber, ceramics, and photography from artists in Sullivan County and the upper Delaware River region. This exhibition which showcases art no larger than six inches in any direction has become the largest of its kind in Sullivan County. Last year's show included 82 artists and 275 works of art. All works of art are for sale and priced reasonably for holiday gift giving.

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**Third Serious Accident in Neversink Last Week**



Firefighters work to extricate a woman from her vehicle after a two car collision on State Route 55 in front of Maxon in Neversink, Friday afternoon, November 1, 2013.

The woman was flown out by helicopter. This is the third serious accident on that stretch of road in the past week.

**Unplugged**

Monticello - 7pm - Every Wednesday a group of young people called "Unplugged" gather at Monticello Church of God to discuss youth culture, current events, social challenges and community involvement. Enjoy live music by Adrianna Rubio & Unplugged Band.

Refreshments are for sale. Come and join us in an open environment and friendly atmosphere. All youth are welcome. Additionally, a group called "Unplugged High School Club," started in April 2013, gathers in Monticello High School every Wednesday to discuss youth culture, current events, social challenges and community involvement.

**TV FBLA Off to a Busy Start (From Pg. 1)**

Families piled in needing plump pumpkins and the members of the Junior FBLA gladly obliged by helping them



pick the perfect pumpkin, walk the pumpkin to their car, and collect the money. Community service is a huge part of Jr. FBLA.

The Junior FBLA is also hosted a Halloween dance on November 1st at the Tri-Valley School for 7th and 8th graders. The dance was "Spooktacular!" Half the money raised at this dance will be given to the March of Dimes.

The advisors for this club are Matthew Haynes and Brenda Hay.



**Local Author Verb Konviser - Book Signing:  
'The Vegetarian Hotel Cookbook'**

Verb Konviser, local hotel keeper for many years, will be signing his cookbook, 'The Vegetarian Hotel Cookbook' at the E.B. Crawford Public Library at 393 Broadway in Monticello at 6:00 pm on Thursday evening, November 14th. His book contains many of the recipes his mother, Fannie Schaffer, created to serve guests staying at The Vegetarian Hotel - a resort that grew to 100 rooms and had a swimming pool, tennis, handball & shuffle board courts and offered health lectures, exercise classes and nightly entertainment. Many guests came to experience, as Verb describes in the introduction to his cookbook, his mother's "sumptuous, healthy, home-made vegetarian meals - including evening tea service". Over the years he has perfected some of her recipes and added new ones. Stop by the library November 14th and pick up a copy. For information call the library (845) 794-4660.



Author, Verb Konviser, with his 6 1/2 old granddaughter, Clare, a fourth generation vegetarian.

**Fallsburg Rallies for Robynne**



Robynne Anderman Malman has been battling a rare form of cancer for over two years. The long time sixth grade teacher at Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) and life-long resident of the town has not been able to teach because of the rigors of her treatment. Fellow teachers, former students, school administration and staff organized a spaghetti dinner on October 19 at the Hurleyville Fire House to help raise funds for Robynne's mounting medical costs. With generous donations from the Sullivan County community and a large group of volunteers, the event raised over \$5000 in a true labor of love.

Even though she had an exhausting chemotherapy session that morning, Robynne could not disappoint the dozens of adults and children that had planned, organized, cooked, and served the many supporters that enjoyed spaghetti, meat balls, salad, rolls, soft drinks, and delectable desserts from 3 to 8 PM. Robynne entered the Fire House about 4:30 PM, with her new husband Angelo Pacheco. She was wearing a face mask to protect her vulnerable body during her cancer treatment. Undeterred, her dark eyes sparkled and danced above the mask. For the next few hours, she moved around the room hugging and thanking everyone she met-Arlene Hussey, her mom and member of the FCSD School Board, her dear friend and fellow teacher Shari Mednick, former student Brynn Bertholf, and so many others, wearing aprons of service, and carrying trays of food to all.

Just before she and Angelo left, well into the evening and even though she was tiring, Robynne went to the kitchen to personally thank the Hurleyville Fire Fighters for preparing all that spaghetti and meatballs in their small kitchen and adding that special ingredient-their love.

It was a wonderful day for the Fallsburg School District. The support for one of their beloved teachers buoyed her spirits and filled the hearts of all that were present.

**Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum Art of the Angler Show**

On Saturday and Sunday, November 9 & 10, hundreds of fly tyers will visit the Arts of the Angler Show, Ethan Allen Inn, Danbury CT to attend seminars, discussions, clinics and programs on Who, What, Where and How in fly fishing and fly tying. Visitors will experience one of the most complete and diverse fly shows.

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Live Auctions Saturday night and Sunday Morning. Special dinner after the show on Saturday night. All attendees receive a HC edition of French Fishing Flies and a chance to win an Orvis Fly Rod; admission. All proceeds to benefit the Catskill Fly Fishing Center, (the largest fly fishing and museum in the world). Its all about fly fishing.

Programs and seminars by: Peggy Brenner, Sara Low, Kathy Scott, John Shaner, David Brandt, Don Bastian, Safet Nikocecic, Bob Romano and others. For all information and details, call 845-439-4810; or email flyfish@catskill.net; website www.catskillflyfishing.org

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## Habitat for Humanity

Fallsburg, NY Cora A. Edwards, District Six Legislator announced that there will be an Informational Session for prospective Habitat for Humanity applicants who can find out what is involved in participating in the program to help build and own your own home. The informational session will be held, Friday November 15, 2013 at 6:00PM at the First Baptist Church on Main Street in South Fallsburg. Successful Habitat for Humanity homeowners will

share their experiences of the program to help others who would like to participate.

Please call Habitat for Humanity at 845-791-8305 for more information.

## DEP Announces Expanded Recreational Boating Programs Led to More than 1,000 Visits to Catskill Reservoirs in 2013 - More than 750 Boat Tags Issued in 2013 and New Rental Program Led to Hundreds of Additional Visitors - More than 20 Certified Outdoor Guides Participated in New Opportunity to Access City Lands

New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Commissioner Carter Strickland today announced that more than 750 individual boat tags were issued in 2013 during another successful season of recreational boating on City-owned reservoirs in the Catskills. The popular boating program on Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie reservoirs was supplemented this year by two new programs. A boat rental program, administered in partnership with the Catskill Watershed Corporation, allowed local businesses to store and rent recreational boats alongside the four reservoirs. The rentals attracted more than 300 additional boaters and supported local businesses with thousands of dollars of new revenue. The second program opened City-owned lands and waters for the first time to more than 20 state-certified outdoor guides who provided professional tours to dozens of visitors. These programs are in addition to the traditional use of metal rowboats for fishing, which has been permitted for decades.

