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A Lot of Blue means "Thank You"

Our healthcare workers have been on the front lines battling the COVID-19 outbreak, day in and day out for weeks. These brave individuals are our neighbors, relatives and friends.

Many have asked what can they do to show their gratitude. One way is as easy as tying a blue ribbon around an old oak tree, or any tree for that matter.

This message - a visual reminder - is popping up across the state in neighborhoods from Niagara Falls to the Mario Cuomo Bridge - blue lights, and blue ribbons to match blue scrubs.

Blue ribbons are suddenly appearing more and more throughout the state.



As we continue the statewide "stay home" order in New York, understand that this is an important part of the ongoing effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. In doing so, it will help prevent overburdening the healthcare system, and allow our healthcare workers more time to help secure the necessary medical supplies they need as they continue to save lives.

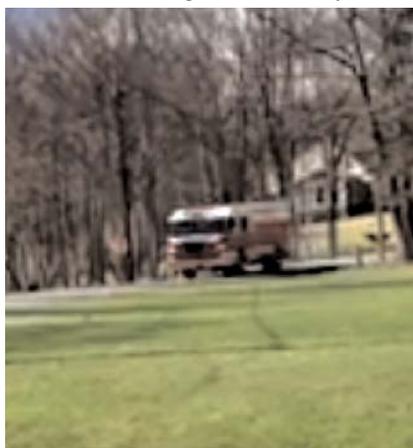
By staying home and staying safe and if you can, tie a blue ribbon in your front yard and let our health care workers know how much they are appreciated!



Grahamsville Fire Department Helps Put the Happy in "Easter 2020"!



We heard that many boys and girls were pleasantly surprised by a visit from the Easter Bunny. Once he arrived in Grahamsville he boarded on of the Grahamsville Fire Department's fire trucks and was driven around the district to wish as many children as he could, Happy Easter and made sure he didn't forget some candy, too.



The Grahamsville Fire Department put this idea together very quickly on Saturday morning and brightened this Easter Season for so many children, parents and grandparents, too.

They did a wonderful job, taking the necessary safety precautions due to COVID-19. They kept everyone posted continually throughout their journey as to where they were heading and blew the siren as they arrived at their many destinations from Grahamsville to Sundown!

Thank you to the Grahamsville Fire Department for helping to put some "Happy" back in Easter this year.

With the Easter Bunny aboard- the Grahamsville Fire Truck makes its way up Hastings Drive and then off to see as many children as possible.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him. Daniel 9:9

OBITUARIES

Anthony (Tony) Fracasse departed this world on Sunday, April 5, 2020 after a brief illness. He was a strong man with a big heart that was loved by all. He cherished all three of his children and his 14 grandchildren. His loving brother, Ron, kept him laughing and joking about everything. Anthony was the kindest and most giving man. His heart of gold will always be remembered by all. He was born to the late Edgar B. Fracasse and Anita Stepanowitz Fracasse in Liberty, NY. He attended Tri Valley School and was a former warehouse worker at Marcel Decker. Tony leaves behind his 3 children. Toni Fracasse (daughter) and her fiancée (Robert McCoy), Michael Fracasse (son) and his wife Keisha Rogers-Fracasse and Edgar Fracasse (son) and his fiancée Amanda Liciaga. Tony also had a loving brother, Ronald Fracasse Sr. and his wife Cynthia Fracasse of Parkville, NY. Sisters, Hindi M. Fracasse from Garland, Texas and Savannah Greene from Downey, California. Tony had 14 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. All people die, but not all people live, Tony was loved by all. Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Ramsay Funeral Home and for further info call 845-292-7160 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhome.com

Ronald Harrison Krom, of Orangeburg, NY passed away on April 4, 2020 at Nyack Hospital. He was 68. He was the son of Harrison Krom and Dorothy Hennige, born on July 9, 1951 in Ellenville, NY. Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family.

