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## Boiceville Market Another Victim of Irene's Wrath



As Hurricane Irene hit the Catskills, Boiceville Market was yet another victim of her wrath. By Sunday afternoon, August 28th, the market was swamped with three feet of the Esopus Creek. What was left behind has been documented in 'You Tube' videos and various photographs. What none of that shows however is the tremendous outpouring of volunteer help and well wishers. The Occhi family is grateful to all those who have come out and to those who have offered prayers through this trying time. (Contd. Pg. 6)

## Come Have Some Old-fashioned Fun at the Rondout Neversink Antique Tractor Show

This year's show will feature: Oliver, Minneapolis-Moline, Cockshutt and David Bradley Lawn Equipment. Also, a restored shingle mill will be in full operation and a stock garden tractor pull on Sunday. It will be held at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds on **September 17 - 18th, 2011.**

The Tri-Valley FBLA will be helping collect a \$2.00 donation at the gate. We welcome all vendors near and far and have a great variety of things to do for the children. Any questions, call Paul Kelly at 845-985-0081 and remember, "Our goal is - *A Good Time Will Be Had By All!*"

## 26th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade Scheduled for October 1st

The 26th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville, New York. A benefit for the Daniel Pierce Library, this old-time country fair and autumn festival has something for everyone—from the costume parade to pony rides, giant pumpkin growing contest, haunted house, petting zoo, live music, hay rides, hay maze, a "Better" Book Sale, handmade crafts, harvest baking contest, delicious food, and other amusements!



Up "fore" a good time? Stop by and play a round of mini golf at "The Book Nook," a custom-made, nine-hole miniature golf course located in the 4H barn. Each hole has a different theme, based on a popular children's book. Golfers young and old will surely want to attempt their luck on this course. (Contd. Pg. 3)



## New Exhibition at the Time and the Valleys Museum A Quilted Past: Quilts from the Valleys and Beyond



The Time and the Valleys Museum is pleased to announce an exciting new exhibition, *A Quilted Past: Quilts from the Valleys and Beyond*. This temporary exhibition includes twenty-seven quilts, most made by women living in the Rondout and Neversink watershed areas between 1860 and 1950. Many of these beautiful quilts have interesting stories attached to them about the quilters and their families.

Visitors to the exhibition will leave with an appreciation of the time, effort and skill needed to create these beautiful works of art, many made from scraps of old worn out clothing and used as bedcovers or blankets. Visitors may try their hand at stitching a quilt square, learn how to best care for their own quilts and attend beginning and advanced quilt making programs. The exhibition is open to the public Thursday through Sunday, from noon to 4 p.m., through October 30th. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## Forum on Health Issues

SLAC, The Senior Legislative Action Committee, and The Family Council of the Sullivan County Adult Care Center are co-sponsoring a FORUM on HEALTH ISSUES on Friday, September 23, 2011 \*at 10 AM in the Legislative Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello. We have invited all 17 Candidates for the Sullivan County Legislature to address the audience and to respond to questions. Three incumbent Legislators have chosen not to run again. As always, the meeting is free and open to all and we urge you to attend and inform others of this opportunity to address our concerns in this difficult period of fiscal challenge. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## What to do with Grandma's Treasures

Guest speakers Carol Smythe & Dot Muthig will share some wonderful advice on how caregivers can enhance their estate plans by including their family history and how to plan for transferring their treasured antiques/keepsakes. This free class will be held within the Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville and individuals can call the Cooperative Extension at 292-5250 to make their reservation. All guests will benefit from a complimentary tour of the new Time and the Valleys Museum, attached to the library. As always, this program is provided for free to family caregivers by the NYS Office for the Aging (it is a partnered program between Sullivan County Office for the Aging and Cornell Cooperative Extension).

## Denning Day at Time & the Valleys Museum

The Time and the Valleys Museum is pleased to announce that for one year, from April through October, the first Saturday of the month is now DENNING DAY. On this day all Town of Denning residents have free admission to the Museum (with proof of residence). We hope to see many of the town's residents visiting the Museum on that day to learn about their local history.

Town of Neversink residents have free admission to the Museum EVERY Thursday during open hours.

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

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

## Catskills Local Government Day cancelled

MARGARETVILLE - Catskills Local Government Day, which had been scheduled for September 22 at the Delaware Inn in Stamford, has been cancelled. (Contd. Pg. 3)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** For there is no remembrance of the wise more that of the fool for ever; seeing that which now is in the days to come shall all be forgotten. And how dieth the wise man? As the fool. Ecclesiastes 3:16

## OBITUARY

**Donald H. Hill** of Grahamsville, NY died on Friday Sept. 9, 2011 at Orange Regional Medical Center. He was 80.

Don was born in Woodbourne, NY on May 19, 1931 to the late Dorothy Brown and Benjamin Hill. He graduated from Fallsburg High School in 1949 and began work at the Victory Market in Woodbourne, then later as a butcher in Liberty.

Don proudly served his country in the Navy from 1951 to 1955, rising to the rank of Petty Officer Third Class. After the military Don worked for the New York State Eastern Correctional Facility from May 10, 1956 to May 10, 1986. After his retirement he held three other jobs that he enjoyed: Superintendent of the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery from 1986 to 2001, school bus driver for Tri-Valley activities and umpire for girls' softball, little league and recreational leagues.

Don also found time for many other community organizations. He was a volunteer fireman for Woodbourne and then transferred to the Grahamsville Fire Department (1949 to present), served as fire commissioner for 30 years and could always be found at the firemen's booth at the Little World's Fair. Don also served his community as a member of the Grahamsville First Aid Squad. He was one of the founding members of the Tri-Valley Little League, could be found supporting and cheering on the Tri-Valley Bears' school athletic teams, and was a supporter of FFA. Don was a long-standing member of the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery Association, and in 1989, he was one of the founding members of the Flag Day Exchange Ceremony held at Grahamsville Reformed Church. The exchange is held on Memorial Day and Veterans' Day to honor past veterans and civic minded community members. He was a member of the Woodbourne Reformed Church and later transferred the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Don was a dedicated and community minded person and he was known around Grahamsville, unofficially, as "mayor" and could be found most mornings having coffee with his friends and neighbors.

Don is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 54 years, Pauline "Polly" Thompson Hill, married on August 17, 1957; his children, David and Lisa Hill of Virginia Beach, VA, Glenn and Sally Hill of Philmont, NY, and Susan Hill and Cheryl Martin of Orlando Beach, FL; grandchildren, Aaron and Matthew Hill of Virginia Beach, Sarah Allen and fiancé, Joe Raco Jr. of Red Hook, Rebekah Allen of Rhinebeck; sister, June Schmitz of Hasbrouck, NY and many nieces and nephews. One sister, Charlotte Hill, predeceased him in 2000.

Firematic Services were held on Monday Sept. 12th at the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne. Funeral Services were held Tuesday, Sept., 13th at the Grahamsville Reformed Church, the Rev. Paul Z. Ruter officiating. Interment followed with full military honors at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Don requested that donations be made to the Grahamsville Ladies Auxiliary, Grahamsville Fireman's Scholarship Fund, or Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY.

**Charles Anthor** went to be with the Lord on August 29, 2011 at the age of 88. He was the husband of Hazel Anthor, the love of his life, and loving wife of 52 years, until her death in 2000. He served four years in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was proud of his service for America against the totalitarian regime of Nazi Germany. He instilled the values of faith in God, honesty, work, and patriotism in his four children. He supported his family as a telephone installer for 36 years. He was always generous, willing to help his family and friends, and loved to spend time and play games with his family. If my Dad were here today, he would encourage us to support our veterans and those who defend our nation and Constitution against all enemies, foreign and domestic. He is survived by his four children, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

## DAYS OF YORE...

## Today's History

**September 5, 1951** - Mr. and Mrs. Andrew George celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Monday at their home on Sundown Road. They were married September 3, 1897 at Grahamsville by the Rev. J.N. Bryers. Mr. and Mrs. George received congratulations from family and friends and spent the day quietly at home.

Herbert C. Burch of Lows Corners, N.Y., died Thursday, August 30th at the Liberty Hospital after a short illness. Mr. Burch was born at Red Hill on March 7, 1981 the son of James and Louisa (Van Wagner) Burch. He was married 48 years ago to Hilda Kenote who survives him. Also surviving are his three sons, Floyd of Sundown, and Roy and George of Lows Corners.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Kortright and baby Sharon called on his brother, Sherman and family at Woodbourne last Sunday. Sherman, a reserve in the Army, has been honorably discharged and returned home from Korea several days ago. They also called on their brother, Milton who is on a 15-day furlough from camp.

Four hundred and seven pupils from Kindergarten through Grade 12 passed through the portals of the new building of the Tri-Valley School on September 4th. During the course of the day there were conducted tours to acquaint each student with the many and sundry facilities available to the student body.

**September 6, 1961** - Mrs. Ora Carlyle, 83, of Ellenville died at Veterans Memorial Hospital on Wednesday. She was born in Montela, N.Y. April 27, 1878, the daughter of Marquis and Esther Hill Sheley. She was married at Eureka, N.Y. on February 26, 1902 to Charles Carlyle who died in 1938. She is survived by one son, Charles of Claryville.

Miss Faye Louise Yarnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yarnes of Rock Royal, became the bride of Clark William Brown of Liberty, on August 12th in the Walton First Methodist Church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are graduates of Tri Valley Central School and attended Cortland State Teachers College. The couple is making their home in Liberty.

**September 15, 1971** - Services were held Sunday for Mrs. Floey A. Terbush, 97, of Sundown, who died Thursday at Community General Hospital, Liberty. She was born Jan. 11, 1874 in Montela to Horatio and Rachel Snyder Green and was married March 14, 1901 in Grahamsville to Herman Terbush. A life resident of the area, she was the oldest member of the Lows Corners Baptist Church.

Services were held Tuesday for Mr. Isaac B. Dymond, 90, of Sundown who died at his home on Saturday. He was born at Palentown Sept. 24, 1880 the son of William and Sarah Pomeroy Dymond. He was married to the former Bertha Wright who predeceased him. He was a member of the Sundown United Methodist Church.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. James Terwilliger who were married at the United Methodist Church in Grahamsville on Saturday. The couple will be at home in their apartment on Lackawack Hill.

**September 10, 1981** - Richard A. Roberts, U.S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Roberts of Cypert Road, Woodbourne, has recently completed basic training at the Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. He finished in Color Company for outstanding performance in basic training. Rich has been chosen to attend "A" School at Virginia Beach, VA as an Operations Specialist in Radar.

James Curry of Woodbourne, a retired laborer, died Friday, Sept. 4, 1981 after a long illness. He was 73. The son of Matthew and Matilda Curry, he was born Jan. 8, 1908 in Grahamsville. He was the widower of Dorothy Sump Curry. Survivors include two sons, John of Woodbourne and William of Hasbrouck.

