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## REMINDER: VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE THIS FRIDAY!

We hope you put the annual Veterans Day Flag Exchange Ceremony on your calendar last week, because the Townsman's publishing date is barely twenty-four hours before the event itself! (We're only kidding; we know you haven't forgotten: November 11, 2011; 11:00 a.m.; Grahamsville Rural Cemetery and the local Town Hall) (Contd. Pg. 3)

## HOLIDAY PLANS

2011 will be the first holiday celebration at the Time and the Valleys Museum. We hope you will join us and we promise it will bring back memories and make new ones. The official opening will be the weekend of December 3rd and 4th. There will be more information as the date gets closer.

A reminder: the Museum and gift shop are opened, as usual, every Saturday from noon to 4. This will continue until December 31st. Research is also available.

## So What's for Dinner?

So what's for dinner? How many times have you heard those words or asked that question? Author, Cathy L. Russo has answered it for us with her inaugural cookbook titled, "So what's for dinner? Four Generations of Italian Family Recipes." In her cookbook she includes over 140 recipes designed to make your life easier and to take the guesswork out of what to make for dinner. (Contd. Pg. 3)

## ERH Presents Drawings by Monica Cohen at the Healing Art Gallery

Monica Cohen's drawings will be on solo exhibition at the Healing Art Gallery at Ellenville Regional Hospital from November 7 through the end of 2011. Ellenville Regional Hospital is located on Route 209 in Ellenville. Free and open to the public, 8am-8pm daily. For more information about the Healing Art exhibit or the Ellenville Regional Hospital, please contact (845) 647-6400, ext. 286. (Contd. Pg. 8)

## The Unhappy Pumpkin in the Park



Photo by Lisa Garigliano

What a great Halloween display of carved pumpkins in Bi-Centennial Park! The numerous pumpkins were carved by Cub Scout Pack 87 and their Scout Leaders, Teddy Jucha and Keith Mentnech. What they didn't expect was the ten inches or so of snow that fell over the weekend just before Halloween. While we all seem to believe time is moving much faster, wait a minute, it is not Christmas yet! As beautiful as the snow appeared on Sunday morning, the expression of this poor little fellow said it all. To say the least the snow was an abstract sight for a Halloween celebration!

## The SC Adult Care Center Celebrates Halloween



"Ghosties and ghoulies and things that go bump in the night" were very much in evidence at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center this Halloween season. The facility's advocacy group, The Family Council, provided donuts for all shifts on Halloween Monday. The staff on their own time and with their own funds decorated all units for the enjoyment and delight of the residents. Family Council Vice President Robert Konvalin, Secretary Gail Fredenburg, Ann Kowalik and Treasurer Barbara Konvalin made the winning selections and presented certificates to those judged best of the best.

A big "THANK YOU" to all the staff for providing the residents a wonderful Halloween!

## "In Flanders Fields"

Written in by John McCrae (1915)

After witnessing the carnage of WWI John McCrae wrote "In Flanders Fields." McCrae, a Canadian, was a medical officer in the Boer War and World War I.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

**Remember our Veterans!**

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Have mercy upon me, O Lord; for I am weak; O Lord, heal me; for my bones are vexed.

Psalm 6:2

**ENGAGEMENT**

Lee A. Goldsmith and Todd J. Brown are happy to announce their engagement. The future bride is the daughter of Dawn Karinsky and Samuel M. Goldsmith. The future groom is the son of Faye Yarns and Clark Brown. Lee is a graduate of Monticello High School and Sullivan County Community College and is working as a Legally Exempt Coordinator. Todd is a graduate of the Tri-Valley Central and a US Army Veteran. Todd is working as a NYS Corrections Officer. A November 2012 wedding is planned.

**DAYS OF YORE....**  
**Today's History**

**November 7, 1951** - William Gorman, Aden Postmaster for nineteen years until the office was abolished, died at his home at Aden on Saturday, October 27. He was born in the Town of Neversink 72 years ago on January 25, 1879, the son of John Gorman and Sarah Johnson. Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Rooney; a daughter, Sarah Johnston; a son James, a member of the N.Y.C. Police Dept. in Brooklyn.

Invitations for the wedding of Mrs. Ethel Low and Mr. Paul Benton were mailed out last week. The wedding is to take place at the Liberty Baptist Church on Saturday, November 24th. The reception will follow at the home of Mrs. Hazel Low.

**November 1, 1961** - Monday morning, a forest fire of uncontrollable proportions was burning in Watson Hollow and climbing Mombaccus Mountain. State conservation men, Board of Water Supply men and all volunteers were fighting the fire that was located between Sundown and Shokan off the Peekamoos Road. Fortunately rain Monday afternoon aided the volunteers in putting out the fire.

Mrs. Florence Burch, 89, died Friday in Middletown after a long illness. Born in Parksville, December 18, 1871, she was the daughter of Thaddeus and Lomiro Sheeley Hornbeck. Mrs. Hornbeck was married to the late Burl Burch at Grahamsville, November 28, 1894. She was a member of the Lows Corners Baptist Church.

Mrs. Kathleen Hamilton has taken over as acting postmaster at Neversink. The post office was moved to Mrs. Hamilton's home from a location farther west on Route 55 where Mrs. Archie Dean had been postmaster. She held that post for 18 years. Mrs. Hamilton, a Port Jervis native, has resided in Neversink 22 years and is the widow of Cecil Hamilton.

**November 10, 1971** - Miss Martha DeWire, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. DeWire of Grahamsville, became the bride of Mr. Harold Godowski, Jr. On October 24th at a ceremony performed at the Grahamsville United Methodist Church. A reception followed at the Holiday Inn in Liberty. The couple will live in Liberty following a wedding trip to Florida.

Our warmest congratulations to Mrs. Marion Rubenzahl of Neversink, who was honored Sunday evening at the Hudson-Delaware Council's 23rd Annual Beech Mountain Camp Fund dinner at the Concord Hotel. She received the Silver Fawn Award for Distinguished Service to Boyhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond George celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a family gathering at their home in Sundown on Sunday, October 24th. They were married on October 26, 1921 by the Rev. F. Purvis. The wedding took place at the hilltop farm of Mrs. George's parents. The farm was later purchased by the George family and has been their home for many years.

**November 5, 1981** - The Neversink Fire Department Ambulance Squad celebrated their 25th Anniversary of service with a dinner at the Neversink Community Hall on October 22nd. The dinner was sponsored by the Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District.

On Saturday evening, November 7th, family, friends, Scouts are invited to the Eagle Court of Honor for Paul Nyhof at the

Elementary School auditorium. Paul is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Harland Nyhof of Grahamsville.

Lottie E. Erath of Grahamsville, a 66 year resident, died Wednesday, October 28, 1981 at home after a long illness. She was 96. The daughter of the late Albert Oland and Amy Wood Gesner, she was born Sept. 2, 1885 in Linden, N.J. She was a member of the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Survivors include her husband, Albert J. Erath, at home; two sons, Donald Erath and Oland Erath and a daughter, Jeanette all of Grahamsville.

Catherine Kollmar, daughter of Edwina and Kenneth Kollmar of Neversink, and Scott Johnson, son of Lee and Carol Johnson of Grahamsville plan to announce their engagement at a family party on November 14, 1981. Wedding plans are incomplete.

**Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance Bid Ensures New Energy Savings for New York Municipalities**

A municipal electric and gas buying coalition announced this week new savings opportunities for participating local governments in New York State, according to the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC).

The Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) recently opened new bids from energy supply companies that will provide lower priced electric and gas for municipalities across New York State.

"Our group buying and public bid approach continues to provide lower rates than standard utility pricing," said Barbara Blanchard, MEGA's executive director. "With this announcement, our participants can be confident they will keep their utility costs under control, whether they use fixed or variable pricing." The new electric and gas programs run through 2014.

MEGA's electric and natural gas supply programs provide municipalities with the ability to manage energy expenses, obtain low cost renewable energy and receive the most competitive pricing in today's energy market. Participating municipalities have achieved \$12 million in savings over the life of the program.

"MEGA's competitive energy offerings remain effective in helping local governments control the cost of government for the taxpayer," said NYSAC Executive Director Stephen Acquario. NYSAC endorses and sponsors the MEGA program for county governments.

The biggest improvement to the electricity program, Blanchard added, will allow customers to blend renewable energy credits with their electric purchase at less than one-tenth the price of a few years ago.

"Our customer analysis indicates many will be able to add in renewable energy credits for 100% of their usage and still spend less overall than they did last year," Blanchard said.

The new electricity program will supply customers in three utility territories: National Grid, Rochester Gas & Electric, and New York State Electric and Gas. The new gas program covers those same utilities plus National Fuel Gas in western New York.

The successful bidders were:

- Integrys Energy Services, electricity in all three utility areas;
- Hess Corporation, natural gas in National Grid, RG&E and NYSEG; and
- Energetix, natural gas in National Fuel.

Municipalities who want to participate in MEGA should go to [www.megaenergy.org](http://www.megaenergy.org) to request a non-binding offer for energy savings.

MEGA is a not-for-profit local development corporation ([www.megaenergy.org](http://www.megaenergy.org)) founded and operated by participating county governments. It now provides energy supplies to nearly 30 counties, plus dozens of other municipalities, school districts, special districts, non-profits, and commercial customers. It serves customers from the Hudson Valley to Western New York.

**NEVERSINK NEWS - Hulda Vermooy**

No news this week.  
Have a good week and God Bless.  
(Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

**VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE THIS FRIDAY!** (From Pg. 1)

As we told you last week, the flag honoring Charles Matzinger will be retired, and a flag honoring Bruce Moore will be raised in its place. It will not be surprising if Mr. Moore's name is unfamiliar to many readers, since he was a veteran of World War I; however, many of his descendants live in the Tri-Valley area.

Born in 1896, Bruce lacked six months of meeting the minimum age of 21 for enlistment in the Army when war broke out, but somehow he managed to convince authorities that he really was of age. He served in the Army Signal Corps, reaching the rank of Sergeant before his discharge in 1920. The following year, he married Ella Morton; they raised five children (spouse names appear in parentheses): Helen (Bernard Hartman), Agnes Ruth (Cliff Kortright), Fred (Joan Smith), Nora (Jay Stewart), and Janet (Gene Smith). Bruce died in 1963 at the age of 67.

Please join us next Friday, November 11, as we remember and recognize all those who have served our nation's flag.

**SLAC November Meeting**

SLAC, The Senior Legislative Action Committee of Sullivan County will have its monthly meeting a week early on Friday, November 18 in the Legislative Hearing Room of the Government Center in Monticello at 10 am.

Our speaker will be County Treasurer Ira Cohen, discussing what's ahead for Sullivan County. There will be a question and answer period following his talk. The meeting is open to all. Come and bring a friend!

The December meeting will be held on Friday, December 16th at the Neighborhood Center.

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church to Host a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon**

The Grahamsville Methodist Church will be hosting a Holiday Craft Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, December 3, 2011 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in their Fellowship Hall. The church is located on Route 55 in Grahamsville. There will be watercolors, pottery, stained glass, baked goods, etc. The Christmas Cafe will offer soups, sandwiches and desserts for lunch. Come and do your holiday shopping! Call 985-7427 or 985-2283 for more information.