"Our efforts to encourage boating and guided outdoor recreation underscore DEP's commitment to support the Catskills' tourism economy," said Commissioner Strickland. "This year we've heard feedback from many boaters and vendors who said these programs offered a unique way to exercise, attract visitors, and enjoy the scenic beauty of the Catskills, and we look forward to finding new and responsible ways to expand recreational access in the years to come."

DEP issued 757 tags to boaters, including 505 kayaks, 189 canoes, 33 rowboats, 25 sailboats, and five sculls. Pepacton Reservoir attracted 461 boaters, the most of any reservoir, followed by 126 tags issued at Neversink, 108 at Cannonsville, and 62 at Schoharie. Nearly 63 percent of recreational boating tags were issued to residents of the five watershed counties, including Delaware, Greene, Schoharie, Sullivan, and Ulster. About 14 percent of tags were issued to residents of New York City or Long Island. Visitors from six states also received tags, including Alabama, Florida, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania.

After a successful expansion of recreational boating last year, the program was further enhanced this year by a new initiative allowing local businesses to rent kayaks and canoes from 10 launch sites alongside the four reservoirs. The seven businesses that participated rented more than 300 boats. The program was administered with significant help from the Catskill Watershed Corporation, which funded the acquisition of 30 storage racks for the rental boats. The Catskill Watershed Corporation also administered the process to vet and approve businesses that applied to participate in the rental program.

"Installing racks to allow boat rental vendors to safely store canoes and kayaks has made it easier for them to do business, and to attract people without boats of their own to get out and have fun on the water," said Catskill Watershed Corporation Executive Director, Alan Rosa. "The CWC is happy to have played a part in assisting small business, and introducing new boaters to this great sport."

The program also served as a new source of revenue for the local companies who rented boats to residents, tourists, and summer camp groups.

"My business more than doubled in

2013 as more and more people learned about the recreational boating program," said Jim Rafferty, who owns Bradley Boat Rentals and participated in the rental program at Neversink Reservoir. "New York City and the Catskill Watershed Corporation have provided the public with a wonderful recreational opportunity and their efforts are appreciated."

2013 marked the second year of the expanded recreational boating program, which followed a three-year pilot that began in 2009 at Cannonsville Reservoir. Prior to 2009, DEP only issued tags for metal rowboats that were used and stored at the reservoirs for the purpose of fishing. That original program remains popular, with more than 12,212 tags currently issued to anglers who have rowboats at the reservoirs. While many residents enjoy this traditional program, there is a waiting list at many reservoirs and tourists and casual visitors to the Catskills could not get access to the reservoirs. Regular water-quality monitoring at each of these reservoirs has shown no impact from recreational boating and DEP's invasive species experts surveyed every boat launch site this summer and found no sign of aquatic plants or animals that can harm drinking water quality. Every boat that is used on the reservoirs is required to be inspected and steam cleaned to avoid the spread of invasive species.

This year, DEP also began a new program for New York state-certified outdoor guides to use City-owned lands and reservoirs in the watershed for the first time ever. In total, 21 certified guides received permits to offer fishing, hunting, and hiking tours that have long been a hallmark of the Catskills. Outdoor guides that offered services on City-owned properties required certification from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Among other guidelines, the state program requires all guides to be certified in first aid, CPR, and water safety. Guides also must pass a state exam.

"As a licensed guide in the Catskills since 1983, I was really happy to hear about the new program to allow guided tours on DEP land," said Charles "Sonny" Somelofski, who runs Catskills Outdoor Adventures in Margaretville. "My customers from downstate, New Jersey, and Connecticut were also very excited, and many of our tours on the reservoirs this year yielded world-class brown trout. We appreciate the City's efforts to work closely with us and help promote tourism in the Catskill and Delaware watershed."

DEP manages New York City's water supply, providing more than one billion gallons of water each day to more than 9 million residents, including 8.3 million in New York City, and residents of Ulster, Orange, Putnam, and Westchester counties. This water comes from the Catskill, Delaware, and Croton watersheds that extend more than 125 miles from the City, and the system comprises 19 reservoirs, three controlled lakes, and numerous tunnels and aqueducts. DEP employs nearly 6,000 employees, including almost 1,000 scientists, engineers, surveyors, watershed maintainers and others professionals in the upstate watershed. In addition to its \$68 million payroll and \$157 million in annual taxes paid in upstate counties, DEP has invested more than \$1.5 billion in watershed protection programs-including partnership organizations such as the Catskill Watershed Corporation and the Watershed Agricultural Council-that support sustainable farming practices, environmentally sensitive economic development, and local economic opportunity. In addition, DEP has a robust capital program with over \$14 billion in investments planned over the next 10 years that will create up to 3,000 construction-related jobs per year. For more information, visit [www.nyc.gov/dep](http://www.nyc.gov/dep), like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nycwater](http://www.facebook.com/nycwater), or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/nycwater](http://www.twitter.com/nycwater).

## House Passes Legislation Including Gibson Bill on Vietnam Veterans-

Bill Represents First Step in Effort to Help Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans

Washington, DC - This evening, the House passed veterans legislation that included a bill written by Congressman Chris Gibson. This bill, H.R. 1494, the Blue Water Navy Ship Accountability Act, was introduced in April, and is part of the Congressman's effort to ensure Vietnam veterans get the benefits they have earned and deserve. The Blue Water Navy Ship Accountability Act was incorporated into H.R. 2189, which passed the House 404-1 today.

"Without question, we must do everything we can to get our nation's veterans the benefits they earned serving our nation. This responsibility is even more profound when the illnesses from which they are suffering are linked directly to their service," said Congressman Gibson. "I have personally met with constituents who have had to fight with the Department of Veterans Affairs to try and receive coverage for some truly debilitating conditions and diseases. This bill is the first step in these claims being processed quickly, reducing what has become an absolutely unacceptable backlog at the VA."

A link to the Congressman's floor speech on the bill can be found here: <http://youtu.be/qLJmIDZQsc>. The floor speech mentions constituent and advocate Carol Olszanecki from Ellenville, who lost her husband John to Agent Orange related illnesses.

Under current law, Blue Water Navy Veterans who did not set foot in Vietnam or serve aboard ships that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 have the burden of proof to demonstrate exposure to Agent Orange and the connection to their illnesses. These claims are decided on a case-by-case basis. The Bureau of Veterans Affairs maintains a list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships that operated within the vicinity of Vietnam; however, this list is imperfect and not comprehensive. Some offshore vessels docked to the shore of Vietnam, operated in Vietnam's close coastal waters and sent smaller vessels ashore.