Miss Teri Shaver and Mr. Gary Lockhart, both of Grahamsville, were united in marriage on Saturday, August 29th in the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Herbert Maynard of Florida officiated. Mrs. Jack Huntsberger was the organist and Miss Ellen Hamilton soloist, sang "Evergreen." Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart returned Saturday from a honeymoon spent at Cape Cod and are making their home on Wildman Hill, Grahamsville

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vernooy**

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

**26th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade Scheduled for October 1st**  
(From Pg. 1)



At 9:00 a.m., parade participants will march the 1/4 mile route to the Fairgrounds where costume prizewinners will be announced. 140 prizes will be awarded in seven categories. Groups wishing to enter a float in the parade should contact the Daniel Pierce Library directly or visit the library's website ([www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org)) for additional information; this year's theme is One World, Many Stories!

Once the parade has entered the Fairgrounds, the day-long musical entertainment will get underway. This year, the Giant Pumpkin Party stage welcomes a wonderful variety of Old-Time Music, Mountain Tunes, Traditional Ballads, Bluegrass and Folk Songs. This year we have invited back our dear friends of Castlebay from Round Pond, Maine. Castlebay treats the audience to a musical journey through time and across the Atlantic, blending the timeless traditions of Maine's natural legacy and its Celtic heritage. We also welcome the Kurpil Family Fiddlers, local treasures that feature beautiful vocal and fiddle harmonies on wonderful, old, standard traditional tunes. Right after the Costume Contest, keep your seats as the Tri-Valley School Band takes the stage!

Visitors to the Giant Pumpkin Party will also enjoy the children's games (every child is a winner at every game!), pony rides, craft activities, an obstacle course, hay rides, petting zoo, hay maze, handmade crafts, bake sale, and raffle featuring more than fifty prizes. In addition to these activities, Giant Pumpkin parties may participate in the many scheduled contests. Among these are the Giant Pumpkin Growing Contest (adult and children's categories), Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Country Bake Contest, Obstacle Course, Hay Bale Throw Contest, and Theme Float Contest. Prizes and/or trophies will be awarded for each. Entry forms and contest rules are available in advance by contacting the Daniel Pierce Library, visiting the library website, or at the information booth on the day of the Party.

Calling all book lovers! Every library benefit needs a book sale, and the Pumpkin Party is no exception. A collection of gently used books, the best donated to the library over the course of the year, has been set aside for this special one-day sale.

Sumptuous treats of homemade donuts, funnel cakes, hamburgers, hotdogs, chili, wraps, nachos, hot apple cider and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Admission and parking are free. The event is held rain or shine! All proceeds will be applied toward the Daniel Pierce Library and Time and the Valleys Museum Building Fund.

Grahamsville is set in the scenic Catskills just 100 miles from New York City. It is a drive through the rich beauty of fall foliage and easily accessible from the Kingston Thruway exit to Route 209 and Route 55, or from Route 17 to Liberty exit 100A, right onto Route 55 for 14 miles.

For entry forms, contest rules, a schedule of the day's events, or additional information, please call the Daniel Pierce Library at (845) 985-7233 or visit the Giant Pumpkin Party page on our website at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org).

**Catskills Local Government Day cancelled** (From Pg. 1)

The Catskill Watershed Corporation, sponsor of the annual event, is still recovering from flood damage sustained August 28, and its staff is consumed with getting the organization's many assistance programs back up and running.

"Trying to stage a quality event like Local Government Day would be very difficult under the circumstances," said Alan Rosa, CWC Executive Director. "This disaster also affected many other municipalities who we know have a lot on their plate right now and would not be able to attend. We will regroup and plan a full day of training, discussion and presentations next spring." Those who have sent in their registration fee will receive full refunds.

**Forum on Health Issues** (From 1)

Both of our organizations are non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-profit and do not endorse political candidates.

For further information, please call Priscilla Bassett, co-chair of SLAC and Fred Robertson, President of the Family Council at 985-7901 or 434-4974.

Upcoming monthly meetings of SLAC will be held on Fridays, October 28 and November 18 at the Government Center and Friday, December 16 at the Ted Stroeble Neighborhood Center at 10 AM.

SLAC, PO Box 1064, So. Fallsburg, NY 12779, is affiliated with StateWide Senior Action Council and can be reached through the Sullivan County Office for the Aging, 807-0260.

We urge you to continue contacting our Congressional Delegation members in defense of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid: Senators Gillibrand, 202-224-4451 and Schumer, 202-224-6542 and Representative Hinchey, 202-225-6335. The Congressional Committee of 12 commences meeting this week.

\* Note the date change due to holiday.

**Raffle Tickets on Sale Now for the Daniel Pierce Library 28th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party and Children's Parade**

Everyone loves raffles. Raffles are a great way to make any party a little more exciting. The Daniel Pierce Library's 26th Annual Giant Pumpkin Party is even more exciting this year with a chance to win any of the 65 raffle prizes! All 65 spectacular prizes are donated by the generous community and every dollar goes directly to the grand total! Be part of this amazing fundraising event, and take a chance to win a weekend lodging for 4 at Frost Valley, a 6' table with benches from Grey's Woodworks or hand knit Irish sweaters, afghans, original prints, photographs, watercolors, pottery, jewelry, yoga lessons and medical massages, or gift baskets, gift cards, cash, savings bond and gift certificates. This is only a partial list! Raffle tickets may be purchased for \$1.00 (6 for \$5.00) at the Daniel Pierce Library or from any Board Member. The winner need not be present to win! All proceeds from this year's Giant Pumpkin Party will be used for the purchase of automation equipment and books for all age groups. The Giant Pumpkin Party takes place October 1, at the Grahamsville Fairgrounds, Route 55, from 9 am to 5pm. Free Admission, Rain or Shine. Parade begins at 9 am. For more information call 845-985-7233 or visit on the web at [www.danielpiercelibrary.org](http://www.danielpiercelibrary.org).

**SC Long Beards Jakes Event**

It's time, once again for the BIG FREE JAKES EVENT to be held at the Roscoe Fireman's Park at 339 Gulf Road in Roscoe on Saturday, September 17, 2011 from 10am - 4pm. Please register by noon. Events this year include a 2pm show by TV personality Scott Matthews who is the new face of Benelli, there will also be a special snake show by the Snake Man. Demos include raptors, trappers and taxidermists. There will be a Civil War Re-enactment and an Indian Village setup. Of course the shooting will consist of gun safety, laser shooting, .410 shooting, pellet shooting and archery. There will be a Ducks Unlimited dog demo, pony rides and petting zoo for the little ones. All children will receive a prize and much, much more. So, stop on by and for an entertaining and exciting day. For more information call Hank @ 845 439-3738 or Butch (845) 292-4325.

**Children's Artwork Displayed in Giant Pumpkin Party Booklet**

Congratulations to the children whose artwork was chosen for the 2011 Giant Pumpkin Party's booklet! Fifth grader Brauke Hunt's adorable pumpkin graces the cover of the booklet, while on the back cover second grader Brianna Torrens' friendly ghost shouts, "Come back, soon!" On page eight, you will see fifth grader Emily Starner's creative array of scintillating scarecrows. Third grader Justin Smith's fabulous float on page nine will make you impatient for the great parade. The smiling scarecrow on page fifteen was drawn by fourth grader Juliette Eddings. It is a great rendering of what your scarecrow could look like. On page seventeen, fourth grader Samantha Ackerley's field of toothy pumpkins will make you anxious to buy your own pumpkin at the party. Don't miss fifth grader Sierra Barnes' entertaining drawing on page twenty-one; her Guess the Weight of the Giant Pumpkin's drawing will inspire you to enter the contest and be eligible to win a prize. Finally, check out the dancing pumpkin on page eighty-seven. Fifth grader Lea DeBetta has playfully captured the essence of this community's favorite fall event. We sincerely appreciate these talented children and their dedicated Tri-Valley art teachers for guiding them in this wonderful work.



**MERRY AS A CRICKET**

By Peggy DeWire

Listen! Chirp, chirp, chirp! The familiar song of a cricket is the same sound that has delighted people since ancient times all over the world.

An old proverb "merry as a cricket" came from the Greeks and Romans who called them Gryllus (basis for family name Gryllidae) and regarded them as good luck charms in the house. In ancient China pet crickets were kept in tiny bamboo cages and carefully fed and watered.

Let's catch that cricket singing over there by the back porch...look under that flat rock, gotcha! It's a female with a long spike tail and she lays her eggs in the ground with that ovipositor. However, she can't chirp at all, so put her back and start looking for the one you heard. He's close by because his love song attracted her. She listened carefully with her knees, where a cricket's ears are - to locate him.

A cricket's music-maker is a fiddle-and-bow apparatus hidden in his two top wings. The leading edge of both wings has a thickened ridge; the bottom edge has rows of tiny teeth like a file. To chirp, a cricket raises his wings, crosses them one over the other and saws back and forth like a fiddler.

Scraping his wings vibrates a smooth area like a wee drumhead in the middle of each wing, increasing the volume like a tympani drum roll. One chirp lasts 1/10 second and is composed of three scrapes blended into one sound.

The Camel cricket is wingless, thus silent. Female Gryllas have no fiddles on their wings and so can't chirp, although some respond to high-pitched clicks. A saying goes "Happy are the crickets" lives because they have such voiceless wives."

As male crickets get older, constant use wears down their file and scraper so that chirps grow fainter at the end of their lives which is about two months.

Cricket are ancient insects of the order Orthoptera (straight winged) and are distinguished by having very long antennae, often longer than their whole body length.

Cricket are always hungry and eat everything from fungi, seeds and foliage outdoors to paper, leather and clothing (except polyester fibers) indoors.

Cricket have a two-stage lifestyle or incomplete metamorphosis. Hatching from eggs laid in the ground, baby crickets look like miniature adults.

They grow bigger through four or five skin molts and develop wings with the final change into adulthood.

In the North crickets have one brood; in the South they breed year around.

At Grahamsville we have three common crickets: brown house (*Gryllus domesticus*); Black field (*G. pennsylvanicus*) and green tree (*Occanthus fultoni*).

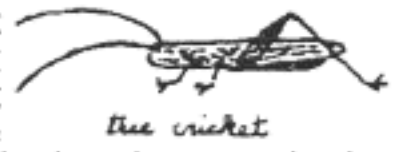
To me crickets look the same coming and going due to having tow long antennae in front and two spiky tail feathers (cerci) in back. Tiny hairs on the cerci catch sound vibrations and help crickets find their way backwards and forwards in darkness.

Tree crickets are also called Temperature Crickets because the frequency of their chirps gives the temperature. The formula: count the number of chirps per minute, divide by 4 and add 40 for the temperature in Fahrenheit degrees.

Tree crickets also orchestrate together for the sheer love of singing - most unusual in the insect world where males sing usually to attract mates or bluff a rival.

Next to eating and singing, crickets like to groom themselves until they're thoroughly clean and shine like black patent leather.

No wonder the joyous chirp of a house cricket inspired Charles Dickens to write "The Cricket on the Hearth" about one that sang merrily when things were going smoothly and fell silent when they weren't.