**So What's for Dinner** (From Pg. 1)

There are four main sections: Complete Meals, One-Dish Meals, Holiday Favorites and of course, the dessert section "Sweet Endings." The recipes are simple, easy and delicious.

On Sunday, November 13th at 2 p.m., the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville has invited Cathy to demonstrate her favorite recipes from her cookbook and provide insight and tips on Italian family cooking. The audience will have the opportunity to sample some of the delicious dishes while Cathy provides cooking "Tips and Hints." This event is sponsored by the Daniel Pierce Library's First Friday's Book Discussion Group. The group will provide the dessert with recipes from the chapter, "Sweet Endings."

Cathy knows too well how good food and the love of cooking create strong traditions in a family and enjoys sharing some of her favorite recipes. Admission is free, but registration is suggested. Signed copies of the cookbook will be available for sale. For more information call 845-985-7233. So what's for dinner? Find out this Sunday, November 13th at 2 p.m. at the Daniel Pierce Library, Route 55 in Grahamsville.

**GFD Ladies Auxiliary News**

Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Holiday and Repurpose Sale on November 19th from 10 am to 3 pm. We will be doing our yearly raffle for the Thanksgiving Basket that day also and still have tickets available to purchase. We will be doing a luncheon with soup, sandwiches and dessert for anyone interested. We still have some tables available for anyone interested and can contact me at 985-2819.

Also, it is not too soon to mark your calendars for December 11th when Santa will make his annual visit to Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville. He will be there from 11am to 1pm at the square

**2012 BARN QUILT CALENDARS Neversink Renaissance Releases Fourth Annual Calendar**

For a great Christmas gift, there is still time to purchase 2012 Barn Quilt Calendars.

For the fourth year in a row, Town of Neversink residents have spent the year photographing barn quilts placed on the town's historic barns by local volunteers. Now Neversink Renaissance has released its Barn Quilts of Neversink 2012 Calendar depicting the barns during the various seasons of the year.

This year's calendar also celebrates the grand opening of the new addition of the Daniel Pierce Library and the Time in the Valleys Museum. This is the culmination of the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, the support of countless area businesses and contractors, and the enthusiasm of a community that ten years ago had a dream of a state of the art library and museum.

Calendars are available at the Neversink Town Hall, the Daniel Pierce Library and the Time in the Valley's Museum at a cost of \$7.00. The proceeds of sales will go the Tri-Valley Little League and future town beautification projects. As a special incentive, those purchasing three calendars at these locations will get one free. Calendars may also be ordered by mail at: Neversink Renaissance, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740. With shipping, the cost is \$9.00 for one; or \$17.00 for two. Checks should be made payable to Neversink Renaissance.

To download the order form, go to [www.townofneversink.org](http://www.townofneversink.org). For more information call the town hall at 845-985-7685.

Neversink Renaissance is one of the projects supported by Sullivan Renaissance. Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation. Additional funding has been secured by U.S. Representative Maurice D. Hinchey. Sponsors include Bold Gold Media Group/Thunder 102, Robert Green Dealerships, Sullivan County Democrat, The River Reporter and WSUL/WVOS.

**CWC Distributes more than \$1 Million to Businesses**

MARGARETVILLE, November 4, 2011 - The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) has distributed more than \$1 million in grants to businesses damaged in late summer flooding.

As of November 1, grants to 47 businesses totaled \$1,024,614. Many more applications are pending and another batch of checks will be processed next week, according to Michael Triolo, CWC Economic Development Director.

The aid, drawn from the \$5 million Flood Recovery Grant Program which was approved by the CWC Board of Directors on September 13, is helping owners of for-profit enterprises repair structural damage to their buildings.

Businesses helped so far include restaurants, motels, auto repair shops, retail stores, professional offices, and many other types of establishments.

The program provides a maximum of \$30,000 to businesses for labor and materials needed to repair walls, floors, foundations, windows and fixed improvements damaged in the storms of August 28 and September 9. "We know we cannot cover all of the many losses these businesses have suffered," commented Triolo. "We can only help to get them back into their buildings so that they can resume operations."

The program allocates funds for each of the five counties in the Catskill-Delaware New York City Watershed, based on the percentage of Watershed land in each county. The Supervisors of Watershed Towns in each county decided how to divide their county's allocation among affected municipalities, and the Supervisors of those municipalities provided CWC with a list of businesses needing reconstruction help.

CWC staff has coordinated grant application submissions with the M-ARK Project, Town Supervisors and other local agencies to determine eligibility and to help applicants complete paperwork.

CWC grants have gone to 15 businesses in the Town of Prattsville thus far, totaling \$325,182; 20 in Middletown (\$491,171); four in Ashland (\$60,000); three in Olive (\$81,769); three in Jewett (\$28,000) and two in Hunter (\$38,492).

A separate CWC recovery fund for both businesses and non-profit organizations and institutions is still seeking outside contributions. To donate electronically to this fund, visit [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org), Special Projects. You may also send a check made out to CWC Flood

Recovery to CWC, PO Box 569, Margaretville, NY 12455. One hundred percent of the funds will go to grant recipients, and all contributions are tax deductible.

Businesses also have the option of applying for low-interest loans through the Catskill Fund for the Future.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River.

**THE ODD COUPLE**

By Peggy DeWire

A fine friendship that has gone on outdoors right under your nose will soon come to an end with the first killing frost. It's between the odd couple of the insect world.



Aphids and ants have been patting and hugging and carrying on as they move up and down plant stems together.

The small black pinhead size aphids suck plant sap and produce sweet clear drops of liquid called honeydew which ants feed on eagerly.

By gently tapping the aphid with its antennae, the



ant encourages its friend to let down honeydew like milking a cow. In return ants protect aphids from harmful insects like faithful shepherds guard their flocks.

It's a grand relationship - one helping the other - called symbiosis in nature.

An ant will carry its precious aphid in its mouth to a new food plant as gently as a cat transports her kitten.

Only outdoor ants (different from house ants attracted to greasy and sweet foods) tend aphids. Cornfield ants attach their aphids to the roots of cornstalks underground. Aboveground ants bring their aphids to the stems of plants where they suck the juices.

You can see that too many aphids weaken plants and spread virus diseases. They are serious pests of cultivated flowers and garden crops.

Aphids (family Aphididae) have an interesting and complex life cycle involving generations that are bisexual or female only, with wings or without.

Often each generation alternates food plants. It works like this:

Aphids generally overwinter as eggs which hatch in the spring into wingless females that produce only live young female aphids, not eggs. Up to ten generations may pass before a generation of winged females finally appears in late summer. These winged aphids produce a generation of normal male and female babies. When adult, they mate and the females lay eggs that overwinter to start the life cycle over again.

The ants that live closely associated with aphids gather up these eggs and store them safely in underground nests until spring. Then they carry the new aphids out to a food plant and stand guard.

All summer long the ants tend their aphids, carrying them from one food plant to another.

With our odd couple here in their last remaining days together, the protector ant gently strokes his small friend who gives him honeydew as long as he lives.

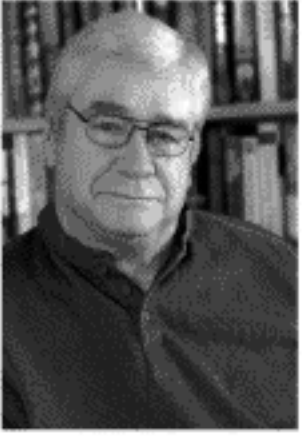
**Helpful Hint from Mary****Oven Spills**

To clean up spills in the oven, sprinkle table salt immediately on the spill. When oven has cooled, brush away the burnt-on food with a damp sponge. The salt will make the spill much easier to clean up, saving time and money, since you won't have to buy oven cleaner as often!

**Remember our Veterans!**

**MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 25**

By John Dwaine McKenna



Okay, class, raise your hand if you know where Nigeria is located. If you said "Africa, of course," you're right of course, but that's like saying "the Catskills are in North America." It covers a wide patch of territory. The truth is, I had to go look it up. Nigeria is in the "dog leg" of the continent, it's where the land stops heading north and starts heading west. In fact, Nigeria's relationship to Africa is similar to Sullivan County's to New York state; it's situated in the arch. So why the geography lesson? Ahhh, it's because this week's MBR, *An African Affair*, (Viking, \$25.99, 256 pages, ISBN 978-0-670-02288-5) by Nina Darnton, takes place there. The novel is a short thrill ride by a first time author who was a foreign correspondent in Africa for five years, two of which were in Lagos, the capitol of Nigeria.

Although the setting is exotic and the dictator is a compelling villain, I frankly didn't enjoy this one so much because of the author's excessive use of adjectives and adverbs; which, to my way of thinking, are signs of a lazy writer. That said however, if you like the descriptive style of novels such as *Jane Eyre*, *Wuthering Heights* or *Madame Bovary*, you'll probably enjoy this one which revolves around the actions of Lindsay Cameron, an intrepid foreign correspondent for a major American Newspaper. In quick order, she uncovers murder, corruption, armed rebellion, drug smugglers and a sinister dictator who's busy looting the treasury. And, not only that... she finds time to develop a love interest in the form of a mysterious London-based art dealer, a busy woman indeed. Authors Robin Cook and Clive Cussler liked this one, but I'm finding it hard to agree. Why don't some of

you read it and let me know what you think?

And hey... why not stop at the Daniel Pierce Library and the Time and the Valleys Museum? They have many activities going on, and thousands of books to read and enjoy... because you either "read or surrender to ignorance," as Confucius (K'ung Fu-tse, 551-470 BCE) said.

You can read all of the Mysterious Book Reports on my Website: [johndwainemckenna.com](http://johndwainemckenna.com)

You'll also find reading lists, a short story, and the latest on *The Neversink Chronicles* which is NOW AVAILABLE. You can comment, question, criticize or say hi. You can do it the traditional way by writing to: PO Box 2406, Colorado Springs, CO. 80901.

Hope you're all reading to your kids, grandkids or someone else's kids. See you next week with a new MBR.

--JDM

## County Manager Encourages Residents to Help Celebrate National Rural Health Day

Monticello - Sullivan County Manager David Fanslau encourages Sullivan County Residents to help celebrate National Rural Health Day.

The Sullivan County Rural Health Network invites residents of Sullivan County to join the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) and other state/national rural stakeholders - in celebrating the first-ever National Rural Health Day on Thursday, November 17, 2011.

NOSORH created National Rural Health Day as a way to showcase rural America; increase awareness of rural health-related issues; and promote the efforts of NOSORH, State Offices of Rural Health and others in addressing those issues. Plans call for National Rural Health Day to become an annual celebration on the third Thursday of each November.

Events recognizing National Rural Health Day and "Celebrating the Power of Rural" are being planned throughout the nation. Sullivan County Public Health (50 Community Lane, Liberty, NY) is planning to mark the occasion by challenging all people who support a healthy lifestyle and love rural America to commit to walk for 15 minutes on this day (targeting 10-10:30AM). Walking is the one free & easiest thing that all people can do to reduce the rate of obesity and live a longer & healthier life. The Public Health Services building will also sponsor an open house (11 - 2 PM) for free blood pressure checks, free BMI scoring and free pedometers for those who take our walking challenge, quit smoking information and gifts for those who "toss and quit", healthy snack options and samples, door prizes and flu immunizations (\$15 fee or have your Medicare card).

