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Remembering September 11

By Wilma Young

SODUS CENTER, September 11 – The evening was quiet and calm. The setting was the Sodus Center Fire Hall, which was full of volunteers dressed in their fire company uniforms. In addition to SCFD, there were firefighters and some of their families from Wallington, Alton and Farville who attended the memorial service.

SCFD **Chief Jim Petit** welcomed the visitors adding that it was, "very hard to forget what happened 12 years ago on September 11."

Pastor **Scott Dallas** gave a moving invocation and asked those in the meeting hall if they remembered where they were, what they were doing on September 11, 2001. "I was at home and I received a phone call about the tragedy that was unfolding," Dallas explained. "I want to bring to you to recall those men and women, and the courage that it took to go into those burning buildings... just like you do every time you are called."

"Every time you go out, you put your life on the line and we are so grateful! If the people that went into those towers on that day were here today, they would say there is a hell to share and there is a heaven to aim for."

"We need to remember; we need to remember where you were when they sacrificed their lives... they ran into danger to save a life; they had a heaven that they aimed for," concluded Dallas.

SCFD **President Dan Celso** noted that it was hard to believe it had been 12 years since the attacks.

"It has essentially become a Memorial Day for firefighters and emergency responders," he pointed out. "Why do we memorialize; why is it important," Celso asked. "If we don't remember it was all for nothing."

"For us in the fire service September 11, 2001 affected each one of us, probably more so than most Americans."

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Ank and Dennis Bezemer wave good bye from the deck of their sailing vessel *Bodyguard*. After a year, it was hard to leave the wonderful new friends they had made with so many good memories of Sodus Point. Photo courtesy of Robert Webber

A love of each other, sailing and life

Part 3 - From Ank and Dennis Bezemer

In July, *The Sun & Record* published a two segment story about the Bezemers, a Dutch couple who stored and updated their boat at Katlynn Marine in Sodus Point. We shared who Ank and Dennis were, where these two mariners came from, and what prompted them to sail across the Atlantic; what were their escapades, and where did they stop along the way as they travelled first west and then north. How did Ank and Dennis happen to end up in Sodus Point?

"Bye bye," we untie the boat and leave our slip in Sodus Point. Our boat was stored here last winter. Since returning from the Netherlands in May, we have painted our boat and built in a heater.

We sail only a hundred meters to the fuel station to take on some diesel. It is early, 8:30 a.m., but all the people of the harbor come to say goodbye.

There are our neighbors Carol and Jim. They helped us with so many things. "Bye Ank, I'll miss you." "I will miss you to," I answer to my shopping buddy Laurel. Many times we did our shopping together and had very fine conversations in the car.

I have the tears in my eyes. These people were so kind and helpful to us, and in all probability we won't see each other ever again.

We set sail and outside the breakwaters we turn around the lighthouse to wave to Peter and Joke. At the breakwater are Patrick and Emily with their daughter Maya waving to us. These new friends were so kind to let us use their homes while we were working on the boat. And then we are on our own.

For a while, we don't speak. We both think about the period in Sodus Point: the welcoming people, people who shared their cars and homes to us. We will never forget.

We also are looking forward to the next part of our trip: sailing down the St.

Lawrence Seaway. I want to see whales, Dennis is looking forward to seeing icebergs.

At the end of the afternoon we anchor at Main Duck Island. We are the only boat at anchor. It is nice to be in nature again. We take a walk on the beach and see some water snakes swimming. The next day we see almost nothing. It is all grey because of the fog. We almost have a collision with a sailboat because we are both staring at a dot on the radar screen. A good lesson: in the future there is always one man at the helm in the fog!

Kingston is a nice little town and we anchor after the bridge close to the grocery store. We are in Canada now and we have to deal with customs. Because we had arrived just a few weeks ago in To-

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Supervisor's position changed to full time; Tentative 2014 budget increases spending 7.7%

By Wilma Young

WILLIAMSON, September 10 – After last week's budget meeting and all the hubbub over the number of full-time employees at the Williamson Free Public Library, the town board took a giant leap and increased the supervisor's position from part-time to full-time at last week's board meeting. No one would dispute the number of hours put in by incumbent Jim Hoffman; the man puts in more hours than any other supervisor on the job. He is the one of the most dedicated of supervisors in Wayne County.

In addition to his duties as Williamson's administrator, he also earns and income on the Wayne County Board of Supervisors where he serves as the... board's



Jim Hoffman

Chairman. This is the reason that the supervisor's position is considered a part-time position... the combined hours at the town and county level are supposed to add up to a full-time position described by NYS Civil Service as working a minimum of 30 hours per week.

Councilman Tony Verno asked Hoffman about how many hours he put in on his responsibilities. He responded by saying at least 60 hours per week. "It gets a little fuzzy," Hoffman admitted, "between the town and county. Without supporting documentation, it's at least 30 hours just on the town level."

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