Congressman Gibson's provision would require a comprehensive search to determine which ships are eligible for coverage under current law, reducing the wait time when new claims are filed. This would help Veterans who are currently sick or, in some cases, have died and claims are being made by their surviving families. The information must be compiled within one year, and provided to the Veterans Affairs Secretary, as well as be available publicly.

In addition, Congressman Gibson's bill, H.R. 543, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013 would grant presumptive Agent Orange exposure status to US servicemembers who served in the territorial seas of Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Presumptive coverage would enable eligible veterans to receive Veterans Affairs benefits if they suffer from any of the diseases the U.S. government has linked to Agent Orange.

## Training for Planners at CWC Nov. 19

Members of Town and Village Planning Boards and Zoning Boards of Appeal are invited to a two-hour training workshop at the CWC Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6:30. "Introduction to the Revised SEQRA Environmental Assessment Forms" will be offered by planning consultant Peter Manning. The class qualifies as two hours of state-required training (subject to approval by municipal boards). It's free, but space is limited. Register by November 15 at <http://fs21.formsite.com/FSuess/SEQR A2013/index.html>

## Standard & Poor's Upgrades Ulster County's Already Strong Bond Rating

In the face of all the challenges facing local governments S&P's acknowledges Ulster County's "Strong Financial Management" Kingston, NY - Ulster County Executive Mike Hein is pleased to announce that Standard & Poor's has upgraded Ulster County's bond rating to AA from AA-. According to Standard & Poor's, the AA bond rating is due to the County's continued strong management, sound financial operations, budgetary performance and the County's low overall debt.

"In this era of ever increasing State mandates and reductions in State and Federal aid, local governments can not remain static but must instead embrace innovation and change," said County Executive Mike Hein. "Over the last several years my Administration has not shied away from the hard choices, whether it was designing an entirely new model to address county nursing homes in crisis or consolidating County departments to increase efficiency, these actions are being acknowledged by the rating agencies and this will benefit our citizens for years to come. We are committed to transforming County Government to move closer to sustainability."

"The 2014 Executive Budget includes the largest reduction in government spending in the history of Ulster County, while at the same time we continue to ensure more essential services are available to our residents. This has been made possible by streamlining operations, utilizing technology and re-inventing how government operates with an extremely hard-working workforce. In many ways, Ulster County is becoming a model of innovation across New York State," concluded the County Executive.

"This bond rating upgrade to AA is very significant and the County Executive should be extremely proud," said Ulster County Commissioner of Finance Burt Gulnick. "In this financial climate where some counties are being downgraded and most municipalities hope for their bond rating to remain stable, the fact that Ulster County's was actually upgraded is truly a testament to the leadership of the County Executive and the dedication of the entire Ulster County team over the last several years."

Standard & Poor's utilizes numerous rating criteria including management, financial stability and recent history, all categories in which Ulster County scored particularly high, to assess credit ratings. A strong bond rating is beneficial to Ulster County taxpayers because it can reduce the overall borrowing costs associated with standard bond issues. Standard & Poor's long-term credit ratings range from a top rating of 'AAA' to a low of 'D' for debt issues that are actually in default and for issuers who did not meet their financial obligations. Ulster County has retained its AA- rating every year since 2008, until this year's upgrade to AA.

## DiNapoli: Quarter of Property Value in New York Considered Tax Exempt

More than 25 percent of real property value in New York is exempt from county, city and town property taxes, according to a report issued today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. The total value of these exempt properties is \$680 billion. The value increases to \$826 billion for properties exempt from more than one type of local government or school district taxes.

"In an era of limited resources, the impact of property tax exemptions complicates the financial picture of our local governments," said DiNapoli. "In localities with higher exemptions, taxable property owners are often carrying a much higher burden. Local leaders will need to continue to find creative ways to offset these exemptions and must carefully weigh any decision to offer new exemptions. Syracuse is attempting to tackle this challenge head on and others can learn from its example."

"Property which cannot be taxed is a major driver of the current fiscal crisis facing our cities," said Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner. "This is not an isolated problem and represents a major challenge as we deal with the changing economic model of cities. Our non-profits demand and deserve top-quality public services, such as those provided by police, fire, and DPW, but do not contribute to their high cost. This report by Comptroller DiNapoli helps us better understand where we are today and how we can take action to deal with our changing financial landscape."

Across New York, DiNapoli's report noted the percentage of exempt property value ranges from less than 10 percent in several municipalities to more than 60 percent in others.

For cities, the percentage of exempt property value is highest in Rensselaer (65 percent); Ogdensburg (64 percent); Salamanca (63 percent); Ithaca (62 percent) and Troy (59 percent). Other cities with a notable percentage of exemptions: Albany (59 percent); Syracuse (51 percent); Buffalo (37 percent); and Yonkers (36 percent).

Towns have the greatest variation in terms of total exempt property value in the state, ranging from 1 percent in some communities to nearly 90 percent in others. However, many of the towns with a high percentage of exemptions are smaller communities with special circumstances. For example, the town of Alfred in Allegany County has two large universities; the towns of Harrisburg and Martinsburg in Lewis County both provide multiple exemptions for solar and wind projects. Other examples include exemptions provided for state prisons, power plants, Native American reservations and federal military bases.

For counties, the highest percentage of exempt property value is in Tompkins County (40 percent), followed by Seneca (38 percent); St. Lawrence (38 percent); Lewis (37 percent); and Niagara (36 percent).

The report noted that exemptions generally fell into several categories:

- \* Government-owned property (federal, state, local and foreign governments) accounts for 41 percent, or \$343 billion, of the total value of exempt property in the state;

- \* Residential property exemptions are the largest tax exemption in the state (28 percent of total exemptions valued at \$224 billion), but the majority of this total includes the state's School Tax Relief (STAR) program, which exempts a portion of school taxes on a primary residence and puts no direct additional burden on taxable property;

- \* Non-profit organizations, which include churches, hospitals and universities, total 14 percent (\$112 billion) of New York's exempted property value;

- \* Industrial and commercial exemptions, which includes public authority property and exemptions granted by local Industrial Development Agencies, accounts for 9 percent (\$76 billion) of all exempt value; and

- \* Agriculture, forest property, public subsidized housing and other exemptions together account for 9 percent of all exempt value (\$73 billion).

