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Grahamsville First Aid Squad Celebrated 50 Years of Service

On September 10, 2011 The Grahamsville First Aid Squad celebrated 50 years of service to the community at the Leo McArthur Community Hall. Special guests included two of the Squad's founding fathers, Mr. Benjamin Musso and Mr. Horace Shelley. County and local government official, Leni Binder and Greg Goldstein shared in the celebration. Heads of Emergency Services, Alex Rau Coordinator of the E-911 System and CEO Albee Bochman of Mobile Medic, Chiefs and Captains from Grahamsville and Claryville Fire Departments and Neversinks Ambulance Corp. shared in our celebration. Ray and Donna Denman whom have been active members nearly since the Squad's inception, were presented with a gift, a painting done by Maureen Graham for their tireless dedication. Squad members were humbled by the many certificates and kind words. A delicious meal was served by the Eureka Cafe and a joyous time was had by all.



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New Hope Honors its Direct Support Professionals



NHC Director of Staff Training and Development John Raffaele just completed an annual training workshop with one group of Direct Support Professionals. Mr. Raff repeated the training during September to reach the entire staff. Standing left to right are Michelle Clark, Trainer John Raffaele, Kim Bibbo, Latevia Hilliard, Shannon Ross, Denise Solta, Albert White II, and Karen Barnes; sitting left to right are Sandra Vine, Manny Miranda, and Natalie Willis.

The State of New York Legislature proclaimed September 12-16, 2011 as Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Week. This group enhances the lives of individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities of all ages throughout the State and nation. In celebration of the honor bestowed on its DSP staff, New Hope Community recognized their DSP staff for the entire month beginning with a toast to them all on September 13, 2011 with sparkling apple cider in the lobby of the Maxine Belson Administration Building at the Loch Sheldrake Campus. (Contd. Pg. 4)

SC Office for the Aging Public Hearing/Safe Driving and the Older Adult

A Sullivan County Senior Safety Day, to be held on October 19 from 9am to 1pm at the Ted Stroebele Recreation Center (Monticello Neighborhood Facility) 2 Jefferson Street, Monticello invites all Sullivan County residents and seniors to join TRIAD for a day of informative speakers and fun. It will follow the Office for the Aging's Annual Public Hearing. Hosted by TRIAD (a collaborative partnership of senior representatives, law enforcement and county senior advocates) the membership continues to focus on senior concerns and strives to reduce the victimization of the elderly as well as improve the quality of life for our area seniors. Registration for the Office for the Aging's Public Hearing begins at 9am, to be held from 9:30am to 10:00, followed by a delicious light breakfast buffet. The Safe Driving & The Older Adult, starting at 10:00 am with host speakers presenting Safe drivers and the Older Adult: The Aging Driver; DMV & The Older Driver; Drive Safer - Longer!; CarFit - How can it 'Fit' your needs Free Buffet Lunch to follow. Door prizes - must be present to win. The event is free, but donations are appreciated. For further information or questions, please call the Office for the Aging (807-0241) or the Caregiver Resource Center (292-5250).

Welcome Back Boiceville Market!



The hammers have been flying and clean-up continues underway after Boiceville Market went under three feet of water on August 28th. It has become an extensive renovation and the store is looking great. We are excited to open our new "beer cave" and present the sparkling new floor, walls, fixtures to welcome you all back. Our projected date to open, pending any unforeseen set-backs, will be Thursday, October 13th. Lucky 13 we hope! SEE YOU THERE!

LCSD Hosts Green Chemistry Workshop for Hudson Valley Teachers

On Friday, October 7, Liberty High School hosted a unique workshop to educate Hudson Valley science teachers about how to introduce 'Green Chemistry' to students and begin using green chemistry in their schools.

Liberty is one of four schools in New York State to participate in a pilot program initiated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation through a grant awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 2, New York City. (Contd. Pg. 2)



Chemistry teachers Dan McCauliff (from Tri-Valley High School) and Charles DiVico (from Ossining High School) participate in lab rotations during the Green Chemistry Workshop on Oct. 7.

Chamber Music at St. Andrew's Presents Music for Winds and Strings



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: If a man walking in the spirit and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people. Micah 2:11

Thank You

I like to send a special "Thank You" to Troop 97 of Neversink. On September 24, 2011 at 7:00am sharp they showed up at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery ready to work. Thank you, Steven M, Robert B, Logan M, Garrett C, Patrick C, Lawrence B, Brett B, Mr. Bracken, Mr. McKeon and Mr. McCauliff for all your help.

Kathy Denman, Superintendent

Say "Hello" to Herm

For the past couple weeks, Herman Probst has been recuperating at Achieve Rehab and Nursing Facility in Liberty. He is making great progress and would love visits from his friends. If anyone would like to call him, call Achieve @ 292-4200 xt.2361. Herm is in room 236 (2nd floor west).

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

October 3, 1951 - A truck hauling gravel to the Neversink Dam careened off the highway and burst into flames last Tuesday night. The driver, Edward C. Smith of Kingston, leaped to safety from the cab as flames demolished the vehicle. He was taken to Maimonides Hospital in Liberty with injuries to his face and ribs.

The towering steel skeleton of the new hydro-electric plant Central Hudson is erecting at Grahamsville is nearly completed. The plant, which will use water from the Neversink Reservoir through the tunnel, which is now under construction, is expected to cost around 3.5 million dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ter Bush are the proud parents of a baby girl, Deborah, born Saturday morning at the Hamilton Ave. Hospital, Monticello. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sheeley and Mr. and Mrs. Milo Ter Bush are Deborah's grandparents and Mr. Otis Sheeley is her great-grandfather.

Leaden skies and a chill day failed to dampen spirits Sunday as about a thousand people gathered to watch the Fire Department's First Annual Horse Show. Troy Groves and his palomino horse, Golden Genius, put on a good act and Mrs. Louise Martin's Tennessee walker was a delight to see.

October 4, 1961 - Principal W. Eugene Ross of Tri Valley Central School has announced that Ira Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Rubenzahl of Neversink, was named a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist on September 27th. Ira, a Tri Valley senior, ranked within the first 200 of top scores.

Sunday, October 1 was a momentous occasion for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Irwin Sr., whose 50th wedding anniversary was celebrated at the summer home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Coombe Sr. of South Hill Road and Ridgewood, N.J.

Gulf Oil Company of Pennsylvania is leasing thousands of acres of Sullivan County land from private property owners in a search for gas and oil deposits. If the company is successful in its project, the county's economy could be boosted by millions of dollars.

Mrs. Lulah Mae Goode, 52, of Grahamsville, died suddenly on September 29th. She had lived for 19 years in Sullivan County. She married Oral L. Goode on July 1, 1927 in Ellamore, West Virginia. In addition to her husband, she is survived by four daughters and three sons.

October 13, 1971 - Major Charles N. Nielsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Nielsen of Neversink, is attending the U.S. Air Force Command and Staff College at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. The major, who was commissioned through the aviation cadet program, hold an aeronautical rating of a pilot. He has completed 15 months of duty in Vietnam.

Mrs. Clara Whipple is proud to announce the marriage of her son, George, to Miss Reni Davis of Divine Corners on Friday evening, October 8th at the Lows Corners Baptist Church. The couple will reside on Big Hollow Road, Grahamsville.

The appearance of the community was substantially improved last week when approximately 300 obsolete cars were crushed and removed by Zalkin Bros. They had been centralized in three locations in the town. The Board plans to continue this program to clean up our

town and make it a more beautiful town in which to live.

October 8, 1981 - Dr. and Mrs. Vikram Jayanty of Louisville, Kentucky are the very proud parents of and 8 lb. 8 oz. son, Nicholas Comere, born Saturday, October 3, 1981. Mother, Theresa and son are doing fine. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Martorana of Grahamsville. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sayta Jayanty of India.

John and Sue Derby, Marge Russo and Brooke Parker attended the annual N.Y.S. Volunteer Ambulance and First Aid Association Convention this past weekend held at Mt. Airy Lodge in Pennsylvania. Grahamsville First Aid Squad was awarded a 20-year Safety Award for Safe Driving. No accidents in 20 years. Quite an accomplishment! Very few squads in the state have attained that goal.

According to a farmer in Silver Creek, N.Y. the coming winter shouldn't be any colder than last year because the Woolly Bear caterpillars look the same as last year. Howard Sager, a 77 year old Chautauque County farmer, also notes that other factors like thin onion skins and corn husks, which indicate that the winter will be cold but without a lot of snow.

Green Chemistry (From Pg. 1)

Green chemistry uses more environmentally "friendly" reagents and solvents to reduce hazardous waste disposal that might find its way into the environment and also seeks to reduce hazardous exposures to students and staff. Green chemistry has recently gained momentum as a common practice on college campuses throughout the United States, and is quickly becoming the standard in both education and private companies.

"Green chemistry is the new frontier in science," said Deborah Knight, Environmental Program Specialist with the NYS DEC. "It is critical for schools to begin teaching green chemistry to students at the high school level as the first step towards transforming how the next generation of chemists do business."

The Green Chemistry Program was developed by a team from the New York State DEC made up of Aida Potter, P.E., Chief of Education and Outreach, Lynn Tarnowski, Chemical Hygiene Officer, Research Scientist Carlos Montes and Ms. Knight. The day-long workshop, an instrumental part of the program, taught science educators the 12 principles of green chemistry, gave them lesson plans to introduce green chemistry to students and allowed them to try "hands-on" laboratory activities.

"By teaching green chemistry, today's teachers are poised to deliver new ideas in science and technology that will enhance sustainable practices," says Ms. Knight.

The workshop, presented by Beyond Benign (www.beyondbenign.org), hosted 25 teachers from 19 school districts, one university and 11 counties. Science teachers from four Sullivan County schools, Liberty, Tri-Valley, Sullivan West and Livingston Manor were among the participants.

"Green Chemistry in New York State Schools" is a continuation of the DEC's initiative to reduce toxic chemicals being used in public schools, which began in 2005 with outreach about the use of mercury in chemistry labs.

Liberty was chosen to be a part of the pilot program through a partnership with Sullivan County BOCES. Criteria for being selected included a needs assessment of the condition of the school's chemical management system, willingness to participate in green chemistry training and interest in implementing the principles of green chemistry in the science curriculum for at least a full school year.

"We are thrilled to be a part of this program," said Michael Hazelnis, Liberty Science Department Chair. "Green chemistry will not only better prepare students who plan on pursuing degrees in science-related fields, but it will undoubtedly be better for the environment. I am honored to be a part of this movement in science education."

Samsonville United Methodist Church

Cty. Rte. 3 Samsonville NY

Roast Pork Dinner

Saturday October 22, 2011

4pm to 6:30pm

Adults \$10 Children under 12 \$5

NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy

Condolences to the Smith family of Napanoch on the passing of Larry Smith, a former resident of Grahamsville.