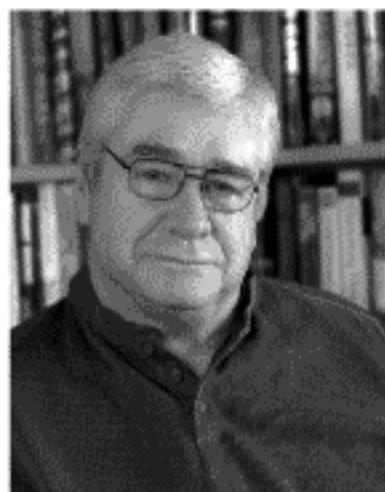


**Helpful Hint from Mary**

**Reheating refrigerated baked goods**

To warm biscuits, pancakes, or muffins that were refrigerated, place them in a microwave next to a cup of water. The increased moisture will keep the food moist and help it reheat faster.

**THE MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 17** by John Dwaine McKenna



With all the hoo-hah, fubaring and gigantic jug-flinging coming from our nation's capitol these days, as well as daily displays of incompetence and rooster-crowing by our elected representatives of every stripe . . . I just had to take a break from the news and current events. So, paraphrasing John Prine, (one of my wife June's favorite songwriters), I turned off the tee-vee, threw away my papers and cracked open a book by an Irish crime writer named Ken Bruen. Bruen once taught English in such places as Africa, Japan, Southeast Asia and South America. Now, he's back at home in Galway, Ireland, writing some of the best, most unique and colorful prose on the planet. LONDON BOULEVARD, (Minotaur, 2009, \$24.99, 250 pages, ISBN 978-0-312-56168-0) is about an ex-convict, professional criminal named Mitchell . . . we never find out if it's his first, or last name. He's just Mitchell. As the book opens, Mitchell is being released, after serving a three-year prison term for a crime he can't remember, done during an alcoholic black-out. After leaving the prison gates, he commits a crime within his first five minutes as a free man. Trying to stay on the right side of the law, he takes a handyman job with a faded, aging actress, a la Sunset Boulevard starring William Holden and Gloria Swanson. He's soon back into a life of crime however, and the spree begins. Full of plot twists, double-dealing and suspense by an absolute master of the craft, this novel will appeal to readers of hard-boiled and noir. Bruen's dialogue is finely-crafted and spare, and he is an absolute master of sarcasm . . . which is why I like his writing so much. Other books by Ken Bruen I've enjoyed include Priest, Cross, and Sanctuary, all part of his Jack Taylor series, and Once Were Cops, a standalone that's one of my favorites.

My favorite place to visit, if I were there, would be the new Time and The Valleys Museum and beautifully re-done Daniel Pierce Library. Over 500 folks have, you know. I hope you're one of them. Ya don't want to be one of the boneheads, 'cause

"One civilized reader is worth a thousand boneheads." --- Henry L. Mencken

If you'd like to see a list of book club recommendations, best books of the year, a free, original story by me, the latest news about The Neversink Chronicles, make a suggestion, comment, or just have a question, you can do it by going to my website: johndwainemckenna.com and clicking on "contact". If you'd rather do it the traditional way: John Dwaine McKenna, P.O. Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO 80901

I hope all of you are enjoying a good book. See you next week. --- JDM

**Say "RETIREMENT"- FCHS & BCES Annual Retirees Breakfast**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor -

I would like to thank you for the thorough job you do in publishing information provided by our elected representatives. It is so very important that we be kept informed about what our elected officials do for us.

Without this information, we are in the dark about what our government is doing.

Whether or not we like the policies, being informed is the only way to be involved in our local, county, state and federal government.

What we don't know, can and does hurt us!

Most sincerely,  
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Grahamsville



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The annual Retirees Breakfast for the faculty and staff of the Fallsburg Central Jr-Sr High School and the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School took place on Thursday, September 8 at the Blue Horizon Diner. It has become a much anticipated tradition for the teachers and staff to gather during the opening week of school. The group often hears from retirees who live too far away to attend. Letters are read, photos are shown, a lot of catching up is done. This year, many anecdotal stories were shared honoring Martin Van Vleet, a former Guidance Counselor and much loved basketball coach who recently passed away. Special thanks to Ceil Cohen and Nancy Catalano for their diligence in organizing the breakfast again.

**NEEDED!**

The Grahamsville Ladies Auxiliary is putting on a Re-purpose Sale and we need vendors!!! Spaces are \$15 and the space is a six foot table, that you will be able to put your sale items on!! Anywhere from home-made items to collectables!! Set up time is between 8am-9am!!! If you are interested in buying a space please contact one of the following: Ashley Van Aken-985-2455 or Michelle Richardson- 985-2461

The sale will be September 24th, held at the Grahamsville Fire Department!! The sale will be going on from 10am to 3pm!! Lunch will be available!!

**'OPERATION DAFFODIL' 8000 Daffodils Will Emerge on Broadway Next Spring**

[MONTICELLO] - Community volunteers are being sought to help plant 8000 daffodil bulbs on Broadway in Monticello on Saturday, October 15 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Symbolizing rebirth and new beginnings, the daffodils will emerge next spring as a symbol of Monticello's future prosperity.

Community groups, non-profit organizations, houses of worship, individuals and businesses are invited to "adopt" one of 36 planting beds along Broadway. Sullivan Renaissance will assign each interested party a planting bed, and provide the bulbs and planting instructions. All that volunteers are asked to bring are a gardening trowel or shovel and some gloves.

"We are also encouraging residents in Monticello to purchase their own daffodil bulbs and plant them in their yards this fall," explained Sullivan Renaissance Community Planner Helen Budrock. "Operation Daffodil is not just about planting flowers. It is about building community spirit and celebrating Monticello's new beginnings."

Operation Daffodil is a collaboration among Sullivan Renaissance, Monticello Beautification Group, Monticello Business Association and the Village of Monticello. Corporate sponsors include the Spencer Daniels Agency and Yellow Cab.

To participate, contact 845-295-2445 or info@sullivanrenaissance.org. The rain date is Sunday, October 16.

**Annual Roscoe Harvest Festival**

On Saturday, Sept. 24th from 10:00 - 4:00 at Niforatos Field Roscoe NY there will be live entertainment and vendors of all kinds! There will also be educational programs and fun things like Pumpkins, Corn! Mums, bulbs, Raffles, and even Zumba Dancing at the Annual Roscoe Harvest Festival. If you are a vendor and would like to participate at this festival, call Fran - 607-498-5777

**Liberty Central School District lowers tax levy to help offset tax rate increases**

Upon receiving the final tax equalization rates for the towns that make up the district, the Board of Education formally adopted the 2011-12 tax levy for the district at the August 23rd meeting, reducing the amount to 2 percent. Originally budgeted at 2.6 percent, the tax levy was decreased by the Board of Education by applying \$107,315 in fund balance to offset taxes. The levy is the total amount of money the district must collect from property owners and it is figured after taking into account all other revenues, including state aid.

The school tax levy differs from the tax rate, which is determined by the individual towns that make up the district. Liberty Central School District falls in six towns including Bethel, Fallsburg, Liberty, Neversink, Rockland and Thompson. Therefore, each town has a different tax rate. In the Town of Liberty, the percentage increase in the levy has mirrored the percentage increase in the tax rate in past years. However, due to changes in equalization rates and assessments, the percentage increase in the tax rate will be slightly higher than the percentage increase in the tax levy.

"It's important to understand that the school does not set the tax rates, only the tax levy. The Board of Education realizes that in these tough economic times, the district should do everything possible to help lessen the burden," explains Liberty Central School District Business Manager Lorine Lamerand. "Using more fund balance to help ease the taxes paid by our residents is one way that we can help. It is the reason the district has been so steadfast in ensuring we have a balance to fall back on when situations like this arise."

Specific rates for each town are shown below and tax rates are rounded to the nearest whole penny. These numbers do NOT include changes due to the new STAR exemption cap of 2 percent.

Town	Tax Rate per Thousand Dollars of Assessed Value		Percent Change
	2010	2011	
Bethel	\$42.84	\$42.40	-1.03%
Fallsburg	\$44.55	\$43.91	-1.44%
Liberty	\$32.78	\$33.87	3.32%
Neversink	\$610.26	\$661.00	8.31%
Rockland	\$37.12	\$37.83	1.90%
Thompson	\$31.11	\$31.48	1.20%

Driving the differences in the tax rates include a reduction in assessed property values in the Town of Liberty of close to \$2 million. Bethel also lost close to \$1 million in assessed property value. Although there was a change in equalization rates, the major cause of tax rate increases were due to this loss in certain towns.

Tax bills will be mailed the first week in September. If you have any questions or would like more information regarding your tax bills, please contact the Tax Collector, Jeanne Dutcher at 845-439-3557 or the Liberty Central School Business Office at 845-292-5400.

**SC Food Stamp Recipients May be Eligible for Replacement Food Benefits**

Liberty - Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau has announced "that Sullivan County residents who are Food Stamp recipients, and experienced a loss of food due to Hurricane Irene may be eligible for replacement food benefits.

You must complete the form "Request for Replacement Food Stamps" (LDSS-2291). This form can be found at www.mybenefits.ny.gov or obtained at the Local District office - the Sullivan County Department of Family Services in Liberty. Mail, fax, or submit in person to the Local Department of Family Services - the Sullivan County Department of Family Services in Liberty for an eligibility determination. Contact your worker with questions at 845-292-0100.

This replacement food stamp program has been made available through Governor Cuomo's efforts to assist those that were impacted by Hurricane Irene, and are in the process of recovery from that storm. The State of New York has established the qualifying criteria for this program," said Fanslau.

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## The Olive Jar By Carol La Monda Disaster Relief

Disasters bring out the best and the worst in people. What I have seen in Olive is the best from those suffering damages and loss to the people who have surfaced to help out. I know Olive's damages are second to Phoenicia, and Phoenicia second to Margaretville, and so on, but driving through Boiceville is reminiscent of a war zone aftermath. We only had a minimum of stores and businesses, and 90% of them are out of commission. Our super market, liquor store, firehouse, business office complex, health office, restaurant, drug store, motel, florist, and apartments were flooded with unbelievable water levels and mud. Only the drug and liquor store have reopened. Watson Hollow residents still don't have power two weeks after the hurricane and are cut off with a road washed away by the flood.

Who could have imagined National Guard convoys parading up Route 28? Although it may seem slow to those in need, I am amazed at the speed of relief. Red Cross trucks with volunteers from Florida dropped off water, meals, coolers with dry ice, cleaning supplies and hope. FEMA was set up at Belleayre to get out information for claims. Churches and individuals mustered aid and supplies to those in need. Adjusters were on the spot, but, as always, there are horror stories about red tape with insurance companies arguing semantics over whether damage was flood, hurricane or tropical storm. It will be a long recovery, but people have stepped up to help neighbors.

Our own Jeannie Bachor volunteered, as many others did, in the Labor for your Neighbor. She was part of the Margaretville and Prattsville cleanup when Governor Cuomo was there. He gave her a hug, and she, in turn, handed him a muddy bag of garbage. Strangers came with children ready to muck out the LandMark Grille. Down the road, Christina Burns and the Onteora football players emptied spoiled food into dumpsters at the Boiceville Market. I have seen such an outpouring of volunteers that I am confident that we can rebuild Boiceville.

Olive Day had to be cancelled because all Olive Parks are closed until October 1. Road access, ground conditions, and sanitary facilities are considered unsafe for the great numbers of people who turn out to share that day.