Approximately 62 million people - nearly one in five Americans - live in rural and frontier communities throughout the United States. "These small towns, farming communities and frontier areas are wonderful places to live and work; they are places where neighbors know each other and work together," notes NOSORH Director Teryl Eisinger. "The hospitals and providers serving these rural communities not only provide quality patient care, but they also help keep good jobs in rural America."

These communities also face unique health-care needs. "Today more than ever, rural communities must tackle accessibility issues, a lack of healthcare providers, the needs of an aging population suffering from a greater number of chronic conditions, and larger percentages of un- and underinsured citizens," Eisinger says. "Meanwhile, rural healthcare providers are threatened with declining reimbursement rates and disproportionate funding levels that makes it challenging to serve their residents."

Sullivan County Public Health Offices supports rural citizens by providing over 23 different programs. Please visit the county's website at [www.co.sullivan.ny.us](http://www.co.sullivan.ny.us) (click on the link for public health) or pay us a visit on November 17th to find out about our many programs available. You can reach the Public Health Office at 845 292-5910.

Additional information about National Rural Health Day can be found on the Web at [www.celebratepowerofrural.org](http://www.celebratepowerofrural.org). To learn more about NOSORH, visit [www.nosorh.org](http://www.nosorh.org); or to learn more about Sullivan County Rural Health Network, visit [www.scrhn.org](http://www.scrhn.org).

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

## Go Green! BOCES is offering a course in Electrical Theory for Renewable Energy Practitioners

MONTICELLO: On November 14th, the Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan County BOCES is offering a course in Electrical Theory for Renewable Energy Practitioners. The course will run on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 5:30 pm - 9:30 pm, through November 23rd at the Rubin Pollack Education Center in Liberty.

Participants will focus on understanding of basic principles of electricity to include alternating and direct current and OHM's Law, with an emphasis on DC theory. This course is required for anyone who plans to take the Introduction to PV Technology course and/or doesn't have the prerequisite knowledge of electrical theory.

To register please contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 791-4070 or (845) 295-4900. For more information regarding courses offered through the Adult & Continuing Education Program, logon to [www.scboces.org](http://www.scboces.org) and become a fan on Facebook and follow us on Twitter

## Sullivan BOCES opens the "Class Act Clinic" to the Public

Liberty: The Career and Technical Education's Cosmetology Program at Sullivan BOCES, has once again, opened its doors to the "Class Act Clinic" Salon. This is a full service salon operated by Cosmetology II students. The goal of the students is to demonstrate their skill/talent, while pampering and beautifying members of the community.

Hours of operation are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 am to 2:00pm. Call (845) 295-4121 to schedule an appointment. The "Class Act Clinic" is located at the Rubin Pollack Education Center on Ferndale-Loomis Road in Liberty.

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For more information about the variety programs available through the Career & Tech Program browse our website at [www.scboces.org](http://www.scboces.org) or call 295-4152. For program updates, become a fan of Sullivan County BOCES on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

## November is National Family Caregiver Month

"Identifying Family Caregivers" is the theme of November 2011 National Family Caregivers Month shared by the Sullivan County Caregiver Resource Center program. Caregiving facts, provided by the National Family Caregivers Association (NFCA), include:

- o More than 65 million people in the United States provide care for chronically ill, disabled or aged family members or friends during any given year.
- o Those 65 million people spend 20 hours a week providing that care.
- o That care is valued at \$375 billion a year, which is almost twice as much as is spent on homecare and nursing home services combined.

The Caregiver Resource Center of Sullivan County (a co-partnered program of Cornell Cooperative Extension and Office for the Aging) thanks family caregivers for providing dedicated help to family members and friends and reminds our communities to extend a helping hand during the upcoming holidays. In honor of National Family Caregiver Month the CRC invites all caregivers to the annual celebration on November 30

(Wednesday) at 6pm for free dessert and coffee at the Liberty Diner. A caregiver package consisting of gift-giving tips and caregiving through the holidays will be shared, as well as other treats!

The CRC also invites caregivers to three free ongoing support groups; a caregiver can join any or all groups each month - no reservations are required. All meetings offer educational materials as well open discussion for caregivers to share their concerns or thoughts on caregiving. Coffee and refreshments are always served.

Share the Care (Hortonville group) meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10am in the historic Presbyterian Church. Caring for the Caregiver (Grahamsville group) meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the second floor board room within Daniel Pierce Library and Caregiver Conversations (the Liberty group) meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 6pm within Cornell Cooperative Extension. (Please note: no December meetings for the Hortonville and Liberty groups will be held). Caregivers can contact the CRC at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 292-5250 for further questions.

## Learn how to operate a Backhoe!

Monticello: Adult and Continuing Education Program at Sullivan County BOCES, is offering a Basic Backhoe Operation Course beginning on November 15th. The course will be held at the BOCES Land Lab at the Sullivan West Elementary School, 33 Schoolhouse Rd, Jeffersonville, New York. Classes will run from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm on November 15, 16, 17, 18, 21 and 22.

Both beginning backhoe learners and individuals with experience are welcome to join the class (Individuals must be at least 18 years of age to participate).

The novice will study backhoe equipment systems while practicing basic maintenance tasks on the machine. Individuals will acquire basic operational skills focused on safety and competency in using both front and rear mounted buckets.

If you already possess basic backhoe skills, the same course allows you to gain advanced training.

This exciting opportunity is just a call away. To register contact the Adult and Continuing Education Program at (845) 791-4070 or (845) 295-4900. For more information regarding courses offered through the Adult & Continuing Education Program, logon to [www.scboces.org](http://www.scboces.org) and become a fan on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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## The Olive Jar - by Carol LaMonda -



Rescue craft from NCL Cruise Ship Gem with 5 survivors aboard

### Bermuda Triangle and Math Magic

This past week held two unusual dates. The first was November 1, 2011 which could be written as 11/1/11. The next day, November 2, is a palindrome because it can be written 11/02/2011 and read the same backward and forward. November will also have the real Veterans' Day fall on 11/11/11, which is both a palindrome and an unusual mathematical occurrence that we won't see in our lifetime.

What are these numbers trying to tell us? By the time this column comes to print, the numbers from the election will be tallied and recorded. Time, again told in numbers, to get back to the normal, daily routine that will now lead up to the Holiday Season. Retailers have jammed the colors of black and orange of fall holidays into the green and red and blue and silver of our winter celebrations. If I were not pondering the fact that colors are different only because of the measurement of wave length, I could count the days on a calendar (more numbers) to the festive season of chaotic decorating and shopping.

As the holidays approach, I am a bit apprehensive about weather patterns of global warming. Friends Rob Parete and Nicole were married just hours before Hurricane Irene, an unwanted guest, arrived and they

could not get to their honeymoon destination because of flooding. Caroline Boice was married just before the Nor'easter this past weekend and are headed out to a bumpy sea on a cruise honeymoon to Bermuda.

My husband and I just returned from a cruise to Bermuda on that same Norwegian Cruise Ship. We arrived in New York City to be greeted by a foot of snow at home. Our return home was quite eventful. Halfway home to New York City, the captain was asked by the U.S. Coast Guard to turn the ship around to assist in a rescue of five people on a thirty-five foot sailboat which was adrift and floundering in thirty-foot waves and gale winds (from the Nor'easter). The rescue took an additional five hours, but the lives of five very frightened sailors were saved. The boat, probably half a millions' worth, is probably now in Davy Jones' locker.

With the loss of time and the storm intensifying, the very able captain navigated the cruise-liner, with its five new passengers from France, through some really rocky and seas in high gale winds. I, thankfully, slept through it; however, I awoke to ponder the mysteries of the Bermuda Triangle. Is it scalene, acute or obtuse? It certainly was wrong, not right, for sailing in a blizzard.

By the time you read this, The Landmark Grille will have re-opened on Election Day, November 8 allowing voters to vote and then celebrate their good fortune as an American to participate in free elections. When you go to Landmark Grille, order the pumpkin pi (excuse the mathematical pun) for dessert.

Numbers are amazing things. They are a language common to the universe, not like our nation-specific tongues. They are exact. They are non-partisan. They are predictable. Not like our weather patterns. Or are they?

Math can be magical. My cash, for instance, whether ones, fives, or twenties can disappear in a flash.



### RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-

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The drummer for the North Mississippi Allstars, Cody Dickinson, has the music in him! In the groove from beat one, the band opened their recent Bearsville Theater show with a smokin' version of "Sitting on Top of the World". Following Cody's lead, the band set up the groove, and when, and only when, the groove was established, did they start the

actual song! That's just how I like it done! I wanted to go out for a smoke, but I was transfixed! I literally was not able to leave the room until the song ended!

The band plays at a level far beyond their years, and why shouldn't they? Both Cody and his brother Luther have a second generation musical pedigree handed down from their father, Memphis legend Jim Dickinson. You could do a lot worse than absorbing music at the feet and on the knee of Jim Dickinson. That's how you get the music in you!

The Allstars are mostly a blues band, but at times I could swear I was listening to The Grateful Dead or The Allman Brothers Band, circa 1971! It's these small variations on a theme that keep the Blues eternal!

In a band such as the North Mississippi Allstars, with two very prominent and well known members in Luther and Cody, there is a tendency for the two brothers to suck the oxygen out of the room, but I feel special mention must be made of bassist Chris Chew, a mountain of a man who holds his bass strung high on his chest, plays lefty, and of course, with no pick.. Covered in tattoos and looking like he'd be more at home in a hip hop crew than a rock band, Chris has nevertheless managed a mind meld with the two skinny rock n rollers and, in the process, they've all driven the Blues into the 21st century!

I'd be remiss if I completed this review of the band's performance without mentioning that during one song, Cody sat at the drums, keeping the beat going with his feet, and at the same time picked up a guitar and soloed with Luther! He plays the guitar as good as he plays drums, and maybe, just maybe, is a better guitarist than his brother! It makes you wonder what else this multi-talented group is capable of. I, for one, will be watching and listening to find out!

My thanks to WDST for bringing this fine band to town, and to Drew at the station for making this review possible.

And now for this week's live music picks.

Thursday, November 10 - FURTHER, the latest incarnation of The Grateful Dead, returns to Madison Square Garden for one show. If you're a Dead Head, you'll be there. If you're not, you won't.

Friday, November 11 - Not one, but two really, really great shows tonight. If you're downstate, TROMBONE SHORTY pulls into Terminal 5 in Manhattan. If you're a regular reader of this column, you know how I feel about Trombone Shorty! If you didn't read my review last September of their performance at Bluestock, go to [www.reservoirmusiccenter.com](http://www.reservoirmusiccenter.com) or this newspaper's website, [www.thetownsmen.com](http://www.thetownsmen.com), and read my column of September 8. Nuff said!

Closer to home, the great JOHN HIATT is at The Bardavon for one night, and this should really not be missed. Hiatt is one of our best rockin' singer/songwriters, and should have a much wider audience than he does.