Hunter James Behnke, of Ellenville, NY passed away unexpectedly on Monday, April 6, 2020. He was 21 years old. Hunter was born on February 26, 1999 in Kingston, NY; he was the son of Marcia and Christopher Benson.

Hunter had graduated from Ellenville High School in 2017. He worked as a car inspector for Valvoline in Middletown. Hunter had a true passion for motorcycles, but most of all he loved his family and they times they shared together.

Hunter will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by his parents; his fiancé, Cheyenne DooLittle and their children Jacob, Liam and Faye; his brother, Tiler Ferentheil; his step-sisters, Mykelty and Savannah Benson; his grandmother, Elizabeth Behnke; his aunts, Jessica and Helen Behnke; his uncles, John Behnke and his wife Holly and their son Zachary and his best friend, Rapheal and his family.

Due to the strict guidelines regarding the current health crisis services will be held privately.

The family has requested memorial con-

tributions be made in Hunter's memory to start a trust for his children. Contributions can be mailed to Marcia and Chris Benson, 42 Campwoods Lane, Ellenville, NY 12428.

Betty J. Short of Napanoch, NY, passed away on Sunday, April 5, 2020. She was 86 years old. Betty was born on November 23, 1933 in Town of Rochester; she was the daughter of Charles and Dorothy (Munson) Lake.

Through the years Betty had worked as a Telephone Operator, she worked at the Napanoch Paper Mill and most recently she was a Bookkeeper at the Ellenville National Bank.

Surviving are her son, Kenneth Short and her daughter, Karen Terwilliger and her husband Mark all of Napanoch; her grandchildren, Kelli Short, Devin Short, Daniel Short, Meghan Douglas, Erin McConnell and Ethan Terwilliger and ten great-grandchildren.

Betty was predeceased by her husband, Kenneth Herbert Short and her brother, George Lake.

Cremation will be private. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Arrangements are under the direction of Loucks Funeral Home, 79 N. Main St., Ellenville.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Betty's name to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

April 12, 1950 - Ed Lewis of Claryville, Fire Observer in this section for twenty years, was back on the job April 1st in the Red Hill Fire Tower situation on Moon Hill above the former Mark Dibble place. When the weather is crisp and bright, Mr. Lewis is on the job 24 hours a day, seven days a week, leaving his post only when a soaking downpour makes fires in the area impossible.

Tuesday night, April 4th, thirty friends and neighbors surprised Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Allison when they walked in to help celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. The even was spent playing cards and visiting.

A miscellaneous bridal shower was held at the Methodist Church Hall in Sundown for Miss Gladys Tillson on Saturday afternoon. Miss Tillson received many beautiful and useful gifts. She will be married to Mr. Floyd Van Wagner early in the summer.

Sportsmen and other residents of Delaware, Sullivan and Ulster Counties have their eyes on Albany these days awaiting Governor Dewey's action on the Wicks bill which would prohibit any municipality from (Contd. Pg. 3)

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

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tapping the Beaverkill and Willowemoc streams for municipal water purposes. The Catskill area once had seven beautiful streams. New York City has taken five of them and only the Beaverkill and Willowemoc remain.

April 13, 1960 - Mr. Telfer Guidance Counselor, has announced that George Spann, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Spann of Sundown, has been selected as this year's candidate for the Central Hudson Scholarship program. George will attend a two week program this summer and then will be eligible to compete for a four year scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Velie celebrated their 7th wedding anniversary on Tuesday evening with a dinner at Corey's in Liberty after which they called on some friends at Liberty Loomis Hospital.

One evening last week, Mrs. Albro Brown Jr., Mrs. Floyd Curry and Mrs. Robert Mickelson were the co-hostesses at a stork shower for Mrs. William Kelly at Mrs. Brown's home.

Miss Barbara Krum of Grahamsville went to N.Y. City on Saturday to be on hand to welcome her fiancé, William Mahnken when his ship arrived from Norfolk Naval Base.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hotchkin entertained at dinner on Wed. in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Slater who were celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary and Clifford's birthday.