September is "chicken month" around Olive. The Reservoir Methodist Church has its chicken barbecue on Saturday, September 17 from 3-6:30 on Route 28 in Shokan. Eat in or take out. Half chicken only \$5.00. Complete dinner, including homemade dessert, is \$12. for adults and \$6. for children under 12. For reserve tickets contact Dawn Wiacek (679-4829 or Debbie Downes (657-2055). This is one of the churches collecting relief supplies for Irene. The following week there is a chicken barbecue at the Olivebridge Methodist Church, where the food pantry supplies those in need.

School opened two days late for Onteora students. Schools always are a source of food and shelter to students, and most will be providing showers and grooming supplies too. Going back to school provides a sense of normality in a sea, pardon the pun, of chaos.

One post on facebook said, "Okay, Mother Nature. I know we did something to annoy you (not the word posted) big time. Whatever it was, we apologize and we won't do it again. Just stop!"

May the sun dry up your puddles; may the fallen trees provide winter woodstove warmth, and may your neighbor become your friend as we work together to put things back together.



Onteora football players emptied spoiled food into dumpsters at the Boiceville Market



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### RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-

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Hi y'all! Well, another week has passed and the Hudson Valley is another week closer to recovering from that bitch, Irene! Hopefully you're starting to get back to normal. I presume you all watched the Trombone Shorty live webcast Monday night. I'm writing this on Sunday, so it hasn't aired yet, but I'll probably have something to say about it next week.

Last week, I made a terrible omission in my column. I was so excited about Trombone Shorty and Orleans Avenue, and wrote so extensively about them, that I completely forgot that we lost a giant last week. David 'Honeyboy' Edwards passed away at his Chicago home in the early morning hours of August 29 at the age of 96. Edwards was the last direct link to the pre-war generation of delta bluesmen, and was actually at the roadhouse the night Robert Johnson was poisoned in 1938! His last public performances were last April, and he had just retired in July, after an 80 year career! A two time Grammy winner, Edwards was the real deal. I was fortunate to have seen him perform a few years ago at a Midnight Ramble at Levon Helm's. He was 93 at the time! His people led him up to the stage that night, seated him in a chair, and placed a vintage Fender in his hands. Seconds later, all hell broke loose! This old man, who could barely walk and probably couldn't speak or hear too well, let loose a cacophony of notes that cut right through my brain, heart, and body! What tone the man had! What mastery of the instrument he displayed! What a privilege it was to be present at that exact moment! All I could think was, "This guy was there the night Robert Johnson died"! I knew it would probably be the first and only time I would see him perform, and I hung on every note like it was his last! It was the best performance I have ever seen by anyone at a Ramble, and Levon's band seemed to agree, because their performance that night was also the best I have ever seen from them! It was as if Levon and his band were so inspired by what they had seen and heard from Honeyboy that they reached deep into their souls to pull up the deepest level of playing they were capable of! I was privileged to be there and I will never forget that night! David 'Honeyboy' Edwards, Master of the Genre, Bluesman Emeritus, R.I.P.!

Big doin's this week. Here's my picks.

Friday, Sept. 16 - Thursday night. Whaddya gonna do? I'll tell you what you're gonna do! You're gonna go straight to The Bearsville Theater to see JIMMY WEIDER AND PERCOLATOR! Jim was in the late model versions of The Band, and is still playing guitar with The Levon Helm Band. Many people have laid claim to the title, Master of the Telecaster, but Jimmy definitely has a legitimate claim to the title. You won't be bored at this one! And guitarists, you might learn a thing or two tonight! Jim's website is [www.jimweider.com](http://www.jimweider.com), and he's also on Facebook, My Space, and You Tube, if you wanna check him out.

Saturday, Sept. 17 - The Party of the Year takes place today, and it's called LIVESTOCK. It's an all day/all night soire over in Bovina, and if you go, be ready to have your mind blown! Livestock started in 2003 as a smaller-ish party at the home of John Finn, known to all as Chico, with only four bands. It's grown to a giant blowout in Finn's barn, which is a smaller version of The Barn at Levon's. The four bands have grown to ten or twelve, and in recent years, have included national acts of the caliber of Jim Lauderdale, Dan Baird from The Georgia Satellites, Eric Ambel from The Del-Lords and Steve Earle's band, Graham Parker, and Steve Wynn and the Miracle 3, who put on a performance worthy of Jimi at Monterey at my first Livestock in 2008 (props going out to guitarist Jason Victor especially)! I did not see any national acts listed on this year's line up, but I'd bet the talent will still be first rate! You're not gonna believe how rockin' Bovina is! It will be loud, it will be late, and it will be great! LIVESTOCK 2011. Don't miss it! [www.livestockmusic.com](http://www.livestockmusic.com) for schedule and directions.

Of course if your car needs work and you wanna stay closer to home, there's a Ramble at LEVON'S and The MAHAVISHNU PROJECT is at The Bearsville Theater, performing the classic groundbreaking John McLaughlin album, "Birds of Fire". Opening this show will be Todd Rundgren's guitarist, JESSE GRESS, who will be performing a program of the music of Jeff Beck! If you saw Jeff at UPAC last year, but especially if you didn't, the opening act alone should be worth the price of admission. Let's hope Jesse includes material from The Yardbirds and "Truth"! If you're a jazz fusion fan, this show is mandatory!

And if you're downstate, the popular jam band, WIDESPREAD PANIC, is doing a show at The Williamsburg Waterfront in Brooklyn. You're going to have to do your own research on this one, because I don't know if it's day or night, indoor or outdoor, free or ticketed. The Williamsburg Waterfront Concert series is a series of both free and paid shows that have taken place the last few years. Probably outdoors, so if the weather's nice, I think it sounds like fun.

Sunday, Sept. 18 - A good place to go tonight is The Bearsville Theater for the ARTIST'S RELIEF CONCERT FOR HURRICANE IRENE VICTIMS! It's a great cause, your neighbors need your help, and the price of admission is very reasonable. The lineup is fabulous, so go if you can. In the interests of space, I'm not listing the musicians, but it's all on the Bearsville Theater's website, [www.bearsvilletheater.com](http://www.bearsvilletheater.com).

If you find yourself downstate on Sunday, my pal CHUCK MEAD is starting a rerun of his famous Sunday Night's at The Rodeo Bar in Manhattan. Chuck is a founding and current member of the extremely influential Americana band, BR 549, but he's in New York from his home in Nashville in his capacity as Musical Director for the Broadway play, "The Million Dollar Quartet", which tells the story of the night that Elvis, Carl Perkins, Johnny Cash, and Jerry Lee Lewis got together at Sun Studios in Memphis. To help pass the time, Chuck is doing Sunday nights at The Rodeo Bar for the next three weeks. Chuck is the real thing, an artist of tremendous talent who is in direct line of succession from the immortal country artists of the past, who were actually first rate rockers too, as is Chuck! If you dig old school Country, you will be so happy if you go to this!

Monday, Sept. 19 - A great bluegrass group from the Midwest, THE HENHOUSE PROWLERS, are pullin' into Manhattan for a few shows this week. The first one's at the Rodeo Bar tonight, with an encore at Hill Country Barbeque on Wednesday. They're also playing at The Dancing Cat Distillery in Bethel next Friday. These guys are first rate pickers in the semi-traditional Chicago bluegrass genre, which means the play songs like The Beatles' "Helter Skelter" mixed with more traditional old school bluegrass. Henhouse Prowlers ROCK!  
- Have a lovely week!

**Olive Muse** - Charlie Blumstein

### My Sister Iris

About 2 years ago I received a call from my cousin Eve out in Colorado who said that she was contacted by a woman who was adopted at birth and who was now searching for possible siblings. The first 2 calls made by Iris to Eve's nursery business were answered by employee's who passed on the message which was at first thought by my cousin to be some sort of identity theft scam so she did not respond. The 3rd attempted call from Iris was actually picked up by cousin Eve and Iris had enough information about our family to catch Eve's attention.

When Eve contacted me, I was immediately struck by the fact that I was the only one left alive that could know of the details presented by Iris in her call to Eve. When Iris called Eve in late summer of 2009, among other things she had the marriage certificate of our mother Brigitta to my father Jack, and no actual knowledge of my existence. After she introduced herself to Eve and with much trepidation, Iris asked cousin Eve the sixty four thousand dollar question: Did her mother Brigitta have any children with Jack? Iris said her hands went numb when the answer came back, "Yes, a son." After a long silence, "Does he live in this country?" "Yes", said Eve. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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**My Sister Iris** (From Pg. 6)

What a sudden and unexpected twist and turn in this life's journey. To me that is, not Iris the Intrepid. She raised 3 children after her husband passed so she knows how to persevere and prevail. The total elapsed time from her realization of the possibility of sibling(s) to putting it all together and actually finding me was decades.

Eve passed Iris' address to me and I e-mailed Iris to say hi. When she sent her picture over the wire, I almost fell off the chair as she bears a remarkable resemblance to our mother Brigitta. Same blue eyes as me, same build and facial features as Brigitta. Only I had photo's of Brigitta and Iris was elated to receive copies of them.

Iris found out that she was adopted when she was 16, at the funeral of her adopted mother. Her beloved doting father passed four years prior when Iris was 12 and her home life deteriorated quickly after his passing. Iris' piano classes and all other perks were cancelled upon his passing and any warm feelings from the immediate and extended family evaporated. Her uncle informed her at the funeral of her mother when Iris was 16 that she was adopted and was not really wanted by the family. He even tried to dispossess her of her inheritance from her adoptive father.

As the shock of this news set in, the 4 years of Iris' miserable home life since her adoptive fathers passing suddenly made sense. He was the only one in the family who cared for her and with his passing went all care and concern on the part of her adoptive family. As time wore on, Iris started asking questions of one of her adoptive uncles, the attorney who actually handled her adoption. It took over a year of cajoling and eventually the threat of legal action to finally get the file on our mother Brigitta from her adoptive uncle. As the years

rolled by many nagging questions about Brigitta kept arising for Iris and eventually she sought the help of a retired NYPD Detective to help track down the story of Brigitta. This was well before the internet existed and it did indeed involve navigating the labyrinth of the various NYC archives. He found that Brigitta married a Mr. Sadove of Lake Placid in 1941 who promptly went off to the Phillipines and met his untimely demise via World War 2 hostilities. Iris sought out the Sadove family and gained a lot of oral history concerning Brigitta and her family, much of which matched the oral history I received from my father, who married Brigitta in 1954, 14 years later.

Iris' was put up for adoption at birth and I went into the foster care system nine years later, at about eight months of age. Clearly something was up with Brigitta, giving up 2 children nine years apart, at birth or shortly after. My aunt told me that Brigitta definitely had some issues that caused her to leave the family and give me up and evidently Iris as

well, nine years prior. I asked dad repeatedly about my mother, sadly to be rebuffed with lame explanations and then never to be followed up by me. Some things are just the way they are and I accepted that about life, that one doesn't necessarily get to know everything about our circumstances and relations.

