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A Welcome Sight in Sundown - Sundown Camp & Bait Shop Will Open March 23rd!



Not only does the opening of Sundown Camp and Bait Shop signal spring is in the air, but it is also a symbol of the tenacity of owners, Jim and Gail Connors whose home and business was destroyed last year during Hurricane Irene and the flooding from Leo. Along with their family, the Connors have rebuilt both their home and the business and are now ready to open the shop on March 23rd. (Contd. Pg. 7)

VAUDEVILLE in the CATSKILLS



"Vaudeville in the Catskills" is an historical and hysterical celebration of the Borscht Belt and the Roaring '20's! It is a frolicking, fun variety show produced and directed by Victoria V. Leighton that pays tribute to the Catskill Mountains during the 1920's and to Vaudeville, a form of show business that led the way for American entertainment as well as the evolving Borscht Belt.

The production is sponsored by: The Sullivan County Historical Society and The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop and is made possible, in part, with funds from the 2012 Decentralization Program, administered by Delaware Valley Arts Alliance. Pre-show entertainment, comedians, dancers, singers and novelty acts are currently rehearsing and will be presented along with an hilarious melodrama - accompanied by live musicians.

Performance dates are Saturday, March 31, 2012 - 7:00pm and Sunday, April 1, 2012 - 2:00pm at The Sullivan County Museum and Cultural Center, 265 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY 12747

Proceeds benefit The Sullivan County Historical Society & The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop.

For ticket prices and information: Contact: The Sullivan County Historical Society - 845-434-8044 or The Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop - 845-436-5336

Senator John Bonacic Meets with SC 4-H

Representatives from the Sullivan County 4-H met with Senator John Bonacic at the 77th Annual 4-H Capital Days Program's Legislative Breakfast in Albany today. Pictured (from L-R) Senator John Bonacic, Rebecca Robinson, Nicholas Castellano and Marilyn Russel, 4-H Community Educator, Cornell University Cooperative Extension.

The 4-H Capital Days program seeks to help 4-H participants achieve a better understanding of New York State public policy, to provide an opportunity for delegates to share their 4-H stories with their legislators, to create awareness of career opportunities within New York State Government as well as to meet and exchange experiences with delegates from other counties.

Senator Bonacic presented delegates with a New York State Senate Resolution memorializing Governor Andrew M. Cuomo to proclaim March 4-March 6, 2012, as the 77th Annual Capital Days in the State of New York.



TVCS Grad Ryan Loughney Named as Midwest Region Field Athlete of the Year

Ryan Loughney, a Tri-Valley graduate was named by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association as its Midwest region field athlete of the year. He is one of 26 male athletes on the Bowerman Award watch list, which is given to the top college trackman in the country, the Heisman Trophy of college track and field.

With a toss of 22.20 meters (72 feet, 10 inches), Loughney defended his NCAA DII weight throw title at the Men's Indoor Track & Field Championships in Mankato, Minn last week.

Now his focus shifts to defending his hammer throw title this spring in the NCAA outdoor meet, and then to the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in June.

Ryan is concentrating his efforts to defending his hammer throw title this spring in the NCAA outdoor meet, and then to the U.S. Olympic Team Trials in June.

Loughney will be remembered locally as a four-time high school All-American; twice in weight throw and twice in hammer throw for Tri-Valley Central School.

Congratulations Ryan, and best of luck!

"Shorts & Sweets for St. Patrick's Day"

Hurleyville, NY - Come enjoy a taste of the old country as The Sullivan County Historical Society presents Big Sky Productions & Guests in a performance of "Shorts & Sweets for St. Patrick's Day."

The presentation takes place on Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street in Hurleyville.

The evening will feature Irish music performed by Debbie Palmari, and by the band Little Sparrow, which features Carol Smith, Aldo Troiani, Lynn Reno

and Lester Wilson, with guest guitarist Jim Stickler. Other special guests may make an appearance as well.

In addition, Big Sky Productions' Carol Montana, DeLois "Cookie" House and Steve Lavelle will entertain with Irish short stories and lots of Irish jokes.

Admission for "Shorts & Sweets for St. Patrick's Day" is \$10.00 and includes free homemade desserts provided by the members of the Sullivan County Historical Society, as well as by the cast.

For additional information, call Big Sky Productions at 845-985-7783.



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Have a question- please call: Linda Comando (845) 985-0501.

As always, thank you for your support.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

OBITUARY

Wanda J. Cypert of Woodbourne, NY, recently moved from Frost Valley, NY, passed away March 10, 2012, after a short illness. Wanda, 93, was predeceased by her husband of 50 years, Paul Anthony Cypert, her daughters, Carole May Krickhahn and Nancy Myrtle Demetry, and her brother, Stanley Kocijanski.

She is survived by her brother, Ted Kocijanski of Woodbourne; her sister, Helen Elia of Middletown; her son, Thomas P. Cypert and wife, Linda of Woodbourne and her daughter, Susan M. Cypert of Canton; six grandsons, five granddaughters, and nine great-grandchildren.

Wanda was born Wanda Josephine Kocijanski December 25, 1918 in New York City to Francis and Mary Kocijanski. The family moved in the early 20's to a farm on Thunder Hill in Woodbourne. Wanda graduated from Liberty High School in 1936. Wanda and Paul were married November 25, 1940 in Liberty. During World War II they lived in the Finger Lakes region where Paul worked in construction for the U.S. Navy. A premature son died soon after birth followed by the birth of Thomas during that time.

After the war the couple operated a farm in White Sulphur Springs where Carole and Nancy were born. After moving to Woodbourne where Paul began a lifelong career in construction and woodworking, Susan was born. The family moved in the 1950's to Grahamsville and to Frost Valley in the 1960's, where Paul lived until his death in 1991 and Wanda lived until 2011.

Wanda was a fulltime wife and mother, while also a farmer and horticulturist. She owned and operated a greenhouse in Grahamsville and developed and maintained a greenhouse at the Frost Valley YMCA for many years.

Wanda was known for her extensive knowledge and love of gardening, with particular note of her love of her flower gardens and indoor flowers throughout her life. In addition to raising her family and her work with greenhouses, Wanda was an active volunteer with the Sullivan County ASPCA and the local AARP, a group she joined for many extended trips in the U.S. and Canada.

Wanda was an avid reader throughout her life and a regular user and supporter of the Daniel Pierce Library in Grahamsville. She was a member of the Claryville Reformed Church and an active volunteer for the church and a member of its women's activities, with a particular love of the quilting group that met at the Church Hall.

She did extensive crochet work and sewing throughout her life. In her 'retired' years Wanda also studied and was an active water colorist, learned to play both the organ and fiddle and learned to weave.

Wanda was devoted to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, relatives and friends, often sending them cards she had drawn, presents she had made, or plants she had 'started' for them.

Donations in her name may be made to the Daniel Pierce Library, 328 Main St., Grahamsville, NY, 12740.

Funeral services were held at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, Woodbourne, on Tuesday, March 13th. Interment followed at Claryville Cemetery, Claryville, NY.

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

March 12, 1952 - Mr. Floyd G. Murray of Grand Gorge has announced the engagement of his daughter, Miss Dorothy Nora Murray, to Mr. Raymond Muthig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Muthig of Parksville. No date has been set for the wedding.

Excavating the surge chamber at Lows Corners started this week with the Cabot Construction Co. of Kingston doing the work. Preliminary work such as building a road over Rocky Hill to the site above the tunnel outlet and clearing and leveling the ground, has been going on for some time.

If ever I build a church I will put this sign on very door. "You are not too bad to come in and you are not good enough to stay out." Anon.

March 14, 1962 - The first formal induction ceremony of the Ronech Chapter of the National Honor Society was held last week at Tri Valley Central School. New members inducted into the society were: Joan Huffman and Donald LaPolt as active members; Karen Brown, Merleen Currey and Joel Rubenzahl as probationary members.

The long awaited rededication ceremony of the local Methodist Church took place on Sunday morning, the 11th. Bishop and Mrs. Lloyd C. Wicks were guests with Bishop preaching the sermon, "The Earth is the Lord's and fullness thereof." The President of the Board of Trustees, Earl Sheeley, presented the church building for rededication to the Bishop. Other trustees, the stewards and the building committee assisted in the act of rededication.

A very quiet wedding took place at the Lows Corners Baptist Church on Saturday, March 10th at 5:00 p.m. when Mr. Frank E. Low of Grahamsville and Mrs. Yolinda Rossi of Jackson Heights, Queens were united in marriage by Rev. Carlsen. After a brief honeymoon the newly married couple will make their home in Grahamsville.

March 22, 1972 - Mrs. Joan Greenhall, a graduate of Tri-Valley School, has recently published an article in The Quarter Horse Journal, March 1972. The article, entitled "Horses, Parents and the Handicapped Child" describes Mrs. Greenhall's lifelong love of horses and her unique experiences in dealing with a personal handicap.

Services were held Monday for Mrs. Catherine L. Robinson, 48, of Wawarsing who died Thursday in Kingston City Hospital after a long illness. She was born Oct. 15, 1923 in Ellenville to Oscar and Ellen M. Brown. She was married Dec. 31, 1946 to Virgil L. Robinson. She was a member of the Ellenville Reformed Church.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Henderson who are the parents of a baby girl born at Kingston City Hospital on Friday.

March 18, 1982 - Ruth O. Black of Woodbourne, a 40-year area resident, died unexpectedly Sunday, March 14, 1982 at Community General Hospital, Harris. She was 63. The daughter of the late John and Betty Wolff, Sr. she was born July 22, 1918 in New York City. Survivors include her husband, John W. Black, Sr. at home; two sons, John W. Black, Jr. of Woodbourne and Craig Black of Grahamsville; a daughter, Carole Leslie Black of Woodbourne and a brother and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred VanWagner of Woodbourne are the proud parents of a baby girl, Kelly Jean born Wednesday, March 10th and weighing 6 lbs. 8 1/2 oz. Maternal grandparents are the Don Smiths of Connecticut. Paternal grandparents are the proud grandma and grandpa who gave this news flash, Floyd and Gladys VanWagner of Sundown.

SUNY Ulster Hosts Marketing Seminar: Supercharging Your Business Facebook Marketing

The Darlene L. Pfeiffer Center for Entrepreneurial Studies at SUNY Ulster and the Small Business Development Center will co-sponsor a marketing seminar on Monday, March 19, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on the Stone Ridge campus of SUNY Ulster, in the Howard C. St. John Business Seminar Room located in Clinton Hall.

The online marketing experts from Constant Contact will discuss the 'what, why, and how' of social media campaigns, and how to drive repeat business and increase word of mouth by engaging your happy customers and making it easy for them to share your message.

The seminar is free, but a suggested contribution of \$10 at the door will be directed to the start up costs of the SUNY Ulster student run business, Community Creations. Please register by emailing Mindy Kole, Director of the Pfeiffer Center at kolem@sunyulster.edu or by calling 845-688-6041

HERE AND THERE Local News from the Tri-Valley Area

Condolences to the Cypert family on the passing of Wanda on Saturday, March 10th. Wanda was a resident of Claryville for years and was 93 years old.

Happy Birthday to Polly Hill of Grahamsville who will celebrate her birthday on March 17th. And Happy Birthday to Alice Kelder of Grahamsville who will be 88 years old on March 18th. May you both be blessed with many more!

Joe and Mary Inghrim have had a busy March celebrating their grandchildren's birthdays! Happy belated birthday to Faith Bischert who celebrated on March 6th, to Brittany Pennel on March 11th and Jessica Bishert on March 13th.