April 15, 1970 - On Thursday, April 9, 1970, a special meeting of the Grahamsville Fire Company was held for the purpose of electing firematic officers for the coming year. The results of the balloting are as follows: Fire Chief, Arnold Robinson; 1st Asst. Chief, Doug Hill; 2nd Asst. Chief, Fred Costa; Capt., Franklin Smith; Lieut. Horace Sheeley; 1st Engineer, Jim Minarski; 2nd Engineer, Herman Probst.

Ulster County Highway Dept. is building a new bridge over the Neversink Road on Denning Road near Mrs. Scofield's home. Construction is being done by James Berardi, Inc. of Kingston.

April 10, 1980 - An Eagle Court of Honor will be held on April 19, 1980 for scout Andrew Hall. Andrew will be the 27th scout to make the high rank of eagle. The ceremonies will take place at the Tri-Valley Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. Andrew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hall of Grahamsville.

Mrs. Victor Bailey's garage and a vehicle parked therein received extensive damage this weekend when an auto traveling out of control, crashed into the side of the building, coming out the front. The driver of the vehicle received only minor injuries.

The students of the Spanish classes have been in Spain for the Easter Holidays. While in Spain they have visited Madrid, Segovia, Avila, Escorial, the Valley of the Fallen Ones and many other sites. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Quick were the chaperones of the group. Mrs. Rita Cerato and Mrs. Ardella Terwilliger were also touring with the group.

Household Hints:**It's Time to Put those Winter Boots Away... but Clean them First!**

As if a winter's worth of ice, slush, and snow wasn't rough enough on your shoes and boots, the worst thing, by far, is all the rock salt that's used to melt it. In addition to leaving unsightly white stains, salt can actually cause your footwear to crack and even disintegrate if it's left on indefinitely. To remove it and prevent long-term damage, wipe the stains with a cloth dipped in undiluted white vinegar before storing them away for next winter.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

A tribute to the memory of all of the Townsman Ladies that we have lost and loved so much... Peggy DeWire, Avril Pappa, Joan Hall, Polly Hill, Joyce Lockhart, Jean Helthaler, Karen Curry and Barbara Slater.

Fabulous Ferns

This year, while we are observing 'social distancing' a safe walk in the woods will reveal the delightful elegance of feathery ferns that are now changing the forest floor from brown to green.

Ferns have been with us for more than 300 million years and during that time the variations of their form has been extraordinary. Ferns grow in many different habitats around the world. Ferns were at their height during the Carboniferous Period (the fifth period of the Paleozoic era, between the Devonian and Permian periods) as they were the dominant part of the vegetation at that time. Many of the larger ferns became extinct but some did evolve into our modern ferns.

According to an article published in the journal Nature, in May of 2010 the Gilboa Reservoir had been partially emptied for a maintenance project and an international research team unearthed and investigated an entire fossil forest dating back 385 million years. The Gilboa fossil forest in the Catskill Mountains is generally referred to as 'the oldest fossil forest'. The



team described bases of the Gilboa trees "as spectacular bowl-shaped depressions up to nearly two meters, (6 1/2 feet) in diameter, surrounded by thousands of roots of trees that looked like palm trees and grew up to 10 meters (33 feet) in height."

Four hundred million years ago, ferns came up from the sea. They were the first plants on earth to have upright stems that reached through the tidal ooze toward the sun. The stem contained a pipeline fiber that carried plant food from roots to leaves, exposing it to sunlight where chlorophyll was produced. Thus began the process of photosynthesis for all future plants to come, a priceless legacy from the fern's vascular pipeline.

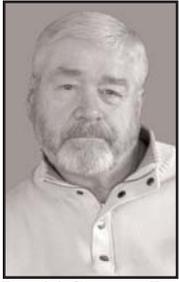
With this wonderful accomplishment, ferns flourished for millions of years and their decayed remains fossilized into the vast coal beds of our times. Today there is over 10,000 known surviving species of fern that reproduce via spores and have neither seeds nor flowers. Fern differ from mosses as they are vascular.