I found out about the year of Brigitta's passing and the location of her final resting place through the efforts of Iris and her internet savvy daughter in-law Gabrielle. Iris and I went to the cemetery in the fall of '09 on what would be one of the most moving days of my life. Rabbi Plefker of Mt. Richmond cemetery guided us to a beautiful grove of mature trees and sang a traditional mournful prayer over Brigitta's headstone. I'm glad that they are not wealthy enough to keep it totally manicured and I believe that in the higher rent cemetery's, the mature trees and wild look would have been gone long ago.

At the cemetery we met a retired professor of German history named Renate who was fascinated by our story and she contacted friends and colleagues of hers in Germany who turned up much information on Brigitta's father, Bruno Birnbaum, aka Bruno Burn, a well known national planner, industrialist, political economist, author and attorney among other things who was listed in the *Who's Who of Germany in 1928*. What a discovery and closure to come suddenly at fifty some years of age. I was very pissed off that Brigitta lived until I was nineteen years old and I never knew of it. I could easily have known her and have been some part of her life. She was living very modestly near Central Park on the proceeds from royalties she received from her father Bruno's textbook copyrights which is yet more interesting grist for another day and column..(Contd. Pg. 10)

## New Exhibition at the Time and the Valleys Museum A Quilted Past: Quilts from the Valleys and Beyond (From Pg. 1)



Upcoming quilt programs include:

**Friday, September 16th, 7 p.m.** Beginner's Traditional Quiltmaking - Expert quilters will help first time quilters hand stitch a small square the old fashioned way. No materials are necessary, but a small donation would be appreciated.

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

**Sunday, October 23rd, 2 p.m.** To Be Announced - hold the date!

**Sunday, October 30th, 2 p.m.** To Be Announced - hold the date!

Please call 985-7700 to register for all programs.

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

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

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

## Belleayre Benefit Raises Nearly \$33,000 for Flood Victims; Contributions to Fund Are Still Being Received

When the magnitude of the August 28 flooding became apparent, the board of directors of the Belleayre Conservatory quickly decided to turn the final show of the Belleayre Music Festival's 20th anniversary season into a benefit for flood victims. As of midday on Monday, net proceeds from the show plus received contributions totaled more than \$32,500 with more donations still arriving to be turned over to the flood relief effort.

Just five days before the concert by Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, wheels were quickly put into motion to rearranged the concert into a benefit. Receiving great cooperation from the media (both traditional and social) news of the benefit quickly spread.

As the initial shock of Sunday's flood began to wane, many people were looking for ways to help the region continue its recovery from this devastating event. The benefit concert would provide a double boost (funding to help local communities begin to rebuild and a 'feel good' concert that would provide a perfect tonic during a very stressful period.

By week's end, news of the benefit show had spread locally and out of the region. Ticket sales became brisk. By Saturday evening, the festival tent was packed and hundreds of additional supporters purchased lawn seats to enjoy the show. In a symbolic gesture that also pleased those without reserved seats, the back of the festival tent was opened for the show, providing a unique vantage point.

And the support of concert-goers did not end with their tickets purchases. Many visitors generously made additional donations to the conservatory's fundraising efforts.

Topping off the good vibrations generated by the benefit show was the fact that Saturday evening was unusually mild on the mountaintop. The scene was one of strong emotion as area residents and visitors became one as they gathered to support flood victims from local communities. Prior to the start of the concert Richard Tucker and the Catskill Chorale sang the 'National Anthem' and 'God Bless America' and Ulster County Executive Mike Hein, Deputy DEC Commissioner, Mark Gerstman, and Conservatory Chairman Joe Kelly addressed the crowd.

As it turned out, the headlining act turned out to a perfect fit of the occasion. Bela Fleck's infectious, genre-busting sound had the crowd rocking and numerous crowd members remarked that it was the best concert they had ever seen.

Mel Litoff, artistic director and producer of the Belleayre Music Festival, concurred that it was truly a magical evening of community support and great music. "It was the most amazing night in the 20-year history of the festival," he stated.

Anyone wishing to make additional donations should send them to the Belleayre Conservatory (memo Flood Relief Fund) at P.O. Box 198 Highmount NY 12441. Checks, Master Card and Visa are accepted. For additional information, please call 845 254-5600, ext. 1344.

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## Next at Shadowland Theatre: Medal of Honor Rag

"Medal of Honor Rag" will open on Friday, September 16 and run through Sunday, October 2 at the Shadowland Theatre in Ellenville.

When military veterans come back from a war zone, they often carry hidden wounds and scars. For many of these servicemen and women, the return to civilian life is a difficult and heart-wrenching process. One way of understanding that process is through a powerful stage play - "Medal of Honor Rag."

"Medal of Honor Rag" is a one-act drama focusing on the after effects of combat - a pivotal production that gives veterans a voice and helps convey their personal torment to their families, friends and fellow veterans. Written by Tom Cole (1933-2009), a U.S. Army veteran who became an acclaimed playwright and screenwriter, this stage production is based on a true story, exposing the inner conflict of one soldier who received the Medal of Honor for extreme valor in combat and his attempt to regain his former life. It reveals the story of a young man raised in decency and dispatched to Vietnam, where he witnessed casual horrors and, by a quirk of fate that sent him one day from one tank to another, saw his longtime comrades die hideously.

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**Playwright Labs on ALTERNATE, ODD TUESDAYS**

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**Tuesday September 20th at 6:30 PM:**

**"MEMORIES OF A SMALL TOWN"** By David Eisendadt -A young man's reminiscence of his high school experiences and how they affected his future life. With Leif Grund, Babette Kiesel, Dannah Chaifetz and others.

**Tuesday September 20th at 6:30 PM:**

**"MY SISTER JOHNNY"** (Round 2) By Michael Stern -Enter into the zany world of Adam Eastman, where fast girls, an odd aunt, a grasping mate and mischievous squirrels conspire to drive him mad.

**Tuesday October 4th at 6:30 PM:**

**"THE FIRE INSIDE"** By Julie Rosier- A recent college graduate with a passion for the theater leaves her large Catholic family and sets off towards the blazing lights of New York City. But in order to forge her own way she must first bridge the dark gap between her strict religious upbringing and her budding creative impulses.

**Tuesday October 18th at 6:30 PM:**

**"THE CEILING'S THE LIMIT"** By Karen Rich -At an employee orientation, a motley-crew of exemplary subordinates loudly proclaim their company loyalty. Sparks fly and facades crumble when a new recruit asks too many questions.

**PLAYWRIGHT'S LAB HELP WANTED**

Volunteers are needed to publicize the Playwright's Lab. Please contact Karen Rich at richkare@frontiernet.net.

The ASK Playwrights' Lab, now in its 6th year, draws actors, writers, directors & theater lovers from miles around. Karen Rich and Lew Gardner coordinate the Lab. The lab is free of

charge, though a hat is passed for donations. All are welcome to attend with the understanding that the Lab is a working laboratory for new plays. Readings are not performances, but workshops -- focusing on process, not product. Pieces presented must be original plays, scenes or monologues. The group discussion after the reading is always constructive and lively. To schedule your play for a reading, e-mail Karen at: richkare@frontiernet.net.

NOTE: In the spirit of community, before scheduling each play writers are expected to attend 2 performances /feedback sessions for fellow writers.

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

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

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

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



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**Catskill Harvest Presents The Slow Food Fair to Celebrate Healthy Food & A Safe Environment**

Liberty, NY, September 8, 2011 - As Catskill communities grapple with the fallout of record flooding, our thoughts are with the families, farmers and businesses struggling to cope with epic damage and loss. And yet, even in this time of testing and trial, it's important to gather and celebrate our strengths as together we continue to move forward as a community.

On Saturday, September 17, from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m., Liberty-based Catskill Harvest Gourmet Market & Garden Center is hosting The Slow Food Fair - an event aimed toward educating the community on the benefits of eating local, organic food and ways to incorporate this food into everyday living. The event benefits Slow Food Upper Delaware River Valley (UpDeRiVa) and Catskill Mountainkeeper.

"Catskill Harvest has always been dedicated to participating in the development of a local, sustainable economy," says Will Foster, owner of Catskill Harvest. "We believe strongly in the strength of our region's farms and the wholesome foods that our neighbors produce. We see a tremendous opportunity in the years ahead so long as we preserve the environment that has served us so well over time."

The Slow Food Fair's showcase activity focuses on discovering and tasting what kinds of food comprise a full-course Slow Food meal. Guests will visit a series of "food stations" set up throughout the Catskill Harvest Garden Center. Each food station highlights a different course of a Slow Food meal.

As a way to spotlight Sullivan County food suppliers, each course will be provided by a local business whose business philosophy and food products uphold the Slow Food approach to living and eating. The Slow Food Fair meal features: Main Course: Chef Marcus Guiliano of Aroma Thyme Bistro, Ellenville; Side Dish/Salad: Neversink Farm, Claryville; Bread: Flour Power Bakery, Livingston Manor; Dessert: Early Bird Cookery.

Guests will also enjoy live entertainment by the Tèssera String Quartet, featuring Liberty Central School District Orchestra Director Scott Glasser, Diana Marz, Brittany Robinson and Cassie Acquilano-Kochem, all of the SUNY-Orange Community Orchestra.

"From music and local, sustainable food to community groups and the arts, we've got it all right here in the Catskills," says Emily Deans, Catskill Mountainkeeper's Agricultural Coordinator. "This is about keeping it in the Catskills and celebrating our community, our people and all we produce."

Catskill Harvest created The Slow Food Fair to educate the public about Slow Food UpDeRiVa and Catskill Mountainkeeper. The event is part of the "Neighbors First" program, launched at the beginning of 2011 to create awareness-education programs and to give back to Sullivan County. Earlier this year, Catskill Harvest's first "Neighbors First" promotion, Pie-of-July, resulted in a \$620 donation to the CACHE Food Bank.

Foster says: "We strongly support the efforts of Slow Food Upper Delaware River Valley that strives to introduce local residents to local farms, as well as the efforts of Catskill Mountainkeeper as they strive to preserve the environment that allows our local farms to thrive."

Catskill Harvest (and The Slow Food Fair) is an official sponsor of the NY Locavore Challenge.

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**My Sister Iris** (From Pg. 7)

When Iris got the copy of Brigitta's and my father Jack's marriage certificate, she tracked him down and sent him a letter asking if he had any children with Brigitta. It was returned to her by the Post Office as my father Jack had passed over six months prior and the mail forwarding order which would have delivered her letter to me had expired. The marriage certificate listed my aunt Helen as a witness and the letter that Iris sent to her similarly was returned as Helen had recently passed also. Iris' daughter in-law Gabrielle then did the internet search that turned up my cousin Eve, the nursery owner from Colorado, who put Iris in touch with me.

When the trail of Iris' search turned from warm to white hot, she started thinking about what I might be like and she hoped that I was not a middle class doctor or attorney or something like that. Well, she was not disappointed in that regard given that I fell in with some good ole' country gentlemen at the impressionable age of 12 while summering largely unsupervised at an old time rural Pennsylvania boarding house in the Pocono's. Some very basic and valuable lessons were imparted during those carefree yet productive summer's and thus the foundation of a satisfying life in the country was laid as a teenager and then further strengthened when I landed in Accord in '78 or so, after military service and part of the counterculture back to the land movement that was unfolding in those economically difficult times. It was still hard scrabble here in those days and a very strong network existed amongst the locals which went a long way to mitigate the lack of hard cash. Firewood, livestock, produce and labor were as good if not better than cash, which was losing it's value rapidly at the hands of our leaders.