... and a Happy 3rd Birthday to Alexandria Entenmann who will be celebrating next week!

Hugh and Alice Delaney of Neversink and Florida celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 2nd at a Brooksville, Florida restaurant. Attending were 22 family members and friends, including their three children of Neversink, Hugh Jr., Brian, and Lynn Delaney-Buley, which was a complete surprise. Happy Anniversary, Hugh and Alice!

If we missed your birthday, or anniversary, let us know! Have a good week and God Bless. (Call Hulda at 985-2268 with your Neversink news.)

Pastors Bob and Sue to Present Stories and Slide Show from their Ecuador Mission Trip

The community is invited to an evening of fellowship for a Pot-Luck Supper, and Pastors Bob and Sue's sharing of stories and slides from their February 2012 Ecuador Volunteers in Mission trip.

The Pot Luck and presentation will take place on Sunday evening, March 25 at the Grahamsville UMC.

Pot Luck supper will be at 5pm in the New Hall. The slideshow will be at 6pm in the Old Hall.

Come and bring a friend! A free will offering will be received. For more information, please call 985-2283.

Tri-Valley Lions Club News-January & February 2012

The member meetings were held on January 3rd and February 7th. We welcomed new members, Lion Kate Kelly and Lion Bonnie Lewis who were installed by President Carmen Salvemini.

Our District Place Poster entry has been sent to be judged at the State Level.

Our Club was host for the County Sight and Hearing Meeting on January 16th, 2012.

Thank you to the Lions who volunteer at the Sullivan County Adult Care Center for Bingo for residents.

The Chocolate Easter Bunny candy has been ordered and will be sold beginning in March.

The profit from the Lions Club soda booth at the Pumpkin Party was presented to the Daniel Pierce Library.

Our Journey For Sight Walk will be held on May 5th on the Fairgrounds with sign-in at the First Aid Squad Building between 8-8:30 am. It will also be Tag Day so whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

The first Rabies Clinic will be on June 6th and the second one on September 5th from 6-8 pm at the Fairgrounds in Grahamsville. All pets must be at least 3 months old.

A Donation of \$100.00 was made to the WSUL WVOS Heartache on behalf of the Tri-Valley Lions Club.

Thank you to all who donate their used eye glasses or hearing aids in the boxes we have at Bank of America, Cannie D's, Daniel Pierce Library, Grahamsville Post Office and Neversink Town Hall. They are most welcome. Thank you for your support.

Call for Entries - Jeff Bank 2013 Photo Calendar Contest

Announcing the Jeff Bank 2013 Photo Calendar Contest - Jeff Bank is seeking photographers interested in submitting up to four (4) color images, preferably depicting each of the four seasons, for their 2013 Calendar. Recognizable locations are preferred, but not mandatory.

Organized by the Catskill Art Society, the theme of the contest is the Four Seasons of Nature & Landscapes in Sullivan County, NY. Contest entries will be accepted through April 20, 2012. All entries must include a completed application form (available at all Jeff Bank branches, online at www.jeffbank.com or by contacting ann@catskillartsociety.org), a CD with a maximum of four images in digital, horizontal JPEG format in the largest file size available (preferably 16M or larger - this is an opened JPEG), and a signed photo release. There is a contest entry fee of \$5 payable to CAS. All entries must be hand delivered to CAS, 48 Main Street, Livingston Manor, NY, by April 20th or sent by post to

CAS, PO Box 991, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. Please note that this is not a postmark deadline.

This initiative was created by Jeff Bank to support CAS and the Arts Community. If you have any questions please contact Ann at 845-436-4227 or ann@catskillartsociety.org.

How to Use Farm Service Agency Online Services Class Offered

Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County is pleased to partner with the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA), Sullivan County and Western Sullivan Public Library (WSPL) to present "How to Use Farm Service Agency Online Services" on March 16, 2012 from 1pm to 3pm at the Western Sullivan Library Jeffersonville Branch. Area producers are welcome to join Barbara Davidowsky, Executive Director of FSA-Sullivan, and Cindy Menges of WSPL to get registered on the site. Join us for discovering and using Farm Service Agency's Online Services from home or the library! The class size is limited. To register call Cindy at 845-292-6180. Cost is free. Registration deadline is March 15, 2012. Pre-paid registration guarantees placement in class. Computers and materials are provided.

4-H Tractor & Machinery Operation Certification Program Offered

Youth who will be 14 and over as of March 1, 2012 are eligible to take the course for certification. Participants who want to earn their certification must pass both the written exam and the driving test. The cost for this course is \$35.00 and covers the cost of materials and is payable to CCE by Monday, March 19th with the registration form that can be found on the website at www.sullivanccc.org and click on 4-H Youth Development Forms or by contacting Nikki at Cornell Cooperative Extension at 845-292-6180 ex 113. Non 4-H members are eligible to take this course but in addition they will need to complete a 4-H enrollment form as an independent member which is also found on the above website. The Hazardous-Occupation Order for youth under 16 makes it unlawful to hire or even permit without pay any youth under the age of 16 to participate in any work activities listed as hazardous, unless:

The youth is employed, either with or without compensation, by their parents or legal guardian, or The youth 14-15 years old has a training certificate which provides an exemption from certain hazardous work activities. 3. The Tractor and Machinery Operation Program allows for youth under the age of 16 who successfully completes the program to engage in agricultural work activities below if they are 14-15 despite the fact the activities are listed as "agricultural work activities classified as hazardous for youth under 16".

Tractor Operation - This training allows youth who successfully complete requirements to: operate a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower, or connect or disconnect an implement or any of its parts to or from such a tractor.

Equipment Operation - This allows youth who successfully complete requirements to operate or assist to operate the following equipment: hay mower, hay baler, forage harvester, forage blower, feed grinder, crop dryer, auger conveyor, the unloading mechanism of a non-gravity type self-unloading wagon or trailer, corn picker, cotton picker, grain combine, power post-hole digger, power post driver, a non-walking rotary tiller, potato digger, or mobile pea viner. This includes starting, stopping, adjusting, feeding, or any activity involving physical contact associated with the operation of the equipment listed. Youth must have satisfied all the requirements for the Tractor Operation and must have completed a total of at least 24 hours of instruction. The schedule for the course is as follows: Wednesdays, March 21, 28, - April 4, 11, 18 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m., Sullivan CCE Building, Liberty. Fridays, March 23, 30 - April 6, 13, 20 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m., Sullivan CCE Building, Liberty Driving Practices: Saturday, April 7th and 14th location and time TBA. Testing Dates: Saturday, April 21 location and time TBA (written and driving test)

Meeting of Long Term Care Council

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, March 21, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Legislative Committee Room (2nd floor) in the Sullivan County Government Center. Meetings of the Long Term Care Council are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

There are membership openings on the Council at this time. For more information, please go to the Sullivan County website at www.co.sullivan.ny.us and click on "Board Vacancies."

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.

Singing Grasshoppers!



By Peggy DeWire

My friend Betty called to ask me if I had ever heard a grasshopper sing?

Yes, while grasshoppers do sing it is not like the lovely sound of the song birds, but more like a chirp. Different species make the noise in different ways. Some grasshoppers rub their wings together and others clatter their wings.

Males sing, by rubbing their back legs against their wings, to attract females and to warn off other males.



Betty then went on to say that these noisy little creatures were eating all the clover in her yard.

Grasshoppers are all herbivores but different types of grasshoppers prefer different kinds of plants. They can cause a lot of trouble should swarms of grasshoppers start eating a farmer's crops and they can cause a lot of damage making crops sell for less money. Some of the foods grasshoppers really love include corn, oats, rye, cotton, barley, wheat, alfalfa, and clover. Some species, called locusts, will gather by the billions and eat everything in their way. They will eat almost any type of leaves, but they prefer soft vegetation. Dandelion is a favorite!

Many gardeners buy pesticides every year to keep grasshoppers from eating their garden crops. Grasshoppers are hard to get rid of because they live almost anywhere. One way is to control grasshoppers on a farm is to raise chickens as poultry are good grasshopper eaters. Other predators are lizards, snakes, toads, rodents, gophers, badgers, coyotes, skunks, and bobcats.

Grasshoppers are an important part of the ecosystem of the world. While it may seem that they can be destructive, overall they fulfill a function in nature. They even do some things that help farmers, such as eating poisonous weeds and leaving nutrients in the soil. Grasshoppers are brown, green or gray insects that may be as long as 1-3/4 inches. They have large hind legs for jumping and prominent heads with large eyes. Adult grasshoppers have two pairs of wings. The front pair is characteristically narrow and leathery, whereas the hind wings are thinner and more triangular. All grasshoppers do have something in common. They don't have any ears but hear with an organ called tympanum. They all have five eyes. Three are what are called three simple eyes and two, compound eyes. If you have ever tried to catch a grasshopper you have seen firsthand how very hard it is. That is because all of these eyes allow a grasshopper to see not only long distances, but also forwards, backwards and sideways.

Grasshoppers do not have a nose with which to breathe. Instead, they have holes all along the sides of their bodies for breathing. A grasshopper is made up of a head, abdomen, thorax, two pair of wings, six legs that have joints and two antennae. Grasshoppers typically hop when they move and they can jump 20 times the length of their body.

Grasshoppers usually lay eggs in uncultivated soil in areas such as ditch banks, field margins and roadsides, as well as pastures, alfalfa and clover fields. One female grasshopper may deposit 8 to 25 egg pods. Young nymphs are quite susceptible to weather and natural enemies. Cool, wet conditions during egg hatch reduce grasshopper numbers.

There are more than 20,000 species of grasshoppers. When a grasshopper is picked up, it may "spit" a brown liquid commonly called "tobacco juice." Scientists believe this liquid may protect them from attacks by predators.

The strangest grasshopper story I have heard was about a Pinot Noir vineyard that was infested with grasshoppers. The owners of the vineyard introduced a force fed delicacy, grasshoppers, to their cats! According to one long-time farmer who owned the vineyard, it took 50 cats to clean up 20 acres! Hmmm!

Helpful Hints -The Versatile Coffee Filter

You can buy a large package of coffee filters at the dollar stores.

Cover bowls or dishes when cooking in the microwave. Coffee filters make excellent covers.

Clean windows, mirrors, and chrome. Coffee filters are lint-free so they'll leave windows sparkling.

Protect China by separating your good dishes with a coffee filter between each dish.

Hold tacos. Coffee filters make convenient wrappers for messy foods

MYSTERIOUS BOOK REPORT NO. 40 -by John Dwaine McKenna



I'm writing this during Super Bowl week. I guess everyone back east is rooting for the Giants, or the Patriots... But didja ever in your life see so much promotion, hype and yadda, yadda, yadda? Well, Okay. Maybe the Presidential race... Come to think of it I'll stick to something safer and less controversial... international terrorism maybe... yeah, that's it, that's what we'll cover this week.

We're reviewing a thriller by one of the big-guns in MBR number 40. The book is Portrait of a Spy (Harper, \$26.99, 448 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-207218-4) by Daniel Silva. Daniel Silva is hands down, the best international thriller and spy novelist writer in the genre today. If you liked Ian Fleming, John LeCarre, or Robert Ludlum at the top of their game, you'll love Dan Silva and his iconoclastic protagonist, Gabriel Allon. Allon is one of the most interesting serial characters in literature: a world class art restorer and a notable artist on his own merits, while at the same time a spy and master assassin for Israeli's Mossad, one of the most talented, feared, and agreeably the best, spy agencies in the world today.