Get well wishes to Jim Mentnech who had knee replacement surgery at Middletown Orange Regional. Get well soon, Jim.

October Birthdays: A belated Happy Birthday to Joyce Lockhart on October 1st and to Claire Rennison on October 10th. Other October birthdays are Frank Comando on October 26th and Patty McDermott on October 31st. Happy Birthday to everyone!

The weather has been absolutely gorgeous. Hope everyone got to enjoy it.

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

Tau Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Dinner Meeting

The Tau Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International will hold its Dinner Meeting on October 18, 2011 at Konrad's Kitchen at the Crossroads Restaurant in Yulan, NY.

Cocktails at 6:00 and diner at 6:30. Send a check for \$20.00 to Margaret DiSilverster, Holbrook Road, Port Jervis, NY 112771.

News from Tri-Valley CSD

October is "National Farm-to-School Month" - a time to celebrate the connections that are happening all over the country between schools and local food.

In November 2010, Congress approved a resolution introduced by Representative Rush Holt (NJ) to officially designate October as "National Farm-to-School Month." The passage of House Resolution 1655 demonstrates the growing importance and role of Farm-to-School programs as a means to improve child nutrition, support local economies, and educate children about the origins of food.

To celebrate the first "National Farm-to-School Month" schools in Sullivan County are inviting farmers to serve their best to our schools during the month of October. Sullivan County BOCES, Roscoe, Tri-Valley and Sullivan West schools are offering a "Celebrate Our Harvest Week" at the end of the month. As Dawn Boyes, Food Service Director of Sullivan County BOCES comments on locally grown and raised food - "Some things are better than candy."

Whether you are a food service professional, a farmer, a teacher, or a food-loving family, there are plenty of ways to celebrate and get involved. Visit farmtoschoolmonth.org for ideas about how to celebrate and materials to help you spread the word in your community. On October 7th, some of these local farmers were highlighted at the Chamber Breakfast at Cornell Cooperative Extension in Liberty, NY.

The Map - Chris Matthews

My wife Caryn and I cherish our rare opportunities to go antiquing together, searching for items for our home and our eclectic collections. While picking through a local flea market, Caryn came across an old map of Sullivan County printed in 1856. Knowing my interest in local history, she brought me to see the map, proudly expressing her "picking prowess". What I saw was an old, yellow, flaking, warped document that was covered in dog hair and dust. We decided to rescue it. After a bit of haggling and negotiating we made a deal, brought it home and provided much needed TLC. I mounted it on plywood and hung it proudly in our "rec room". The problem is that the only person who got to enjoy its significance was me. Phil Coombe came to visit my Barn in search of building materials for the library, when I showed him the map. I believe it was Phil that planted the seed in my head that the map would make an interesting addition to the new space and suggested showing it to Joanne Gallagher. Needless to say, Joanne loved the map and it now resides in the local history room at the library.

3rd Annual Jeff Bank Calendar Reception at CAS to Feature Local Scenic Photographs

Jeffersonville, NY (September 1, 2011) The First National Bank of Jeffersonville (Jeff Bank) and the Catskill Art Society (CAS) held the third annual photo contest, Four Seasons of Nature & Landscapes in Sullivan County, NY, earlier this year and selected 13 entries to be featured in the 2012 Jeff Bank Calendar. On Friday, October 14, 2011 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm a reception will be held at CAS, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY to display the winning photographs. The photographers will be on hand, light refreshments will be served and the public is invited. The 2012 Jeff Bank Calendar will be available for a suggested \$5 donation to CAS.

Sullivan County's beauty is well represented in the 2012 Jeff Bank Calendar by the work of this year's winning photographers: Sharon Benzenberg, Ferndale, NY; Jerry Cohen, South Fallsburg, NY; Stacy Cohen, White Lake, NY; Stephen J. Davis, Eldred, NY; Tom Kelemen, Florida, NY; Kurtis S. Kreider, Eldred, NY; Judith Meyerowitz, New York, NY; Mike Rambousek, Damascus, PA; Virginia Sanborn, Livingston Manor, NY; and Christina Seti, Narrowsburg, NY.

The Jeff Bank photo contest and calendar initiative is an ongoing partnership between CAS and Jeff Bank. This project was first started by Jeff Bank in 2009 as a way of offering financial support to the local arts community and to give talented photographers a venue to share their work with the public. The calendar has the added benefit of promoting the scenic beauty of Sullivan County to local residents as well as area visitors. The 2012 calendars will be available at Jeff Bank's twelve branches beginning October 15.

Jeff Bank is an independently owned community bank with twelve full-service branches in Bloomingburg, Callicoon, Eldred, Jeffersonville, Liberty, Livingston Manor, Loch Sheldrake, Monticello, Narrowsburg, Wal-Mart, White Lake and Wurtsboro. Jeff Bank - a trusted community bank since 1913. Find out more at www.jeffbank.com.

Snowmobile Safety (Note: Date Correction)

On Sunday, November 6th, 2011 from 8:30am until 4:00pm Cornell Cooperative Extension, Liberty will conduct a Snowmobile Safety Class.

New York State Law requires that children ages 10 - 17 earn a snowmobile safe operator's certificate to operate a snowmobile independently. This certificate must be with the child at all times when operating a snowmobile without the supervision of an adult.

To earn this certificate and gain valuable knowledge about the safe operation of motorized vehicles, call Stacey with questions and Linda to register at 292-6180. This class is limited to 25 registrants, ages 10 to 17, so please register early to ensure a spot!

A parent or guardian must sign a parental consent form for youth to participate. Each participant is expected to bring a bag lunch and a pencil. There is no charge for this educational program.

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Neversink River is Focus of High Tech Art Show

An unusual combination of rugged wooden sculpture and high technology has put a bright spotlight on the Neversink River.

It's the latest exhibition at the Old Stone House in Hasbrouck, NY, which opened on October 2 and runs throughout the month.

Artists Ellie Irons and Dan Phiffer, who won the 2011 Wildcat Fellowship art competition for their daring artistic venture, guided visitors from the planning stage of "Neversink Transmissions" through the project's many stages throughout the year, using a range of modern audio and video equipment. While one visitor could listen to audio recordings that had been broadcast throughout the region, other guests could watch a charmingly casual video showing how the entire art project had been put together, month after month.

As part of their work, the young artists had set up their own radio station in the area, which broadcast information about the river's ecology, and its historic importance to the region.

They built an extraordinary sculpture -- a not-so-miniature "transmission tower" -- out of driftwood pieces gathered from the banks of the Neversink and its tributaries. And, from weathered wood and stone found along the waterway, they created an oddly comfortable outdoor bench where visitors to the tower can just relax and enjoy the view.

It was all explained at the Hasbrouck exhibition, where the two described in detail how they went about planning and executing the project, backed up by a huge collection of sketches, maps, and documentation of every step.

Each year's Wildcat Fellowship winner receives a \$1,000 cash award, plus a two-week residency in a

Claryville guest cottage and use of an area artists' studio. Artists submit proposals to be juried by a group of art experts from throughout the Northeast. The 2011 winners were also granted a month of public gallery time at the Old Stone House, a community-based 501(c)3 non-profit organization hosting a variety of events and classes in the arts for kids and adults alike, in addition to monthly art shows in two main gallery rooms. For more information, visit www.oldstone-house.catskill-life.com.

SCREECH OWLS

By Peggy DeWire

I must have hiked past that maple with a hole dozens of times but on that twilight walk a movement caught my eye. I stopped behind a tree to watch.



To my huge delight, a family of screech owls lined up in the cavity. Three fluffy owlets stared out at the world and the parents swiveled their heads around from side to side.

Owls have to turn their whole heads to look sideways because their large eyes focus only forward, being fixed in a bony socket called the sclerotic ring. A flexible neck rotates the head 270 degrees for a full panoramic vision.

The yellow eyes are surrounded by a facial disk of stiff feathers that funnel sound into their ears. Like most owls, screech owls (*Strygis asio*) have a symmetrical skulls with ear holes at different levels to help the bird accurately pinpoint the slightest sound made by prey at night. Perfect for nocturnal hunters!

Screech owls are the only small 10" American owl with ear tufts. In fact another name is the Baby Great Horned Owl.



Screech owls come in two colors, red and gray, a very rare trait in the bird world where generally species look alike. The ability to grow two distinct plumages is called dichromatism which no scientist can explain satisfactorily.

Owl experts note: that a gray phase may mate with a red phase and their young can be either color. Two red or two gray parents may have some or both color babies in the same clutch also.

Screech owls have heavily streaked wings and breasts of whichever color phase: back feathers are solid gray or red.

These pretty little raptors mate for life and both rear young together. Monogamy is rare among birds.

Screech owls don't make a nest of their own but find an old woodpecker hole or snug corner in a shed and bring in a few twigs for 4-5 pure white eggs in April, making owls a very early nester.

They're poor nest builders and dirty housekeepers whereas by contrast most birds are the opposite. Despite its small size, a screech owl defends its nest fiercely against intruders, especially raccoons, with threatening dives and warning whinnies.

Screech owls are nocturnal hunters with soundless flight and extremely sharp ears. They prey on mice and night-flying moths and insects. Screech owls also like fish and frogs which they catch in the shallows at water's edge.

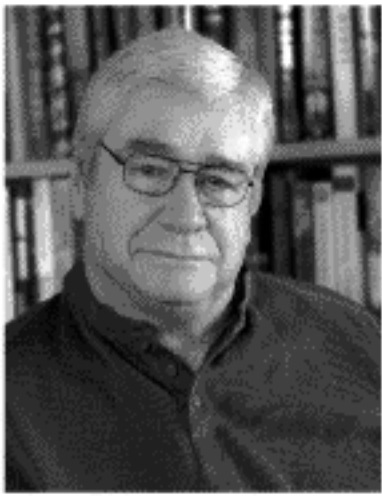
Since this little owl's diet is mostly harmful insects, it's beneficial to people throughout its range, the whole U.S.A. An added bonus is that screech owls are sworn enemies of the destructive English sparrow.

I've always wondered who named the screech owl since its call is a soft mournful shivery sound in the night, definitely not a screech.

In the south it's called a Shivering Owl, appropriate for two reasons: it really deserves the sound and it gives superstitious folks the shivers.

Helpful Hint from Mary

To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream; then beat them.

MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 21 by John Dwaine McKenna

It's September 12th as I'm writing this week's MBR No. 21, and *The Townsman* of last Thursday the 8th just arrived in today's mail. I'm appalled at the amount of damage and destruction wrought by hurricanes Irene and Lee on the Catskills in general and the Grahamsville, Neversink, Sundown, Claryville, and Phoenicia areas in particular. Phone calls to and from family and friends in the area couldn't depict the amount of damage a few photos and articles show. I can only say that we, (June and I) hope everyone recovers quickly, with the least amount of trouble possible; and that life returns to normal without excessive fuss. The renaissance of Sullivan County has taken firm root and community spirit is thriving everywhere . . . some of mother nature's bad humor can't derail it. Not for long. Not this group.

In a small attempt to start things back toward normalcy, maybe even give a few of you a smile for a moment or two, the MBR for this week is a book titled *Ringer*, by author Brian M. Wiprud. (Minotaur, \$26.99, 342 pages, ISBN 978-0-312-60189-8). In it, protagonist Morty Martinez, a "gentleman of means and leisure" living in La Paz, Mexico, is given a quest to recover an ancient golden ring containing a sliver of the true cross that's been stolen from a holy relic belonging to the parish church: the mummified finger of a conquistador named Hermando Martinez de Salavterra. The ring has turned up in a photograph, in a national magazine, on the hand of a tycoon named Robert Tyson Grant in New York City. The plot gets complicated when Morty, an Inspector Clouseau type, is mistaken for a Mexican assassin hired by Grant in order to do away with his troublesome step-daughter. Throw in a scheming girlfriend, a hit man obsessed with death, a calculating newspaper reporter, AND a thieving fortune teller . . . and this one gets zanier with every chapter. And oh, I almost forgot, the

point-of-view is Morty's, written as a screenplay by him while he's awaiting his execution the next day by firing squad. The last few chapters will have you on the edge of your seat . . . but the conclusion will leave you laughing. I swear.

The new Daniel Pierce Library had more than 300 kids in for "Pirate School" the other day and the Time and the Valleys Museum still has the Quilt Exhibit. Have you gone in to see? It's a good idea to do so, because, you can "Read or surrender to ignorance." ---Confucius (K'ung Fu-tse, 551-479 BCE)

You can read all of the MBR's on my website, johndwainemckenna.com ask questions, critique me (horrors!), make a suggestion, find reading lists, a short story, or get the latest news about the Neversink Chronicles, due out November the fifteenth.

I hope everyone finds time to read a good book . . . if just for a few minutes at a time. See you next week. Same column, same place, new wisecracks. --JDM

Judge Elliott for Supreme Court Justice seeks seat in Third Judicial District

Judge Raymond Elliott III, is running for in the Third Judicial District of the State Supreme Court. The Democratic, Independence and Working Families Judicial Conventions have recently nominated him for this position.

Judge Elliott has served his community as Judge for more than 27 years in North Greenbush, Acting Troy City Court Judge in both Civil and Criminal Court, Acting Rensselaer City Court Judge and Acting East Greenbush Town Court Judge. In that time he has gained the experience and knowledge of providing clear and fair judgments on a wide variety of conflicts. Judge Elliott is a much sought after member of the legal community, offering insight and advice to many on the challenging and evolving aspects of New York State Law.

Judge Elliott has been recognized as a leader in the legal field by his peers having served in several leadership positions: past President of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, former Member of the 3rd Judicial District Gender Fairness committee, and former Director of the Executive Committee of the New York State Magistrates Association.

"I am a running for a seat on the Supreme Court because I have 27 years of experience as a Justice, 39 years as an attorney in private practice, and a decade of teaching law", says Judge Elliott. "I have the necessary experience, knowledge and compassion to be an asset to the people of Albany, Columbia, Greene, Rensselaer, Ulster, Schoharie and Sullivan counties."

Elliott has been married to his wife, Barbara (Hedden) for 39 years and the couple has two daughters and two granddaughters.

For more information go to: www.judgeelliott.com

Cindy Gieger named to NYSAC Blure Ribbon Task Force

Cindy Kurpil Gieger, Candidate for District 5 County Legislator, recently received word of being named to the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC) Blure Ribbon Task Force on the Future of Farming. Formed in February 2010, Cindy joins 35 county leaders making a positive impact on the future of farms/rural business. The

Task Force is working to develop a set of priorities that State and Federal leaders should focus on to strengthen the viability of New Yorks farms.

Agriculture remains a top economic stimulator to New York States economy while providing jobs, much needed revenue and most critical- a

local food source. In fact, the value of New Yorks agricultural production was over \$ 4.7 billion last year alone. Approximately 7 million acres of the states land area is used by 36,300 farms to produce quality food products making agriculture one of the most vital industries in New York State.

Representing Sullivan County at the recent Task Force held in Seneca Falls, Cindy participated in sub-committees focused on Row and Specialty Crops, Animal Agriculture, and Farmland Protection. The Task Force focused on:

Growing the marketplace for our states farm products through direct marketing with efforts to expand farmers markets, the delivery of local products to local institutions and value added processing facilities. Establishing a regulatory climat favorable to farming and the tremendous role of agriculture in th creation of renewable energy was also addressed along with othe topics. Cindy discussed within the group the importance o re-defining job creation on farms to one of overall wealth creatio within a community recognizing that one farm alone creates jobs in many related agri-businesses and value added industries. The work of the Task Force will direct the efforts of our policy makers at the state and national level as they negotiate the 2012 Federal Farm Bill.

New Hope Honors its Direct Support Professionals (From Pg. 1)

Executive Director Art Moretti welcomed everybody and introduced Leni Binder, NHC Board of Director Chair, who unveiled a proclamation of acknowledgment written by the Board and the Self-Advocates. Ms. Binder then toasted the DSP's with the following words: "Our Direct Support Professionals are special. You made us what we are today. Our families, our Board, our whole organization can never forget what you mean to us!"

Designated DSP Juan Journet thanked the Board for the honor on behalf of all his co-professionals. Barbara Mazer, one of those grateful people that benefits from their service, a new member of the NHC Board of Directors and avid member of the Self-Advocates Group, raised a glass in thanks to everyone present.

The month-long celebration of the DSP's began with a breakfast during the first week of September, and will include ice cream socials, workshops, and special trainings throughout the remainder of the month. All activities are in the spirit of acknowledging the mission of Direct Support Professionals that people needing support are more likely to fulfil their life dreams if they have well-trained, experienced, and motivated people at their side in long-term, stable, compatible support relationships. For more information about New Hope Community, please contact Ms. Briana Wood at (845) 434-8300, ext 308.

County Leaders Advocating Passage of Legislative Proposal Designed to Phase Out County Medicaid Costs

County leaders applaud State lawmakers for introducing new legislative proposal designed to provide meaningful mandate relief through a multi-year phase out of the county share of the State's Medicaid program.

The bill, (S.5889B/A 8644), provides for an 8-year gradual State takeover of the full financial costs of Medicaid, which are currently financed at the local level through property taxes.

Right now our county budgets are pre-determined by State mandates. This year, statewide county taxes will fund more than \$7.3 billion in Medicaid alone. That money goes from the homeowners and businesses in our communities to Albany to pay for this one single State program," said NYSAC President Mary Pat Hancock.

The proposal, which is being co-sponsored by Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Orange) and sponsored by Senators Patrick M. Gallivan (R-Erie) and Roy McDonald (R-Saratoga), and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Westchester), would phase out local taxes from the financing of this Federal health care program, which is now funded at \$53 billion a year in New York.

"The passage of this legislation is very important for Rockland County's fiscal future, where over 100% of the county's property tax levy goes to fund Medicaid. I am pleased many Rockland State Legislators are supportive of bills which will require state policymakers to take full fiscal responsibility for the Medicaid program, by implementing an eight (8) year gradual State takeover of county Medicaid costs," said C. Scott Vanderhoef, County Executive of Rockland County.

The new legislation takes advantage of savings from the Medicaid spending cap provision enacted in this year's State Budget to help finance the takeover. Additionally, the timing in the bill is aligned with the federal Affordable Care Act, which provides an historic opportunity for the State to restructure Medicaid in a way that standardizes services, reduces costs and improves patient outcome.

"Counties are saddled with mandates that place the burden squarely on the shoulders of taxpayers who desperately need relief," Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Orange) said. "We must begin to alleviate some of these mandates so that counties can manage their budgets without relying on increasing property taxes for residents. I am proud to co-sponsor this bill that will go a long way in setting New York on the path to a more stable financial future."

"Mandate relief is property tax relief. As counties release our 2012 budgets, nothing could be more important than the introduction and passage of this important legislation," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen J. Acquario. "I'd like to thank Senator Carlucci for championing this measure in the New York State Legislature."

Let's Get Out to Vote - Kitty Vetter

There are 4700 registered voters in District 3 and every vote counts.

If you know someone who is NOT going to be here November 8th because they're in the service, they're in school, they're on vacation, or just away from the County... you can download an absentee ballot by going to:

<http://www.elections.state.ny.us/NYSBOE/download/voting/absentee.pdf>

Just because you are away, does not mean you cannot have your say. Absentee ballots must be post-marked by Oct. 26. Last day to apply in person for absentee ballot is Nov. 1st. Last day to deliver ballot in person to board of elections is Nov. 2nd.

Registration forms and absentee ballots must be mailed to: Sullivan County Board of Elections, 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.

If you have any questions regarding your registration or absentee ballot, please call the Sullivan Board of Elections at 845-794-3000, x0400 or direct dial: (845) 807-0400

Most importantly, you must place your VOTE on November 8, 2011. If you need assistance with transportation or can volunteer to drive on election day, please email electkittyvetter@yahoo.com by November 1st.

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The Olive Jar - by Carol LaMonda The Nature's Apology

Mother Nature must have felt very guilty about the deluge and downpours that dampened our lives and spirits for the past month. What was She thinking giving us double digits' worth of rain? She has tried to make retribution by giving us the nice weather that is usually associated with September in the month of October.

With renewed energy we are all out there mowing the grass once more, cutting up those fallen trees for the woodstove, and enjoying the foliage and fall flowers that will soon have a coating of frost or snow. If there is anything to characterize this particular fall, it is the number of flat squirrels in the road, the abundance of chipmunks, and the presence of monochrome wool-bear caterpillars. I just keep hoping that all this autumn moisture won't revisit us as winter snow.

Here in Olive, we are rejoicing in the fact that Maverick Family Health Office is up and running and that the Boiceville Market will be open for shoppers on October 13. On opening day, I will be there celebrating by buying a juicy steak at the market, purchasing a nice bottle of Merlot at the Boiceville Liquor Store, and buying some Aleve (for wood-stacking lame muscles) at Peter Nekos' Pharmacy. I will then drive home thankful to have part of Boiceville looking like a business district again. We anxiously await for the rest of the businesses to open their doors. I fully intend to buy a bunch of yellow roses, my favorite, from Art at the Boiceville Florist, share some with Cindy Johanssen at the log home and Judy Girard whose house was flooded, and make dinner reservations at the LandMark Grille.