I was fortunate enough to meet a whole new set of country gentlemen and women who were and still are very willing to share their knowledge of all things local and practical, so I was spared the academic life in favor of the life of a backwoods artisan, sawyer, builder of modest structures from material at hand, plumber, heating tech, electrician, a generalist, if you will, in a specialist's world. When I was 12 I recall trying to figure a way to get to the Woodstock Festival in Bethel while unbeknownst to me, my sister Iris was actually there working as a volunteer with her one year old son Jesse in tow. He is seen in one of the famous iconic photographs of that event and era. He has a strong resemblance to me, uses

similar phrases and has similar facial expressions as me to boot.

As for the question of nature versus nurture, the story of our mother Brigitta's father Bruno is quite remarkable in that he and I seem to share many interests and habits in common, including the study of economics, which I started as a pre-teen, his ownership of sawmills, his interest in law, his cartel building and networking, my using the same phrases as he did in both of our writings. It's quite amazing to me, anyway.

Bruno Birnbaum, aka Bruno Burn after he emigrated to the US in the late 1920s, should be the subject of a follow on story as it is a story of nature versus nurture and the passing down of gene traits, from an anecdotal point of view. I had a chuckle when I read that our grandfather Bruno sued Harry Houdini when Houdini was on tour in Berlin in the early 1920s because Bruno felt that Houdini was a fraud. Priceless! Sounds like me when I have run across corruption. Of course I sue! Only when it is absolutely necessary of course, and only when there is no possibility of working it out outside of a judicial venue. But there it is, it's Bruno reaching out from the great beyond long after he departed this earthly plane. More on my sister Iris, our grandfather Bruno, my grandmother Charlotte and more in the weeks to come.

The Wesleyan Church on Dubois Rd. in Shokan is having their Country Fair and Pig Roast on Sun. Sept. 18th, from 10am to 3pm, all are invited.

The Olivebridge United Methodist Church is having their Chicken Barbeque on Sat. Sept. 24th at 4pm, which is always a great gathering! Have a great week!

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## Extension Protects 120,000 New York Jobs, \$3.2 Billion for New York Roads, Bridges, Public Transit

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee voted to extend authorization for transportation investments. The extension will protect 120,000 jobs in New York State, and more than \$3.2 billion of investment in New York's roads, bridges and public transit systems. The bipartisan legislation will extend the transportation authorization through January 2012 as Congress continues to work on a new, multi-year transportation bill.

"With crumbling infrastructure and hundreds of thousands of jobs at stake, this extension is common sense," said Senator Gillibrand, a member of the Environment and Public Works Committee. "But we can't afford more short term, temporary fixes. We need a long term solution. I will work to pass a transportation bill that makes the investments we need to upgrade our infrastructure to keep New York's businesses connected and our travelers safe."

The extension has a broad range of support, including from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the AFL-CIO, AAA and others.

The World Economic Forum released a report this month stating U.S. infrastructure, which ranked 6th in the world in 2007-2008, has fallen to 16th for 2011-2012. The American Society of Civil Engineers has graded the nation's infrastructure at a "D." New York State alone has more than 2,100 structurally deficient bridges. While safe for travel, ongoing wear and tear could lead to road and bridge closures, and current weight restrictions prevent the shipping of products, hurting businesses and slowing our economic recovery.

## Legislation Invests \$10 Million Into Emergency Conservation, Watershed Programs that Support Farm Efforts to Rebuild

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles E. Schumer, together with Congressmen Chris Gibson, Maurice Hinchey, Paul Tonko and Bill Owens, today introduced the Post-Irene Emergency Farm Aid Act, legislation to provide the resources that farmers across New York State need to help recover from the devastation caused by Hurricane Irene. The legislation would authorize \$10 million to support the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and the Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP) that provide emergency services and resources for agricultural communities following natural disasters.

"America has always stood by those suffering from disaster and helped them to rebuild," said Senator Gillibrand, New York's first member of the Senate Agriculture Committee in nearly 40 years. "New York's farmland endured some of the worst of Hurricane Irene, and much of our farmland is badly damaged. When our farm families suffer, our whole state and whole economy suffers. We need to provide our agricultural communities with all the resources we need to dig out and rebuild from these devastating storms."

"When tornados hit Missouri or Katrina hit New Orleans, Americans from across the country banded together to help individuals, business owners, and farmers get back on their feet," said Schumer. "Irene drowned crops, killed livestock, and spoiled milk from the Hudson Valley through Schoharie on up to the North Country. This bill would help the federal government do its part and step up to the plate to provide relief for New York's hardest hit farms. New York's farmers can't afford to wait - we need to move quickly to pass this legislation."

Congressman Gibson said, "Family farms are the backbone of our rural Upstate New York communities. They have suffered tremendous devastation as a result of Hurricane Irene, losing crops, livestock, and essential structures and equipment. Without federal support, many will not be able to repair and rebuild - thus, it is critical we ensure our agricultural disaster relief programs have the resources required to support the recovery process."

"New York's farmers were badly hurt by Hurricane Irene," said Hinchey. "We need to do everything we can to help them recover from crop and livestock losses, and other damage caused by the storm. These hard working men and women need our support now more than ever, and that's why this legislation is so critically important."

"Irene had a devastating impact on our farms, ruining crops, killing livestock, damaging infrastructure, putting our local rural economies in peril," said Congressman Tonko. "We need to do everything we can to provide the resources that will help our agriculture industry recover and rebuild. I will continue to stand with my colleagues to ensure the federal response meets the needs of our communities."

"I have had the opportunity to tour local farms that

have sustained damage from spring flooding - and now Hurricane Irene - and I have seen firsthand the need for this emergency funding to get New York's agricultural community back on its feet," said Owens. "So much depends on New York farmers receiving the assistance they need to get back to the business of employing workers, growing crops, and contributing to the food security of our nation. I thank Senators Schumer and Gillibrand as well as my House colleagues Maurice Hinchey, Paul Tonko and Chris Gibson for their work on critical issue."

### Emergency Conservation Program

The ECP is coordinated through USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) to provide emergency funding and technical assistance for farmers and ranchers to repair farmland damaged by natural disasters, and to carry out emergency water conservation measures during severe drought. Conservation practices include removing debris, restoring fences and conservation structures, and providing water for livestock.

For land to be eligible for ECP resources, the natural disaster must create new conservation programs that if left untreated would impair or endanger the land; materially affect the land's productive capacity; represent unusual damage; and be so costly to repair that federal assistance is or will be required to return the land to productive agricultural use.

ECP program participants receive cost-share assistance of up to 75 percent of the cost to implement approved conservation practices determined by county FSA committees. Individual or cumulative requests for cost-sharing of \$50,000 or less per person, per disaster are approved at the county committee level, \$50,001 to \$100,000 is approved at the state level, and over \$100,000 is approved at the federal level. Technical assistance may be provided by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

### Emergency Watershed Protection Program

The EWP was established to help conserve natural resources following natural disasters by relieving imminent hazards to life and property caused by floods, fires, drought, windstorms and other severe weather. The EWP responds to hazards including debris-clogged streams and channels, undermined and unstable stream banks, jeopardized water control structures and public infrastructure, wind-borne debris removal; and damaged upland sites stripped of protective vegetation by fire or drought.

Protection efforts can include purchasing floodplain easements to restore, protect, maintain and enhance the floodplain, including wetlands and riparian areas. It can also conserve natural values, including fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, flood water retention and groundwater recharge, and safeguard lives and property from floods, drought and erosion.

NRCS may bear up to 75 percent of the construction cost of emergency measures. The remaining costs must come from local sources, and can be in the form of cash or in-kind services. Public and private landowners are eligible for assistance but must be represented by a project sponsor, such as the state, local government, or conservation district.

All EWP work must reduce the threat to life and property, be economically, environmentally and socially defensible, and come from a sound technical standpoint.

## Hinchey Urges FEMA Administrator to Expand Disaster Assistance for Ulster, Orange and Sullivan

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today spoke with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Administrator W. Craig Fugate to request additional help in the aftermath of floods caused by the one-two punch of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. Hinchey asked the Administrator to ensure that small businesses, families, farmers and local governments affected by a second round of flooding be given additional resources.

"Administrator Fugate and all of the FEMA staff are working around the clock and doing a great job," said Hinchey. "Unfortunately, the latest storms destroyed much of the recovery work that was done after Hurricane Irene, so the affected counties, in many cases, are going to have to start the recovery process all over again. Tropical Storm Lee caused more flooding and more damage, and people in Orange, Ulster and Sullivan counties are going to need more assistance as a result. I'm going to continue fighting for every last dime of federal assistance needed to get this region back on its feet."

Hinchey has worked to ensure that counties in the Congressional District he represents have the disaster declarations necessary to receive federal assistance. Following Hurricane Irene, Hinchey led 19 of his House colleagues in requesting an expanded disaster declaration from President Obama. Prior to that, he sought an emergency disaster declaration for Dutchess County and brought the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Ulster County to tour flooded areas. He 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.

## Hinchey Working to Support Federal Program That Funds RUPCO Housing Counseling Effort

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today sent a letter to the Democratic and Republican leaders of a key house panel in support of an important federal program that funds The Rural Ulster Preservation Company's (RUPCO) household counseling efforts. RUPCO provides critical advice to help families facing foreclosure and other housing challenges, and it relies heavily on funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Housing Counseling Program. The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies is currently considering if the \$88 million HUD program should be included in the Fiscal Year 2012 Budget.

"Far too many families in the Hudson Valley are experiencing foreclosure or other housing troubles and this problem isn't going away," said Hinchey. "RUPCO has been tremendously successful in helping families stay in their homes or find new housing. Without federal support, these services are in jeopardy of being lost. The Housing Counseling Program is needed now more than ever. That's why I'm working to have the funding restored."

Last year, RUPCO counseled 224 new households facing foreclosure, counseled another 481 existing clients still trying to resolve their mortgage delinquency, and attended 103 settlement conferences to help clients navigate the court system. Thanks in large part to RUPCO's efforts, only eight properties were foreclosed upon during that time. The Housing Counseling Program has enjoyed bi-partisan support for over 20 years and has been the only federal source of funding for local agencies to provide non-biased pre-purchase, renter, and reverse mortgage counseling.

The subcommittee will consider the proposal during a hearing this Thursday. If the Housing Counseling Program is not restored by the subcommittee, Hinchey says he'll work to secure the funding when the Appropriations bill is considered by the full committee, of which he is a member.

### POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando -

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE:

**DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE CAUCUS DATE SET** - To all prospective political candidates who wish to run for an elected office in the 2011 November Election in the Town of Denning the Democratic Caucus will be held on **September 19, 2011** at 7:00 pm in the Sundown Church Hall.