As the novel opens Allon is retired and living anonymously in Cornwall, England. Trouble begins however, when he's in London to authenticate a painting by Titian, one of the great Renaissance painters and foremost of the Italian Old Masters. His way to lunch in Covington Garden with his wife Chiara, he sees what he believes is a dead man: a suicide bomber. Following his instincts and training, he tails the man believing him to be the third terrorist of the day, after suicide bombers had already detonated in Paris and Copenhagen earlier that morning. Drawing his weapon and preparing to fire however, he's taken down, arrested, and hauled off to jail. The bomber detonates his vest... mayhem ensues as seven are killed, and dozens are maimed. Allon, depressed by his failure to prevent the massacre, is summoned to Washington, D.C. by the CIA, with the approval and cooperation of the Israeli government, and drawn into the hunt for the new Bin Laden, an American-born cleric... and former CIA operative. The resulting chase and manhunt takes Allon and his team from the juxtaposed art world, with all its beauty, glitz, and glamour, to the world of intelligence, and all its life and death consequences. Quoting the dust jacket, "Featuring a climax that will haunt the reader... this entertaining story... is also a portrait of courage in the face of unspeakable evil." I can't say it any better. This one's for the mellisons, and all of my dedicated reading friends everywhere: Read this one. You'll love it.

Okay, so I know you're busy and all, but, just exactly when, did you last read a book? It's a matter of choice you know. You can choose to read... or watch tee-vee, where they're still reworking and recycling the same swamy jokes and situations that were the standard fare in the long ago sitcoms of the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and, for-EV-ver as Mikey likes to say, probably using the same laugh tracks too. Common people, get a life. Think for yourself. Use your imagination and read a book. They're all free for the borrowing at the library too. Give it a try. You'll be glad you did. Really glad.

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Your comments, hellos or suggestions are solicited and welcome.

I'll see you next week with another MBR, and, oh yeah... Happy St. Patrick's Day. -JDM



Ultimate Fishing Town USA, Roscoe Gets Ready for the 2012 Fishing Season

On Sunday, April 1st The Roscoe Chamber of Commerce will be serving refreshments at Junction Pool in Roscoe NY at 7 a.m., the first day of the 2012 fishing season. Good luck to all the anglers!

On Saturday, April 14th, Roscoe, THE ULTIMATE FISHING TOWN, USA, will be holding their Fishing Season Opening Ceremonies at Junction Pool starting with refreshments at 8 a.m., and the First Cast at 8:30 a.m. There will be several celebrity casters and dignitaries attending, including Joe Perrone, Jr., a famous author and fishing guide with a long history in our area.

The Chamber would like to invite all of you who helped them win the title of the Ultimate Fishing Town to these ceremonies --- let's make this as big a turnout as last year's parade!!! For further info Please call Elaine at 845-439-4039.

Also on Saturday, April 14th Roscoe's Annual Two-Headed Trout dinner will be held at the Rockland House, once again celebrating the opening of the fishing season in Trout Town USA, and the Ultimate Fishing Town USA. The evening will begin with a cash bar, followed by a six course prime rib dinner, at a cost of \$45. Raffles and prizes will add to the fun and excitement...and the camaraderie of friends and fishing buddies will round out a great evening. Please call Miriam at 607 498-4139 for reservations.

Agriculture Literacy Week to Reach Over 50,000 Elementary Students Across NYS - New York Agriculture in the Classroom

Since 2007, Agricultural Literacy Week, a program of New York Agriculture in the Classroom, has helped connect community members and elementary classrooms to the food system through a state-wide reading in celebration of agriculture. This year, over 50,000 students in 55 counties will be visited by local volunteers who will read the book Seed, Soil, Sun by Cris Peterson.

Literacy volunteers also lead a discussion and hands-on activity to connect students to the people and processes that grow the food we eat. At the end of the day's activities, the book is donated to the school library and teachers are given further educational resources. This program is made possible with the generous support of local donors, county coordinators, and literacy volunteers.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County is pleased to announce that they will be coordinating the Ag. Literacy Week programs in Sullivan County this year. With the generous support of the Sullivan County Farm Bureau and Apple Pond.

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The programs will be available to students across the county at no cost to them. The Ag. Literacy Week programs are a great way for the youth in the

county to get acquainted with local agriculture and get connected to Cornell University.

New York Agricultural Literacy Week runs from Monday, March 19th through Friday, March 23rd, 2012 and will also be available at various schools throughout the state. For more information about Agricultural Literacy Week, use this link:

http://nyaged.org/aic/programs/literacy.htm#Overview

New York Agriculture in the Classroom is a partnership of Cornell University, NYS Department of Agriculture & Markets, NYS Education Department, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and New York Farm Bureau. Working with Cooperative Extension educators, classroom teachers, and volunteers throughout the state, New York Agriculture in the Classroom fosters an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of our food and fiber system.

Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network Seeking Volunteers

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) needs volunteer observers throughout the Northeast. Below are two announcements suitable for either print or broadcast use. I am also available to answer any questions, or for an interview. Many thanks for any publicity you can provide.

Weather has affected us all these past two years, and accurate forecasts are important for everyone's comfort and safety. You can help! CoCoRaHS- the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail, and Snow Network- is a nationwide group of 15,000 volunteers who report the daily weather in their own backyards. CoCoRaHS needs more volunteers in our area. It's easy and fun. It's something important you can do in a few minutes each day. To learn more, call Carl Bowers, Orange/Sullivan County Coordinator, 845-644-4356, or go to www.CoCoRaHS.org.

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The Olive Jar Seeking Beauty

By Carol LaMonda

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder. We all try to improve our surroundings. Coats of fresh paint, planters of pansies, rearrangements of our prize knick knacks are all the first signs of spring. The snow drops are in bloom and croci and daffodils are green and bravely poking through the cold mud.

I think our aesthetic bent is our human quality. Art can be traced to the cave drawings of antiquity. That art was story-telling. Art today is our interpretation of our environment. We use color and form to redesign our reality. It is our control over the natural world.

My thoughts about art began during our yoga session at the library because we were treated to the exhibit of a very young, talented artist. Marley Quick, daughter of Sarah and Hoppy Quick, displayed her abilities in charcoal and chalk. She is just seven. I would suggest that you buy one of her pieces now while you can still afford to. This young lady, who surely inherited some of her father's art genes, is destined to be a famous artist. My personal favorite is the chick-



en.

Speaking of art, there is a group of seniors who meet at the Reservoir Methodist Church each Monday from 10 to 12. Judith Bogges is our instructor and facilitator. It always amazes me that each of us has a distinct style. We recently did the same subject, yet each painting was unique to the painter. Join us if you want to dabble or learn something more about art. Talent here is second to desire to express oneself in oil or acrylic. Paint, brushes, and all media are provided.

Others beautify the world with the palette of plants. The Tongore Garden Club is busy preparing for spring. They are anxious to dig in the dirt and share their seedlings, cuttings and flowers at their Memorial Day plant sale.

When I think of gardeners, I think about Elizabeth Kern who created a garden of beauty and serenity behind her house in Phoenicia. After a ten year journey with cancer, Elizabeth passed away this past week. She leaves her garden behind along with the love and memories of a life well-lived. She sowed her seeds of friendship that flourished in the sunshine of her smile in spite of adversity.

The world needs artists, dreamers, and growers. They are the ones who convince us that everything can be made better when we use our hearts and hands. Beauty is the manifestation of hope.



RESERVOIR MUSIC NOTES-

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Greetings readers! Welcome to this week's Reservoir Music Notes. I've been holding this back, but now it can be told - Reservoir Music is moving! By April 1st, I hope to be open for business at our new location at 711 Route 28, Town of Kingston. Our phone numbers will remain the same. Stop by before the move for great deals on current inventory, and check back after the move for details of our grand opening, which will probably be in May or June. We've been at our current location for 7 years and it's time for a change! For those of you in Kingston, Red Hook, New Paltz, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, and Saugerties, we'll be about ten minutes closer. And for those of you in Delaware County, Phoenicia, Big Indian, Boiceville, and Shokan, your ride just got ten minutes longer. Whatever the case, I sincerely hope all of our loyal and dedicated customers and friends will come along for the ride to our new location. The new building has a real comfy front porch that I'm eager to break in for live music. Stay tuned for some very cool events and visit our website, www.reservoirmusiccenter.com to stay up to date on what we're doing here at Reservoir Music Center.

There's a new TV show coming to your local PBS station next month that promises to be very cool and pretty hot both! It's called "Front Row Center" and the goal of the producers is to recreate the concert experience at home! Filmed in front of a live audience and utilizing the highest quality state of the art equipment, only time will

tell if they succeed in their goal. Artists signed for the first season include The Beach Boys (reunited WITH Brian Wilson for their 50th anniversary), Elvis Costello, Jakob Dylan, Train, Cheap Trick, Moby, Ben Harper, T-Bone Burnett, and O.A.R. Long overdue, this promises to be a great show, if they do it right! Friday night at 10 on Channel 13 beginning April 13, Saturday night at the same time beginning April 21 on Channel 21. Interesting. It starts on the 13th on 13 and the 21st on 21. Coincidence? I think not! Hopefully, Front Row Center will last as long as SNL and bring us years of high quality concerts in our living rooms. For my money, Cheap Trick and The Beach Boys look like the best of season one, but as they say, it's all good!

Speaking of live concerts, here are my picks for this week's best live music.

Wednesday, March 14 - JACKIE GREENE, Americana darling and former guitarist with Phil Lesh and Friends, stops by City Winery in Manhattan.

Thursday, March 15 - Former Mick Jagger girlfriend and rock goddess, MARIANNE FAITHFULL begins a two day run at City Winery.

Friday, March 16 - JGB, which is what the former Jerry Garcia Band is called nowadays, will be rockin' through Jerry's favorites and new material at The Brooklyn Bowl, and MARIANNE FAITHFULL finishes up at City Winery.

Saturday, March 17 - HANK 3 pulls into The

"A Different Kettle of Fish"

Fortify yourself with *A Different Kettle of Fish: Stories for Grown Ups*, a warming stew of myth, legend, and true lies performed by Brooklyn Community Storytellers Nadine Grisar, Kathy Page, Mary Savage, and Carol Scott at The Pine Hill Community Center on Saturday, March 24 from 6:30-8:30. Free. Light refreshments!

Enjoy traditional tales improvised anew with Brooklyn chutzpah, charm and gritty wit. The evening promises to be a strangely satisfying, mysteriously moving, wickedly amusing entry into the Catskill spring.

Brooklyn Community Storytellers

The Brooklyn Community Storytellers are a collection of ordinary Brooklynites (teachers, activists, musicians, dancers) interested in the power of storytelling to enliven communities. Since 1997, they have met monthly in the vicinity of Prospect Park to follow the ancient Irish wisdom that you should "care for, and study in your hearts, what causes the strengthening of your community."

The Brooklyn Community Storytellers also host story swaps and workshops, where newcomers and experienced tellers can develop their art in an atmosphere of mutual support. Their performances of folk-

lore, history, and foolishness have helped audiences in Brooklyn and beyond connect with community, history, and the natural world.

The Brooklyn Community Storytellers have celebrated nature at the Marine Park Nature Center; told tales from Brooklyn's history at the Old Stone House and the Wykoff House; and gathered the community to hear Stories from the 99%.