Spores grow on the underside of fronds in rows of tiny brown packets, which burst into brown dust when mature. Other spores grow in clusters like grapes on separate stalks. Each fern has its own distinctive spore dot pattern that provides an easy and reliable way to identify ferns. When a spore packet splits open and a spore lands on a moist suitable spot, it grows into a tiny green heart-shaped pad (gametophyte) with male and female parts that join to form a fertilized cell. This second plant (sporophyte) grows roots and leaves, eventually becoming an independent baby fern. It takes seven years for a spore to become a mature fern.

During medieval times ferns were believed to have magical properties. They believed their seed and flowers were invisible. Throughout Medieval Europe, people foraged in the forest to try to catch the magical fern seed, just when it was set to ripen, at the stroke of midnight on Midsummer's Eve when they claimed the seeds would glow! If you caught the fern seed, it would confer magical powers, and if you had a handful of fern seed, you could become invisible.

Folks still comb the woods for ferns, but these days it's to make 'magic' in the kitchen. Steamed like asparagus and served with hollandaise sauce, or sauteed in butter and garlic, there's nothing more delicious than the unsprouted heads of bracken or cinnamon ferns in the early spring; or to recognize the delicate charm of a Ladyfern, a pale-green hay-scented fern whose feathery fronds seem to do a pirouette as it follows the sun across the sky.

Beautiful, ancient, and mysterious, ferns reawaken us each spring, re-enchanted us with magic, and nourish us body and soul.



Cheater's Game

Mysterious Book Report No. 402

by John Dwaine McKenna

"In a society without shame, where faking it is making it and deceit trumps virtue, integrity is for losers and cheaters win. Fairness? Forget about it! A meritocracy? In your dreams! Earn your diploma? Why bother, when you can buy it."

So says aging linebacker and CTE sufferer turned lawyer, Jake Lassiter, as he takes on the college admissions cheating scandal in Paul Levine's newest, propulsive courtroom thriller entitled: *Cheater's Game*, (Herald Square Publishing, PB, \$15.99, 426 pages, ISBN 978-17342551005).

Mr. Levine is at the top of his form in *Cheater's Game* – his fourteenth Lassiter novel-which covers the timeliest of subjects in this period of such income disparity the ability of the haves to purchase what the have-nots can only dream about. In this case, it's admission into the country's most prestigious and elite universities.

As the novel begins the brain-damaged ex-pro football player, Jake Lassiter, has quit trial lawyering and taken a job with the Florida Bar Association, going after attorney's who break the law. But when his beloved nephew Kip is indicted by a grand jury and hauled into Federal Court on 37 felony counts after being set-up by his scheming boss and so-called 'partner,' Jake comes back to defend the young man he's raised as a son. He puts his life on the line in the process, while Kip is facing what amounts to a life sentence if convicted.

The courtroom drama is fast-paced, intricate and ever-changing as the strategies, schemes and betrayals play out, while at home the heartaches mount as Jake's condition worsens as he comes to grips with the fact that the case is unwinnable and he may not be able to save his sister's son Kip, "the smartest kid in the room . . . and the dumbest one on the street . . ."

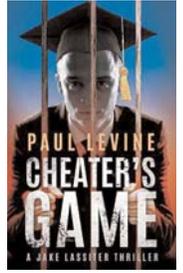
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Interview With The Author: Paul Levine

by

John Dwaine McKenna

Sharing his insights and thoughts with us today is Paul Levine, whose newest Jake Lassiter thriller is reviewed in

MBR No. 402. It's both an honor and a pleasure, as well as a humbling experience to interview so prolific an author with such a well-defined and appealing character as Lassiter, whose longevity is astonishing. Thank you for your input.

Here's our first question . . .

Why do you write?

I can't help myself. Writing is an illness. A

nasty flu. If you're infected, you have this inner need to tell stories. Writers, actors, stand-up comics, lecturers at Chautauqua's all suffer from this incurable ailment.