Saturday, November 12 - The only show in town tonight is the Ramble at LEVON'S. If you can, go. Opening act is Bow Thayer and Perfect Trainwreck.

Sunday, November 13 - For rock n rollers, one of this week's Picks of the Week is at Madison Square Garden tonight. It's the only flat out rock band to hit it big in the last twenty years, FOO FIGHTERS with one of my top two bands, SOCIAL DISTORTION, opening.

If your ears are still ringing from the weekend's musical faire, and you need a break, head into Kingston for BILL MAHER at UPAC. Bill won't damage your hearing, but he will make you laugh, and think.

Monday, November 14 - Tickets go on sale at 10 AM for Roger Waters at The Times Union Center in Albany on June 28, 2012.

Tuesday, November 15 - For upstate Dead Heads, FURTHER is at The Times Union Center in Albany. For rockers, my favorite band, THE SUPER-SUCKERS, is at The Chance in Poughkeepsie, and of course, that will have to be my other Pick of the Week. Finally, if you're downstate, HANK WILLIAMS III is at the Music Hall of Williamsburg, in Brooklyn.

Every show this week actually deserves to be a Pick of the Week, so, don't be shy. Get out there and support live music.

Have a great week.

## Olive Muse- Charlie Blumstein- Home Rule

Nigel Farage, United Kingdom MP to the European Union Parliament, is hilarious in his various speeches to the European Union (EU) regarding the futility of creating a governing body consisting largely of people not elected by the people in the various EU countries. (you tube.com:europarl) He was severe in his criticism of the imposition of Real Property taxes upon Ireland for the first time in order to pay for the bank bailouts. The people demanding and enacting the taxes are not elected by Ireland, they are elected by themselves and thus the notion that we are moving into the post-democracy period may be worth examining.

Here, in one of the most beautiful places in the world, (The sundown over Highpoint Mountain from the reservoir walkway was spectacular and soul renewing last evening), we face similar pressures that amount to Home Rule being steadily diminished. The Olive Draft Comprehensive Plan is the local manifestation of the creeping erosion of Home Rule, in my view. A year and a half in the making, with broad changes allowing for high density development in the "Prime Priority Growth Zones" comprising the Hamlets. Essentially it is legalized spot zoning, whereby you can transfer zoning density rights from a vast forestland or farm into a Hamlet property and allow for the construction of a 50 unit apartment complex, to be served by municipal sewer and water at taxpayers expense.

Did the people in the Hamlets get a postcard to let them know of this potentially massive change in the Towns "shared vision" policy document? The \$700. cost to send a postcard to the entire Town was available when we received the \$50,000 grant from the Catskill Watershed Corporation to carry out the Comprehensive Plan process. The Catskill Center for Conservation and Development took part, as did the County and the DEP. One member of the public attended a one hour public hearing in the afternoon. The morning featured a "Planning Charrette", for which there are no notes or records other than the sign-in sheet. 30 pages of dense verbiage is the result, thus far, with revisions by the Olive Town Board underway. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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**Olive Muse** (From Pg. 6) The night of the 2nd Draft Town of Olive Comprehensive Plan Public Hearing, which occurred after an effort by local residents to inform townspeople, coincided with the Fire Dept. monthly General Meeting, which essentially cut out hundreds of EMS/ Fire personnel and families from the deliberation. The 30 pages of dense verbiage did not originate here in Olive and it was received by many as the imposition of values alien to that which have existed here for 270 years or so.

The sewer laterals for "Olive New Town" low income housing have been installed to the intended location. There will be a public hearing at some point to air the issues and then the project will proceed. Its all in the minutes and the script is indeed unfolding.

Many issues surround housing projects such as the client base makeup. The Woodstock affordable housing project is a case in point. HUD mandates that 75% of the affordable units go to resettled families with children that are academically challenged. If the population were to be drawn from a normal cross section, then the few dozen children that move in could be sprinkled throughout the district with no measurable increase in the budget. However, the HUD regs for this project essentially mandate an increased Special Education program component, which is expensive and does have additional cost. Shouldn't people be consulted about whether they can afford the increased taxes associated with the projects being "granted" to them? As taxes go up,

how will a family of modest income make it here? (Think most Fire/EMS volunteers). Shouldn't they be consulted on such weighty matters? This illuminates the creeping erosion of Home Rule in Olive. Plenty more next week, enjoy the fabulous weather! waverider75@earthlink.net

**Cross Country Teams excel at Section 9 Championship**

The Girls Cross Country Team "rose to the occasion" last week at Bear Mountain at the Section 9 Class C Championship Meet by winning the 1st Championship since winning in 2007. Led by 8th grader Autumn Bender in 3rd place the team prevailed over Arch Rival Sullivan West and Section Rival Rhinebeck, to win the 19th Section 9 Cross Country title for Tri-Valley. The team bolstered Benders high place of finish, with Senior Livvy Rehm 10th, and Sophomores Brooke Gillette 14th, Sabrena Smith 15th, Danielle Graham 17th, Alex Brooks 28th and Devon Jones 41st. The Team will compete this weekend at the State Championship in Verona High School against the 11 best teams in Class C.

The Boys team placed 2nd behind Rhinebeck with Seniors Jim Bernstein 1st and Omar Lopez 7th, qualifying for the State Championship. Bernstein ran the "race of his life" and defeated a previously undefeated #1 runner from Rhinebeck. With the win, Jim solidified himself as the 14th Tri-Valley harrier to have the distinction of a Section 9 Individual Champion. Team members helping the team to its 2nd place finish of 14 teams were: Justin Weintraub 11th,

Hauk Boyes 19th, Brendon Hasbrouck 25th, Aidan Woolsey 35th and Sowoo Chon 36th. Congratulations to all members of the teams on the seasons accomplishments and Good Luck at States!

**Hinchey Applauds EPA for Finalizing Research Plan on Hydraulic Fracturing**

Washington, DC -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today praised the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for releasing its final research plan for the study on hydraulic fracturing. Hinchey authored the legislative provision to authorize the study and worked with EPA to ensure its commencement. He released the following statement:

"I applaud the EPA for releasing a final research plan for its study on hydraulic fracturing. I wrote the legislative language that initiated this study and, as I had intended, the final study will look at the full cycle of water used in the hydraulic fracturing process. Our country is in the middle of shale gas rush, but unbiased, scientific research into hydraulic fracturing is almost non-existent. This EPA study will provide invaluable information to the public and policy makers interested in understanding the impact of hydraulic fracturing on our water resources."

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## ERH Presents Drawings by Monica Cohen at the Healing Art Gallery (From Pg. 1)

Monica Cohen was born in Coquimbo, Chile. She began



studying design in her late teens and was instantly inspired to refine her drawing skills in college. She later took several courses on drawing the human figure at the University of Chile. She continued her artistic education in the United States by studying computer graphic design and traditional oil painting.

In 2006, Cohen was commissioned to create a pen and ink drawing of the first Post Office in Ellenville, New York. This project

triggered her interest in the history of Ellenville and after she completed the project, she continued to research how the village looked in the 1900s. Her latest work involved a series of pen and ink drawings based on old post cards and photographs of Ellenville.

Her research of the past led her to explore her own early childhood through art. Cohen transformed her late father's photographs into pen and ink drawings, recalling her own experiences and memories of childhood.

Childhood is a source of inspiration for Cohen because she believes it is a period of natural innocence. The focus of her work is the celebration of life throughout childhood, adulthood and motherhood. In celebrating life, she also focuses on the natural environment and society that interacts with her subjects. Through her art, she continues to learn and connect to the beauty that surrounds her.

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The Old Stone House, a community-based education and arts center, is at 282 Hasbrouck Road in the hamlet of Hasbrouck, NY, easily accessible from either Rt. 42 or Rt. 55, and just a few miles from Monticello, Liberty and Grahamsville.

For more information call Andrea Eddings at (845) 985-0419, email [OSHYA@peoplepc.com](mailto:OSHYA@peoplepc.com), or check the web site at [www.oldstonehouse.catskill-life.com](http://www.oldstonehouse.catskill-life.com).

## High Tea in the Holiday Spirit November 13 in Narrowsburg, NY

Back by popular demand, Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is hosting the fourth annual winter high tea in Narrowsburg. Enjoy tea and four food courses at "High Tea in the Holiday Spirit" on Sunday, November 13 at 2 p.m. The event, coordinated by Jane Luchsinger, benefits Delaware Valley Arts Alliance and will be held at the Arts Center's Krause Recital Hall, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY.

A choice of teas and a menu that includes such treats as scones, sandwiches, and dessert are the highlight. Guests can shop throughout two floors of Signature Gifts, offering locally made and antique gifts including handmade jewelry, wooden and vintage kids toys, and antique Christmas ornaments. Complimentary gift-wrapping is available.

"High Tea in the Holiday Spirit" is open to the public by reservation. Advanced tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the Delaware Arts Center, 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY or with a credit card by calling (845) 252-7576. Hats are encouraged. Seating is limited.

## Protect Consumers from Phone Bill Fraud-Joins Multistate Coalition Urging FCC To Ban "Cramming" - Unauthorized Charges On Telephone Bills

NEW YORK - Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman today called on the federal government to adopt stronger regulations to protect consumers against the phone bill fraud known as 'cramming.' Schneiderman and a multistate coalition including 16 additional Attorneys General urged the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to enact rules that would prevent unauthorized third-party charges on telephone bills or 'cramming' - a fraud that a recent U.S. Senate report found costs consumers upwards of \$2 billion per year.

"Consumers in New York and across the country deserve action against the predatory and exploitative charges that drive up phone bills and impose burdensome costs in money, time and energy to correct," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "My colleagues and I strongly urge the FCC to adopt effective regulations that stop cramming, and provide consumers with relief."

'Cramming' occurs when third parties - other than the phone service provider - add unauthorized charges to phone bills for non-call related services like email, website hosting, discount buying programs or voicemail services. Investigations by the Attorneys General, as well as complaints received by their offices, reveal that consumers do not intend to purchase these services and rarely make use of them. In addition, most consumers are unaware that they are exposed to such fraudulent billing practices just by using a wireless or landline service.

The rules currently under consideration by the FCC would be limited to landlines, and rely only on better phone bill disclosures and options to allow consumers to request blocks on such charges. In comments filed today with the federal agency, the Attorneys General explained that based on experiences in their states, federal anti-cramming regulations need to be stronger than those proposed.

Given that landline 'cramming' charges are often phony and imposed without consumers' consent, the Attorneys General urged the FCC to ban all non-telephone, third-party charges on landline telephone bills. If the FCC fails to implement such a ban, then the Attorneys General suggested that landline telephone companies be required to automatically block all third-party charges unless and until the consumer opts to accept such charges for a specific vendor by consenting through a phone call to their telephone company. (Contd. Pg. 9)




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**Tommy Haynes on Piano at Eureka's Newly-opened Dining Rom**

On Saturday, November 19, Neversink resident Tommy Haynes will provide background piano in Eureka Market & Caf e's newly-opened dining room, aka "The Fishbowl", from 6-9pm. Born in Piedmont, NC and a student of jazz theory and technique, Haynes is influenced by New Orleans honky tonk, blues and Jerry Lee Lewis, among others. For more information, visit [www.eureka-market.com](http://www.eureka-market.com) or call (845) 985-5152.