The story behind *Another Kettle of Fish* at the Pine Hill Community Center.

When Mary C. Savage, who co-ordinates the Brooklyn Community Storytellers, returned to the Big Indian/Olivera valley after having been evacuated from the aftermath of hurricane Irene, she asked the tellers to join her in a performance that could lend a Brooklyn storyteller hand to the recovery effort.

"When it was impossible to return to my home in the Catskills, Kathy Page, a storytelling buddy took me in, for months. Kathy is also a potter, and she was coordinating the Brooklyn Community Storytellers winter afternoon festival of tales for the Brooklyn Potters Empty Bowls Project, which raised four thousand dollars for a local soup kitchen.

"When I joined the Brooklyn tellers in preparing tales for Empty Bowls, I was still disoriented

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Gramercy Theater in Manhattan for a free show. I think you have to RSVP online to get tickets. If you're interested in attending, just Google "Hank 3, Gramercy Theater" and nose around until you find the right site to RSVP to, but be warned, I don't think there will be a Country part of this show. Usually, Hank does a Country set followed by a hard rock or death metal set. Tonight, I'm pretty sure it's gonna be all rockin', so if you like Country, (and few do it better than Hank), stay home! Up in Woodstock, PETE AND PEGGY SEEGER will be doing a very special show at The Bearsville Theater. Pete's in his 90's, so if you're nearby, grab this chance to see an iconic legend live!

Monday, March 19 - If you're upstate, the great JONNY MONSTER BAND is at the great Club Helsinki in Hudson. The young Mister Monster is one of the hottest young guitarists around, and the rest of the band ain't no slouches either. Check my archived columns from a couple of months ago for a profile of these guys (www.reservoirmusiccenter.com). If you're downstate, RICH ROBINSON of The Black Crowes is at The Bowery Ballroom.

Thursday, March 22 - The ultra hot BLACK KEYS return to Madison Square Garden. If you dig these guys, NOW is the time to catch them. Every band is at the top of their game the first time they play The Garden.

Also, all this week and into next, THE ALL-MAN BROTHERS BAND continues their annual three week trek through The Beacon Theater. Check the web for exact dates.

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from having been displaced. I'm sure there's a precise Yiddish saying for the state I was in. Discombobulated to the very marrow, even though I was safe, and my house was safe, and the Catskill countryside and communities were recovering.

"There is a saying among storytellers that you don't find stories. The stories find you. For me, the tales about empty bowls were meditations on the generosity of people and the resilience of nature. I found myself telling the Brooklyn folks about the people who helped me evacuate over broken bridges and destroyed roadways. And the people who rescued neighbors; cleared away trees, mud and debris; provided food, clothing, housing; rebuilt roads, re-opened stores, and restored electricity.

Folks in the Catskills were saying 'The flood is not over until everybody is home.' And storytellers know that you need a story to find your way back home. So I asked the Brooklyn Community Storytellers to come home to the Catskills with me."

In *Another Kettle of Fish*, the Brooklyn Community Storytellers have created a performance that rings with a spirit of renewal, for a returning people, and a recovering landscape. Join them.

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Sundown Camp & Bait Shop Will Open March 23rd! (From Pg. 1)

Jim has announced that he will be back in the shop starting Friday, March 23rd, with all the familiar amenities an angler, might need including, large and medium shiners, a wide variety of worms, live sawbellies coming soon with frozen sawbellies available now. As in the past, there will be a full line of light fishing tackle.

Remember that Sundown Bait Shop is an Official weighing station.

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The community wishes Gail and Jim a lot of success and good luck, and also a get well wish to Gail.

Perhaps it was that someone (probably one of the gnomes that lives on Peekamoose Road) wished them well, and to 'break a leg,' Gail took it literally, and she broke her leg!

We are happy to hear she is on the mend and wish her a speedy and complete recovery.

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department Open House

Join the members of the Claryville Volunteer Fire Department for Open House - Volunteer NY April 21-22, 2012 from 10 am to 3 pm.

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NY Farm Bureau Lobby Day in Albany



Representatives from the New York Farm Bureau (NYFB) met with Senator Bonacic during their Lobby Day in Albany, last week. Pictured (from L-R) Front row: Marilyn Howard, Linda Hill and Liz Schaefer. Center row: Jan Vlastelica, Bambi Baehrel, Lonny Schaefer and Andrew Lupinski. Back row: John Lupinski, Duane Marty Martin, Padraic Mabee, Senator John Bonacic, Russell Kowal, Diana Lupinski and Paul Ruszkiewicz.

Arusha Arts Initiative At Tusten Theatre



Narrowsburg native and Julliard graduating senior Hannah Ross (right) shows a Umoja student how to play the viola.

On Saturday, March 17 at 8 p.m. in Tusten Theatre, Narrowsburg native Hannah Ross and the Arusha Arts Initiative perform music, dance and dramatic monologues reflecting their work in Tanzania, Africa.

Hannah Ross, daughter of Alice and Richard Ross, is a graduating senior in viola performance at The Juilliard School in New York City. Hannah has for the past two summers been part of a team called the Arusha Arts Initiative (AAI). These Juilliard students lead workshops in music, dance and drama, hosted by the Umoja Youth Empowerment Centre in Arusha, Tanzania.

"As part of the team," Hannah notes, "my job was to relate the art of music to 40 students, most of whom had never seen or heard a viola in their lives. However, my goal for the two weeks was not to teach them how to play "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" on the viola. I wanted to give them tools to fully develop their potential. I was hoping to induce their curiosity, inspire creativity, and make them realize that their own individual voices are the most important things they can offer our world."

Umoja Youth Empowerment Centre (www.umoja.com.au), a registered NGO, is an education centre designed specifically for young people who have had minimal schooling (most leaving at primary level), but who aspire to something more. The Umoja Centre offers a year-long course which will enable them to learn vital skills while at the same time expand their knowledge on issues that affect them and the world. Now an integral part of the Umoja program, Hannah and the rest of the AAI will be returning to Tanzania in 2012. Funds they receive from their performance at the Tusten Theatre will help them to offset travel costs.

For advance tickets call the box office at 845-252-7272. Tickets for this fundraiser event are priced at \$15, and further donations are encouraged. Tusten Theatre is located at 210 Bridge Street, Narrowsburg.

Robert H. Kuhlmann Memorial Event

-submitted by Barbara Henderson

Robert ("Bob") Kuhlmann - husband, father, friend, Correctional Services legend, community leader and life-long resident - is being remembered by Correctional Services staff in a way that was close to his heart.

It is in his memory that bluebird houses will be given away (free) on Saturday, March 31, 2012, at the Gazebo Park Area (corner of Canal Street & Route 209) in the Village of Ellenville beginning at 12:00 noon.

Bob's keen interest and enjoyment of bluebirds was well known over the course of his career as a Department of Correctional Services Superintendent and Supervising Superintendent. He blended this interest into vocational programming for the inmate population during which bluebird houses were constructed and he personally began passing them along to those in the local community.

In honor of Bob, the Sullivan Hub Correctional Facilities have combined to resurrect this project and construct bluebird houses for distribution to individuals and groups in the community.

The plans and instructions, as well as informational materials, were provided by the North American Bluebird Society. Scrap lumber from facilities that operate mills was recycled to build the houses. All other materials associated with this project were made possible by employees working within the various correctional facilities that make up the Sullivan Hub - Eastern, Otisville, Shawangunk, Sullivan, Ulster, Wallkill and Woodbourne.

On behalf of all Sullivan Hub Correctional Facility employees and in fond memory of Robert H. Kuhlmann, all are welcomed and encouraged to attend this event.

DiNapoli: DOT Holding Onto Surplus Property - Unused Properties Hold Potential to Generate Revenue

The Department of Transportation (DOT) is holding onto unused property that could generate the state much needed revenue, according to an audit released today by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

"The state Department of Transportation owns many properties across New York that are just sitting idle," DiNapoli said. "Many of these could be sold and put to good use generating revenues for the state and property taxes for localities. DOT needs to review its property holdings, identify those that could be sold, and set into action a plan for their disposition."

DiNapoli's auditors reviewed a sample of 110 potentially surplus properties from records in five of DOT's 11 regional offices. Auditors found that 18 properties, with an estimated value of \$7.1 million, were unused and could potentially be sold to generate revenue for the state. DOT records show staff assessments of these properties have not been done since at least 2005.

DOT's real estate information systems do not allow regions to readily assess the potential cost benefit of selling specific parcels without manually researching property files. Auditors reviewed the property system listings for 817 of 1,096

excess properties. Of these, 494 (60 percent) did not show property values. As a result, regional offices and DOT management could not see which of the properties had the highest value to assist in prioritizing properties to target for review.

In cases where DOT cannot sell a property, it can issue permits or leases that generate revenue. A review of the 100 properties for which DOT issued permits found that officials were not reviewing the permit fees on a regular basis, thereby missing opportunities to receive added revenue from the properties.

- DiNapoli's auditors recommended DOT:
- Evaluate and document whether the 18 properties should be marketed for sale;
 - Modify its new property database system to include value, usage, and restrictions on properties, and periodically review the information to prioritize those properties that potentially could be sold;
 - Require the regional offices to regularly review property holdings to determine whether they should be sold;
 - Develop methods to inform potential buyers about excess property available for sales inquiries; and
 - Review permits and leases and update them when appropriate.

DOT generally agreed with the audit's findings and has begun implementing its recommendations.

To see a copy of the complete audit go to: <http://www.osc.state.ny.us/audits/allaudits/093012/10s48.pdf>

Assembly Budget Proposal Rejects Belleayre Transfer to Olympic Regional Development Authority

(Albany, NY) Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D - Ulster / Dutchess) announced that the Assembly's budget proposal does not include Governor Cuomo's plan to place the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center, currently overseen by the Department of Environmental Conservation, under the management of the Olympic Regional Development Authority.

"The issue at Belleayre is funding, not administration. Putting it in an under-funded regional authority with little or no connection to the Catskills does nothing to assure the Ski Center will receive the resources it needs to thrive.

"Belleayre has been hit with a hugely disproportionate reduction in funding compared to other agencies of the state. Simply shifting the operation to another entity without adequate local representation and a clear long term financial plan is not the answer. This is an opportunity to go back to the drawing board and re-imagine the possibilities for the great asset of the Catskills, this center of commerce for the Route 28 corridor and tremendous recreational facility for so many New Yorkers."



FreshConnect Program Helps Bridge Gap Between Farmers and Underserved Consumers

"We must ensure that all of our citizens have access to fresh, healthy, and affordable food, and nothing better fits the bill than the items grown right here in our state by New York's farmers."

- Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Governor Cuomo launched the FreshConnect program last year to create new farmers' markets and provide support to existing ones. In addition to providing farmers a consumer outlet, the FreshConnect program helped create local jobs for youth in urban areas and facilitated an increase in the sale of locally-grown food.

After the success of last year's program, the initiative is now expanding to include not just farmers' markets, but other innovative projects that connect underserved communities with New York farm products. To learn more <http://www.agriculture.ny.gov/RFPS.html>

Potential expansion projects include:

- programs to increase access to farm products at food pantries
 - delivery programs that send farm goods to areas in need
 - programs for low-income individuals to access food directly from a farm
 - new farmers' markets that are located in underseved neighborhoods
 - satellite markets that purchase produce from an existing market and resell it in an area that cannot support its own market
- Grants for potential FreshConnect projects will be awarded on a competitive basis and can be applied for here before April 2, 2012.