It is campaign season here in Olive. To quote Marty Giuliano, we in Olive, engage in two to three weeks of bitter political debate; we vote, and the day after election day we are all friends again. There is nothing like small town politics with the rumors flying and the signs lining our roads. There is something comforting when people can refer to the candidates as Bert, Cindy, Ternice, Donnie, Henry, Peter, John and Ron. It is a small enough town to vote for a person, not just a party or a name. We in Olive vote in percentages way above national or county average. We take our right to vote seriously.

Everett Cook is celebrating his 90th birthday this weekend. Everett sets the bar for civic responsibility. One of the founders of the Olive Fire Department as a young man, he continues to serve the town in so many ways. He is always in the audience of every Town Board Meeting. He is the model of good citizenship who listens, questions and forms his own opinions.

Olive Muse - Charlie Blumstein

Olive Scouts Sleep Soundly After Fall Festival



Blake Overton (on right) is drilling inch and a half holes on the beam borer while Michael Ryan is cleaning out a mortise with a framing chisel.

Olive Cub Scout Troop 63 held their annual Fall Festival at Davis Park on the most beautiful Sunday in recent memory during the month when the scouts are mindful of cooperation, much of which was evident throughout the day. Family, friends and visitors from near and far came to take part in the days activities.

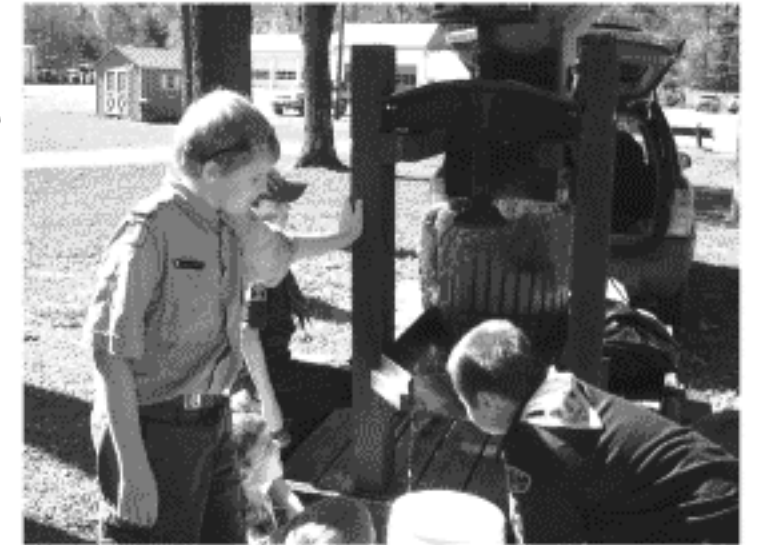
Of the event, Annmarie Delessio, co-director of Olive Cub Scout Troop 63 said: "It was a very educational day for the Cubs but they had so much fun that I doubt they realized how much they learned."... "Washing the apples to prepare them for the press, loading them and then pressing them to produce the cider, learning about the different filters and the oxidation of the apples was just one learning lesson. Learning the proper use of safety equipment during woodworking, understanding the importance of working with the grain of the wood in shaping and forming timbers and learning the power of hand tools was just the beginning of the joinery skills the cubs are working to acquire. To be serving chili, clay oven roasted corn, apple pies

and fresh pressed cider to fellow community members was a joy as Olive has missed out on several of it's usual community events due the havoc of Irene and subsequent storms. The cubs also conducted a food drive to support the Shandaken food pantry and collected nonperishable food items and monetary donations to support flood victims. The Ben Rounds Band added the gift of music and brought out dancers of all ages. The W. Shokan Fire Station sent their pumper next door and did a demonstration (cooled the scouts off with the mist nozzle which they could actually operate) in the mid-afternoon. Community coming together, sharing and supporting each other and those in need, probably the biggest lesson in today's beautiful day!"

While some were dancing to The Ben Rounds Band, Cub Scouts Riley Fox and Hayward Ryan, both at the bottom of the totem pole and still of slight stature, combined efforts when they both grabbed the handles of the old time beam borer, making the inch and a half auger whirl and the chips fly on a blind mortise in an eight by eight pine timber. Did they take that in? The way all the scouts work together on their various projects say's yes, to me. They have to work closely together and communicate clearly in order to work safely together and they are indeed doing that very well during October, the month of mindful cooperation for the Olive Scouts.

Keep up with the scouts at: <http://www.olivescouts.org/troop63/>

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Blake Overton of Olive Boy Scout Troop 63 teaching Olive Cub Scout Pack 63 how to press apple cider.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-

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who I wrote about in my last column, lost his battle with his failing liver last night. I got to say my goodbyes before he passed, and since then, I've been listening to a lot of the hard and fast rock n roll that Huge, as he was known to friends and family, (but to you who didn't know him, Mister Huge, or as our friend, Sonny Rock, liked to call him, Gene-yus!) and I love. Specifically, lots of old Stones (more specifically, lots of Exile on Main Street, our favorite album of all time), Joey Ramone, Supersuckers, and 50's rock n roll.

An old friend of mine, who's an automobile mechanic, and lives his life far from the craziness and excesses of the music business, once asked me why so many musicians have problems with substance abuse. Initially, I had no answer, but in the intervening years, I've thought about it a lot. My first response came within minutes of being asked, but I'm not sure if it's true or false. I told him that the percentage is no higher than the general population. It just gets more press coverage. I think that may be true, but I have no way of confirming it.

Ironically, as I write, I'm watching the new Ken Burns documentary, "Prohibition". It's quite good, and the comparisons to our current state of the nation are obvious, even including the economic situation. They even showed people carrying signs saying stuff like, "Create 2,500,000 jobs. Repeal the Volstead Act", which is a major argument people make for the legalization, regulation, and taxation of cannabis.

They also linked beer to treason by saying that all the brewmasters were all German, just like they do now with terrorism and drugs. Now I'm not denying the link between heroin and cocaine trafficking and terrorism, but we all remember those commercials where one guy told another that he helped the terrorists by smoking a joint.

At the time, the liquor industry was the fifth largest in America, so millions of people lost their jobs, just like now with restaurants and clubs closing because of the DUI laws. Remember when there were dozens of music clubs up and down and off Route 28?

And then there were the unintended consequences - crime, corruption, the rise of a wealthy criminal class (Mexican cartels), and the ease of getting a drink. It was easier to get a drink during Prohibition than before or after. One guy said he drank a glass of water when it was repealed because he hadn't had any in thirteen years. Unregulated, liquor was available 24/7/365 to anyone, including children, just like now when every kid in America can get every drug known to mankind in school every day.

Even with the all the forces in favor of it, Prohibition didn't stand a chance of passage because the United States government was dependent on the revenue they received from the taxation of whiskey, but as soon as that revenue stream was replaced by the income tax, Prohibition picked up some powerful friends.

Ironically, prohibitionists were also largely against government spending, so they opposed any funding of enforcement by the feds. Instead they wanted state and local authorities to pass their own laws and enforce them, which, of course, they had no interest in doing. In one year, all 48 states combined authorized a grand total of \$700 for enforcement of the Volstead Act. That's one thing that's different from now.

But, I digress. My friend, Huge, was a lifelong alcoholic, but he loved life, and no matter how much he drank, he always remained himself. He wasn't a mean drunk or anything like that. He just liked to drink. So do I, but I do it occasionally, in moderation, and usually at home. Huge did it all day, every day, and always at home, because he didn't want to risk driving. In the end, just when his life could have been getting really good, he lost it.

My last cherished memory of us together was doing "Satisfaction", a song we'd never done before, and never did again, at The Boiceville Inn when I booked the music there. We nailed it! Would Prohibition have helped my friend stay on the wagon? Not on your life! RIP Mister Huge. You played better drunk than most people do sober. Rock and Roll has lost an important voice and will miss you! (Contd. Pg. 7)



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Reservoir Music Notes (From Pg. 6)
Live music picks for this week:
Thursday, October 13 - Black Crowes guitarist, RICH ROBINSON, brings his new band into the fabulous Club Helsinki in Hudson. Rich is largely responsible for The Crowes Stonesian, open tuned, bluesy sound, and this should be a great night for Rock and Roll.
Friday, October 14 - The great STEVEN STILLS makes a rare solo appearance at The Bearsville Theater. I don't even remember the last time Stills played a venue so intimate. Tickets sold out in about ten minutes, so, good luck getting one. Consolation prize? My friend, BOW THAYER, and his band, PERFECT TRAINWRECK, are at The Falcon in Marlboro tonight. Bow has played at Levon's, so you know he's gotta be pretty good.
Saturday, October 15 - NINA VIOLET, an extremely quirky, but really interesting and good artist, is playing at the tiny Market Market in Rosendale.
Sunday, October 16 - LEVON is doing his annual free show at Gill's Farm in Hurley in the afternoon. I haven't been to a Ramble for a while and I'm even thinking of closing the shop for the day to attend. More information at www.levonhelm.com.
Wednesday, October 19 - Mr. and Mrs. Derek Trucks, AKA THE TEDESCHI-TRUCKS BAND, performs at The Egg in Albany, and this should be a most blueswailing night.
Enjoy the week.

Do You Have Your "Go Bag" Packed?
While inquiring about "Go Bags," (a/k/a 72 Hour Kits) you will find a great variety of items that individuals, families, and others have packed in their "Go Bags". You may find that there is not always agreement on what should be included in these kits, so in the end it is your decision and one that should be given some thought.
When preparing your "Go Bag", it is best to think that you might be in an emergency situation for longer than 72 hours, and that what you leave behind may not be there when you return. For this reason you should have copies of all your vital documents, medical records, your favorite photos, important telephone numbers/addresses, maps, and so on (copy to a DVD to save space). Adjust your list of kit items and extra clothing to meet personal needs, local circumstances, and weather conditions. Decide what items will give you the best service regarding basic and emergency communications, medical needs, light, fire starter, water, emergency rations, direction finding, emergency (space) blankets, tube-tents, personal safety, and so on.
Consider the weight, volume, and container for your "Go Bag" related to feasible transport via emergency (alternative) means. Have your kit ready to go on a moments notice, and decide what you will do about pets, livestock, and security for your home/ office. When disaster strikes it is usually too late to prepare.