**Trot on Thanksgiving Day**

The 8th Annual New Paltz Turkey Trot will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. Free Mashed Potato Kids is a free 1/2 mile Fun Run (10 and under); 9:30 AM Turkey Trot 5K race, fun run, & walk; 10:30 AM Awards Ceremony.

The race starts and ends at Water Street Market, Main Street, New Paltz.

This event is a fundraiser and all monies raised directly benefit the Family of New Paltz. Family of New Paltz providing the community with a food pantry, a 24 hour hotline, support groups, and shelter.

This event has become a New Paltz tradition and is looked forward to by the entire community that come out and participate. Last year's event attracted more than 1,500 people - including Turkey Trot runners and walkers, mashed potato kids runners, volunteers and spectators! Several local Tri-Valley families have attended

this event and make it part of their Thanksgiving Day tradition.

Last year they were able to raise close to \$28,000 for the food pantry and Family's crisis-services. For more information and registration forms visit: [www.newpaltzturkeytrot.com](http://www.newpaltzturkeytrot.com)

**Fine Arts at Old Dutch Church**

The Mid-Hudson Valley Classical Guitar Society members will perform from 12:15 pm-12:45 pm on Thursday, November 10th at the Old Dutch Church, 272 Wall St., Kingston. For more information call 338-6759 or visit: [www.olddutchchurch.org](http://www.olddutchchurch.org)

Old Dutch hosts a variety of performances including concerts, recitals, craft fairs, gallery openings, sculptural exhibitions and even full scale theatrical productions!

Performances and events take place on the grounds, in Bethany Hall and in the beautiful Sanctuary.

All of these spaces can hold hundreds of people comfortably, creating a venue that offers a truly unique setting. The Fine Arts Series promises events and performances that are always entertaining and thought-provoking.

**Protect Consumers from Phone Bill Fraud-** (From Pg. 8)

Consumers would still be free to purchase these third-party services through more traditional means, such as by credit card.

The Attorneys General also called on the FCC to extend its regulations to protect wireless telephone users, as more and more consumers rely exclusively on wireless telephone service. The coalition advised the FCC to require wireless telephone service providers to obtain consumer consent for each third-party charge, verified by either call or text, before being billed. The Attorneys General also recommended that all wireless consumers be provided the option of blocking all third-party charges from their account, at no cost.

The Attorneys General proposed wireless standards reflect the popularity of wireless services, as many consumers replace their landlines with cell and smart phone technology. These devices include features that convert wireless phones into virtual electronic wallets capable of making purchases in many different forms. Even through wireless telephone bills have generated fewer cramming complaints than landline bills to date, the Attorneys General urged the FCC to adopt effective protective measures before 'cramming' becomes as bad or worse than seen with landline phones.

The coalition of Attorneys General outlined their recommendations in comments filed today with the FCC. The federal agency is currently considering how to address 'cramming,' following national trends showing increases in both the number of complaints and their associated costs.

**Murder at Deadwood Saloon**

Murder at the Deadwood Saloon: a Murder Mystery Party in the Wild West. will be held at the Napanoch Fire House. on Saturday, November 19th.

They will be serving western appetizers, drinks, desserts. Plan to arrive between 6 - 6:30 pm. Tickets are: \$12/ Advance, \$15/Door. For 18 & over.

Contact Ladies Auxiliary or Firefighter. Napanoch Fire House, 25 Plank Rd. (off Rt. 209, right at light), Napanoch. Contact: Anne 750-0013; Maria 283-5076.

Old Dutch Church has participated in the ASK Sculpture Biennial numerous times, we have hosted many performances for community groups and repertory companies and we most recently have participated in the Art Along the Hudson First Saturday program.

The public is invited to stop by the Old Dutch Church and celebrate the arts with them.

**"Simplicity Parenting":**


On Thursday evening at 7:00 pm, November 17th, Kim John Payne, M.Ed., consultant, trainer, author & internationally renowned family consultant will help parents learn how to help their children flourish. This event is free. RSVP suggested but not required. 255-0033 x400. [www.simplicityparenting.com](http://www.simplicityparenting.com). Sponsored by & held at Mountain Laurel Waldorf School, 16 South Chestnut Street, New Paltz.

Family counselor Kim John Payne says that when he would take on a new client, he would offer them a year of therapy or have him spending just one day at their house.

"Many of today's behavioral issues come from children having too much stuff and living a life that is too fast. I would visit from breakfast to bedtime, I helped the parents simplify their routines and lives and very often the parents see an improvement their child's behavior within days," says Payne.

Payne asserts that many of today's child behavior problems comes from TMS - Too Much Stuff. "All children are quirky, that's what makes them lovable, who they are. But these cumulative stresses slide those quirks along the behavior spectrum into disorders - the dreaded "Ds". Simplicity Parenting is a way to slide the child back down the spectrum. They go from having a label back to being lovable and quirky."

Payne has traveled through Asia and Africa helping families devastated by AIDS or war. He says children in western countries have many of the same stresses - but for the opposite reasons. "There is not a lot of difference between how kids over stressed are acting in parts of Asia and Africa. "The children in the developing world often have had negative sensory overwhelm, and we give our children sensory overwhelm here - too many trinkets, too many choices, too much information - and this causes a cumulative stress issue in kids that leads to behavioral disorders." "Our children are living in the undeclared war on childhood."



**Live Music Nov 19,  
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Payne will help parents at the talk create their own Simplicity Menu for their family, breaking it down into five layers: Simplify the environment (books, toys etc), meal times and food, schedules and information. He asks that parents see childhood as an unfolding experience, not an enrichment opportunity. "If it is an enrichment opportunity, then we're in an arms race, trying to get the most for our child. This is fundamentally a con, and not healthy."

He adds that children respond well to this approach. "You choose whatever fits naturally in your family life. When a family simplifies, the kids love it. It's not a battle. We think kids will put up resistance but they don't; they like it."

"It's about warmth and connecting. In simplifying parenting we get closer to our children, they no longer have to fight for our attention, everything becomes easier and it is actually achieved by doing less."

For more information call: 255-0033 x400, or visit: [www.simplicityparenting.com](http://www.simplicityparenting.com). "Simplicity Parenting" will be sponsored by and held at Mountain Laurel Waldorf School, 16 South Chestnut Street, New Paltz.

**Bake Sale and Luncheon at Ulster Heights UMC**

The Ulster Height United Methodist Church will hold a Fair and Luncheon on Saturday, November 19th. The Fair will start at 10 am and end at 4 pm. Luncheon will be served from 11 am to 2 pm. On the menu: Homemade Soup, Chili, Hot Dogs, Apple Crisp, beverage.

There will be holiday items for sale as well as home baked goods and homemade jams and jellies.

Ulster Heights UMC is located at 1264 Ulster Heights Road, Ellenville, NY.

For more information call 647-7680; 434-4220 or 647-5389.

**SC Historical Society General Meeting/Installation of Officers**

Sullivan County Historical Society General Meeting, Installation of Officers, and presentation and talk by local entertainment artist, Mickey Barnett. Tuesday, November 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY. All welcome - Free - Refreshments - For information call 845-434-8044.

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**CAHILL BRINGS NEW ENERGY INNOVATION AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES TO REGION - Invites Local Employers to Meet with New York Power Authority, Albany NanoTech and NYSERDA**

Albany - Assembly Energy Committee Chair Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess) touted recent changes in New York's energy landscape as important job creation opportunities for Hudson Valley employers. The New York Power Authority's low cost power program, Recharge New York, created through legislation developed by Assemblymember Cahill, combined with Albany NanoTech \$4.4 billion com-

mitment to the region and recently approved energy assistance programs, have the potential to provide a big boost for local businesses and not-for-profits.

"I have been working hard to address the high energy costs that have been holding back job creation in our region and those efforts are starting to pay off in a big way," said Assemblymember Cahill. "When developing the Recharge NY program, I made sure that businesses in our communities would finally have the opportunity to create new jobs with the help of the state's low cost power resources. Now is the time to take advantage."

The New York Power Authority (NYPA) will be accepting Recharge NY applications from Hudson Valley businesses and not-for-profits through November 30th. The new job creation program is a groundbreaking approach designed to help businesses meet their energy needs in the most efficient manner possible. The initiative, brought about by legislation sponsored by Assemblymember Cahill, reforms the antiquated Power For Jobs program which had long been closed to employers in the Mid-Hudson Valley.

"We have made great progress in transforming our region into a center for energy innovation, particularly when it comes to solar power, and the private sector is definitely paying attention," said Assemblymember Cahill. "The recently announced \$4.4 billion partnership with Albany NanoTech is going to open a lot of doors for local job development. Recharge NY and NYSERDA's new energy assistance programs can help us seize those opportunities."

Assemblymember Cahill will be hosting a forum on Wednesday, November 9th in Kingston to provide local employers with information on how to take advantage of the programs offered by NYPA and NYSERDA. The event will also include a presentation by representatives from Albany NanoTech highlighting potential partnership opportunities for area businesses.

"It is very important that businesses and not-for-profits have an understanding of the many energy related opportunities available to them," said Assemblymember Cahill. "This forum will help provide them with the tools and information they need to take full advantage of what the state has to offer."

For more information about the forum please contact Assemblymember Cahill's office at 845-338-9610. Details about the Recharge NY program can be found at the following website: <http://www.nypa.gov/RechargeNY/default.htm>.

**Hinchey Leads House Members in Call for Reinstatement of Annual Social Security Benefit Statements**

DC -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and 14 other House members are calling on the Social Security Administration (SSA) to reinstate the annual delivery of individualized Social Security benefit statements, which provide a detailed breakdown of what beneficiaries can expect when they retire. In September, the Social Security Administration discontinued the issuance of statements to those under the age of 60, citing budget concerns. The move places the SSA in violation of 1989 law (Public Law 101-239), which mandates the statements be mailed out annually.

In a letter to SSA Commissioner Michael Astrue, the members wrote "In these difficult budgetary times, all areas of the federal government are charged with the difficult task of rooting out waste, cutting cost and increasing efficiency. However, it is the responsibility of the SSA to provide sufficient information to its participants and to remind Americans of all ages of the importance of saving for the future. Until the SSA has come up with an adequate substitute for the annual benefit statements, perhaps through secure email notifications, we strongly urge the agency to reverse its position and continue the issuance of these important benefit statements."

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## New Hinchey Bill Would Allow Parents With Retiree Health Plans to Extend Insurance Coverage to Children Up to Age 26 Health Care Law Exempted Retiree Health Plans from Coverage Requirement

Washington, DC -- Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) today introduced legislation to allow parents who have health care coverage through retiree health plans to extend that coverage to their adult children up to age 26. Retiree-only plans were exempted from many of the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, including the dependent coverage provision that allowed children to stay on their parents' health care plan through age 26.

"The ability for a young adult to remain on their parent's health insurance plan is one of the most important reforms contained in the Affordable Care Act," said Hinchey. "Yet, despite this widely touted benefit, it does not extend to the nearly 6.5 million Americans who rely on retiree only plans as their primary form of health care insurance. Retirees who had hoped to add their child back onto their health insurance plan cannot do so and many young adults are being left without adequate health care coverage as a result. This bill changes all of that and will ensure that young adults of retired parents -- many of whom are having a hard time finding a job or a job that provides health insurance to its employees -- have a way to be covered in case they get sick or injured."