The FreshConnect program is helping to bridge the gap between farmers and underserved consumers, while creating local jobs and meeting the needs of all New Yorkers.

Together, we are building a new New York.

Faith and Begorrah! Let's Celebrate the Saints and a Hero!

St. Patrick's Day celebrations are no longer limited only to those Americans of Irish ancestry. Anyone can be Irish on March 17th and eat green bagels, green milkshakes, and drink green beer along with a corned beef and cabbage dinner, Irish soda bread and other Celtic fare.

Not to be outdone, Americans of Nordic ancestry took it upon themselves in the 1950s to challenge the March supremacy of the Irish and their saint with the celebration of St. Urho's Day on March 16. Originating in the remote lands of Minnesota thanks to the efforts of a Finnish-American department store owner and one Professor Sulo Havumaki of Bemidji State University in Minnesota, St. Urho is credited with having saved the Finnish wine-grape harvest threatened by a plague of locusts.

Every good citizen of Finland (Minnesota) celebrates St. Urho, patron saint of Finnish vintners, often repeating the Ode to St. Urho that goes like this.

'Ooksi kooksi coolama vee / Santia Urho is ta poy for me! / He sase out ta hoppers as pig as pirds. / Neffer peefer haff I hurd tose words!

He kot tall and trong from feelia sour / Unt ate kala moyakka effery hour. / Tat's why tat kuy could sase toes peetles / What krew as thick as chack bine neetles.

Becoming more popular every year, Finns celebrate St. Urho's Day on March 16th. In memory of this impressive demonstration of the power of the Finnish language, at sunrise each Finnish women and children dressed in royal purple and nile green gather around the shores of the nearby lakes in Finland, Minnesota and chant what St. Urho chanted many, many years ago: "Heinasirkka, heinasirkka, mene taalta hiiteen."

The adult males dressed in green costumes gather on the hill overlooking the lakes, listen to the chant, then, kicking out like grasshoppers, slowly disappear to change costumes from green to purple. The celebration ends with singing and dancing polkas and schottisches and drinking wine, grape juice, and then gathering to enjoy hearty fish stew (kalamoyakka) in commemoration of the saint's extermination efforts.

"So let's give a cheer in hower pest vay / On Sixteenth of March, St. Urho's Tay." (From Ode to Saint Urho Lyrics by Gene McCavic and Richard Mattson of Virginia, Minnesota, 1956)

St. Urho Day is now officially recognized in all 50 states and has even made its way back to Finland. While there are those skeptics who claim that grapes cannot grow in Finland and that the country is still occupied by grasshoppers, a bit of research disclosed there are indeed vineyards in Findland. Kyttaala Vineyard is a private venture established in 2009. Its purpose is to collect different varieties of grape vine, to promote and support winegrowing in Finland.

Other remarks are the uncanny similarities to the legend of St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland, a country that probably was never inhabited by snakes. Nevertheless, Finns and would-be Finns, some of whom are Irish, celebrate Urho's feast by donning the saint's green and purple colors and drinking grape juice, wine and eating Mojakka.

And while we are celebrating there is one more traditional saintly celebration just two days after St. Patrick's Day, March 19, the Christian feast day honoring St. Joseph. Not only in Sicily, where St. Joseph is regarded by many as their Patron Saint, but many Italian-American communities celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph ("San Giuseppe"). This feast is based on the story that prevented a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages. According to legend, there was a severe drought and the people prayed to St. Joseph to bring them rain. They promised that if he answered their prayers, they would prepare a large feast to honor him. When the rain came, the people of Sicily prepared a large banquet for their patron saint and also gave food to the needy. St. Joseph's Day has become a custom in many communities and it is traditional to wear red clothing and eat a Sicilian pastry known as a zeppola. In fact, sweet pastries are on all St. Joseph's Day menus, as St. Joseph is also the patron saint of pastry chefs!

Whether you choose to wear purple, green or red, or all three colors, one thing each of the traditions has in common is that it is clearly evident these celebrations are a segue into spring and the beginning of the planting season in Finland, Ireland and Italy and even right here in the Catskills.

Have fun. Celebrate safely and enjoy the symbols of the season that serves to remind us of the earth's renewal and a spiritual renewal leading both into spring blossoms and the Easter season.

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Statement from UC Executive Mike Hein

"We have been told meeting after meeting that mud or flood are the only choices available for management of the Ashokan Reservoir. The NYC DEP has maintained that there are simply no other options available but to release highly turbid water into the Lower Esopus or to keep the Ashokan Reservoir at unsafe levels. If releases to the Lower Esopus had received permits through a normal environmental review process other alternatives would have been formally vetted and we would not be questioning the very information we have previously received.

"We have been meeting with the NYC DEP officials for over a year and a half regarding the management of the Ashokan Reservoir and the polluted releases into the Lower Esopus. Simply put, now it has become clear that NYC DEP may have had other alternatives with the potential to release directly into the Hudson River, avoiding damage to 32 miles of pristine trout stream running through seven Ulster County communities.

"As of Friday, I have confirmed with NYC DEP Deputy Commissioner Paul Rush the existence of what is referred to as the "Hudson River Release Chamber." I asked him a very pointed question; does the NYC DEP have engineered into their system the ability to bypass the Lower Esopus and discharge directly into the Hudson River? He confirmed that it does. The Hudson River Release Chamber, if made operational, would allow for the removal of turbid water from the Ashokan Reservoir through a direct release from the Catskill Aqueduct into the Hudson River below the drinking water intake for multiple communities along the Hudson avoiding polluting the Lower Esopus. This disclosure leaves us with many more questions than answers. But to those who have been negatively affected along the Lower Esopus it is stunning news to learn that there may well have been alternatives not fully vetted. In addition, what else haven't they told us? And when was the decision made to pollute the Lower Esopus rather than to use the Hudson River Release Chamber? By what criteria was that decision made? Are there other alternatives? And was this simply an attempt to avoid the public scrutiny of an open permitting process?"

"It is outrageous to know that the NYC DEP refused to thoroughly evaluate this alternative in a public setting. And if this option is viable, the hardship the NYC DEP has placed upon the people of Ulster County may well have been avoidable. The health and welfare of our residents did not have to be put into question, and our environment did not have to be impacted.

"And so I am calling upon the NYC DEP to immediately release all documents they have regarding the Hudson River Drainage Chamber and all potential alternatives to polluting the Lower Esopus. Their culture of withholding information and parsing it out for their own purposes flies in the face of their responsibility to the people of Ulster County as well as the residents of New York City. If there are other options available, we deserve and demand the right to know for the sake of the health and welfare of our people."

NY Attorney General Schneiderman Issues Consumer Alert Warning New Yorkers of the "Grandparent Scam"

Elderly Victims Across New York Lost More Than \$441K To Scammers Pretending To Be Family Members In Need; Schneiderman: It's Despicable That Scammers Are Preying On Vulnerability & Generosity Of Seniors

As part of National Consumer Protection Week, Attorney General Eric T. Schneiderman issued a warning to New Yorkers today after regional offices throughout the state have reported a rise in so-called "grandparent scams," where perpetrators impersonate relatives in need, and then dupe unsuspecting seniors into sending them money. Victims of these phone scams have lost more than \$441,000 over the last several months.

"It's despicable that these scammers are preying on the vulnerability and generosity of senior citizens who are duped into thinking they are helping out a family member in need," said Attorney General Schneiderman. "Instead, these dishonest individuals are trying to steal money from seniors. My office is committed to alerting, educating and protecting New Yorkers by making sure they are aware of these imposters before they strike again."

There are several scenarios in which the scam takes place over the phone:

- Seniors will receive an unexpected call from someone who claims to be a friend or relative. A typical scenario targets grandparents with the caller claiming to be their grandson or granddaughter. The caller says there is an emergency and asks victim to send money immediately. For example, they might say, "I'm in Canada and I'm trying to get home but my car broke down and I need money right away to get it fixed." Or they may claim to have been mugged, or been in a car accident, or need money for bail or to pay customs fees to get back into the United States from another country. They may also pose as an attorney or law enforcement official contacting a potential victim on behalf of a friend or relative.

- Typically, the caller says they are embarrassed about what has happened to them, and asks the grandparent not to tell anyone else in the family.

- A scammer pretends to know the names of a victim's friends or relatives, however, in some cases they don't. For example, the scammer may say "Hi grandma," hoping that she actually has a grandson. If she asks, "David, is that you?" the scammer will say "Yes!" Often these crooks will call in the middle of the night and take advantage of the fact that one may not be alert enough to ask more questions, and the victim may not want to disturb other people by calling them to confirm the information. Sometimes the scammers do know the names of one's friends or relatives, as they can obtain that information from a variety of sources.

Scammers contact people randomly through a variety of methods. They also use marketing lists, telephone listings and information from social networking sites, obituaries and other sources. Sometimes, they hack into people's email accounts and send messages to everyone in their contact list.

Some of the hardest hit areas of the state include: Buffalo-area - \$248,000; Rochester-area - \$130,000; Capital Region - \$31,500; Nassau County - \$26,608; Watertown-area - \$6,000

Attorney General Schneiderman issued the following tips to educate the public so they can avoid becoming victims of fraud:

If you realize you've been scammed, what can you do? These scammers ask you to send money through services such as Western Union and MoneyGram because they can pick it up quickly, in cash. They often use phony IDs, so it's impossible to trace them. Contact the money transfer service immediately to report the scam. If the money hasn't been picked up yet, you can retrieve it, but if it has, it's not like a check that you can stop - the money is gone.

How can you protect yourself? If you get a call or email from someone claiming to know you and asking for help, check to confirm that it's legitimate before you send any money. Ask some questions that would be hard for an imposter to answer correctly - the name of the person's pet, for example, or the date of their mother's birthday. Contact the person who they claim to be directly. If you can't reach the person, contact someone else - a friend or relative of the person. Don't send money unless you're sure it's the real person.

If you feel you've been a victim of this type of scam or any other type of consumer fraud, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Helpline: (800) 771-7755.

Governor Cuomo Announces Department of Financial Services Investigation into Out-of-Network Medical Costs Affecting New Yorkers Across the State

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the Department of Financial Services (DFS) is investigating unexpected out-of-network medical costs affecting New Yorkers across the state, many of whom cannot afford to pay out-of-pocket expenses. In addition, DFS released a report that finds an overwhelming need for increased transparency from insurers and medical service providers, and improved consumer protection measures to ensure that New Yorkers stop receiving unexpected bills.

The investigation was sparked by an overwhelming amount of consumer complaints. DFS found that unexpected out-of-network medical bills are one of the most common complaints received by the agency.

New Yorkers can read the report at <http://www.governor.ny.gov/assets/documents/DFS%20Report.pdf>.

"The high cost of health insurance and health care are an enormous burden for most New Yorkers," Governor Cuomo said. "Our investigation shows that too many people are being hit with medical bills that are too high when they thought their care was covered by their insurance. We can't allow that to continue. We must work with the insurance companies and medical service providers to ensure that all New Yorkers fully understand and are aware of the terms of their healthcare contracts."

Financial Services Superintendent Benjamin M. Lawsky said, "Our report shows that all too often people who try their hardest to stay in network still get stuck with the most unwelcome surprise -- a big out of network bill. We need to reform our system now to protect middle class New Yorkers who can least afford these additional burdensome costs."