To offset these tax exemptions, local governments have taken a number of steps to generate revenue from exempt property owners. This includes charging fees for services, developing PILOT (payments in lieu of taxes) arrangements and reaching voluntary payment arrangements with non-profit groups.

For example, in 2012, 51 percent of the property value (nearly \$5 billion) in the City of Syracuse was tax-exempt. To help make up for the lost revenue, the city has reached service agreements with Syracuse University and two local hospitals.

For a copy of the report visit: [http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/pub/research/propertytax\\_exemptions.pdf](http://www.osc.state.ny.us/localgov/pub/research/propertytax_exemptions.pdf)

For access to state and local government spending and nearly 50,000 state contracts, visit <http://www.openbooknewyork.com/>. The easy-to-use

website was created by Comptroller DiNapoli to promote openness in government and provide taxpayers with better access to the financial workings of government.

## Gibson Joins Bipartisan Group in Introducing Bill to Protect Americans from Government Surveillance

Washington, DC - Congressman Chris Gibson announced today that he joined with a bipartisan group of members to introduce legislation to restore Americans' privacy rights. H.R. 3361, the USA FREEDOM Act, would end the government's dragnet collection of phone records and will require greater oversight, transparency, and accountability with respect to domestic surveillance authorities.

"I have been a strong critic of the National Security Agency (NSA) data collection program, including supporting an amendment in July that would have defunded the NSA program responsible for the collection of data on Americans. This is in addition to having voted against reauthorizations of parts of the PATRIOT Act and Foreign Surveillance Act since I have been in Congress because of long-standing concerns about their unconstitutional authority," said Congressman Gibson. "Today's legislation is an important step forward and it's a step supported by a bipartisan group in the House and Senate. I refuse to accept the false choice that we have to give up our civil liberties and the rights that define us as Americans to remain safe. I will be strongly advocating for swift passage of this legislation."

The USA FREEDOM Act ends the bulk collection of data under Section 215 of the Patriot Act. In addition to ending the phone record collection, the USA Freedom Act would include the following provisions:

- Strengthen prohibitions against targeting the communications of Americans and would require the government to more aggressively delete information accidentally collected on Americans.

- Increases the transparency of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC) and creates the Office of the Special Advocate tasked with arguing for stronger privacy protections before the FISA Court and is vested with the authority to appeal decisions.

- Expand the power of the existing Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board to include subpoena power to investigate issues related to privacy and national security.

- Allow internet and telecom companies like Google, Microsoft and Facebook to publically reveal more statistics about the information they turn over to the government.

- Require the government to make semi-annual public reports estimating the number of individuals that were subject to FISA orders authorizing electronic surveillance.

## UC Sheriff's Cadets Compete, Place in Statewide Competition.

On Saturday October 26, 2013 Explorer cadets from the Ulster County Sheriff's Office participated in the "Statewide Explorer Stations Day" in Solvay, NY. This is an event where Explorer Cadets from all over the state participate in a competition that judges their ability to utilize their training and skills, learned in the Explorer Program, to navigate a variety of police-based scenarios. The cadets are also judged on overall appearance, demeanor, and physical fitness.

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 129 cadets placed third overall in the following categories: physical agility, crime scene investigation, and arrest and search techniques. Cadets James Temple, Margarita Katsaitis, Katlyn Friss, and Niall Healy participated in the event. The cadets were accompanied by Deputies Griff

Liewa and Jonathan Geuss, who oversee the Explorer program at the Sheriff's Office.

The Sheriff's Cadet Explorer program is open to youth between the ages of 14 and 21 with interest in a law enforcement career. Explorer Posts are "Learning for Life" extensions of the Boy Scouts of America. The mission of Learning for Life is to enable young people to become responsible individuals by teaching positive character traits, career development, leadership, and life skills, so they can make ethical choices and achieve their full potential. For more information about becoming a cadet, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 340-3590.

## POLITICAL SLANT By Frank Comando

*During the week of November 9-15, 2013, ULSTER COUNTY DEM WOMEN will be taking on the SNAP Challenge. Will you join us?*

### THE HUNGER DILEMMA:

There is enough food grown in the Hudson Valley to feed our community. However, costs related to storage, transportation, and access remain obstacles to distribution. Many of our neighbors--including children--remain hungry each day, relying on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (aka food stamps) for subsistence. Their daily benefit is only \$4.80 a day -- a woefully unrealistic budget considering the cost of food, preparation, and access to grocery stores. And it's getting worse: Congress recently voted to cut SNAP benefits for all participants starting November 1st. As an example, benefits for a family of four will decrease \$36 per month--the equivalent of taking away 21 meals per month.

Ulster County Dem Women are mobilizing to prevent further cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and to join efforts already underway to raise awareness of--and ultimately end--hunger in our community. Our first step is to take the SNAP Challenge!

### WHAT IS THE SNAP CHALLENGE?

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) feeds millions of hungry families in America every month. The average benefit per person is \$4.80/day and the Challenge asks people who participate to live within those means in order to experience first hand what relying on SNAP is like. These benefits are sometimes a family's only access to food.

### THE RULES

1. Each Person should only spend \$4.80 per day on food and drink.
2. All food purchased and eaten in this time must be counted in total spending--this includes dining out.
3. During this time, do not eat any food purchased prior to the start of the Challenge.
4. Whenever possible, avoid accepting free food from family, friends and coworkers since these opportunities are not always available to those in need.
5. Eat as healthily as possible, keeping in mind that this is how many people eat every day, whereas you can make up for lost nutrients next week.

### PREPARING FOR THE CHALLENGE:

Diane Reeder of Queen's Galley in Kingston, will advise us on food shopping and preparation, with a focus on nutritional eating. This teach-in will take place on Thursday, November 7th, 5:30 pm. at Ulster County Dem headquarters, 32 John St. in Kingston.

### SHARING OUR EXPERIENCE:

We will post our daily experiences on UCDW's online journal.

### WILL YOU JOIN US IN SOLIDARITY?

Whether you pledge to take the SNAP Challenge for a week --or even just a day--please sign up here. Ulster County Democratic Women PO Box 4464 Kingston, NY 12402, Help spread the word by downloading our postcard here.