Know, in advance, what safe area you should be moving to, and how you will locate missing family members or others. In brief, planning for evacuation during a major disaster requires advance planning and adequate preparations in order to reduce losses of all types.
Some things you might want to consider to include for major disasters are water purification tablets and energy bars.
Along with the kit, training, training and then more training. It may be hard to get families and neighbors together for a training session but the training will help overcome deficiencies in supplies or services, should a disaster occur. Practice your plans, for fun, education and security and prepare with family and neighbors.
Someone who has taught a survival class, including a Winter Survival Class passed along this information about putting together their "Go Bag".
We all have something that we find comfort in when it comes to food or drink. Being that the key tenant of survival is to remain calm and to not succumb to panic, packing a special "comfort" item can make a huge impact in maintaining our psyche when we find ourselves under duress. He packs a ziplock bag of "Swedish Fish"!
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Chamber Music at St. Andrew's Presents Music for Winds and Strings (From Pg. 1)

Music for Winds and Strings 8pm
 Steven D. Hartman, Clarinet
 Gerard Reuter, Oboe and Oboe d'Amore
 Laura Frautschi, Violin
 Richard Rood, Violin
 Sarah Adams, Viola
 Eugene J. Moye, Jr., Cello

Johann Sebastian Bach - Concerto in A Major for oboe d'amore and strings
 Rebecca Clarke - Prelude, Allegro and Pastorale for viola and clarinet
 Benjamin Britten - Phantasy Quartet for oboe and strings
 Johannes Brahms - Quintet for clarinet and string quartet

The Brahms Quintet is one of four last chamber music works written specially for clarinet, the result of Brahms' admiration for a great clarinetist of his time, Richard Mühlfeld. The Britten Phantasy is a short but surprisingly complete work for such an early one, and was written in 1934 for the best-known oboist of that time, Leon Goossens.

A large portion of Rebecca Clarke's (1886-1979) music features the viola, as she was a professional performer for many years. Much of her output was written for herself and the all-female chamber ensembles she played in. Her works were strongly influenced by 20th century classical music. Clarke also knew many leading composers of the day, including Bloch and Ravel, with whom her work has been compared.

Clarinetist Steven D. Hartman is Associate Principal Clarinet of both the New York City Ballet and New York City Opera Orchestras. In addition, he is Principal Clarinet of the Brooklyn Philharmonic, the Opera Orchestra of New York and the New York Scandia Symphony. He is frequently heard as soloist with the Washington Square Music Festival. He will be joined by oboist Gerard Reuter who has appeared as a soloist with orchestras throughout the United States, including the Jupiter Symphony, Philharmonia Virtuosi, Riverside Symphony the National Chamber

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Also on the program is Cellist Eugene J. Moye, Jr., the Principal Cello of American Symphony Orchestra, American Composers Orchestra, Opera Orchestra of New York, and Westchester Philharmonic Orchestra; violinist Laura Frautschi, a concertmaster of the New York City Opera Orchestra, and has toured internationally as a concertmaster of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra; violinist Richard Rood, currently a leading member of the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra as well as a first violinist of the New York City Opera and the Associate Concertmaster of the Santa Fe Opera; and violist Sarah Adams who is a member of the New York Chamber Ensemble and the resident ensemble at the Cape May Chamber Music Festival.

Chamber Music at St. Andrew's offers two free chamber concerts each season, performed by outstanding musicians that enrich, inspire and bring pleasure to Sullivan County audiences. All are invited to come and bring their families and neighbors. The series depends on the generosity of the community, and tax-deductible contributions are urgently needed. Checks should be made out to: St. Andrew's Mission and sent to Ms. Cynthia Johnston, Treasurer, St. Andrew's Mission, PO Box 55, Woodbourne NY 12788.

This series is made possible in part with funds from the 2011 Decentralization Program, a regrant program of the NYS Council on the Arts, administered in Sullivan County by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance through the Town of Fallsburg; and the Sullivan County Arts and an Arts & Heritage grant funded by the Sullivan County Legislature as well as by the generosity of local businesses and individuals, and St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission.

Wrong Window presented by SCDW at the Rivoli Theatre

The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is excited to present a scream of a farce by Billy Van Zandt and Jane Milmore *Wrong Window* at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg, NY.

Van Zandt & Milmore pay tribute to Master of Horror Alfred Hitchcock with this comedy whodunit. Off-and-on New York couple Marnie and Jeff enter an even more complicated phase of their relationship when they think they spy their cross-courtyard neighbor do away with his wife. After they draw their torn curtain, the lady vanishes and suspicion places murder beyond a shadow of a doubt. The bumbling witnesses sneak into their neighbor's apartment - 39 steps away - and the fun begins. Among multiple door-slamming, body-snatchings and a frantic flashlight chase scene, two questions remain: Who killed Lila Larswald? And... if she's not DEAD... THEN who is? The crazy farce plays out on a shadow-box set that allows the audience to be present in one apartment, while viewing the action in its mirror-image neighboring unit across the way.

Come, laugh and enjoy our local talent! Performances are Fridays & Saturdays at 8pm on October 14, 15, 21 & 22 and Sunday matinees at 2pm on October 16 & 23, 2011. The SCDW is offering a special "Pay What You Can" (\$5 suggested minimum donation) for the entire run of *Wrong Window*. For more information call 845-436-5336 or visit us at www.scdw.net.

Ken Humphrey photographs on view at CWC office

MARGARETVILLE, October 7, 2011 - An exhibition now on view at the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) in Margaretville focuses on the work of Jefferson photographer Ken Humphrey.

The show can be seen through November 30 at CWC offices, 905 Main Street, Margaretville. Visitors are welcome weekdays from 8 to 4:30, except October 10 and November 24 and 25. All of the photographs are available for purchase, framed or unframed.

A Connecticut native and the 5th generation to live on his family farm, Humphrey studied art in college, but his love of the outdoors and nature led him to golf course work and later private estate landscaping. In 2006 with his wife, Evelyn, he moved to the Catskills, working for Menla Mountain Retreat in Phoenicia. The couple soon launched Mountain Eden Landscaping and Property Management which has given Ken an opportunity to be completely immersed in the natural world and where he gets much of inspiration for his photography, done on regular film, as well as with a digital camera.

Humphrey's images range from the intricate detail of a lichen covered rock to a stark ram's skull; a nest of baby swallows to a damselfly perched on a blade of pond grass. "I feel that if I've caught something in a photo that moves me, I'm guessing someone else will recognize it too. I won't mess with the photo too much and risk losing that elusive something. I

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For more information, go to www.cwconline.org, or call toll-free 877-928-7433; or 845-586-1400.

"Manescapes" at Delaware Arts Center

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

"I hold dear the rural landscape and country lifestyle that remains a large part of my life," says LaVerne Black who was born on a small farm in Sullivan County, NY and has exhibited her photographs widely throughout the Catskills. "In my photography, I look to simplify and abstract a single element, be it a barn, old farm house, or detail of animal anatomy."

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

Over the past several years, Black has been working with historian Carol Smythe to preserve local farm architecture through photographs. "The force behind much of my photography is to document, rendering captivating bucolic scenes and architectural elements of the farming community." She says. In 2010 she competed "Saved by the Camera: Functional

Farm Buildings of the Past" documenting structures routinely used by small farmers through the 1950's, which is on display at the Town of Neversink (Contd. 9) offices in Grahamsville, NY.

Free and open to the public, the exhibit is sponsored by the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Alliance Council for Sullivan County, NY, and is made possible from funds from the New York State Council on the Arts.

Zumba Fitness Benefit for Ulster County SPCA

Local Zumba instructors will hold a "Zumbathon" for the Ulster County SPCA on Saturday, October 15 from 2PM to 3:30 PM at Cornell Street Studios, 168 Cornell St. in Kingston. Zumba combines Latin and International music with a fun and effective workout system. Admission at the door is \$20 and all proceeds benefit the shelter's animal rescue program. For more information call 331-0191.

"The Debt" at Callicoon Theater

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater present Helen Mirren in the espionage thriller *The Debt* opening Friday, October 14 as part of the CineArt film series.

The story begins in 1997 Tel Aviv, as shocking news reaches retired secret agents Rachel (Helen Mirren) and Stefan (Tom Wilkinson) about their former colleague David (Ciarán Hinds). The action soon flashes back to 1966 when the trio (portrayed, respectively, by Jessica Chastain, Marton Csokas, and Sam Worthington) tracked down Nazi war criminal (Jesper Christensen) in East Berlin. At great risk, and at considerable personal cost, the team's mission was accomplished-or was it?

Film critic Betsy Sharkley of the Los Angeles Times says "Bristling with dangers both corporeal and cerebral, "The Debt" is a superbly crafted espionage thriller packed with Israeli-Nazi score settling."

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CineArt is a partnership between Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and the Callicoon Theater that promotes and screens independent, foreign, and art films. A percentage of the profits and \$1 per person from ticket sales benefit the programs and services of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance, the Arts Council for Sullivan County. For more information, call (845) 887-4460 or visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org.

Orange Sticker Identifies Boat Owner

The Coast Guard Auxiliary gave a local paddle boater an orange 'IF FOUND-CONTACT' sticker that he attached to his canoe. After securing his boat the owner went home to ride out the coming hurricane.

Abnormally high tides set the canoe adrift, workers found the canoe floating along the Creek and pulled it out of the water. Seeing the orange 'If Found' sticker a phone call was placed to Todd Samara which concluded that he owned a canoe, that he was safe at home and informed him where his canoe was located.

"Many boat owners don't register their paddleboats" said William Sakal, Flotilla Commander 20-4 "but when information is put on the sticker with a permanent marker that gives the Coast Guard a starting point should a search and rescue become necessary. In this case no search was needed; no rescuers were put at risk going into dangerous, fast flowing waters to look for a missing boater and the taxpayers saved money."

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Call for Artists "Art in Sixes" Group Show at Alliance Gallery

Alliance Gallery in Narrowsburg, NY is accepting submissions for "Art in Sixes," a small works show that will be held from November 19 to December 23, 2011. This is a juried exhibition. All media will be considered. Each artist may submit up to four works, which must be:

- No larger than 6 inches in any direction (not including frame)
- Professionally finished and ready to hang (pedestals are available)
- All artwork must be for sale
- All artwork will be judged from actual artwork

Artwork may be delivered to Alliance Gallery, Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY Tuesday, October 25 through Saturday, October 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Artists must fill out a submission form at time of drop off. Final submission deadline is 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 29. Artists will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance (via email only) after November 12.

Opening reception is from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, November 19 at Alliance Gallery, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

For more information about the exhibit, call 845-252-7576.

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Go Bag (From Pg. 7) He claims when he slowly dissolves a Swedish fish in his mouth he can escape his present dilemma and forget about his 'unfortune' at least for that time.

It may seem silly to some, but for the small amount of space that "your" special treat might take up, it could pay huge dividends one day.