Sherry Tomasky, Advocacy Director of the American Cancer Association, said, "This is a widespread problem that particularly plagues cancer patients. New Yorkers who are dealing with the stress and anxiety of being treated for cancer should not have added burden of thinking about unexpected exorbitant costs that they cannot afford. I applaud Governor Cuomo and Superintendent Lawsky for their leadership on this issue and look forward to working with them on righting these wrongs."

Elisabeth Benjamin, of Health Care for All New York and Vice President of Health Initiatives at the Community Service Society of New York, said, "HCFANY is delighted that the Department of Financial Services has conducted this important investigation of surprise out-of-network bills. For far too long, it is the patient who is snared in the inscrutable billing bureaucracy between providers and insurers. The Department's investigation highlights this problem, and HCFANY stands ready to help come up with a real solution that works for New York's patients." (Contd. Pg. 12)

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Governor Cuomo (From Pg. 10)

The Department's report produced the following findings:

Too many unexpected bills: DFS found many cases where a consumer does everything possible to use an in-network health care provider for non-emergency services, but nonetheless receives a bill from a specialist (often a radiologist, anesthesiologist, or lab) whom the consumer did not know or realize was out-of-network.

One case involves a child who had open heart surgery. The child's parents were not told an assistant surgeon would be involved in the procedure and that assistant surgeon was out-of-network. The family was forced to pay \$5000 of that doctor's \$6400 bill.

Another case involves a patient who was sent an unexpected \$1300 bill for what turned out to be an out-of-network anesthesiologist.

Emergency bills are too high: Too often out-of-network providers who provide emergency services -- a circumstance where consumers cannot be choosy about whether the provider is in network -- take advantage of the situation and charge fees well in excess of what Medicare or insurance would pay in network.

In cases looked at by DFS investigators, the average emergency out-of-network bill was \$7006. That is 14 times what Medicare would pay. The average out-of-network radiology charge was 33 times what Medicare pays. One neurosurgeon charged \$159,000 for an emergency procedure for which Medicare pays \$8500.

Insurers are paying less of the cost of out-of-network care: The investigation found that insurers are moving to a system that greatly increases how much it costs consumers when they are treated out-of-network. To determine what they would pay for out-of-network care, most insurers used to use what is known as the usual and customary rate (UCR), which is supposed to be an average of actual bills for a procedure in that region. But now most are using the Medicare rate, which decreases how much insurers pay by as much as half or more in some cases. Insurers make this change hard for consumers to understand, because some are told they are going from 80% of the usual and customary rate to 140% of Medicare, which sounds like an improvement, but is not.

In one case, a patient was approved for a surgery using the usual and customary rate. The insurer said it would pay \$31,978 of the \$47,685 cost. Before the surgery could be done, the insurer changed to a Medicare Fee Schedule and the insurer would only pay \$4,864.62.

Consumers can't comparison shop: Because health plans are now switching between different coverage rates for out of network doctors, consumers are left in an incredibly difficult position when they select plans. They simply can't compare apples to apples when, for example, one plan offers to cover 80 percent of UCR and another offers to cover 140 percent of the Medicare rate.

Another issue found during the investigation: even when consumers have no choice but to seek care out of network, most consumers must pay extra charges. Only consumers in HMOs are protected when they must go out of network.

Based on the findings of DFS's investigation, DFS proposed the following solutions:

Increase disclosure from providers: In non-emergency situations, providers should disclose whether or not all services are in-network before such services are provided and how much they will charge, and insurers should disclose how much they will cover.

Increase disclosure from insurers: Insurers should enable consumers to conduct a meaningful "apples to apples" comparison regarding how much of the cost of out-of-network services will be covered when they are choosing a plan, whether the insurer uses UCR or the Medicare rate.

Prohibit excessive fees: Out-of-network providers should be prohibited from charging excessive fees for emergency services.

Improve network protections: Improve network protections: Network adequacy protections must be improved. Consumers not in HMOs should be given the same network adequacy protections provided to consumers with HMO coverage.

New Yorkers who have questions or complaints concerning their medical bill should go to <http://www.dfs.ny.gov/consumer/fileacomplaint.htm> or visit www.dfs.ny.gov.

Gillibrand, Senate Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan Resolution Condemning the Killing of Journalists in Syria

Washington, D.C. - As the armed conflict in Syria continues to escalate, the brave men and women providing news reports from that region are increasingly in danger. Many have been detained or arrested while covering the unrest and some have been wounded or killed. Recognizing the essential service these reporters provide to the rest of the world at

great personal risk, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), along with Senators Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), Joe Lieberman (I-Conn.), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ), Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) have introduced a resolution in the Senate condemning the killing of journalists in Syria and calling on the government to open the country up to independent and foreign news media and end its media blackout.

"The tragic deaths of Marie Colvin and her other brave colleagues are a sad reminder of the sacrifices war journalists make to bring us the truth about what is happening in the world," said Senator Gillibrand. "We stand united in condemning the unspeakable violence committed by the Syrian regime. At a time when the world urgently needs information on the crisis in Syria, the government must open its borders to allow reporters to shine a light on the atrocities of war."

Since the start of the conflict in Syria, at least nine members of the media have been killed covering the uprising in Syria. Two of them were killed when their makeshift press center was destroyed by shelling by the Syrian government. The Syrian government has denied entry to foreign journalists. They have detained, beaten, tortured and killed members of the media to keep the free flow of information from being reported to the outside world.

Bonacic: State Senate Republicans Push Jobs Plan

State Senator John Bonacic and members of the Senate's Republican majority are urging that tax rates for small business be reduced as part of the State budget, which is currently being negotiated.

"Small business is the key to economic growth. The policies the Senate will advance can help create a climate for job creation," Senator Bonacic said.

The Senate plan includes:

- A "HIRE-NOW-NY" tax incentive for businesses who hire new employees. For each new job created, the business would receive a tax credit of \$5,000. For every new hire of someone who is presently unemployed, the incentive would grow up to \$8,000;

- A "HIRE-A-VET" enhanced tax credit of up to \$10,000 to any business that hires a veteran returning home from military service;

- A State Spending Cap - set at 2%, or 120% the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

- A Constitutional amendment to help prevent future tax increases, by requiring a 2/3 majority of the Senate and Assembly in order to approve any tax increase.

- A reduction in income taxes for small business.

The proposal has been embraced by organizations such as:

- The National Federation of Independent Business, which represents the small business community, and

- The Business Council which represents the larger business community.

"We need to encourage small business to hire, cap any potential growth of government, and make it permanently harder to ever raise taxes in New York. Those steps will provide for job growth," concluded Senator Bonacic.

Gillibrand Announces Congressional Passage of Legislation to Prevent Dumping by Foreign Companies

President Expected To Swiftly Sign Legislation To Preserve The U.S. Government's Ability To Impose Punitive Tariffs On Countries Like China That Unfairly Subsidize Their Products To Undermine The American Market -Gillibrand: This Legislation Ensures The U.S. Can Take The Strong Action Necessary To Enforce Our Trade Agreements.

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced Congressional passage of legislation that would allow the U.S. to enforce trade violations by China and other non-market economies. The bill, which passed Congress with broad, bipartisan support, preserves the U.S. government's ability to impose punitive tariffs on countries like China that unfairly subsidize their products to undermine the American market. Earlier this week, Senator Gillibrand urged her colleagues in Congress to pass this legislation, in addition to urging President Obama to take steps to stonewall China's destructive trade policies.

"We must make sure that America's producers, manufacturers, and innovators are on a level playing field with their Chinese counterparts," said Senator Gillibrand. "We cannot allow other countries to corner the market through unfair and illegal trade practices. This legislation ensures the U.S. can take the strong action necessary to enforce our trade agreements."

Last year, a U.S. Circuit Court ruled that U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) was not explicitly authorized by Congress to apply the tariffs to non-market economies. Before then the U.S. had been issuing CVDs on products from non-market economies, principally China and Vietnam, since 2007. If the legislation was not passed, the 24 countervailing duty orders currently in

effect would be invalidated and the 80,000 jobs these measures have protected would be in jeopardy. These measures are and are particularly relevant to trade relations with China given their history of unfairly subsidizing exports to the U.S., and 23 or 24 orders currently in effect have been issued against Chinese products.

The legislation cosponsored by Senator Gillibrand, which the President is expected to swiftly sign into law, would combat unfair international trade practices by ensuring that the DOC can impose new Countervailing Duty (CVD) orders - punitive tariffs that reverse subsidies provided by a foreign country to non-market economies - and continue to enforce existing cases against unfair subsidies on exports.

POLITICAL SLANT- Frank Comando -

PRICES AT THE PUMP MAY CAUSE MAN TO LOSE HIS JOB. This young man was making \$720.00 a week, after taxes, his take home was \$550.00. His job facilitated getting up at 4:00 AM each day, and took him far from home. It now is costing him \$250.00 per week in fuel to get to, and from work, leaving \$300.00 a week to raise a family and pay rent. He will now join the crowd of others on unemployment. No! No, he is not entitled to unemployment. He was not laid off. He had to quit!

Many families are experiencing the hardships of the raping of the American people by the oil and transnational corporate interests. This raping is paid for by some of the one percent, of corporate owners, stockholders, of the so called "leisure class," as opposed to the working class.

These entities, are business entities, and not people. New legislation is needed to define this. These entities pay little or no taxes, they fund their favorite politicians' campaigns, and expect them to do their bidding. You become a favorite politician when you do not firstly serve all of the American people.

Example: **Monsanto Genetically Modified Organisms (of an organism or crop) containing genetic material that has been artificially altered to produce a desired characteristic: genetically modified viruses to insert new genes into growing plants. The product of these seeds, that are Unlabeled, Untested, Unsafe, and should not be on the market.**

We are asking you to let your voice be heard. **Walmart, do not sell Monsanto's GMO sweet corn! This spring, Monsanto's GMO sweet corn - their first product for direct human consumption - will be planted. This corn will be sold, unlabeled as a GMO (thank you Dick Chaney) but is GMO corn in a grocery store near you?**

What would it take to stop it? It would take the largest food retailer in the country rejecting **Monsanto's untested, potentially toxic corn.** Tell Walmart: "Do not carry Monsanto's GMO sweet corn!"

In response to pressure from more than 250,000 Activists and others last fall, **Trader Joes, Whole Foods, and General Mills all committed not to sell Monsanto's sweet corn,** but not Walmart. **Walmart wrote to them "nothing is more important than the safety and satisfaction of our customers." But that's just not consistent with selling this unlabeled GMO sweet corn, which contains three genetic modifications - including the insecticide Bt that hasn't been tested to prove it is safe for humans to eat.**

These are **GMO patented seeds.** If they blow in the wind and plant themselves in your field Monsanto will have a claim on your crop. This is a covert way of monopolizing the market, and putting an end to many mom and pop farms. Enough of you **Mr. Corporation!** You are stepping on my rights.

The American public will support the honest corporations. We bailed out GM, and AIG, companies that should have been the backbone of this country, but are not. They took the money and invested elsewhere, but not in the U. S. job market, as they worshiped the bottom line, and by their attitude said, "To hell with the tax payers, we have the money now!"

Lastly, the government needs to clean house and be put back in and kept in order, by all of the people keeping an eye on the issues and the actions of their elected officials and how they responded to these issues.

You do not destroy your government for the sake of the bottom line.

To submit your comments and/or questions, space allowing, and Townsman guidelines adhered to, which are listed in the masthead (pg 2), your comments can be posted, or answered here. [Email politicalslant@yahoo.com](mailto:politicalslant@yahoo.com)

The following is a story in five parts, brought to you by *The TV Townsman*.