Hinchey was alerted to the problem by three different constituents who were denied the ability to add their children to their health care policies. All were former IBM employees who were provided retiree health benefits as a benefit of early retirement. The legislation introduced today has seven original cosponsors: Reps. Bob Filner (D-CA), Lacy Clay (D-MO), Jesse Jackson (D-IL), Charles Rangel (D-NY), Louise Slaughter (D-NY), Gwen Moore (D-WI), and Rush Holt (D-NJ).

Hinchey voted to pass the Affordable Care Act, noting that the bill was not perfect and would require substantial improvements. Hinchey has targeted several areas where the Affordable Care law could be improved to further lower costs and improve the system as a whole. Notably, he focused on allowing for the negotiation of prescription drug costs through Medicare to save \$156 billion over ten years and expediting the time frame for implementing provisions that reduce prescription drug costs and reduce Medicare fraud. The congressman has also cited a need for an expedited timeframe with regard to provisions that create greater choice and competition and noted his continued support for a public option that the Congressional Budget Office says would further reduce costs.

## NYS Attorney General & Comptroller Team Up to Ensure Proper Payment of Life Insurance Benefits

NY Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman and State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli today announced a new initiative to ensure that New Yorkers receive unpaid life insurance benefits. The collaboration stems from data uncovered by both offices that indicated some funds may have been improperly withheld.

"Together, our offices will undertake the largest and most comprehensive investigation of life insurance practices in the country," Attorney General Schneiderman said. "Our goal is to make sure that life insurance companies make good on their promises to beneficiaries and their obligations to the state of New York."

"By combining the Attorney General's enforcement authority with the Comptroller's Office audit methodology, we can achieve the maximum public benefit," Comptroller DiNapoli said.

In early 2011, Attorney General Schneiderman's Taxpayer Protection Bureau launched an investigation into the life insurance industry's failure to pay death benefits and to turn over unclaimed policy proceeds to the Comptroller's Office as required by the state's Abandoned Property Law. At the same time, the Comptroller's Office began an independent review of life insurance companies using new data-matching methods.

The Attorney General's Taxpayer Protection Bureau, created by Attorney General Schneiderman earlier this year, is charged with investigating fraud against the state and local governments. This includes monies owed to the state's unclaimed property fund which might have been improperly withheld.

## Hinchey Asks Obama to Declassify Information on Human Rights Violations of Argentine Military Dictatorship

Washington, DC -- In advance of President Obama's meeting with Argentine President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, Congressman Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) has sent a letter to President Obama requesting the declassification of U.S. intelligence documents, held by the Pentagon, Federal Bureau of Investigation and Central Intelligence Agency, related to human rights abuses, and specifically the disappearance of children, that occurred during the military regime, which ruled Argentina between 1976 and 1983. The release of documents would help reveal the true identity of hundreds of Argentine children who were born in captivity and taken away from their biological mothers.

"Thousands of families have waited more than 30 years to learn the fates of their loved ones, and we have an opportunity to make a contribution to truth and justice by helping to bring this troubling chapter in Argentina's history to a close," Hinchey wrote. "I ask that you follow through on your administration's commitment to openness by reviewing these files for declassification. The release of these documents would once again demonstrate our nation's dedication to human rights and open government and help lift the veil of secrecy that still hangs over this horrific part of Argentina's history."

President Obama's Executive Order 13526 established a procedure for the type of declassification Hinchey has requested. The Obama administration has also committed to an unprecedented level of openness through the establishment of the National Declassification Center and the U.S.'s prominent role in the Open Government Partnership (OGP).

In May, the Republican majority of the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a Hinchey-authored amendment, which would have directed the U.S. Director of National Intelligence to issue a report to Congress on Argentine human rights violations during this period. Previous versions of the amendment passed with strong bipartisan support in the House, but were ultimately not made law due to objections levied against the underlying legislation. Hinchey's measure was supported by the Argentine government, the National Security Archive of George Washington University and various human rights organizations.

During the 1970s and 1980s, over 30,000 people "disappeared" at the hands of the military junta in Argentina, including hundreds of women who were abducted by Argentine security forces and had children who were born into captivity. Those children were then given to members of the Argentine security forces while the mothers are believed to have been killed. The identities of nearly 100 of those children have been discovered, but the whereabouts of the majority of them remains unknown. Hinchey's amendment would have shed light on the unknown fate of these children, who would be in their 20s and early 30s today.

In 1976, amidst social unrest and a deep political crisis in Argentina, a military coup installed an extraordinarily cruel dictatorship. Illegal detentions, torture and summary executions of dissidents became routine. Cross country operations to capture and assassinate dissidents were organized by Argentina in cooperation with Southern Cone military regimes in what was known as Operation Condor. Over the years, as the victims of the repression increasingly went missing, a new tactic of the Argentine security forces was revealed. It is estimated that nearly 30,000 people disappeared in Argentina between 1976 and 1983. Many of these victims, known as "the disappeared" or "los desaparecidos," were abducted, tortured, and then dropped far out into the ocean.

This is not the first time Hinchey has sought to make public the role and knowledge of U.S. intelligence agencies pertaining to human rights abuses in Latin America. In 1999, Hinchey succeeded in passing legislation that required the CIA to report to Congress on its involvement in the 1973 coup of Chile's democratically elected President, Salvador Allende. Following the coup, President Allende was assassinated and General Augusto Pinochet began his 17-year dictatorship. The report, now known as the Hinchey Report, makes a clear case that the United States - at the very highest levels of government - was deeply involved in the destabilization of Chile's government and economy over a period of nearly 20 years. The Hinchey Report revealed that, beginning in the early 1960s and continuing through the late 1970s, the U.S. funneled millions of dollars to opposition groups to prevent the rise to power of the Chilean Left. The CIA admitted its participation in an unsuccessful 1970 plot to prevent President Allende from taking office and its knowledge of the 1973 coup that led to Allende's death and the rise of Pinochet.

## Nearly 180,000 NYers Face Potential Infection In Large Scale Outbreak

Washington, D.C. - After a new report on the 10th anniversary of the anthrax attacks concludes the threat of infectious disease and bioterrorism outweighs the threat of nuclear attack, and the U.S. is currently inadequately prepared to prevent and respond to a large-scale outbreak of infectious disease, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is announcing a new strategy to strengthen America's biosecurity. According to a report card released last week by the WMD Center, the United States receives failing grades for detection and analysis, attribution, and medical countermeasure availability, dispensing and management of infectious disease.

Senator Gillibrand's plan protects funding for pandemic prevention and preparedness efforts, makes targeted investments into research for vaccines, and increases America's health care workforce to ensure our readiness to respond to outbreaks.

"Bioterrorism and a major outbreak of infectious disease is one of the most deadly, imminent threats we face," Senator Gillibrand said. "We can't afford to wait for the next outbreak to occur to get serious with a real plan to protect our families. This must be one of our highest priorities for our national security - with investments in prevention and preparedness, research for lifesaving vaccines, and arming our country with a health care workforce ready to take action and save lives in the event of an outbreak."

The influenza pandemic of 1918-1919 killed more than 600,000 Americans. Public health experts agree the time is overdue for another pandemic of that scale, and one far more deadly than the H1N1 pandemic of 2009-2010.

The threat of infectious disease stretches beyond naturally occurring outbreaks. Hostile nations and terrorist networks have greater access to biochemical weapons today than ever before. Pathogens required to construct bioweapons exist in nature and are readily available on the Internet. Reports indicate al Qaeda began a bioweapons program in Afghanistan and Malaysia in the late 1990s.

In the event of a pandemic flu outbreak of today, estimates of nearly 180,000 New Yorkers would potentially be infected, based on data from the Department of Homeland Security.

## POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando -

"Today, America is dependent on foreign oil. The continued reliance on imported fossil fuels is not only harmful to our environment, but also our national security and economy. That is why I have led the effort to create a high-tech clean energy sector in our part of New York. Sustainable energy is the future, and America is already quickly falling behind European and Chinese green technology capacity. If we do not quickly begin to promote these industries, America will continue to be forced to import the technology necessary to meet its energy needs. New York can and should lead this effort, and we've already made great progress." -Maurice Hinchey

**Creating Green Jobs in the Hudson Valley:** As Congress worked over the past several years toward passing a major renewable energy bill and reforming the oil and gas industries, Congressman Hinchey has been independently working to establish New York as a solar energy leader. In 2007, he helped organize and create The **Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC)** in New York. The consortium is an industry-driven, non-profit organization that provides leadership, organization, resources, and support for the establishment of a major solar energy industry cluster in New York. Over the last three years, he has secured more than \$31 million in federal funds for solar and solar-related initiatives in New York. To date, over 600 new jobs have been created in upstate New York. By the end of 2011, TSEC companies plan to bring more than 1,000 new green jobs to the region. As a result of this work, New York is well-positioned to benefit from the solar and other renewable energy investments that will be made across the country. In 2009, New York had more grid-connected solar capacity than the sunny states of Hawaii, Texas and New Mexico, and this year commercial solar panel production began in the Hudson Valley...

Have something to say send it; it must be less than 200 words, e-mail [politicalslant@yahoo.com](mailto:politicalslant@yahoo.com).

**Lodge Youth Scholarship Fund**

Every year the Liberty Masonic Lodge gives two scholarships to a graduating senior, one from Liberty Central High School District and one from Tri Valley Central School District. In addition, Liberty Lodge sends boys and girls to Summer Camp for up to three weeks. They will be holding a Turkey Dinner at the Liberty Masonic Lodge #521 Liberty Masonic Lodge, 20 Eagle Drive, Liberty, New York on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 Serving from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM \$10.00 Per Person. The menu will include: Turkey Dinner with Stuffing, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Salad and Apple or Pumpkin Pie for Desert, Tea and Coffee. For Information call Joe at 845-866-4000

**Christkindlmarkt-  
A Traditional German Christmas Market**

Christkindlmarkt, a traditional German Christmas Market, with unique ethnic & American giftware, handmade crafts, decorations, home baked goods, Elves' Table, Cafe for German & American food & refreshments. will be held on Fri. Dec. 2, 3-7pm and Sat. Dec. 3, 11am-6pm. at the Kingston Maennerchor & Damenchor located at 37 Greenkill Avenue in Kingston. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 845-338-3763 or 845-757-5135.

**A Single Point of Entry for Long Term Care**

The Long Term Care Council is the advisory board for SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, the single Point of Entry for information on long term care services in Sullivan County. The next meeting of the Long Term Care Council will be Wednesday, November 16, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. This will be the last meeting of the year. The Council does not meet in December. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend. For further information about the Long Term Care Council, please contact Martha Scoppa, Point of Entry Coordinator, SULLIVAN NYCONNECTS, Office for the Aging, 100 North Street, P.O. Box 5012, Monticello, New York 12701 or (845) 807-0257.

**HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR AND GIFT SALE**  
**Sunday, November 13, 2011**  
**10:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Neversink Fire House**  
**Route 55**  
**Neversink, NY**  
**Sponsored by the Neversink Ladies Auxiliary**  
 For more information call 985-2623

**Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary** will hold a Holiday and Repurpose Sale November 19th from 10 am to 3 pm. Vendors Needed. If you are interested contact Penny Hennessey at 985-2819. Mark your calendars: December 11th Don't forget, **Santa** will make his annual visit to **Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville.**

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

**SUNDAY, NOV. 20**  
 Serving 5:30 until 12:00 Noon  
**ADULTS \$7 CHILDREN 5-11 \$3,**  
**UNDER 5 FREE**  
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**TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM**  
 GRAHAMSVILLE, NY

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

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

Open Saturdays 12-4, and other times by appointment. Research by appointment Adults: The current admission is \$2, Children under 16 -\$1, and children under six are free. For more information call: 845 - 985-7700 or go to the website: [timeandthevalleysmuseum.org](http://timeandthevalleysmuseum.org)

**The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches** invite you to weekly worship:  
**9 am in Hurlyeville,**  
**10:30 am in Woodridge.**  
 For more information, call Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283

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**CrossWay Assembly of God**

**Service Times**  
 Sunday School 9:30 am  
 Sunday Worship Service/ Children's Church 10:30 am  
 Monday Night Home Bible Study 7 pm  
 Tuesday Night Youth Home Bible Study 7 pm  
 Friday Youth Night 7 pm

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 845-434-8263  
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**ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION**  
 The Little Church with the Big Heart  
 Sundays 8:15 a.m. - Communion  
 Music by Susan and Fred Van Wagner  
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**Sundown United Methodist Church**  
 Sunday Worship Service • 8:30am

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

**Claryville Reformed Church**

Claryville Road  
 Claryville, NY 12725  
 845-985-2041

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

**St. Augustine's Chapel**  
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 Holy Days 5:30 pm  
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Covered Dish Supper

**Dec. 3, 2011**  
 Sundown United Methodist Church at the Sundown Church Hall

**Grahamsville United Methodist Church**

**Trift Sale Only**  
 9 am-1 pm - Nov 19

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

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**Geoff and Heather Hazzard & Anthony Perito**  
 79 North Main Street  
 Ellenville, New York  
 (845) 647-4343

**Grahamsville Reformed Church**

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

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

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT**

Supervisor Greg Goldstein has called a **Special Meeting** of the Town of Neversink Town Board for **Monday, November 21, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Town of Neversink Town Hall, 273 Main St., Grahamsville, NY.**

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss plans for recreational fields at a Town Park and any other business that may legally come before the Board.

Lisa Garigliano, Town Clerk  
Dated: November 4, 2011

## Please Note

THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Regular Board Meeting  
Will Be held

On Thursday, November 17, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.  
In the Secondary School Lower Library Level,  
Grahamsville, New York

**Giving Back to the Community**

Assemblyman Kevin Cahill appeared on Kingston Community Radio (WGHQ 920 AM and streaming live on mykcr.org...that's .org, not .com!) last Thursday to help raise money for the WGHQ Happy Christmas Fund.

Cahill made challenges and pledges while he accepted help for the neediest in our community from people who called in with their own pledges during the air time.

The Happy Christmas Fund has raised over a million dollars since its inception in 1968. Every dollar goes to the cause with absolutely nothing charged back for administration. The proceeds will help families with winter clothing, necessities and holiday gifts (without regard to religion) in the Ulster County community.

Contributions can be sent to the WGHQ Happy Christmas Fund, 82 John St, Kingston, NY 12401 or drop by and enjoy some treats!

**Schumer & Gillibrand Fight to Prevent Cuts to Disaster Relief Funding -**

**House-Senate Conference Committee Currently Reconciling Bill That Includes \$3.176 Billion In Disaster Aid Funding - Senators Call on Committee Conferees To Preserve Full Disaster Funding**

*-Funding Boost Programs Key To Helping Communities Keep Businesses From Closing*

*-Gillibrand-Schumer Amendment In Legislation Would Assist New York Farmers in Rebuilding from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee*

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand urged the members of the House-Senate Conference Committee to include the \$3.176 billion for disaster relief in the Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, and Science, and Transportation and Housing and Urban Development Appropriations Bill that passed the full Senate earlier this week. New York State is still recovering from the devastation caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee this summer. The Senate version of the legislation includes \$500 million for the Economic Development Administration, \$1.9 billion for the Federal Highways Administration Emergency Relief program, \$400 million for Community Development Block Grants and \$376 million for three programs within the Department of Agriculture.

"The back-to-back storms packed a powerful one-two-punch, leaving devastation in their wake," said Schumer. "As we continue on the long road towards recovery and rebuilding, it's absolutely essential that the federal government helps homeowners, businesses, and farmers across the state get the assistance they need. As I've traveled throughout the Capital Region, Central New York, the North Country, Southern Tier and Hudson Valley the message has been the same: we're going to come back, but we need federal help to do it.

Congress needs to do what we have done each time our country has suffered a disaster, and step up to the plate to deliver the assistance that will help our communities get back on their feet."

"Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee had a devastating impact on communities across New York State," said Senator Gillibrand. "This funding would be a step forward to ensuring federal assistance to help our families, farmers, businesses and communities recover. America has always stood by those suffering from disaster and helped them to rebuild. We have an obligation to help these families rebuild today."

In October, the Gillibrand-Schumer Amendment passed the Senate, which would invest an additional \$110 million for a total of \$327 million to support the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) and the Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) that provide emergency services and resources for agricultural communities following natural disasters. Nearly \$40 million of this funding would go to New York to help farmers rebuild.

**\$127 Million For Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)**

The ECP is coordinated through the 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 problems 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).

**\$200 Million For Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)**

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.

**\$1.9 Billion for Federal Highways Administration Emergency Relief Program**

The Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief program provides funding for the repair of federal-aid highways or roads on federal lands that have been seriously damaged by natural disasters. Funding can be used for such purposes as establishing emergency detours, removing debris, providing temporary

bridges or ferry service, regarding roadway embankments and surfaces, restoring pavement surfaces, reconstructing damaged bridges, and replacing signs, guardrails, fences, and other highway infrastructure.

**\$400 Million For Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) would specifically use this funding for disaster recovery. HUD gives states and localities the flexibility to meet a variety of needs, from assisting individual homeowners and business owners, to buying out properties to make way for more robust flood protection in the future, to developing infrastructure to rebuild homes and business zones away from flood danger.

**\$500 Million For Economic Development Administration (EDA)**

EDA would use this funding to provide financial resources and technical assistance to help rebuild economic development plans following a disaster and grants to build new infrastructure (e.g. business incubators, technology parks, research facilities, basic utilities such as water treatment) that foster economic development to retain or attract jobs to the region.

**Letter To the Townsman Readers:**

As our state leaders move closer to allowing unsafe drilling across New York, the time to stand up against fracking is now.

I'm writing to you today because as concerned residents of the Catskills, we cannot stand by and watch as our water, our air and our health are threatened. We cannot afford to take a backseat and watch as our vibrant lands and communities are turned into an industrialized fracking site. The price that each of us will pay is too great. We have only to look as far as our neighbors in Pennsylvania to see what a fracked future will look like for us.

Like many of you, I have been to Albany. I have stood outside the Capitol with hundreds of you who have been tirelessly fighting to protect our great state of New York from the dangers of fracking. I have met with our elected officials and articulated my opposition to the destruction and pollution it would bring to our state. And I have heard the stories of devastation from around the country - some from neighboring communities just over the border in Pennsylvania: Parents who have watched their children sickened by contaminated air; Farmers dealing with the loss of livestock from polluted waters; Homeowners reeling from ravaged property values as a result of their proximities to drilling operations; Whole communities losing their drinking water due to "accidents"

We cannot stand idly by and allow these stories to become our legacy. I cannot and will not stand back and watch as these irreversibly damaging practices come into my community - destroying the lands that I love and endangering the health and livelihoods of my family, friends and neighbors.

I'm writing to urge you to take action TODAY. In this fight, every voice matters. Stand up, speak out to say we won't let fracking go forward in New York State.

Join the movement and ACT NOW!

What you can do:

There are a number of very important public hearings coming in November. It's critical that we get a huge turnout at each one because these are the hearings that will determine whether we STOP FRACKING in New York State and the Delaware River Basin. PLEASE COME TO AT LEAST ONE OF THESE HEARINGS - WE NEED YOU NOW.

- November 16 - Public Hearing on the dSGEIS - Dansville, NY
- November 17 - Public Hearing on the dSGEIS - Binghamton, NY
- November 21 - DRBC Hearing - Trenton, NJ
- November 29 - Public Hearing on the dSGEIS - Loch Sheldrake, NY**
- November 30 - Public Hearing on the dSGEIS - New York City
- Call Catskill Mountainkeeper at (845)482-5400 if you need more information regarding the hearings and the public comment process.

Thank you.

Michelle Williams  
PO Box 381  
Youngsville, NY 12791

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

**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

- 11/9/11 Town of Denning Business Meeting Denning Town Hall 7 pm
- 11/9/11 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 11/10/11 Town of Denning Planning Board Meeting
- 11/11/11 TOWN OF NEVERSINK HOLIDAY -VETERANS DAY -
- 11/11/11 **Annual Flag Exchange** 11:00 am the Flag Pole at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery
- 11/12/11 **13th Annual Veteran's Day Parade** 1:00 pm- Main St. Woodbourne, NY (845) 434-6763
- 11/13/11 **"What's for Dinner" Cooking demonstration** by local author Cathy Russo 3 pm Daniel Pierce Library
- 11/15/11 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals
- 11/16/11 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 11/16/11 Neversink Fire District Monthly Meeting 7:30 -Public Meeting 8:00 pm
- 11/17/11 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 11/19/11 **Thrift Sale** -Grahamsville Methodist Church Hall - 9 am - 1pm
- 11/19/11 Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary **Holiday and Repurpose Sale** 10 am to 3 pm.
- 11/20/11 Claryville Fire Dept **Pancake Breakfast** - (Opens 5 am for hunters - noon)
- 11/22/11 Claryville Fire District Meeting
- 11/24-25/11 Town of Neversink Holiday - THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
- 11/29/11 Town of Neversink Parks & Rec Meeting - 7 pm Neversink Town Hall
- 12/3/11 **Grahamsville United Methodist Christmas Craft Sale/Luncheon 10 am - 3 pm**
- 12/3/11 **Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper** - 5:30 pm Sundown Church
- 12/4/11 **Town of Neversink Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** in Bicentennial Square in Grahamsville- 5:00 pm
- 12/6/11 Town of Denning Board Meeting - DenningTown Hall - 7 pm
- 12/11/11 **SANTA WILL VISIT BI-CENTENNIAL PARK** in Grahamsville - from 11am to 1pm at the square
- 12/13/11 Caring for Caregivers - Daniel Pierce Library - 6 pm

**GAMES & SOCIALIZING -FREE FUN** every **FRIDAY** afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.  
**SAVE THE DATE!** December 11, 2011 **Santa will visit Bi-Centennial Park in Grahamsville from 11 am to 1 pm!**

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

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| SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP | ARATI GIFT SHOP (Brickman Rd.)     | JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY |
| GRAHAMSVILLE DELI        | VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)  | MATTHEW'S PHARMACY     |
| GRAHAMSVILLE AUTOMOTIVE  | WOODBOURNE CITGO STATION           | NAPANOCH APPLIANCE     |
| CANNIE D'S               | MO'S GAS STATION (Woodbourne)      | PLEASANT STONE FARM    |
| BLUE HILL LODGE          | P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE (Woodbourne) | PETER'S MARKET         |
|                          | AGWAY • J.B. MAK (Liberty)         |                        |

**NEW LOCATIONS in the TOWN OF OLIVE & SHANDAKEN**

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

**TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

**Town of Olive Board Auditing Meeting** every **second Monday of each month**. This meeting is open to the public and all bills being reviewed are available for the general public to see.  
**Town Board** meets **every second Tuesday of each month**. Both meetings begin at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY.  
**Town of Olive Planning Board** meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

**4-H Connects to Collections**

The November 11th "4-H Connects Kids to Cornell" meeting invites the public to a presentation by Beverly Hesse on what is involved in researching, appraising, and showing collections and she will share examples from her State and National award winning button collection. On display will be one of a kind designs as well as production buttons dating from 1851 to contemporary times. A hands-on activity will be available by Sandy Cockshutte showing participants how to make their own unique buttons at home. The program will be held at the Cornell University Extension office in Liberty, commencing at 6:30pm.