The psychological factor is often overlooked in disaster scenarios but it is very important to retain a positive attitude and anything that helps to generate this is crucial. For example, you may want to put a small blank book in your "Go Bag" and start recording events as they happen -- date, time, location, people's names, phone numbers, addresses, emails, etc. After a disaster, things may start to blur and you will quickly forget key things that you may need to know later on for insurance claims or other documentation. In addition, this little journal will be something you can read a year or two later after the fact. Record things you should have done differently, so that you will know for the next time or be able to share your "coulda done better" ideas.

Now is the time to prepare your "Go Bag". Be sure to replace food items periodically to make sure they are fresh and wholesome. That could be a fun part of preparing your "Go Bag". When you replace your 'comfort treat', you will be able to enjoy the one the you are replacing. The more often you do that, the more 'treats' you will have enjoyed, and your "Go Bag" will always be ready! Maybe you will never use it, but experience now shows, it is better to be prepared.

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Govt. Must Change: UC Executive Mike Hein Delivers 2012 Executive Budget

County Executive Mike Hein delivered the Executive Budget for 2012. The County Executive's budget was created amidst the most challenging financial conditions in the County's history and in the aftermath of both Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. The Ulster County budget process began with challenges, largely due to increases in state mandated expenses, increases in employee pension and health care costs and reductions in state and federal revenues. Despite these complicated conditions, innovative and transformational solutions were presented.

With this budget, County Executive Hein further streamlined operations and guarded taxpayers against significant tax increases. Key components include: (1) eliminating duplication and expanding shared services by having the New York State Attorney General's Office handle complaints from Ulster County; (2) ending the duplication of chemical dependency services that currently exists with the Mental Health Department and private not-for-profits; and (3) presenting a plan to save Golden Hill from closure and transition it to a private facility. This plan presents a bridge to future savings and is a compassionate alternative to closure.

"First and foremost, this budget protects taxpayers, continues the provision of essential services and better positions Ulster County to compete in an ever-changing global economy," said County Executive Mike Hein. "For Ulster County to thrive, people of courage must step forward, difficult decisions must be made, and as a community, we must rekindle that very same spirit of change that led us to restructure our entire form or government. In the face of these fiscal challenges, this budget puts forth a plan, which is the only one that will actually keep Golden Hill open. Without mandate relief from New York State, Ulster County can no longer afford the status quo. There simply are no other options."

According to Ulster County Budget Director Arthur Smith, "In my 30 years with Ulster County, the conditions surrounding the 2012 Executive Budget were the most difficult I have ever experienced. The actions taken in this budget are necessary and fiscally sound. By adopting this plan, we will take a substantial step toward long-term financial sustainability."

"I applaud County Executive Hein for taking bold steps towards a more stable financial future for Ulster County," said Ulster County League of Women Voters President Dare Thompson. "The County operation of Golden Hill is simply unsustainable. Additionally, at this time, with a State property tax cap in place and no mandate relief on the way, reducing non-mandated County spending is the only option available for Ulster County."

Hurricane Irene. Hurricane Irene was the worst natural disaster in the history of Ulster County. Countless Ulster County families have been negatively affected, some have lost their homes and others have suffered a tremendous amount of damage. Additionally, Ulster County has incurred substantial infrastructure damage currently estimated to be as high as \$15 million. This devastation made an already difficult financial situation much worse.

State Mandates. While County Executive Hein reduced spending in non-mandated areas to protect taxpayers for three consecutive years, the County must dramatically increase spending on mandated programs. In 2011, 70% of the County's budget was the result of state and federal mandates. In 2012, this percentage is expected to grow. For example, the heavily mandated Department of Social Services expenses are expected to increase by \$6,315,383.

Tax Cap. When drafting the 2012 Executive Budget, County Executive Hein acknowledged the reality of the State Tax Cap, in effect until at least 2016, and successfully worked within its confines. According to the formula produced by the New York State Comptroller's Office, which takes into account retirement growth exemptions, Ulster County's total levy limit for 2012 is estimated at \$79,313,704. This would equate to a 3.08% tax increase. The Executive's Budget proposes a property tax levy which is .6% lower than the property tax levy limit.

Tax Levy. The Executive Budget includes a \$78,860,389 tax levy. As the 2011 adopted tax levy was \$76,944,960, there is a 2.49% difference between this proposed 2012 tax levy and the 2011 adopted tax levy.

Sales Tax. After extensive analysis, the conservative 2012 sales tax projection is \$85,215,842 an increase of 2.0% from the 2011 adopted budget.

Fund Balance. 2012 is a year of significant need. In order to transition the County into a more sustainable organization, the Executive Budget relied heavily upon fund balance to bridge the revenue gap. To protect taxpayers from a massive tax increase, the Executive Budget allocates \$10.85 million from the general fund balance to offset expenses. The estimated general fund

balance at the end of 2011 is expected to be \$22.9 million.

Public Safety. The County Executive has set public safety as a top priority in 2012. The Executive Budget does not cut a single Sheriff's Deputy and both the District Attorney and Sheriff's Departments have their total spending increased. To keep Ulster County safe, the County Executive recommends an additional prosecutor, specifically to prosecute gang and drug crimes in the City of Kingston.

Consumer Fraud. The State Attorney General's office has agreed to handle all of the consumer complaints from Ulster County utilizing the same local phone number. The gross savings associated by expanding shared services is \$162,000 in 2012 alone.

Mental Health. Because chemical dependency services are sufficiently provided in the non-profit sector, Ulster County no longer needs to offer such services. For this reason, Ulster County will no longer operate a Chemical Dependency Unit, allowing the County to reduce the workforce by 8 full time positions. In addition, Ulster County will move forward with the continued realignment of the Public Health and Mental Health Departments. As part of this process, the 2012 Executive Budget removes 11 vacant but previously funded positions from the Mental Health Department. The payroll savings associated with these actions is \$1.12 million.

Golden Hill. For nearly a decade, while the Ulster County Legislature has struggled to make a decision regarding the future of Golden Hill Health Care Center operating costs have skyrocketed and the building has aged significantly since it was built in 1967. Because County Executive Hein understands the importance of keeping Golden Hill open, this Executive Budget includes a fiscally responsible way to do that. The 2012 Executive Budget will fully fund Golden Hill while it transitions ownership of the facility to an LDC. This plan is detailed in the Golden Hill Fact Sheet (attached). The County operational subsidy of Golden Hill in 2012 is \$5,559,033.

The County Executive called upon the Ulster County Legislature to join him in supporting the plan to keep Golden Hill open. He said, "There is still time for this Legislature to make tough decisions, rewrite their legacy and save Golden Hill. You see, while some may talk about saving Golden Hill, the truth is, this plan is the only one that actually does."

The truth is, if Golden Hill is sold it will continue to operate. Residents will not be displaced and staff will continue to be needed to operate the facility and care for the residents. Despite the myths and false rumors being spread, Ulster County residents with Medicaid will continue to be able to use Golden Hill. It is illegal for nursing homes to discriminate based on the source of payment, as is evident by the fact that the other five nursing homes in Ulster County all have residents with Medicaid.

The 2012 Executive Budget provides for the delivery of all essential services, protects taxpayers and better positions Ulster County to compete in an ever-changing global economy. In a time when many New Yorkers are struggling with their bills, the County Executive asks the Ulster County Legislature to show bi-partisan support for a budget that sets the foundation for a sustainable financial future.

78 House Members Urge Super Committee to Include Medicare Drug Price Negotiation in Debt Reduction Deal

With debt reduction talks intensifying, a group of 78 U.S. House members are renewing a push to require bulk-rate negotiation of prescription drug prices -- a plan that would save the federal government an estimated \$156 billion over 10 years and reduce drug costs for seniors by up to \$27 billion over the same time period. The group, led by Reps. Maurice Hinchey (D-NY), Peter Welch (D-VT), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) and George Miller (D-CA), is sending a letter to members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction, requesting that the reform be included in any final debt reduction package that will be linked to a vote on raising the debt ceiling.

"The Super Committee is facing a lot of difficult choices, but one easy decision would be to require Medicare to negotiate lower prescription drug prices for seniors," Hinchey said. "This simple change of policy would save the federal government \$156 billion over 10 years and keep more money in the pockets of our nation's seniors. Ever since the creation of the Medicare prescription drug program, I have fought to allow for direct negotiation because it would save the public and seniors, in particular, billions of dollars every year. This is the right thing to do, and I think we may have a chance to get it done through the ongoing negotiations over reducing our national debt."

"At a time when we're working to get the nation's fiscal house in order, putting the federal government's purchasing power to work to save money is simply common sense. Paying retail rates for wholesale purchases is a good deal for the pharmaceutical company but a bad deal

for the taxpayer," Welch said. "It's long past time we put an end to this misguided policy."

"I have opposed the ban on price negotiation from the day it was included in the Republican bill," Schakowsky said. "It just makes sense that Medicare should use its bargaining power to negotiate for lower drug prices - just as the VA does. Price negotiation will lower costs to seniors and people with disabilities and save taxpayers \$156 billion. On the other hand, the only winners from the current prohibition on price negotiation are the drug companies. It's time to stand with consumers and taxpayers, not the pharmaceutical industry."

Miller added, "Finally allowing Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices with the largest pharmaceutical companies will lower drug costs for our nation's seniors and save taxpayers money. It is that simple. There is no question that this is one smart decision that the Super Committee should make for seniors and for the American public."

The change would require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to negotiate prescription drug prices on behalf of Medicare Part D beneficiaries. The 2004 legislation, which created the Medicare Part D prescription drug program, explicitly prohibits the federal government from negotiating bulk rate discounts. The anti-negotiation provision was passed by a Republican House and Senate, and signed into law by President George W. Bush, over the objections of Democrats.

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o Target, Sam's Club, Woodstock Chimes, Anaconda Sports, Stewart's, Bop to Tottom, Parisi Speed School, Hudson River Maritime Museum, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Modell's, Ameribag

It's not too late! You can still participate in the ceremony by contacting Kristen Murphy in our district office at 845-338-9610.

"I look forward to seeing familiar faces from years past as well as new participants at the awards ceremony in October," said Assemblymember Cahill.

POLITICAL SLANT - Frank Comando -

The American Jobs Act has five key components:

Tax Cuts to Help America's Small Businesses Hire and Grow; Putting Workers Back on the Job While Rebuilding and Modernizing America; Pathways Back to Work for Americans Looking for Jobs; More Money in the Pockets of Every American Worker and Family; This act Fully Paid as Part of the President's Long-Term Deficit Reduction Plan. Some points:

THE AMERICAN JOBS ACT, (President Obama's Plan to Create Jobs Now)

1. BUSINESS - TAX CUTS TO HELP AMERICA'S SMALL BUSINESSES HIRE AND GROW - Cutting the payroll tax: cut in half for 98 percent of businesses: The President's plan will cut in half the taxes paid by businesses on their first \$5 million in payroll, targeting the benefit to the 98 percent of firms that have payroll below this threshold.