It is entirely fiction. All characters, incidents, names, and places are either products of the author's imagination, or are used fictitiously. Any resemblance to actual persons, whether living or dead, is entirely coincidental and unintended. It appears in slightly different form in *The Neverisnk Chronicles* as the next-to-last story, entitled *Fiction*. We're proud to introduce:

The Rondout Blowout

- a story in five parts

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PART FOUR

Around 9:00, John Tweety's feet trembled with such violence, he had to sit on the desk in the guard tower. They twitched and shuddered so much that Bob, the other guard noticed. He said,

"What's with your feet, John . . . looks like you got the jake leg . . . the DTs or something."

"Dunno," John said, "they've been trembling since I got up."

"This bad?"

"No. More of a tickle at first. This is the worst it's been though."

"Maybe you oughta' go to the infirmary, get checked."

"You mean what? Checked what?"

"I dunno. Maybe you're having a stroke or something."

"Nah. I ain't having a stroke. I'm not fat, don't smoke and my blood pressure's 120/80, same as it's been since tenth grade."

"Well, I'm just saying . . ."

"I'm fine. It'll pass. Probably slept the wrong way. Betsy said it's 'cause I'm going on a tr . . . what the hell . . ."

The desk, floor and walls, as well as the tower itself, shook slightly, the after effect of a small earthquake caused by 1,500 linear feet of the Rondout West Branch Tunnel collapsing after the water was shut off. The cave-in started at John's house and went toward the Shawangunk Mountains . . . the deepest part of the tunnel system. John Tweety looked at the clock on the towers back wall, it was 9:48 am.

Back at Rondout, the water rippled for fifteen or twenty seconds, but no one even noticed. The divers were in the water, clearing the racks and inspecting each one of the stop shutters that controlled the inflow to the tunnel. Everything had to be in proper working order, maintenance or not, because the Rondout West Branch Tunnel supplies one-half of New York City's daily water. It was indispensable.

Coleman was on the radio to the divers; just before lunchtime.

"Dimitry, how much longer. Over."

"Couple hours. Twenty minutes. Who knows. We'll finish when we finish. Over."

"I wanta' get outta' here ASAP. Over."

"Right."

"You've both been down about ninety minutes total dive time. We're pressing the safety envelope, over."

"We ain't that deep. Only just started on'r third tank. We dove this before y'know."

"Say over when you're done talking."

"Like you just did? Out."

Coleman was irritated and in a hurry to leave, so he could beat rush hour traffic back to the City. He

glared at Glen Dillard, who kept staring up at the crane, and didn't talk. Beau, the designated trash hauler, was semi-conscious on the tractor seat, waiting for the next load from the shaft, doing his best to stay awake.

The next basketful of trash was the last one. Dimitry pronounced the divers were finished at 1:40 pm. He and Feliciano opened their bouyancy valves and bobbed to the surface, moving their legs in a slow scissors motion in order to maintain their positions, waiting for the pickup basket to come down.

"Any problems?" Coleman said.

"The gearing for the stop shutters is worn out." Dimitry said. "It should be replaced."

"Copy that." Coleman said. "I'll note it in my after-action report. Anything else?"

"Yeah. But, wait until we're out of the water. We're tired and cold. There's more maintenance issues." (Contd. Pg. 14)

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TIME & THE VALLEYS MUSEUM
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Time and the Valleys Museum has copies of every *Townsman* printed since the beginning classified by year for anyone to research.
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The Hurleyville and Woodridge United Methodist Churches
invite you to weekly worship:
9 am in Hurlyeville,
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For more information, call Pastor Susan Woodworth 985-2283

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Friday Youth Night 7 pm

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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
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Covered Dish Supper
May 5, 2012
(No April Supper)
5:30 pm
Sundown United Methodist Church
at the Sundown Church Hall


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PUBLIC NOTICES/LEGALS:

The Town of Neversink ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT for the fiscal year 2011 has been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk.

The above mentioned report is available for public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY 12740, between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
DATED: February 24, 2012

3/8/12

ATTENTION:**PARENTS OF NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The Tri-Valley Central School District in accordance with Section 3635(2) of the Education Law requires that requests for transportation to a non-public school for the 2012-2013 school year be submitted, in writing, prior to April 1, 2012.

Tri-Valley residents should submit their request to:

School District Clerk
Tri-Valley Central School
34 Moore Hill Road
Grahamsville, NY 12740

By order of the Board of Education

Martha Lee Ter Bush
District Clerk

March 1, 2012

3/8; 3/15; 3/29

Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is soliciting for qualified vendors for steam cleaning for a public boating program on the Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie Reservoirs.

Responses will be accepted for individual and multiple sites. A pre-bid meeting will be held 10 am - 12 Noon, March 23 2012, at the CWC Office, 905 Main Street, Margaretville, NY. Bids must be received at CWC by 4 PM, March 30, 2012. The Request for Qualifications can be obtained by contacting Barbara Puglisi or Frieda Suess at 845-586-1400.

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PUBLIC NOTICE:

Chapter 680 of the Laws of 2002 enacted General Municipal Law §209-cc, requiring the annual reporting of the presence of wild animals. Pursuant to this law, each person owning, possessing or harboring a wild animal as set forth in §209-cc must report its presence to the Town Clerk on or before April 1st. A list of common names of animals to be reported is available at the Denning Town Clerk's Office, 985-2411. Failure to file as required will subject to penalties under the law.

Joy Ann Monforte
Denning Town Clerk

3/15; 3/22

THE TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

A Regular Board Meeting
Will be held

On Thursday, March 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
Audit Sub-Committee Mtg. will be before the regular meeting starting at 6:30 p.m.
In the Secondary School Lower Library Level,
Grahamsville, New York

Rondout Blowout (From Pg. 13)

Beau emptied the basket. He drove the farm tractor and dump trailer outside and parked, went back inside and closed the big twenty-foot overhead door. His head was still concussing and he thought he was getting diarrhea, felt his stomach gurgle.

"God." He thought. "I will never drink again. Oh, shit. I can't wait for today to be over, I gotta get some sleep." He finished with the door, just as the divers were stepping on dry land. "They look done-in," Beau thought. "Same as me."

Feliciano headed for the restroom to dry off and change clothes. Dimitry sat on the lip of the access hatch peeling off his gear; shoulders slumped in exhaustion. He munched on a power bar, drank water from a plastic bottle, debriefing with Coleman Jenkins.

"We need to step on it, if we're going to get back to the City at a decent time." Coleman said, as he started hauling diving gear back to the truck. "And we still have to get the water back on."

"One of the maintenance items is the stop-shutters." Dimitry said, "there's something wrong with the seals. I think the gaskets around the edges are worn out. We kept getting chunks of rubber in the filters. It's one of the reasons we were down so long, we kept having those pieces to contend with."

"I'll note it in the after-action report. Anything else?"

"Everything is worn out, for starters."

"We all know that. You know as well as I do, the City won't fix a damn thing."

"They will sometime. They'll have to."

"Yeah, sure."

Beau called out from the control panel. "We ready to open up?"

Coleman looked at Dimitry, who shrugged, giving his assent of a sort as he jumped in the truck to change out of his wet suit.

"Open up." Coleman said. He had his right arm raised and twirled his finger in the air.

Beau pushed the button, activating the giant inlet valves, opening the stop shutters. His attention was diverted by the sight of Feliciano coming out of the bathroom, buttoning her blouse. He caught a glimpse of lacy white bra, taking his attention from the control panel, causing him to fully open the stop shutters, then pass full open, where they jammed and broke. To make matters worse, down below the rubber and brass gaskets which lined the shutter frames had peeled off and wound through the shutter mechanisms, fouling them. The inlet was stuck wide open. Millions and millions of gallons of water poured into the Rondout West Branch Tunnel, pounding like Hell's own hammers toward Warwarsing where its irresistible force was about to meet the immovable cave-in.

The RWB Tunnel drops approximately nine hundred fifty feet in elevation during its six-mile journey from the dam site to Warwarsing. The weight of six miles of water, twelve feet in diameter, dropped from a height of almost a thousand feet is calculated in tens of trillions of foot pounds of energy . . . the equivalent of several atomic bombs.

The water hit with stunning force, its impact felt and noted in science labs all over the world. It took the path of least resistance, up through the rotten shale and super-saturated ground and found an escape route, a pressure-releasing path that went directly through John and Betsy Tweety's house.

*** TO BE CONTINUED ***

Read the conclusion in next week's *Townsmen*.

West Point Terrorism Expert to Speak at SUNY Ulster

Dr. Arie Perliger, Director of Terrorism Studies in the Combating Terrorism Center, United States Military Academy, West Point, will give a lecture entitled "Is Assassinating Terrorists Constitutional?" at SUNY Ulster as part of the Institute for Constitutional Studies lecture series on March 20, at 7 p.m. in the College Lounge on the Stone Ridge campus. This timely lecture will give those attending the opportunity to determine whether these targeted assassinations are effective as well as to discuss the Obama Administration's rationale for its policy on assassinations as set out this week by the U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, in a speech at Northwestern University Law School. It will also be an opportunity to discuss the balance between national security and individual freedom. Dr. Perliger is assistant professor at the Department of Social Sciences. After completing his PhD in Political Science at the University of Haifa Israel (2007), where he was also a fellow at the National Security Studies Center (NSSC), Dr. Perliger became affiliated with the Department of

Political Science at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as a Golda Meir Post-Doctoral Fellow (2007-2008). Dr. Perliger was a Schusterman Visiting Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at SUNY Stony Brook from the summer of 2008 to 2010.

In the past decade Dr. Perliger has extensively studied issues related to Terrorism and Political Violence, Politics of Security, Politics of the Far Right in Israel, Europe and the US, Middle Eastern Politics and the applicability of Social Network Analysis to the study of social phenomena. His studies appeared in four books and more than 20 articles and book chapters by publishers such as Columbia University Press, Rutledge, Social Forces and others. SUNY Ulster founded the Institute for Constitutional Studies to help college faculty, students, teachers, business people, the legal community and the general public in the Mid-Hudson Valley deepen their understanding of the fundamental principles of the United States and the New York state constitutions, their history and their continuing relevance to current public policy debates.

The event is free and open to the public. For information, contact (845) 687-5262.

NYC DEP Opening Neversink Reservoir to Canoes, Kayaks and Sailboats Beginning Memorial Day Weekend

The New York City DEP will be opening the Neversink Reservoir to canoes, kayaks, and sailboats beginning Memorial Day weekend through Columbus Day weekend this year for the first time ever. This program is the result of a similar pilot program conducted at the Cannonsville Reservoir in Delaware County for the past three years.

Boaters will be able to visit the reservoir for the day or leave their boat at the reservoir for the season. All boats must be steam cleaned and permitted prior to use at the reservoir. Cleaning services will be provided by private vendors who meet certain criteria to be designated by the DEP.

The DEP will be providing two boat launch areas for recreational boats which will be open from dawn to dusk during the season. This program is in addition to the current allowance for rowboats for fishing and increases the public's access and enjoyment of this wonderful water resource.

There will be a public information session on March 8th regarding steam clean vendor opportunities to be held at the DEP office on Route 42 in Grahamsville starting at 6pm. The Catskill Watershed Corporation, a partner of DEP's in this program, will describe grant opportunities for start up costs for prospective businesses.

Flowers, Flowers Everywhere -

[FERNDALE] - The CVI Center will be filled with flowers and garden exhibitors for the 2012 Sullivan Renaissance Annual Conference and Expo on Saturday, March 10 at the CVI Center in Ferndale.