<http://ucdw.org/>

**Beef Stew Dinner at Parkville UMC**  
 Parkville, N.Y.  
 (Rte. 17 - Exit 98)  
 Sunday, Nov. 10  
 from 4:30 - 7:00  
 Adults \$10.00, Children (5 -12)  
 \$5.00 under 5 Free.  
 Eat in, or take- outs available.  
 For more info contact Ella  
 @ 985-2826

**CLARYVILLE FIRE DEPT.**  
 ALL YOU CAN EAT  
 WELCOME HUNTERS  
 SPAGHETTI SUPPER  
 SATURDAY NOV. 30



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

Neversink Ladies Auxiliary  
 DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2013  
 TIME: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
 Homemade Crafts,  
 Origami Owl, Jams and  
 Jellies, Jewelry, Ceramics  
 AND A WHOLE LOT  
 MORE!!!  
 Neversink Fire House  
 Route 55  
 Neversink, NY 12765  
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:  
 845-985-2623

Holiday Craft and Gift Sale

**Free Makeup Application Class for Teens**

Come to the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library to learn how to do your own makeup, taught by a professional makeup artist!  
 Learn how to do your own makeup like a pro! On Tuesday November 12, 2013 at 6:15, the Ethelbert B. Crawford Public Library will hold a makeup application class for teens. Sadie Lynn of "Make Ya Beautiful" will teach makeup basics, as well as how to do makeup for formal occasions, such as prom.  
 Sadie Lynn is a certified Makeup Artist that provides on

location Makeup Services in airbrushing and traditional makeup. "Make Ya Beautiful" has worked in all aspects of Makeup Artistry including, television, print, instruction, retail, and bridal. To see Sadie's work, visit her website at [www.makeyabeautiful.com](http://www.makeyabeautiful.com). This is a free teen program. Space is limited to 10, so reserve your spot today! For more information or to reserve your spot in the class, call 845-794-4660 ext. 303. Please bring your own makeup.

**Caregivers - Support Group Schedule Update**

The Caregiver Resource Center support group 'Caring for the Caregiver,' which was originally scheduled for November 12 at the Eureka Café, has been cancelled. The group will meet again on December 10 and continue on the second Tuesday of each month at 10am during 2014.  
 As an alternative, caregivers are invited to join the support groups that meet at two other locations. The Landers River Café in Callicoon at 10am on the first Wednesday of the month (November 6) or on the last Wednesday of the month (November 20, one week early, due to the start of the Thanksgiving holiday) at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty at 6pm.  
 Caregivers may call Bonnie Lewis, RN at 292-6180 for any questions or for personal caregiving questions.

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**  
**Roast Pork Dinner**  
 November 9, 2013  
 Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm  
 Menu: Roast Pork, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Green Beans, Salad, Homemade Apple Sauce, Breads, Assorted Desserts, & Drinks  
 Adults: \$12.00, Child 5-10 \$5.00 under 5 free  
 Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall  
 For more information please call:  
 845 985 7480  
 Thank you for your support, God Bless you!

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



**SUNDAY, NOV. 17**  
 Serving 5:30 until 12:00 Noon  
**ADULTS \$7**  
**CHILDREN 5-11 \$3,**  
**UNDER 5 FREE**  
 \$50 FROM THE BREAKFAST IS DONATED TO THE CLARYVILLE REFORMED CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

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

**2013 Hours - Memorial Day to Labor Day**  
 Thursday to Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.  
 September and October-Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.  
 Other days and times by appointment.  
**2013 Admission Fees**  
 Adults suggested donation: \$5  
 Children (6 to 17) suggested donation: \$2  
 Children under 6: FREE  
 Town of Neversink Residents: FREE every Thursday  
 Town of Denning Residents: FREE first Saturday of the month  
 Call: 985-7700  
 Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every Townsman printed since the beginning (1947) classified by year for anyone to research.  
[timeandthevalleymuseum.org](http://timeandthevalleymuseum.org)

**The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches**

invite you to weekly worship:  
**9 am in Hurlyville,**  
**10:30 am in Woodridge.**  
 For more information, call  
 Pastor Susan Woodworth 845-794-6325

**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**

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

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
 Claryville, NY 12725  
 845-985-2041



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

**CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

(embraces Fallsburg, Neversink, Sundown and Ulster Heights)  
**6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY**  
**Weekend Mass schedule:**  
 Saturday afternoon: 5:00.  
 Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am  
**Holy days of obligation:** as announced in church bulletin.  
**Daily Mass schedule:**  
 Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:30 am (starting Sept. 3 - 8:50 am.)  
**Saturday afternoon confessions:** 4 to 4:45.  
**Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.**

**COVERED DISH SUPPER**  
**SUNDOWN METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Church Hall  
 Dec 7, 2013  
 Covered Dish Supper  
 5:30 p.m.

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
**Thrift Sale Only**  
**Nov. 16, 2013**  
 9 am-1 pm  
**Dec 7**  
**Christmas Craft Fair**  
 (watch for details)

**CrossWay Assembly of God**

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

**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
 Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**  
 Sunday Worship Service  
 10:30am  
 985-2283

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**Loucks Funeral Home**  
**Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito**

79 North Main Street  
 Ellenville, New York  
 (845) 647-4343

**St. Augustine's Chapel**

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

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
 Worship Service 9:30 A.M.  
 Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor  
 845-985-7480

**PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:****PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

The Town of Denning Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a meeting on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 scheduled to begin at 7 pm to be held at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Clarville, NY 12725.

The purpose of Said meeting is for a vote by Said Board regarding the proposed windmill to be located on Eve Eden Road in the Town of Denning.

As a public hearing was held on Wednesday, October 30, 2013 and Any and All interested person(s) were heard. No further public comment will be accepted at Said meeting.

Mark Boncek  
ZBA Chair  
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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

The following position is available at Tri-Valley Central School for 2013-2014:

**Teacher Aide**

Interested parties should submit materials to:  
Robert Peters, Secondary School Principal  
Tri-Valley Central School District  
34 Moore Hill Road  
Grahamsville, New York 12740  
(845)985-2296 x 5301

Cut-off date for receiving applications: November 8, 2013

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENT - NEW HOURS FOR THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE AT NEVERSINK TOWN HALL BEGINNING NOVEMBER 11, 2013 WILL BE TUESDAY and THURSDAY 7:00AM-3:30PM.**

10/31; 11/7; 11/14

**Statement from Assemblymember Cahill: Environmental Grants Available Sustainability Grants Up To \$50,000; \$1,000 Quick Start Arbor Day Grants**

(Kingston, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) announced that area municipalities, public benefit corporations, public authorities, school districts and not-for-profit organizations are eligible to apply for Environmental Protection Fund grants that have recently become available.

"EPF funding has played a valuable role in preserving our state's natural resources in partnership with our communities," said Assemblymember Cahill. "Use of these grants will contribute to environmental sustainability."