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

## A.G. SCHNEIDERMAN ARRESTS FORMER NYS TAX AGENT FOR STEALING THOUSANDS OF TAXPAYER DOLLARS

Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman announced the arrest and arraignment of a former employee of the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for stealing taxpayer money. Dianna Raphael, who worked in the agency's Queens District Office, faces criminal charges for preying on Spanish-speaking New Yorkers to pocket thousands of dollars, including Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, Forgery, and Defrauding the Government.

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### Boiceville Market (From Pg. 1)



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This event is for the benefit of building  
a new roof for the  
Sundown Church Hall.

**SC Historical Society Annual Dinner**  
In the past, the Sullivan County Historical Society, at their Annual Dinner, has awarded individuals from Sullivan County with the honor of "History Preserver." The honoree is a person who symbolizes the stated mission of the Society; the preservation of Sullivan County history for the enlightenment of future generations. This year, on October 16th, 2011, the Society is proud to honor Allan Dampman, a long-time member of the Board of Director for the Sullivan County Historical Society, with the "History Preserver" award in recognition for his years devoted to serving the Society in various capacities and providing leadership and coordination to the yearly Commemoration of the Battle of Minisink program.

Though Allan's chosen career was in the ministry, he eventually turned his interests toward education, joining the staff at Sullivan County Community College during that institution's formative years. Serving as Associate Dean, Allan's work involved developing community relations as well as program administrator for the college, skills that served him well when he joined the Sullivan County Historical Society. Under his leadership as SCHS President, the Society sponsored numerous popular programs and successful fundraising endeavors. He later served the Society as its treasurer for sixteen years.

Equally important, Allan helps organize and coordinate the annu-

al ceremony honoring the Revolutionary soldiers who resisted the Tory and Indian raids along the Delaware, culminating in a battle upon the heights overlooking Minisink Ford. Though these brave patriots were routed, the battle's importance would soon be apparent with the demise of the enemy by General Sullivan and the opening up of western territories free from British influences.

Please join the Sullivan County Historical Society in honoring Allan Dampman on Sunday, October 16th, at The Rockland House, Roscoe, NY, dinner reservations \$30.00 per person, social hour 4:00 p.m., dinner at 5:00 p.m.. Please call 845-434-8044 for information or reservations (by October 8th)

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**PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE FOR THE  
Denning Democratic Caucus:**

**LEGAL NOTICE:**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 6, SECTION 108 OF THE NEW YORK STATE ELECTION LAW, THAT A, DEMOCRATIC PARTY CAUCUS WILL BE HELD AT THE (PLACE) Sundown Church Hall IN THE TOWN OF Denning. AT (TIME) 7:00 pm, COUNTY OF ULSTER, STATE OF NEW YORK ON THE **19TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011**. THIS CAUCUS IS CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATING CANDIDATES TO FILL EXISTING VACANCIES FOR THE TOWN ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON November 8, 2011**



Frank Comando, Chairman

POSTING DATE: September 8, 2011

**THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL  
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**Disaster Assistance in Ulster County**

Clarification on disaster assistance: There seems to be confusion about the IA and PA application process. Individual Assistance is for families and businesses. IA applications can be made at the two Disaster Recovery Centers (Belleayre Ski Center and the Business Resource Center in the Town of Ulster), by phone at 1-800-621-3362 or via internet at:

[www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov).

Municipalities are eligible for the Public Assistance. The PA process will begin with an invitation from me to an Applicant's Briefing (I have not yet been advised of the date for this). After a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) is made at this meeting, FEMA representatives will schedule a "kick off" meeting with your municipality. You should not wait for this to happen. If you have not already done so, begin the process of making repairs to "pre-disaster conditions" (have photos of the damage prior to making repairs and keep records of all expenditures).

Community liaisons: FEMA has deployed community liaisons that travel through neighborhoods spreading the word about benefits to families and businesses.

From the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Services: NY State Geological Survey in consultation with the United States Geological Survey is issuing a landslide hazards warning for eastern New York. Forecasted heavy rainfall, including likely intense periods of precipitation, may trigger landslides on moderate to steep slopes and locally elsewhere on landslide-prone slopes in the northeastern United States. The advisory area includes there is the potential for high incidence of landslides in the Hudson Valley, Catskills, and Adirondacks, eastern New York, some landslides may be damaging and/or pose a threat to life safety and critical infrastructure. The most likely types of landslides triggered by this event will be shallow debris slides and debris avalanches on steep slopes and rock fall, particularly in mountainous areas of the state. Locally, debris avalanches, debris flows, and rock falls may pose

a threat to life safety. In addition, some areas in the forecast area contain currently active landslides or landslides that have been active in the past few years including earlier in 2011. The forecasted rainfall amounts may lead to elevated pore-water pressures that cause reactivation of some landslides or a temporary acceleration in the velocity of movement.

Movement of shallow landslides is most likely to initiate during periods of intense rainfall, but movement of deeper landslides may be delayed as pore-water pressures rise in response to the rainfall. Managers with critical infrastructure or facilities in known landslide hazard areas should make assessments and take appropriate measures, as necessary, to reduce losses in advance of the arrival of the predicted tropical storm.

Periodic inspections of slope conditions on and adjacent to critical infrastructure, as feasible, are recommended during and after periods of the heavy rainfall.

Local Assistance: Following the 2005 floods several human needs organizations got together and formed DRIOUT (Disaster Relief Initiative of Ulster Towns). This partnership provided a wealth of support from a wide variety of community groups. DRIOUT is seeing new life in response to this event. Look for more information coming from the group.

Financial contributions: In order to ensure that monetary contributions remain in Ulster County, to help Ulster County residents, one of the DRIOUT partners, the United Way, has established a dedicated fund. See the following web site <http://www.ulsterunitedway.org>

Resource requests: While we are all well aware of the damage caused to Ulster County communities, please keep in mind that the southern tier has experienced devastation as well - especially last week.

Because the areas affected by Irene / Lee continue to expand, resources will be even more difficult to obtain. Please keep this in mind when making requests.

**Statement by Senator John Bonacic**

On DEC's release of the Draft SGEIS and Public Comment Period Relating to Hydraulic Fracturing Being Extended Until December 12, 2011

Today, the DEC has released the revised Draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement. In addition to the environmental mitigation portions of the SGEIS which were released on July 1, the newly released document is now complete, with additions focused on socioeconomic, community character, visual, noise and transportation impacts of hydraulic fracturing.

The DEC Commissioner further announced that in October, the DEC will release regulations for the hydraulic fracturing industry that the DEC will seek to require those in that industry to follow. As a result of the Commissioner's announcement that he will also be releasing the regulations in early October, he has extended the comment period on the SGEIS, initially planned to be sixty days, to December 12. During that time, the public will also be able to comment on the draft regulations being released in early October. After the public comment period for both the SGEIS and draft regulations closes on December 12 (unless extended), the DEC will be in a position to finalize the Generic Environmental Impact Statement and regulations, unless both are further revised after the December 12 comment period ends.

In response to today's announcement, Senator John Bonacic issued the following statement:

"I appreciate and applaud the careful efforts of DEC Commissioner Joe Martens and the staff at the DEC, with respect to the SGEIS on Hydraulic Fracturing. I look forward to reviewing the document. The potential to create thousands of jobs with hundreds of millions of dollars in wages is certainly welcome."

"I also have no objection to the extension of the comment period from 60 to 96 days as Commissioner Martens has provided for. The Commissioner, by also releasing proposed regulations governing fracking next month, is properly showing the public, both the environmental mitigation efforts, and the regulations the industry will have to live with, and allowing comment time on both."

"While those who are against drilling will always want more time in an effort to stop it, and those who are for drilling want to drill today, science not politics should drive all the DEC's decision making on this critical issue. I believe that has been the case under Governor Cuomo and Commissioner Martens, and expect that will continue."

**UC Comptroller Identifies Potential for Substantial Savings**

Ulster County Comptroller Elliott Auerbach has released a report on Ulster County's Assigned Counsel Program and recommends immediate action to control the costs to the County for providing legal representation to individuals who need and cannot afford an attorney. The report illustrates how with tighter administrative con-

trols the County could realize substantial annual savings and it lauds the County Public Defender for obtaining a grant to improve services.

Ulster County's Assigned Counsel Program and its Office of the Public Defender provide attorneys to represent eligible defendants in court. The Office of the Public Defender represents the majority of these cases, but when a conflict of interest arises defendants are provided counsel through the Assigned Counsel Program.

"It is remarkable the number of cases handled by Ulster County's Public Defender," said Auerbach, "and at a cost per defendant far less than its sister program, the Assigned Counsel Program." The Assigned Counsel Program pays hourly fees, reimbursements, and other costs to attorneys who are assigned to cases by judges and justices.

"There has been an expensive misunderstanding in County government," said Auerbach, "that the County has no control over assigned counsel and its related costs." In fact, the report demonstrates, counties have not only the right but the obligation to adopt an Assigned Counsel Plan. "The response to questions regarding this cost center reminded me of the answers we received regarding Net Service Fees," said Auerbach, "with the shoulder shrug and 'there's nothing we can do' comments."

"I recognize that there was an effort in 2008 to create an Office of the Conflict Defender to better manage costs and improve legal services," said Auerbach, "but the delay encountered in advancing that effort does not relieve the county of its on-going responsibility to manage the costs." Auerbach's report recommends the County develop an Administrative Plan for Assigned Counsel (APAC) and implement it immediately while continuing to pursue an effective comprehensive Assigned Counsel Plan addressing professional development and management as well as costs.

Auerbach said it is important for taxpayers to understand that these legal services are not restricted to people considered "indigent" or devoid of resources. The legal standard is provision of services to defendants "who cannot afford to retain counsel". Further, Auerbach said, the requirements may no longer be limited to criminal defendants and could possibly extend to civil cases as well. "The value of a Auerbach said it is important for taxpayers to understand that these legal services are not restricted to people considered "indigent" or devoid of resources. The legal standard is provision of services to defendants "who cannot afford to retain counsel". Further, Auerbach said, the requirements may no longer be limited to criminal defendants and could possibly extend to civil cases as well. "The value of assigned counsel to our justice system cannot be underestimated," said Auerbach, "likewise we must not underestimate how quickly these costs are growing."

**Hinchey: Public Comment Period on Revised NY Fracking Regulations Should be Extended**

Washington, DC - Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today released the following statement in support of extending the public comment period for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) revised draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (SGEIS), which was released today.

Hinchey is a leader in the effort to protect drinking water and the environment from the risks of hydraulic fracturing. He is a co-author of the FRAC Act, which would mandate public disclosure of chemicals used in frack fluid and allow the EPA to regulate fracking activities under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The congressman also authored the appropriations language that led to the current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency study on hydraulic fracturing. Earlier this year, Hinchey sent letters to the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the U.S. Energy Information Agency (EIA) questioning the manner in which both bodies have handled shale gas reserve estimates. The SEC has since launched an investigation. The EIA has since made indications that reserve estimates will be revised in the next Annual Energy Outlook.