"4-H Connects Kids to Cornell" meets monthly and features public resources available for youth development. Any community member is welcome to attend. For more information about the 4-H Program or Cornell University Extension please contact Marylin Jones at 292-6180 ext. 111 or e-mail [mlr34@cornell.edu](mailto:mlr34@cornell.edu).

**Holiday Shopping in New Paltz**

**Downtown Unwrapped:** Downtown New Paltz in all its holiday finery, with a traditional tree lighting at Huguenot Street 5PM on November 18th. The Museum shop and local merchants will be open to 8PM for unique holiday shopping, treats & specials.

**It's Official The Santa Express will Come to Liberty!**

The Magic will begin on December 17th on Main Street in Liberty when The Santa Express will arrive. Keep watching the Townsman for more details.

According to Cindy from Liberty Fitness, "This is going to be an amazing event for families/kids!!! Go to facebook and look up The Santa Express, you will get all the info including the Liberty stop....We will need parents to bake cookies or cup cakes and drop them off at gym before 5pm. The Santa Express will arrive in Liberty at 7pm on 12/17. We will need peeps to make signs welcoming Santa and all the different characters. We really need to get this out there cause its gonna be just fabulous!!!!!!"

**CCE Sullivan Unveils Their 2012 Calendar**

Cornell Cooperative Sullivan County unveiled their 2012 calendar on October 21st at their Annual Dinner at the Jeffersonville Firehouse. The event was well attended and served over 300 chicken dinners with all the fixings. Music for the Annual Meeting was provided by local artist, Karen Hudson who helped provide a wonderful atmosphere as folks enjoyed their dinners.

Attendees were very impressed by the local talent reflected in the winning photographs on display. The theme of the calendar was "Gardening in Sullivan County". The extension received well over 200 entries of photos from local Sullivan County gardeners. This is Extensions' second annual calendar and plans for 2013 are already in progress. The 2012 Cornell Coop. Ext. Calendar makes an excellent stocking stuffer, and highlights local places and photographers.

If you are interested in purchasing a 2012 calendar call 845-292-5250 or stop by the CCE office at 64 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, NY.

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://timeandthevalleymuseum.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>

**An Evening of Acoustic Music**

An Evening of Acoustic Music with Malcolm Cecil & Guests: Music from Classics to Broadway to Rock & Jazz will be held on November 17th at 7PM in the Student Lounge, Vanderlyn Hall, SUNY Ulster, 491 Cottkill Rd., Stone Ridge. This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 687-5262.

**Farmers' Market Holiday Extravaganza**

On Saturday, November 19th, the Pre-Buy Local-Holiday Extravaganza & Thanksgiving Farmers Market: Unique "Agri-cultural Experience", with fruits, vegetables, baked goods, gourmet items, local crafts, giftware, wines, special visit from Farmer Santa, fresh trees & wreaths, much more. 10AM-4PM. The event will be held at Marlboro Elementary School, at 1380 Rt. 9W, in Marlboro. For information call: 616-7824 or visit their website: [www.meetmeinmarlborough.com](http://www.meetmeinmarlborough.com)

**Shawangunk Wine Trail- Swing into the holiday season with a ticket to Wreath Fineries at the Wineries!**

Beginning on Saturday, November 19 Wreath Fineries at the Wineries will begin their holiday festivities. Travel the trail and soak in the festive holiday atmosphere at each winery, while you sample award winning wines, holiday recipes and take advantage of exclusive Wine Trail special designed for this gift giving season. Each participant receives a grapevine wreath, limited edition Shwangunk Wine Trail ornament and a souvenir wine glass at each starting winery. At each subsequent winery receive a unique holiday ornament to complete our collection. It is recommended that you get the two-day ticket as it will allow adequate time to experience each winery and woak in the festive atmosphere. For more information and tickets go to: [www.gunkswine.com](http://www.gunkswine.com)

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**845-985-0501**

**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**

**HOUSE FOR SALE:** Ranch style house in the town of Neversink, Tri Valley Schools sits on 1.4 acres. Has 3 bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms, attached garage with a full basement that is partially finished. For more information please call (845)985-2410.

**RENTALS**

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

**FOR RENT:** 1 - 2 bedroom apartment 1 - 3 bedroom apartment. Call 845-985-0107.

**Charming 3 bedroom** house for rent on Denman Mt. Road. This two-story Cape Cod includes a kitchen, living room, dining room, den with fireplace and a large yard adjacent to NYC DEP land. Beautiful red oak floors throughout the house and lots of windows. \$1,000/month. (845) 985-0370

**2nd Floor in town.** Quiet single preferred. \$650 includes heat. No pets. Available soon:

**2 Bedroom trailer on creek.** Newly renovated. No pets. \$750 + utilities.

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

**2 Bedroom duplex** Huge bedroom up, large bedroom 1st floor. \$700 + utilities. No Pets, Security & References 985-2941.

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

Mobile Home for rent in Grahamsville: 2 Bdr, walking distance to Town Park, \$550 per month + utilities and security-No pets. 985-7242. pd12/1

**FORSALE**

**1995 Suzuki GSX 600** Katana Red/Black \$2000 (845) 985-0201.

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

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

**Timberline cast iron fireplace insert** in excellent condition. 25"wide, 21" high, 24" deep. Surround of 34"x32". \$200 call 845-985-7314. pd11/10

**FOR SALE:** office/computer/exercise equipment; washer and dryer must go. Great prices on Total Gym, bike and treadmill. Just in time for Christmas. Call Linda at 985-2921"

**FOR SALE: Prime Commercial Property in Grahamsville**



**NEW! - Just listed - Private, out-of-the-way, 3 bedroom, on 3 acres along the banks of the East Branch of the Neversink River.**

If privacy is your game, this property is situated in one of the most private parts in Ulster County on a dead end street.

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**Grahamsville/Claryville/Sundown/Napanoch:**

- **NEW** Basic hunting cabin with stone fireplace on 3.6 acs adjacent to hundreds of acres of State Land. \$49,500
- **NEW** 3 bed/1 ba cottage on 4.5 acres on dead end rd. \$115k
- Working farm featuring 163 bucolic acres, farmhouse with exceptional views, barns, sugar house, etc.. \$1.378m
- 3BR/1BA authentic log cabin on 20+ acs with stone fireplace, skylights, woods that end at the Neversink River. \$319k
- Darling 3BR/1BA cottage on quiet rd near G'vl. Charm galore, fireplace, picture windows, lawns. \$195k
- **REDUCED** Immaculate 3 BR/2 BA on 5 private acs, built 2005. Fireplace, radiant floor heat, a/c, large garage. \$279k
- **REDUCED** Spacious 4-5 BR/2BA turnkey colonial on 5+ level acres w/lg sep garage, in quiet Grahamsville n'hood. \$287,000
- Beautifully-updated 3 BR G'vl Victorian in town with outbuildings, ample parking, creek and lawn. A gem. \$219,000
- 3BR/2BA contemp farmhouse on 100+ acres with spectacular views, 2 ponds, adj to Fire Twr, +cottage. \$669,000
- 4BR/2.5BA split level ranch on nearly 2 acs with central a/c, mature trees, views and Tri-Valley schools. \$239,000

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**Knarf's "Classic Movie Trivia -A Walk in the Sun, (1946)**



*This film, is a vision of patriotism, presented this day in honor of our men, and women in uniform, one of our favorites.* A platoon of American soldiers captures an Italian farmhouse. Director, Lewis Milestone, starring: Dana Andrews, Richard Conte, Sterling Holloway, George Tyne, John Ireland, Herbert Rudley, Norman Lloyd, Lloyd Bridges, Huntz Hall. Human aspect of war explored as an American battalion attacks Nazi hideout in Italy. Great character studies of men in war. One of the best World War II classics. See it on TCM Friday, November 11, 2011 at 2:15 PM, C- 117 min, TV-14.

**Quiz:**

- A. Who played the Narrator?
- B. Who played Windy?

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

**GRAHAMSVILLE - Tri-Valley Little League Relief Fund** -There is still time to buy tickets for the **55" LG brand LED LCD** television that will be raffled off on 11/11/11! Raffle tickets are \$10, and all proceeds will benefit the **Tri-Valley Little League Relief Fund**. For every raffle ticket sold, our local Verizon Union will match it 100% (thanks to Mike Epstein for organizing this!). This means that every \$10 ticket, will bring in \$20 for TVLL! If you are interested in selling or buying raffles, please contact Mike Epstein or myself, and I can help you get in touch with him. Only 1,000 raffle tickets will be sold. Contact, Michael Epstein 845-295-0745 thanks!!

**BOICEVILLE** - LandMark Grill is opened! Fine food and spirits are yours. Don't miss it. (See ad on page 9)

**BOICEVILLE FLORIST**- Arthur says, "If you need to order a special arrangement for the holidays, a great movie, or maybe a rose for your lover, Boiceville Florist should be opening this coming week." The Gnome's have this update, and on good authority. **NAPANOCH** - Saturday, November 19, 2011 6:00pm Murder Mystery Party: **MURDER AT THE DEADWOOD SALOON** at the **Napanoch Fire House, 1st Annual Old Western Party**, Pre-sale tickets \$12, at the door \$15. Must be 18 & over to drink (ID required) Please be sure to arrive between 6:00 and 6:30 p.m. Dress to impress in your best western apparel. Serving western appetizers, drinks, & desserts. For tickets, contact any Napanoch Ladies Auxiliary member or Firefighter. For questions, please contact: Anne (845) 750-0013 Maria (845) 283-5076

**PHOENICIA** - "Approaching Turbinate": Local artist **Dave Channon's collection of works** on exhibit during bank's open hours Mondays - Saturdays at Ulster Savings Bank, 58 Main St., Phoenicia. [www.esopuscreek.com](http://www.esopuscreek.com)

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B. John Ireland