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

(DEC) offers funding for urban and community forestry projects in neighborhoods and parks. Grants range from \$2,500 to \$50,000, depending on the municipal population, for tree planting and maintenance. In addition, the DEC is offering \$1,000 Quick Start Arbor Day grants.

Assemblymember Cahill urges community leaders and interested parties to contact his office at (845) 338-9610. Applications must be postmarked or delivered to Division of Lands and Forests, NYDEC at 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233 by 4:00pm December 5, 2013. Proposals will be evaluated as to cost effectiveness, projected benefits, use of recommended standards in implementation, community outreach and education, support, and regional impact.

"Completing applications now and sending them to the DEC as soon as possible is a good idea," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The faster the application is completed, the sooner eligibility will be determined. Our office is available for any assistance with the application and my staff will be more than happy to help."

DEC foresters are also ready to provide applicants with technical assistance. Grant applications may be obtained on the DEC website at [www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5285.html) or Urban Forestry, Division of Lands and Forests, NYSDEC at 518-402-9425 or by email:

[mckramar@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:mckramar@gw.dec.state.ny.us).

**Was Your Small Business Affected by Irene, Lee or Sandy? There is HELP!**

Assemblymember Cahill Announces Storm Recovery Grants and Loans Are Still Available

(Kingston, New York) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) wants small business owners who were impacted by Hurricane Irene, Hurricane Sandy or Tropical Storm Lee to know that they may still be eligible for grants or loans. Assistance may be provided to repair or replace equipment, replace lost inventory, renovate facilities that were damaged or destroyed, or to provide working capital needed as a direct result of the storm.

"New York State has extended funding made available in the wake of Hurricane Sandy to communities like ours that were also hit by Irene and Lee. I urge all who think they may be eligible to contact my District Office in Kingston or their local Small Business Development Center to learn more," said Cahill.

The program features grants up to \$50,000 and low cost loans of up to \$1 million at 2% interest for seven years. The funding is part of the NY Rising program that has been set up by New York State to assist small business affected by these disasters. Those who need help and guidance through this application process can contact the Small Business Development Corporation. They will work with potential recipients to ensure completed applications leading to a speedy process of approval. Small businesses are defined as having fewer than 100 employees.

"As part of the 2013-14 Budget, I advocated for and approved this funding allocation. Everyone who is eligible in Ulster and Dutchess counties should take the time to apply before it is too late. Full use of these grants will strengthen local economies and revitalize hard hit areas," said Cahill.

Those who wish to find out if they are qualified or to apply should

visit [www.stormrecovery.ny.gov](http://www.stormrecovery.ny.gov) or contact their local SBDC at the following locations:

**Dutchess County**  
SBDC Fishkill Office  
Marist College Extension  
400 Westgate Business Center  
Fishkill, New York 12524  
845-339-0025  
M-F 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

**Ulster County**  
Mid-Hudson SBDC Regional Center  
SUNY Ulster Business Resource Center-One Development Court  
Kingston, New York 12401  
845-339-0025 M-F 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

**House Passes Bipartisan Water Resources Act Legislation Includes Provisions Beneficial to Upstate New York**

The House passed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act this evening by an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 417-3. The Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) is the water equivalent to the surface transportation bill and governs the oversight and authorization for various projects across the country. These projects are primarily conducted by the Army Corps of Engineer.

WRRDA is made up of grant and loan programs, project authorizations and includes efforts to mitigate flooding risks, improve drinking water, support water transportation, and protect wildlife. WRRDA also strengthens our water transportation networks to promote America's competitiveness, prosperity, and economic growth.

Congressman Gibson voted in support of the bill, which included reforms to dam safety programs championed by Congressmen Gibson and Sean Patrick Maloney, who co-authored standalone legislation to reauthorize the Dam Safety Program.

"In a district with significant water interests, this legislation is critical to help prevent flooding and institute important safety improvements and infrastructure projects. My Congressional District is comprised of three watersheds, one of the country's most important rivers, and communities inside and near flood plains. All of these interests will benefit from the critical reforms included in this legislation, which also enjoys strong support from the Governor's office, our family farms, small businesses, and many labor groups," said Congressman Gibson. "This is an example of effective bipartisan work at the Committee level and I look forward to swift reconciliation with the Senate so that we can get this bill enacted into law."

Specific to NY-19, provisions in WRRDA include:

• **Superstorm Sandy:** Requires a study authorized under the Sandy Supplemental Appropriations Act to include recommendations for disaster response and mitigation improvements. Specifically requires review of emergency response to natural disasters, both rebuilding to previous specifications and to a level of protection for future events.

• **Levee Safety:** Authorizes federal technical assistance to states for levee safety programs as long as the state in question provides a minimum level of matching funding. These funds are tied to the requirement for federal levee safety guidelines.

• **Flood Control:** Allows the Corps to put into place a non-federal plan, at the request of a non-federal interest, to provide greater flood risk protec-

tions, if economically and environmentally favorable, to be funded by the non-federal interest.

• **Dam Safety:** Reauthorizes the National Dam Safety Program, including authorizing representatives from non-governmental organizations on the Dam Safety Board and requiring that board to develop and implement a comprehensive dam safety hazard education and public awareness initiative to assist the public in mitigating against, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from dam incidents.

**Gillibrand, Schumer Urge Farm Bill Conference Committee to Keep Exemption for Bulk Shipments of Apples from Inspection-Exemption Would Eliminate Costly After-Hours Inspection Procedures New York Apple Exporters Would Save \$550,000 Annually if Inspection was Eliminated Farm Bill Conference Committee Begins Negotiations Today**

U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand, a member of the President's Export Council and member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, and Charles E. Schumer today urged the Farm Bill Conference Committee to keep a measure in the final Farm Bill that would exempt bulk shipments of apples to Canada from inspection. Fixing this would help New York apple growers streamline operations and save money. Exempting bulk shipments of U.S. apples to Canada from inspection required by the Apple Export Act would offer growers immediate savings of approximately \$300 per truckload, and allow growers to create their own distribution schedules, eliminating costly after-hours inspection procedures.

"New York State is home to some of the world's best apples and hardest working growers," said Senator Gillibrand. "Our farmers play a vital role in the economic development and food security of the state. The inspection of our apples to Canada is an impediment to New York apple exporters. The elimination of the expensive and unnecessary second inspection would put money back in our local growers' pockets."

"Upstate New York apple producers are at the core of our Upstate New York economy, and this plan to exempt bulk apple shipments from a second inspection before heading to Canada makes good common sense," said Senator Schumer. "We must do all we can to protect our farmers from onerous and unnecessary costs, and I am urging my colleagues on the Farm Bill Conference Committee to keep this measure in the final bill."