- Extending 100% expensing into 2012: This continues an effective incentive for new investment.

Reforms and regulatory reductions to help entrepreneurs and small businesses access capital.

2. Extend 100 percent business expensing through 2012 (\$5 billion).

3. A complete payroll tax holiday for new jobs or wage increases. In addition to the 3.1% payroll tax cut for all firms, the President's plan provides a direct incentive to encourage firms to hire additional employees or raise wages for their current employees. The plan would completely refund payroll taxes paid on added workers or wage increases for current workers above the level of last year's payroll. To focus the benefit of this tax cut on small businesses, payroll tax relief would be capped at applying to \$50 million in new wages. This tax holiday would be augmented by targeted tax cuts for hiring the long-term unemployed as well as veterans who have been out of work six months or more.

Well, I guess if President Obama were playing Basketball, he couldn't go left,

Have something to say must be less than 200 words, e-mail politicalslant@yahoo.com.

Gillibrand Renews Call for Congress to Create Jobs by Upgrading Infrastructure, Homes, Offices, Communities

In an effort to create new jobs upgrading New York's crumbling infrastructure and rehabilitating outdated homes and office buildings, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is renewing her call for Congress to create jobs by making immediate investments in infrastructure upgrades, as included in the American Jobs Act, that would inject nearly \$3 billion for New York and support approximately 38,800 New York jobs. Senator Gillibrand is also working to establish a National Infrastructure Bank to leverage more private investment into infrastructure projects, along with jumpstarting renovations to homes and offices across New York, creating new construction jobs in the process.

"I know New Yorkers are ready to get back to work," Senator Gillibrand said. "And there's no shortage of projects waiting to get started that can revitalize our communities and attract new businesses - from rebuilding roadways,

railways and runways, to renovating empty homes and outdated office buildings. Each day we wait to start these projects and create the jobs to do them, we delay our full economic recovery. It's time for all in Congress to heed the call of the American people, come together, and set the right policies that can put people back to work rebuilding this country."

Across New York State, more than 2,200 Transportation Improvement Projects are planned for FY2012.

Hinchey: Continuing Resolution Just a Down Payment-More Action Needed to Provide Disaster Recovery Funds for Farmers & FEMA

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement after voting in favor of a continuing resolution to fund the government through November 18. The continuing resolution will allow the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to meet short-term obligations. Hinchey, who has lead the effort in the house for a bigger disaster relief package, said he will continue pushing additional legislation to provide disaster relief for farmers and provide all of the funding necessary for FEMA to meet its long-term disaster recovery obligations.

"Today I voted for a bipartisan deal to provide the funding necessary for the government to continue operating until November 18. This compromise bill will allow the Federal Emergency Management Agency to meet its short-term obligations, ensuring that families affected by Tropical Storm Lee and Hurricane Irene will receive the relief they need in the coming weeks.

"This legislation, however, provides only a down payment. Additional legislation will be needed to prevent another FEMA funding crisis, provide additional funding for several Department of Agriculture emergency relief programs, and address emergency relief shortfalls at other agencies. I had hoped we could address these concerns through the bipartisan legislation that passed the Senate two weeks ago, and I lead 76 other U.S. House members in calling for an up or down vote in

the House. Unfortunately, the Speaker and House Majority leader have so far failed to bring this bill to the House floor.

"The manner in which Washington has dealt with this issue has been disgraceful. It used to be that we avoided playing politics when it came to helping our neighbors recover from natural disasters. Eight times during the Bush Administration, we did just that. The new tone in Washington is putting politics before people in the worst way conceivable. When a natural disaster destroys your home, your small business or your farm, the last thing you need is a show of political brinkmanship in Washington. Sadly, that's exactly what the American people got.

"I'm going to continue working to set aside the politics and provide all of the funding necessary to help the New Yorkers I represent recover from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. I hope that in the coming weeks we can reach a bipartisan deal to ensure that all Americans affected by natural disasters receive the relief they deserve over the long run."

The United Church of Roscoe Annual Harvest Supper

The United Church of Roscoe puts on a delicious Harvest Supper year after year!!

If you have never attended.....DO NOT miss out this year. Tickets go fast!

The Harvest Supper will be held on Thursday, October 20th starting at 5:00 pm Tickets are: \$10.00 for adults. Under 5 free

For tickets please call Laurie at 607-498-539

TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
GRAHAMSVILLE, NY

Current exhibits

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

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

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church
Chicken & Biscuits Dinner
October 15, 2011
Saturday, 4 pm to 7 pm

Menu: Chicken & Biscuits, Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Peas & Carrots, Salad, Bread, Assorted Desserts, & Drinks

Adults: \$11.00, 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 and God Bless You All!

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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
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Email: crosswayaog@aol.com
www.crosswayaog.com

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Sundays 8:15 a.m. - Communion
Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner
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All are welcome! For Information: Mother Joan LaLiberté 845-887-4742

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Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm
Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month

Rev. George W. Hommel, Pastor

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

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

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

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

Covered Dish Supper

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

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Thrift Sale (9 am - 1 pm) & Luncheon (11 am-1 pm) Oct 5
Thrift Sale Only 9 am-1 pm - Oct 15

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Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 5:00
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Holy days of obligation: as announced in church bulletin.
Daily Mass schedule:
Monday afternoon 5:45 (Holy Rosary at 5:30); Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday mornings: (includes Morning Prayer)- 8:50 am
Saturday afternoon confessions: 4 to 4:45.
Rev. John J. Lynch, Ph.D., Pastor. 434-7643.

Loucks Funeral Home
Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Paul Z. Ruter, Pastor
845-985-7480

LEGAL NOTICES:**PUBLIC HEARING**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Legal Notice of Public Hearing on the Budget

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the proposed budget of the Claryville Fire District of the Towns of Denning and Neversink, State of New York will be presented to the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Claryville Fire District, for its consideration.

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Community Hall, 1500 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY 12725 in the Town of Denning, State of New York on the 18th day of October 2011.

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

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

That a copy of the proposed budget is available at the Office of the Town Clerk(s) of the Town(s) of Denning, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725; Neversink, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740 and Fire District Secretary at 1500 Claryville Road, Claryville, NY 12725 where it may be inspected by any interested person during office hours.

October 3, 2011
Board of Fire Commissioners
Claryville Fire district
PO Box 22
Claryville, NY 12725

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PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

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BIDS REQUESTED FOR TOWN OWNED ITEMS AND EQUIPMENT

The Highway Superintendent of the Town of Neversink requests individual sealed bids on the following Town owned items and equipment offered for sale:

- **1994 International Dump Truck 2 wheel drive with 330 hp Cummings Motor & Fuller 10 speed transmission. 98,779 miles \$2,000.00 MINIMUM BID**
- **1998 3/4 Ton Chevy Pickup with plow & Fisher tail gate sander. 135,501 miles \$2,000.00 MINIMUM BID**
- **1999 Freightliner FL-70 parts truck. NO DRIVE TRAIN. Body in excellent condition.**
- **2 - Western tailgate sanders 1 good condition, 1 for parts**
- **Englo air compressor horizontal 80 gallon tank with 5 hp motor**
- **Sach Dolmar 401 Chainsaw**
- **Portable steam cleaner**

The listed item can be seen between the hours of 7:00 AM and 3:30 PM at the Town of Neversink Highway Barn, RT 55, Grahamsville, NY. Monday through Friday, except Holidays, by contacting Preston Kelly, Highway Superintendent at 845-985-2281.

Items will be sold "AS IS" and all sales are final. Payment shall be made to the Town of Neversink within 30 days of award of bid.

The Town reserves the right to reject any or all bids without reason.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 273 Main Street, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 not later than 2:00 PM on Monday November 7, 2011 at which time, or as reasonably soon as possible thereafter; all bids will be publicly opened.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk
Town of Neversink

Dated: October 7, 2011 10/13; 10/27

FEMA Information

Ulster County has been included in Federal Disaster Declaration FEMA-4031-DR-NY (tropical storm Lee). We have been approved for both Individual Assistance (residents and businesses) and Public Assistance (roads and bridges). In theory this will mean that all applicants for both IA and PA will have to begin the process all over again for Lee expenses.

We will have to see if there is a "bridge" or streamlined application method established for those who have already applied under Irene.

The mobile Disaster Recovery Center will be at the New Paltz Town Hall from 8 AM to 8 PM on October 12. Applicants may use this means of applying for aid, go to the DRC at the Business Resource Center in Kingston, apply on line or over the phone.

The application period for Irene only has a couple of weeks left.

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Hinchey Announces New Disaster Declarations for Ulster and Orange in Aftermath of Tropical Storm Lee Ulster Receives Individual and Public Assistance Designations, Orange Receives Individual Assistance Designation

Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today announced that President Obama has approved additional federal assistance to help Orange County and Ulster County recover in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Lee. Hinchey requested the assistance in September during a phone call with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator Craig Fugate and in a subsequent letter to President Obama. Residents in both counties are now eligible for Individual Assistance (IA), allowing families and individuals affected by the storm the ability to apply for disaster recovery funds through FEMA. Ulster County also received a Public Assistance (PA) designation, allowing the county to receive federal support in rebuilding public infrastructure damaged by the storm. Orange County received the PA designation last week.

"This is good news for the families affected by Tropical Storm Lee," said Hinchey. "I requested these designations in a phone call with FEMA Administrator Fugate and in a letter to President Obama. After Hurricane Irene, many of us didn't think things could get much worse. Then a second punch hit the region with Tropical Storm Lee, destroying much of the recovery work that had already taken place. These new designations are critical to ensuring that the families, small businesses and municipalities affected by the second storm would receive the federal support they need to rebuild."

Following Irene and Lee, Hinchey has worked to ensure that counties in the congressional district he represents have the disaster declarations necessary to receive federal assistance. In his call with FEMA Administrator Fugate, Hinchey singled out the need to reassess Orange and Ulster counties after a second round of flooding.

Hinchey today voted for legislation that will allow the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to meet its short-term obligations. Hinchey, who has led the effort in the House for a bigger disaster relief package, said he will continue pushing additional legislation to provide disaster relief for farmers and provide all of the funding necessary for FEMA to meet its long-term disaster recovery obligations.

Hinchey has also introduced legislation, and has been working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to expedite and provide additional assistance to farmers affected by the flooding and is supportive of efforts to provide crop insurance retroactively to New York farmers in need.

Bipartisan Senate Interoperability Legislation Would Provide Vital Communications Capability for All of America's First Responders - Fulfilling Key 9/11 Commission Report Recommendation

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) released the following statement today urging members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction to include 10 megahertz of dedicated spectrum for first responders, as called for in the bipartisan Senate Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act, which would provide America's first responders with crucial lifesaving communications tools, fulfilling a key outstanding recommendation of the 9/11 Commission Report. Earlier today, four members of the Committee sent a letter to President Obama requesting a review of how spectrum currently used by the federal government can be used more efficiently, with a goal to reallocate portions of existing government spectrum to expand the public's access to broadband.