The public is invited and there is no cost to attend.

The keynote address will be delivered by Joe Lamp'l (aka Joe Gardener), host and executive producer of the award-winning series "Growing a Greener World" on public television, who will talk about gardening trends around the country. The talk will also be available through a live webcast by going to www.sullivanrenaissance.org.

A special feature of the conference is the introduction of the Renaissance Collection, a group of annuals and perennials that meet the challenges of gardening in Sullivan County. These nine plants will be displayed at the expo, and the collection will be available at local nurseries and garden centers in the spring.

Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with a light breakfast and the expo. The program starts at 9:00 a.m. and continues until 2:00 p.m. Door prizes will be awarded at the conference conclusion.

The conference features exhibits and workshops on the Renaissance Collection, garden maintenance, recruiting volunteers, cultivating leaders, cultivating leaders, Main Street success stories, enhancing storefronts, and the Catskill Edible Garden Project. Workshop space is limited to the first registrants, so please RSVP.

Recipients of the 17th Annual Sullivan First Achievement Awards will be recognized at the conference, which will also outline the new 2012 Sullivan Renaissance grant program and have applications available.

Check www.sullivanrenaissance.org for more details. For more information and to register, call 845-295-2445.

Sullivan Renaissance is a beautification and community development program principally funded by the Gerry Foundation.

Town of Neversink Parks & Recreation Department

www.townofneversink.org
(845) 985-2262 extension 312

Albi Concert - Sunday, July 15. 5 pm-8pm
Outdoor Stage Town Hall Parking Lot. Rain or Shine. Bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each.

Mountain Creek Water Park, NJ -Saturday, August 4 Leave Town Hall 8:30 am-return to Town Hall approximately 6:30 pm. \$12 residents/\$36 non-residents must be paid by June 26 this includes motorcoach transportation and admission.

Free mad Science Fire & Ice Show Wednesday, August 8. Grahamsville Fairgrounds at 5 pm. Rain or Shine. Please bring your own lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Hot dogs, soda & water will be for sale for \$1 each. Register to attend by July 31.

Liberty Science Museum, NJ Liberty Science Museum, NY Saturday, November 3. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am Return to Town Hall at 6:30 pm. \$22 residents/\$31 non-residents must be paid by July 2

Shop@ing Colonie Center, Albany, NY Friday, November 16. Leave the Town Hall at 8 am return to the Town Hall at approximately 7 pm. \$21 residents and non-residents must be paid by October 16.

Transportation to NYC Saturday, December 1 Drop off near Times Square. Leave Town Hall at 8 am, return at approximately 8 pm. \$21 residents & non-residents must be paid no later than November 8.

Permission slips can be downloaded from our website www.townofneversink.org or picked up in the Parks and Recreation office in the Town Hall on Tuesdays from 3 pm to 6 pm. For more information call 985-2262 ext. 312 or email racelj12d@aol.com.

Don't forget FREE FUN every FRIDAY afternoon 1- 4 pm in the upstairs meeting room in the Neversink Town Hall.



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

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

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

Home Made Beef Stew Dinner

Liberty Masonic Lodge #521, F & AM is serving "Home Made Beef Stew" for dinner along with Tossed Salad, Home Made Biscuits and Ice Cream and Cookies for dessert on Tuesday, March 20, 2012. Serving is from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Take-Outs are available. The dinner will be held at the Liberty Masonic Lodge at 20 Eagle Drive, Liberty, NY. The cost is \$10.00 per person. The proceeds from this dinner will go into the Lodge Youth Scholarship Funds.

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- 3/17/12 Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale only - 9 am - 1 pm
- 3/17/12 Claryville Fire Dept St. Patricks Day Corned Beef Dinner 4 -8 pm (No Pancake Breakfast in March)
- 3/21/12 Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Assoc. Meeting - 7:30 PM
- 3/21/12 Neversink Fire District Meeting at 7:30 PM, Public Meeting at 8:00 PM.
- 3/24/12 Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner 4-7 pm Call 985-7480 for more info
- 3/15/12 Grahamsville UMC Pot Luck Supper 5pm -New hall/Slide Show/Stories of Ecuador Mission trip-6pm-Old hall
- 3/27/12 Town of Neversink Parks and Recreation 7 pm Town Hall
- 4/3/12 Grahamsville United Methodist Church Thrift Sale (9am-1pm) & Luncheon (11am-1pm)
- 4/3/12 Town of Denning Town Board Meeting - Sundown Church Hall 7 pm
- 4/4/12 Town of Neversink Planning Board
- 4/6/12 Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY
- 4/7/12 Sundown Methodist Church Covered Dish Supper Canceled - next Supper May 5th
- 4/10/12 Town of Denning Audit/Business Meeting - 7:00 pm Town of Denning Town Hall
- 4/11/12 American Legion Cook Taylor Post 111 Spaghetti Dinner 5 -7 pm at Post in Ellenville on Rt. 209
- 4/12/12 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Neversink Town Hall 10:00 am - 2:30 p.m.
- 4/12/12 Claryville Fire District Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 4/17/12 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 4/19/12 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Save the Dates!

June 9, 2012 -11 am - Fund Raising Country Auction sponsored by Time and the Valleys Museum (Fairgrounds)
July 28, 2012 Time and the Valleys Museum Annual Old Time Fair and BBQ

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

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VALERO MINI MALL (Loch Sheldrake)
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TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

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

Each year, Liberty Masonic Lodge #521 gives two scholarships to a graduating senior, one from Liberty Central High School and one from Tri Valley Central School. In addition to the High School Scholarships, Liberty Masonic Lodge sends boys and girls to Camp Turk in the Adirondack Mountains for up to three weeks. The Lodge would greatly appreciate your patronage and support for these wonderful programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 845-866-4000.
Camp Turk Web -:
<http://www.campturk.org/ParentIndex.html>

ASK for Music

On Friday, April 20, 8 pm the Arts Society of Kingston (ASK) 97 Broadway, Kingston, NY will present their April lineup: MarcVon Em, Neil Herlands and Too Much Fun (Mira, Jerome and Friends)
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EDITORIAL LETTER:

Dear Ulster County Resident or Business Owner,

As your County Executive, I am working hard to make Ulster County the healthiest county in New York State. In an effort to provide residents the tools for healthier living, I am hosting the 2nd Annual Healthy Ulster County Week from May 19 - 28, 2012. This week will include events to encourage residents to exercise more, eat better and increase awareness of their health.

Any business or non-profit can participate by doing one or more of the following:

- Offer a "Healthy Ulster County Discount" on things like an exercise class or hiking book;
- Host a health-related event such as a cooking demonstration;
- Offer a "Healthy Ulster County Special" menu item.

For additional information, please call 845-340-3800 or email exec@co.ulster.ny.us. To notify us of your participation, email, call or click on the Healthy Ulster County Week link on the County's websites: www.UlsterCountyNY.gov or www.HealthyUlsterCounty.net. Please provide your participation information by April 27, 2012.

As a way to acknowledge your commitment and thank you for your efforts, Ulster County will incorporate your organization's name into all promotional materials related to Healthy Ulster County Week, including posting it on a special County webpage.

I look forward to working with you, as we make Ulster County a healthier place to live, work and raise a family.

Very truly yours,
Michael P. Hein County Executive

To participate in Healthy Ulster County Week, go to: <http://co.ulster.ny.us/downloads/ApplicationHealthyUlster.doc> to download an application form.

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

Liberty Masonic Lodge Hosts Presentation for the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory

Liberty Lodge #521, Free & Accepted Masons will host a presentation by the Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) at 20 Eagle Drive in Liberty, New York on April 10, 2012. MMRL representatives will discuss the cutting edge cardiac research conducted at MMRL followed by a question and answer period. The presentation will begin at 8:00 PM and is open to the public. Please RSVP by calling 845-866-4000 due to limited seating.

Founded in 1958, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) has gained international renown and acclaim in the scientific and medical community as a leading cardiac research center. The hallmark of the institute is its innovative and imaginative approach to fighting heart disease. MMRL's legacy of scientific breakthroughs has helped to generate new heart medications and develop diagnostic procedures for the management of cardiac arrhythmias, and has aided in the advancement of live-saving technologies. MMRL is also one of the top genetic screening centers in the world dedicated to helping families afflicted with sudden death syndromes.

For more information on the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory please visit www.mmrl.edu

"Date Night"

- When: Friday, March 30, 2012
- Where: Tri-Valley Elementary School (sign your kids in when dropping them off)
- Time: 5:00p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Ages: 1st- 4th grade children who attend Tri-Valley
- There will be a nurse available in case of an emergency.
- Cost: Suggested donation of \$5 to benefit the 9th grade class.
- Feel free to send your kids in their pajamas!



We promise to "tire" out your child!



You can drop off your children, go out, and have fun. There will be games, sports, reading, and crafts available for entertainment!
*Please return RSVP sheets to the elementary office by Friday, March 23, 2012. Please contact Matt Haynes at matthewhaynes@trivalleycsd.org or 985-2296 x4250 for further information.





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- **REDUCED** 3BR/2BA contemp farmhouse on 100+ acres with spectacular views, 2 ponds, adj to State land, +cottage. \$649k
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Quiz:

A. Name the actor who played

Daisy Battles?

B. Name the actor who played W. B. Yeats?"

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

PHOENICIA - PHOENICIA LIBRARY, As always "**Math Homework Help**," still here with **Phyllis Rosato's, From Kindergarten to Calculus, on Mondays**, 3-5:00 PM. **Story time with Ms. Ginger**, Saturday at 11AM. Maybe do a **Craft** or have a **Tasty Snack**? **All ages welcome. New, and Awesome News** is that the **Phoenicia Library has two Kindle E-Readers** preloaded from the **New York Times Bestseller List**, and they are ready to loan at minimal fees, and some conditions do apply, contact. **Phoenicia Library**, 9 Ava Maria Road, Phoenicia NY 12464 (845) 688-7811, Office hours Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 1-6 and Tuesday 10-4 Saturday 10-3. Contact on the web; [Http://phoenicalibrary@gmail.com](http://phoenicalibrary@gmail.com)

PINE HILL - Pine Hill Community Center- In addition to the programming that fills the center every week, there are some special events happening in March, **Brooklyn Storytellers** on the 24th, and the launch of **Kid Stuff** their brand new **free Saturday series** of workshops for kids. Regular office hours are Wed. - Friday 10 is - 5 pm; Sat. 10 Am. -2pm. All activities take place as announced. **Pine Hill Community Center**, 287 Main St. Pine Hill NY, 12465. (845) 254-5469. Pinehillcommunitycenter.org.

HURLEYVILLE

Don't forget to celebrate at **NADIAS BUFFET**. The food is fantastic, along with the very pleasing sounds of **Al Defino and his guitar**, soothing you with songs. Thursday - Sunday 5pm on, for reservations call (845) 693-5104

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March 17 "Shorts & Sweets for St. Patrick's Day." at 7:30 p.m. at the Sullivan County Museum, 265 Main Street in Hurleyville.

March 31 & April 1- Vaudeville In The Catskills An historical celebration of the Borscht Belt and Vaudeville era, with music, comedy, dance and some surprises as well at the **Sullivan County Museum in Hurleyville**. Phone (845) 436-5336

Stay safe,
Knarf O'dhamoc
Gnome

ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

A. Julie Christie
B. Michael Redgrave

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