The Apple and Pear Export Act of 1933 requires that all exported apples are inspected. However, pears have been excluded from the law since 1999. The elimination of apples from this antiquated law would enable apple farmers to have more control over their work schedules and would eliminate expensive after-hours inspection procedures.

With nearly 2.5 million bushels of apples exported to Canada annually, this amendment to the current law could save U.S. apple growers over \$550,000 annually by allowing apple growers to distribute apple products on their own schedule saving valuable time and resources by avoiding onerous after-hours inspection procedures.

New York is the second highest producer of apples, behind Washington State. In 2010, New York produced 1.26 billion pounds of apples, generating approximately \$227 million in revenue.

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

**Transportation to NYC** Saturday, December 7.  
Leave the Town Hall 8 am return approximately 8 pm. Get dropped off near Times Square. Spend the day as you wish. If you plan to attend \$21 residents/non-residents must be paid no later than Tuesday, November 5.

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



**Daniel Pierce Library** hours of operation beginning September 1, 2011.  
Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday and Monday: Closed  
If you have any questions, please call the library at 985-7233.  
The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

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

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

**Local Veterans Day Events**

**WOODBOURNE:** Saturday, November 9 - The 15th Annual Veterans Day Parade, Sponsored by The Woodbourne Fire Company No. 1. Line up: Noon - Step Off - 1:00 p.m.; Route 42/52 (Main Street) Woodbourne-Service to follow at Woodbourne Firehouse. Guest of Honor, Christopher W Sutowski, Sgt, US Army, Brian P. Rogers, Sgt US Army. Guest Speakers: Congressman Chris Gibson, Steven Vegliante, Fallsburg Town Supervisor, Jim Farrell, Sullivan County DA and Dr. Ivan Katz, FCS District Superintendent.

**MONTICELLO:** Monday, November 11 - 10:30 a.m. "Veterans' Day" Services will be conducted in the lobby of the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello. Hosting the ceremonies are The American Legion, The Jewish War Veterans and The Veterans of Foreign Wars. Keynote Speaker will be Joel Evans, Executive Deputy Director of the N.Y.S. Division of Veterans Affairs. Refreshments follow the services at the Monticello Elks Lodge. The public is cordially invited to attend. Master of Ceremonies is Al Etkin. For further information call (845) 794-7271.

**LONG EDDY:** Monday, November 11 - 11:00 a.m. - The Allan Milk Memorial VFW Post 7276 will conduct its annual Veterans Day observance at the Long

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- 11/9/13 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 pm 845-985-7490
- 11/9/13 **Grahamsville Fire Dept Ladies Auxilliary Chili Cook Off!** 12 noon - 4 pm (See ad on page 9)
- 11/10/13 **Holiday Craft Sale** - Neversink Fire House - 10 - 3 pm
- 11/10/13 **Beef Stew Dinner** at Parksville UMC 4:30 - 7 pm
- 11/11/13 Town of Neversink Holiday - **VETERANS' DAY**
- 11/12/13 Caregivers Resource Center's Monthly Support Group 10 am in the Eureka Café in Grahamsville - FREE
- 11/12/13 Town of Denning Planning Business Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 11/13/13 Town of Neversink Board Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 11/14/13 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 11/14/13 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting 7 pm Town Hall
- 11/16/13 **Breakfast** Sundown Methodist Church Hall - **HUNTERS WELCOME!** 5:30- 9:30 a.m.
- 11/16/13 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale Only** (9am-1pm)
- 11/17/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 11/18/13 Grahamsville Fire Dist. Board of Fire Commissioners - 7:00 pm
- 11/19/13 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec 7:00 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 11/19/13 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm
- 11/20/13 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 11/20/13 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 p.m. - Public Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
- 11/28 & 29/13 Town of Neversink Holiday -**THANKSGIVING**
- 11/30/13 Claryville Fire Dept. **SPAGHETTI DINNER** 5- 8 PM
- 12/3/13 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Denning Town Hall - 7 pm
- 12/4/13 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting- 7:00 pm
- 12/7/13 Covered Dish Supper - Sundown Methodist Church 5:30 [.
- 12/10/13 Caregivers Resource Center's Monthly Support Group 10 am in the Eureka Café in Grahamsville - FREE
- 12/11/13 Claryville Fire District Meeting 6:30 p.m. at the Claryville FD Community Hall

**Save the Date!**

**Dec. 7, 2013 - Annual Christmas Craft Sale** -Grahamsville United Methodist Church  
**Cookie Walk/Breakfast** - December 14, 2013 - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 7:30 am Breakfast • 9 am Cookie Walk  
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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.

Eddy Firehouse. Area veterans and the public are welcome to join us. Our Ladies Auxilliary will be serving lunch following the program.

**WHITE LAKE:** Monday, November 11 - 11:00 a.m. - Sgt. Andrew Brucher VFW Post 5499 will be holding a Veterans Day service at the Veterans Park in Kauneonga Lake. All veterans and public are invited. Please arrive by 10:45 a.m. so the service can start promptly.

**WURTSBORO:** Monday, November 11 - 11:00 a.m. - American Legion Post 1266 Veterans Day Service is at the Veterans Park, Sullivan Street, Wurtsboro. The Guest Speaker will be Bill Barber, Commander of the U.S. Military Vets. Terry Mullen on Bag Pipes will provide TAPS and Amazing Grace. Sponsored by the American Legion Post 1266.

**ELDRED:** Monday, November 11 - 11:00 a.m. - The Tusten-Highland-Lumberland VFW Post 6427 and the Sylvan-Liebla-American Legion Post 1363, will hold Veteran's Day ceremonies at Hero's Park in Eldred, NY in honor of all Veterans. There will be light refreshments served, as well as the VFW raffle drawing in the Town Hall immediately following the ceremony.

**GRAHAMSVILLE:** Monday, November 11 - 11:00 a.m. - Grahamsville Rural Cemetery - Flag Exchange Ceremony sponsored by the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. Dennis Ackerley Memorial Post 8648 will provide the Honor Guard.

**BLOOMINGBURG:** Monday, November 11 - 9:00 a.m. - Veterans Day Ceremony at VFW Post 4947

**BLOOMINGBURG:** Monday, November 11 - 9:30 a.m. - Ceremony at Bloomingburg Firehouse

**NAPANOCH:** Monday, November 11 - 11:00 a.m. - Post 4947 Color Guard Ceremony at Napanoch Elks Lodge #1971.

**TOWN OF OLIVE:** Monday,

November 11,2013 11:00 A.M. - Olive Memorial Post 1627 - American Legion will conduct a Veterans Day Ceremony. The Ceremony will be held at the American Legion Hall on Mountain Road in Ashokan, New York.