"I commend the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction for seeking to 'build on the momentum' around the bipartisan idea of auctioning spectrum for deficit reduction. But I strongly urge the Committee to go one step further and ensure dedicated spectrum for our first responders is included in any proposal.

"The 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks has come and gone and Congress has still yet to implement a key recommendation by the 9/11 Commission Report - ensuring all of our firefighters, officers, and first responders across the nation can effectively communicate with each other in real time during a national crisis. There is strong support across the country among first responders and local law enforcement officials for bipartisan Senate legislation that would allocate 10 megahertz of spectrum to our first responders. We cannot wait another day, and we certainly cannot wait for another emergency to act.

"It is time to bring first responder technology into the 21st Century. It is simply not good enough when, as New York City Police Commissioner Kelly said in his testimony in Washington, 'a 16-year-old with a smart phone has a more advanced communications capability than a police officer or deputy carrying a radio.'

"There is no higher priority than the security of our families and communities. I urge the committee to seize the opportunity to reduce the deficit by \$6.5 billion by including language from the Public Safety Spectrum and Wireless Innovation Act in any spectrum proposal.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department
www.townofneversink.org
 (845) 985-2262 extension 312

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

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

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

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



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

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

AL-ANON MEETINGS -

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

PENNY SOCIAL SUNDAY OCTOBER 16 AT THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Doors open at 2 PM
 Calling begins at 3 PM
 New and Past Perfect Items

Sponsored by the Girl's Soccer Program

Ready Set, Read!

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- 10/13/11 Rummage & Yard Sale 10 to 3- Christ Lutheran Church Ellenville -647-9866
- 10/13/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 10/14/11 Rummage & Yard Sale 10 to 3- Christ Lutheran Church Ellenville -647-9866
- 10/14/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting Denning Town Hall 7 pm
- 10/15/11 Grahamsville Reformed Church Chicken & Biscuits Dinner 4-7 pm
- 10/15/11 Thrift Sale -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
- 10/16/11 Claryville Fire Dept. Pancake Breakfast 7 am - Noon
- 10/16/11 Penny Social TVCS Cafeteria - Doors open at 2 pm - Calling begins at 3 pm
- 10/18/11 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)
- 10/18/11 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 10/18/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 10/19/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 10/20/11 Rummage & Yard Sale 10 to 3- Christ Lutheran Church Ellenville -647-9866
- 10/20/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 10/21/11 Rummage & Yard Sale 10 to 3- Christ Lutheran Church Ellenville -647-9866
- 10/22/11 Rummage & Yard Sale (BAG SALE) 10 to 3- Christ Lutheran Church Ellenville -647-9866
- 10/22/11 Roast Pork Dinner 4-7pm Claryville Reformed Church
- 10/25/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Meeting Neversink Town Hall
- 10/25/11 Claryville Fire District Meeting
- 11/1/11 Town of Denning Board Meeting - DenningTown Hall - 7 pm
- 11/2/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 11/12/11 13th Annual Veteran's Day Parade 1:00 pm- Main St. Woodbourne, ny (845) 434-6763
- 11/5/11 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 11/5/11 Pork & Sauerkraut Supper Christ Lutheran Church Ellenville 4:30-7:00 call 647-0954

Save the Date!

GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN every FRIDAY afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall. Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman is available at the following retail stores and restaurants:

SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP
 GRAHAMSVILLE DELI
 GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE
 CANNIE D'S
 BLUE HILL LODGE

ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.)
 VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
 WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION
 MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)
 P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne)
 AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty)

JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY
 MATTHEW'S PHARMACY
 NAPANOCH APPLIANCE
 PLEASANT STONE FARM
 PETER'S MARKET

NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN

The Good Stuff Cafe • Boiceville IGA • J & G Log Homes, LLC • Ange's • Tetta's • Boiceville Florist • Reservoir Music • Snyder's
 Phoenicia Pharmacy • Phoenicia Deli • Mama's Boy • Ricciardella's • Emerson Resort

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

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

Maritime Museum, Kentucky Fried Chicken M Modell's, Ameribag

It's not too late! You can still participate in the ceremony by contacting Kristen Murphy in our district office at 845-338-9610. "I look forward to seeing familiar faces from years past as well as new participants at the awards ceremony in October," said Assemblymember Cahill.

Learn How Sustainable Energy Products Can Benefit Your Wallet?

MONTICELLO: Over 40% of energy consumption is related to our building's environment. The easiest and most effective way to conserve energy is to reduce your building's usage. To find out how to do this, sign up for the Introduction to Sustainable Building course offered through the Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan BOCES.

The course starts on November 3rd and will run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm, through November 22nd at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. This course is designed for those interested in learning how to build or convert their homes and/or buildings to use sustainable energy products. Participants will learn about simple design strategies, implementation and analysis of energy efficient building techniques. Solar photovoltaic, solar water, space heating, wind turbines, along with elements of Net-Zero energy construction will also be discussed.

To register for the course please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 791-4070 or (845) 295-4900. For more information regarding courses offered through the Adult & Continuing Education Program log on to www.scbores.org and follow us on face book and twitter.

Cornell Cooperative Extension to Hold Chicken Barbecue & 97th Annual Meeting

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County will hold its Chicken Barbecue and 97th Annual Meeting at 7pm on October 21st at the Jeffersonville Firehouse. The dinner will feature the legendary Cornell recipe barbecue chicken along with baked potato, coleslaw, cranberry sauce, roll and homemade bread pudding. Cornell Cooperative Extension staff and leadership will recognize excellence amongst volunteers and extension outreach groups. Information will be shared for the general public about CCE programming for the upcoming year and successes for the past year will be celebrated.

The 2012 Annual Cornell Cooperative Extension Calendar will be unveiled, photo winners announced and the calendar will be available for sale. Don't miss out on purchasing a calendar

full of stunning pictures representing Sullivan County horticulture and gardens. There will also be a huge silent auction with items for the entire family.

This event is annually attended by several hundred Sullivan residents. All are invited to this great night of good food and good company. Tickets are available for \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for youth in advance or \$13.00 for adults and \$11.00 for youth at the door. Take outs will be available starting at 3:00 p.m. To reserve tickets or take-outs, contact Cindy at Cornell Cooperative Extension at (845)292-6180 or cn55@cornell.edu.

SC BOCES' New Air Duct Cleaning Course

MONTICELLO - On October 17th, the Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan County BOCES is offering an Air Duct Cleaning course.

The course will run on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm from October 17th through December 19th at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello.

This is an introductory course that will cover personal safety and equipment used in residential and light commercial cleaning. Students will learn this skill while working with patented cleaning equipment.

To register for the course please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 791-4070 or (845) 295-4900. For mor information regarding courses offered through the Adult & Continuing Education Program log on to www.scbores.org and follow us on face book and twitter.

Save Money by Reducing Your Heating and Electricity Bills?

On October 17th, the Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan County BOCES is offering a course on "Residential Energy Savings: How to Save on Energy Bills". This amazing course will walk you through simple home energy saving techniques that will help reduce energy costs.

The course will run on Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on October 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th, 31st and on November 2nd at the St. John Street Education Center in Monticello. Participants will have the opportunity to observe a building energy inspection, which will identify specific areas of concern, while providing energy saving options to alleviate the situation. Information on energy grants and reduced financing programs will also be distributed.

To register for the course, please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program a (845) 791-4070 or (845) 295-4900. For more information regarding courses offered through the Adult & Continuing Education Program log on to www.scbores.org and follow us on face book and twitter.

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- **REDUCED** Spacious 4-5 BR/2BA turnkey colonial on 5+ level acres w/lg sep garage, in quiet Grahamsville n'hood. \$287,000
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- 3BR/2BA contemp farmhouse on 100+ acres with spectacular views, 2 ponds, adj to Fire Twr, +cottage. \$669,000
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Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia



La Strada (1954)

A traveling strongman buys a peasant girl to be his wife and co-star. Directed by Federico Fellini. And starring, Anthony Quinn, Giulietta Masina, Richard Basehart, Aldo Silvani, Marcella Rovere, Livia Venturini. This is a deceptively simple tale of a brutish strongman (Quinn) taking a simple-minded woman, (Masina) with him as he tours countryside. He then encounters a gentle acrobat Basehart. Best Foreign Film Oscar winner; stunning performances, haunting Nino Rota score. Original story and screenplay written by Fellini, and Tullio Pinelli. On TCM Sunday, October 16, 2011 @, 12:00 AM, 108 min rated TV-PG

Quiz:
A. Who played Zampano?
B. Which Production Company holds a major amount of classic films?

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

SUNDOWN The residents of the *Town of Denning and Town of Neversink* are cordially invited to attend a 'Goodbye Irene Party/Covered Dish' on October 15th from noon til 5pm at **98 Peekamoose Rd.** field. Please bring a covered dish to pass besides a chair/table for your personal comfort. Refreshments will be provided by **3 Goldens Convenience Store**. For more information call 985-7195. Please RSVP.

JUST IN CASE, YOU MISSED IT; GRAHAMSVILLE - Don't forget the Tri-Valley Little League Relief Fund & Horseshoe Game, Saturday, October 15 (this Saturday) • 10:00am - 9:00pm at the Beiling Home 57 Community Road Woodbourne, NY. Bring a partner or pick one at the event 10:00 AM SHARP if you plan on playing \$20.00/person half proceeds will go to the Tri-Valley Little League Relief Fund. Bring your own beverage. Sandwiches and Snacks Served. No cry babies! Come have fun! If you are unable to attend, and would like to donate, please send to: Tri-Valley Little League PO Box 65 Grahamsville, NY 12740

BOICEVILLE - TODAY! THE BOICEVILLE (IGA) MARKET WILL BE OPENING today, October 13th and on November 1st, the BOICEVILLE FLORIST will be open!

THE LANDMARK INN is hoping to open soon. Best of all, the owners of these establishments, are healthy and well. The very Best of Gnome Wishes to all.

Have a great week.
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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

A. Anthony Quinn
B. Janus Films

RENTALS

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

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

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1+ bedroom house in woods, private; long driveway, 30+ acres. Available after November 1. Wood stove & oil heat. \$800 + utilities. Security, references. 693-4464 b12/15dt

FORSALE

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

Electric Guitar Jackson Kelly 6-string Black & Blue Striped Coffin Case - for more information call 845-866-0699. tfn

Black Leather Couch - 91" - 2 years old. Excellent condition. \$500.00 -985-7189

CAMPING, FISHING & HUNTING

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

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

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