High volume, hydraulic fracturing for shale gas is the most significant environmental issue New York State has faced in a generation, if not longer. Considering the reckless way in which hydraulic fracturing has been carried out in other parts of the country, it is important that we understand all of the environmental and economic impacts that would result if drilling were to move forward in our state. A lot of hard work has gone into this new SGEIS and it has clearly changed dramatically since it was first issued. I look forward to closely reviewing this new document and hearing what my constituents have to say. Given the importance of this issue, I support calls to extend the public comment period."

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

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

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

**Pumpkin Decorating & Pizza** Friday, October 28. \$5 residents/\$10 non-residents must be paid no later than October 4.

**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

**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>

**Town of Fallsburg Dems to Host Pancake Breakfast**

On Sunday, September 25th the Town of Fallsburg Democratic Committee will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the Woodbourne Fire House from 7 AM to 12 Noon.

All proceeds of this event will be dedicated to the TIM HILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

The fund was established in 2008 in honor of the late Tim Hill, former Democratic County party Chair and SC Election commissioner.

In honor of the commitment he and his family made to their community as well as Tim's passion for all things political, three awards of \$500. each have been made to high school seniors who distinguished themselves by their academic achievements and exemplary volunteerism.

Donations to the fund can be made c/o Ann Prusinski, PO Box 364, Mountandale NY 12763.

More importantly, we welcome one and all to join us for one DELICIOUS breakfast and most worthy fundraiser.

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 ANSWER

- 9/7/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 9/8/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting - 7 pm - Denning Town Hall
- 9/13/11 Town of Denning Business Meeting
- 9/14/11 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 9/14/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM (Note: Date change)
- 9/15/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 9/17-18/11-Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual **Antique Tractor Show** -Grahamsville Fairgrounds
- 9/17/11 **Thrift Sale** -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
- 9/18/11 Claryville Fire Dept. **Pancake Breakfast** 7 am - Noon
- 9/20/11 **Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale** (9am-1pm) & **Luncheon** (11am-1pm)
- 9/20/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 9/21/11 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 9/24/11 Sundown WSCS Ladies Annual Harvest Fair & Luncheon 9 am to 3 pm at the Sundown Church Hall
- 9/27/11 Claryville Fire District Meeting
- 9/27/11 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation Meeting 7 pm
- 10/1/11 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper - 5:30 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 10/4/11 Town of Denning Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall 7:00 pm
- 10/5/11 Town of Neversink Planning Board Meeting
- 10/8/11 **Sundown Methodist Church 2nd Annual Chicken BBQ - 4-7 pm** (see ad on page 13)

**Save the Date!**

9/17 & 9/18 -Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association Annual **Antique Tractor Show** -Grahamsville Fairgrounds  
**"DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY'S 26TH ANNUAL GIANT PUMPKIN PARTY AND CHILDREN'S PARADE**, Fairgrounds, Route 55, Grahamsville, Saturday, October 1, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., 985-7233.

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

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

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| GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE  | WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION           | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE     |
| CANNIE D'S               | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)      | PLEASANT STONE FARM    |
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**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 • Ricclardella'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.

**SC Historical Society Meeting & Nominations of Officers**

Public General Meeting, Wednesday, September 21st, for Nominations of Officers of the Sullivan County Historical Society, at 5:30 p.m. with a Pot Luck Supper. Please bring a 'food dish' to pass. For information, call 845-343-8044.

**1st Annual Hootenstock in Marlborough**

The Marlborough Democratic Committee is hosting its first annual "Hootenstock", a lively tribute to hootenannies and the Woodstock Festival, on Sunday, September 18 at Cluett-Schantz Park located on Route 9W next to True Value Hardware in Milton, NY. "This is a first time event," says Mici Simonofsky, Chair of the Marlborough Democratic Committee, "and we invite all supporters of the Democratic Party and its candidates in Ulster County to come and enjoy simple picnic fare and good-humored entertainment.

The Marlborough Democratic Committee has enlisted the talents of other Town Democratic Committees to participate in the afternoon's event, and has challenged them to create their own lighthearted politically-colored theatrical offerings. Ms. Simonofsky says that "The Hootenstock will be a nice break for our candidates and their supporters from the demands of campaigning - a reward, you might say, for their rigorous campaign efforts." The Hootenstock is a unique opportunity for Democratic supporters in the Town of Marlborough to see their current candidates taking a playful poke at themselves in the public arena.

The picnic lunch will be served in the park's pavilion from 12:30pm to 1:30pm with entertainment starting at 2pm. Suggested donation is \$20.00 per person. To reserve your picnic table, please mail your donation to: MDC, PO Box 966, Marlboro, NY 12542 or call Mici at 845-236-4243.

**High Holy Days - Rosh Hashanah/ Yom Kippur-Congregation Agudas Achim**

The High Holy Days of the year 5772 will be here soon. Jews are mysteriously called to return to their faith during this season. Congregation Agudas Achim of Livingston Manor welcomes all who wish to share this season of introspection and faith to join with our community. No tickets are needed, but donations will be greatly appreciated to help maintain our historic building and support our educational programs. We encourage anyone who seeks to renew their relationship with God or desires to reconnect with their heritage to worship with us.

Agudas Achim is affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism. However retaining a traditional feel-

ing to our services is very important. Rabbi Fredric Pomerantz will lead Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services with the assistance of Marian Kleinman our Cantorial Soloist. His warm personality and her beautiful music will help create a special opportunity for introspection and atonement during the Days of Awe. Our historic synagogue helps create a spiritual atmosphere which enhances the prayer experience. Rabbi Pomerantz is beginning his sixth year as the spiritual leader of Agudas Achim.

The congregation conducts an annual non-perishable food drive to benefit the Livingston Manor food pantry. Donations should be brought to services. We join with other Reform congregations which hold similar drives to remind us of our obligations to those less fortunate. Also we hold a communal Yom Kippur break-fast.

For more information about the high holidays or the Agudas Achim community call Bob Freedman at 439-5708, Ellen Singer at 482-4100 or Judy Siegel at 292-2552. Hebrew School will be starting soon. Now is the time to enroll. Please call Ellen Singer our Hebrew School director for details. Additional information about Agudas Achim is available at [www.Congregationagudasachim.org](http://www.Congregationagudasachim.org)

**Holiday Service Schedule (Clip & Save)**

**Rosh Hashanah**  
 Evening Wednesday September 28th 8:00 pm  
 Morning Thursday September 29th 10:00 am

**Yom Kippur**  
 Kol Nidre-Friday -October 7th -7:30 pm promptly  
 Morning- Saturday -October 8th - 9:30 am  
 Yiskor will follow morning prayer (will not begin before)- 11:30 am  
 Nilah -4:15 pm

**Community Break-fast** will be held following services -6:45 pm approximately

**Youth Programs** - Parents must accompany children under 6  
 September 28th -11:00 a.m.-Young children for ages 3-6  
 October 8th-11:30 a.m. -Youth Program for ages 7-12



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**Lucille Hand Real Estate 845-647-8020**

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**RENTALS**

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

**Mobile Home** for rent in Grahamsville. 14x70, 3 bdrm, nice condition. Walkng distance to Town Park. \$675 per moth + utilities and security - no pets. 985-7242. p 9/23

**Rentals - 2-bedroom trailers** for rent. Tri-Valley School District. For more information, please call (845) 434-7568.

**1 Bedroom apartment** 1 + 1/2 bathrooms, Living Romm and kitchen. Movein Ready. No Pets. No smoking. Incl Utilities \$725 per month + security. 985-7790.

**HELP WANTED**

**Help Wanted - Part Time Secretary** needed for Physical Therapy practice. Computer experience a must and knowledge of insurance authorization helpful. Must be detailed oriented and highly organized. Prior experience in healthcare/medical office preferred. Hiring A/S/A/P. Please FAX resume to: 985-2922. b 9/15

**FORSALE**

**1999 Ford Explorer Sport Utility 2D-** 172,000 miles, V6, 4.0 liter, Auto. 4WD, power win./locks, Cruise, CD (multi disk), power seats, sun roof, running boards, Roof rack, tow pkg., --new brakes, rotors, 4 brand new tires (\$125.00 each). Asking \$2,500 Call 845-985-2790



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**YOGA/REIKI CLASSES/HEALTH**

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**Yoga Class schedule:**  
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**Grahamsville/Claryville/Sundown/Napanoch:**

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- **NEW** Working farm featuring 163 bucolic acres, farmhouse with exceptional views, barns, sugar house, etc.. \$1.378m
- **NEW** 3BR/1BA authentic log cabin on 20+ acs with stone fireplace, skylights, woods that end at the Neversink. \$319k
- Darling 3BR/1BA cottage on .76 acs on quiet rd near G'vl. Charm galore, fireplace, picture windows, lawns. \$195k
- Immaculate 3 bed/2 bath on 5 private acs, built 2005. Fireplace, radiant floor heat, a/c, large garage. \$299,000
- **REDUCED** Spacious 4-5 BR/2BA turnkey colonial on 5+ level acres w/lg sep garage, in quiet Grahamsville n'hood. \$299,000
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- 4BR/2.5BA split level ranch on nearly 2 acs with central a/c, mature trees, views and Tri-Valley schools. \$239,000
- 3BR/2BA 1920s home privately set on ~8 acres with screened gazebo, wood paneling, fireplace, 1 mi to Rondout. \$329,000

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

**Citizen Kane (1941)**

The investigation of a publishing tycoon's dying words reveals conflicting stories about his scandalous life. Directed, by Orson Welles, and Starring, Orson Welles, Joseph Cotten, Everett Sloane, Agnes Moorehead, Dorothy Comingore, Ray Collins, George Coulouris, Ruth Warrick, William Alland, Paul Stewart, Erskine Sanford. Welles' first and best, a film that broke all the rules and invented some new ones, with fascinating story of Hearst-like publisher's rise to power. The cinematography (by Gregg Toland), music score (by Bernard Herrmann), and Oscar-winning screenplay (by Welles and Herman J. Mankiewicz) are all first-rate. A stunning film in every way . . . and Welles was only 25 when he made it! Incidentally, the reporter with a pipe is Alan Ladd; Arthur O'Connell is another one of the reporters.

**On TCM Sunday, September 18, 2011 @ 8:00 PM-rated TV-PG**

**Quiz:**

- A.** Which real life publisher was the lead character based on?
- B.** Who tried to buy up all the copies of this film to have them destroyed?

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

**SHANDAKEN** - Meet the Letter Friends, a reading readiness program for children aged Sat, September 17, 3pm - 5pm Phoenicia Library, 48 Main St., Meet the Letter Friends, a reading readiness program for children aged 3-5. Every Saturday at 11 am. Phoenicia Library, 48 Main St.

Children are welcome to join at any time; registration is not necessary. Free Contact: Phoenicia Library 688-7811

**PARKSVILLE - ROLLING RIVER CAFE** and Gallery; Hours of Operation Starting Sept 1st New Hours: THU 12:00 noon- 8:00 pm FRI 12:00 noon- 10:00 pm SAT 12:00 noon- 10:00 pm SUN 12:00 noon- 8:00 pm MON, TUE, WED

**BOICEVILLE - BOICEVILLE FLORIST**, "...will be reopening soon," Arthur says. Need to get a special arrangement, or a rose for your loving lady? Watch for update here..

Have a great week!

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