**SC Tea Party Patriots**

Thursday, November 7 at 7:00 PM the monthly meeting of the Sullivan County

Tea Party Patriots will be held at 240 Chestnut Street, Liberty. Legislator Gene Benson will be the guest speaker. All are welcome. For further information contact Marta at whrotties@netze-ro.net or Barbara at 845/439-5401.

**Catskill Mountain Chapter of Hadassah**

The Catskill Mountain Chapter of Hadassah will be having their Chanukah Dinner Meeting 6:30 pm, Thursday, November 21st at Yiasu Restaurant, located at 1980 Route 52 in Liberty, NY. For dinner, you may order any dairy or vegetarian meal off the menu. Please bring your menorah for our display and an interesting family story, if you have one. Also, we are collecting Chanukah gifts in conjunction with United Way - hats, scarves and gloves - wrapped and labeled either boy or girl. To reserve a seat, please call Ellen at 845-292-5133 or Jane at 845-292-8023. This is an open meeting and all are invited.

**SUNY Ulster Holds Nursing Information Session**

Beginning at 3:00 p.m. on November 12, SUNY Ulster will hold an information session about its Nursing degree program in room 112, Vanderlyn Hall, on the Stone Ridge Campus. This session will provide information on the admissions process, the program curriculum including pre-requisites and co-requisites, as well as new testing requirements. Due to limited openings, SUNY Ulster's Nursing Program is only available to residents of Ulster

County. A seat for this session may be reserved by calling the Admissions Office at (845) 687-5022 or online at [www.sunyulster.edu](http://www.sunyulster.edu).

**UCCC Foundation, Inc. to Hold "Wine & Dine" Event**

As part of SUNY Ulster's 50th anniversary celebrations, the Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. will host a "Wine & Dine" event on Nov. 15 at the Depuy Canal House to raise money for scholarships. The event will start at 6:30 p.m. at the restaurant in High Falls.

The dinner will feature elegant cuisine prepared by Master Chef John Novi of Depuy Canal House, paired with fine wines selected and donated by Tim and Laurel Sweeney of Stone Ridge Wine and Spirits who will discuss the menu and how the wines chosen compliment it.

The Chef's Gold Choice menu is harvest themed for the season and will feature products from regional farms. All of the wines served will have a 90-plus rating.

Both Novi and Sweeney are advocates for education and wanted to produce a special wine and dine event for the college's 50th anniversary. "This is a unique opportunity for people to enjoy a phenomenal event not typically offered in the region while supporting education," said Sweeney, also Vice Chairman of SUNY Ulster's Board of Trustees.

Proceeds will benefit the Ulster Community College Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Program to increase scholarship opportunities for high-achieving students who are recent graduates of Ulster County High Schools and planning to attend SUNY Ulster.

Reservations are required. Seating is limited. RSVP by Monday, November 11. Tickets are \$200. For more information, call 845-687-5283.



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- Charming 4BR + cottage on 100 acs w/stream. \$299,000
- **SOLD** 3BR/2 BA f'house mod add'n. \$299k.
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### Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia



Since most of the networks are not showing war films that honor Vets and boost patriotism, we will stick with a real American patriotic hero, **JOHN WAYNE IN 'RED RIVER'** (Western, 1948)

A young cowhand rebels against his rancher stepfather during a perilous cattle drive. Directed by Howard Hawks, and Starring John Wayne, Montgomery Clift, Walter Brennan, Joanne Dru, John Ireland, Noah Beery, Jr., Paul Fix, Coleen Gray, Harry Carey, Jr., Harry Carey, Sr., Chief Yowlachie, Hank Worden. One of the greatest American adventures is really a Western (in his first film) rebels against tyrannical guardian Wayne (brilliant in an unsympathetic role) during crucial cattle drive. Spell binding photography, by Russell Harlan, and a rousing Dimitri Tiomkin score adds an ambience reality, making this film an absolute must. Many TV stations still show mutilated 125m. Version (with Brennan's narration in place of diary pages, which Hawks preferred). Screenplay by Borden Chase and Charles Schnee, from Chase's Saturday Evening Post story, if you blink, you'll miss Shelley Winters dancing with Ireland around a campfire. Remade for TV in 1988 with James Arness. *See this film on TCM 2:00 am, Saturday afternoon, November 09, 2013, C-133 min, Rated TV-PG, Quiz: 1. Who played Groot Nadine? 2. Who played Tess Millay?*

### What's Going On In The Gnome Neighborhood™ This Week? -

**VETERANS SALUTE- GET A "FULL THANKSGIVING DINNER" NOVEMBER 15, 2013, VETS FREE**  
 Veterans Salute. Get a "Full Thanksgiving Dinner" and be entertained by Mary K. (West Point Band) and Bob Waltke (with the Poughkeepsie New Yorkers Barber Shop Choir). \$20/veterans free. Sponsored by the Youth & Education Department, Reformed Church of Shawangunk, 1166 Hoagerburgh Road, Wallkill; 5pm; 895-2952.

**FARM TOURS, SULLIVAN COUNTY**  
 Fun for the family - come see and pet our pigs, chickens, ducks, turkeys, see our gardens, permaculture techniques and natural and recycled building techniques. Veggies, eggs, transplants and more for sale as well! \$5 per person, kids three and under free. Please send us an email to book a tour time. Fri, Sat & Sun @ 10am-5pm. Address: Root n' Roost Farm 64 Mineral Springs Rd., White Sulphur Springs NY 12758, August 02, 2013 to December 01, 2013. P: 845-292-9126, E: sean@zigmund.com W: <http://www.rootnroost.com>

**PINE HILL COMMUNITY CENTER**  
 The Pine Hill Community Center is dedicated to enriching the lives of the people in the central Catskills by providing community-building activities that nurture creativity and life-long growth. Please call for schedule of family-friendly activities or visit our website. 287 Main Street Pine Hill 845-254-5469

Don't miss this event on November 9, 2013 Big Indian Native American Gathering. Drumming, dancing, storytelling, more. Bring a dish or snack to share. Pine Hill Community Center, 287 Main St., Pine Hill; noon-4pm; 254-5469; [www.pinehillcommunitycenter.org/events](http://www.pinehillcommunitycenter.org/events)

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Stay Safe and have a great week.  
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