Are any of your characters autobiographical?

Jake Lassiter, protagonist of the series that began in 1990 with *To Speak for the Dead*, is a former NFL linebacker who became a Miami trial lawyer. I was a sportswriter who became a Miami trial lawyer. Lassiter is a lot tougher than me. In court, he's the bull in the China shop. He'll be held in contempt and not care. He'll take a punch for a client. But like me, Jake "won't lie to the court or let a client lie." Lassiter also likes to say: "I've never been disbarred, committed or convicted of moral turpitude, and the only time I was arrested it was a case of mistaken identity...I didn't know the guy I hit was a cop."

What makes a character compelling?

Complexity. Layers. Dimensions. No person in real life has only one character trait. Same in fiction. A hero can be brave but fearful. A villain can be treacherous but a good parent and kind to his dogs.

What makes a character despicable?

"Despicable" is in the eye of the beholder. Well-drawn villains often believe their actions are justified. In Chinatown, Noah Cross believes that bankrupting farmers is fine and dandy if it serves the larger purpose of bringing water to an expanding Los Angeles. He can even excuse murdering his son-in-law and sexually abusing his daughter. Now, that's despicable!

Do any one of the above attributes make a more interesting character than another?

Surely, multi-dimensional characters – both heroes and villains – help convey a sense of reality. I'd add that villains who are as smart as the hero – or smarter – also contribute to the story by making the hero's quest more difficult.

What type of scene is most difficult for you to write?

Easiest to write: Courtroom scenes. I've lived them, and the rhythm is like a favorite tune.

Challenging: Writing an action scene that isn't derivative of a dozen movies that are stored in my brain.

Really difficult: Bedroom scenes are just loaded with land mines. After that first kiss, just how do you write a scene that has never been written before?

What's your next project?

Jake Lassiter will handle a case that may change the game of football from grade school to the NFL.

Do you have any other comments, suggestions, tips, anecdotes, quotes or inspirational material you'd like to share?

In *Cheater's Game*, Lassiter tackles the college admissions scandal. Here's a bit of his closing argument: (Contd. Pg. 13)

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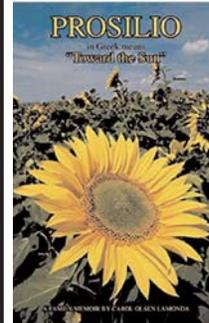
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The Olive Jar - By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Homebody

After a month of eating down pantry and freezer, I needed to venture forth from my cocoon to shop for groceries.



My adventure into civilization in homemade hazmat gear felt surreal. I wore a hood, a mask covered by a scarf, wearing gloves and carrying my own wipes. I did not feel strange at all seeing the rest of food-seeking humanity sporting similar outfits. The market handed me a sanitized cart and we stood in line, six feet in distance, until someone left the market and another person could enter. Aisles were one way, cashiers were shielded, and we again stood in separation to be called to check out. Then groceries that did not need refrigeration got left the garage for three days as I disinfected dairy, produce and meat before putting it away. Then my shopping outfit went directly to the laundry and hands scrubbed to redness.

Aside for venturing out to Sam's Club and Aldi's this week to replenish the larder, I have become a homebody, and, I must admit I am liking parts of this lifestyle. I seem to be getting up later and going to bed earlier with naps in between. I seek out sunbeams to listen to my novel, *THE DUTCH HOUSE*, by Ann Patchett. I prop myself up with comfy pillows and all but purr over my third cup of coffee or my first glass of wine. My duties are centered around grooming and preparing food. I feel like I am becoming a CAT venturing out for short walks in nature.

Thank goodness Hudson likes cats and my catlike lifestyle. With lots of time to ponder this unimaginable situation we are all in, I realize what is really important and what just filled up my day with frittering. As Easter approaches, I am making a turkey dinner with all the trimmings for just us two. It will be a Easter Holiday as well as Thanksgiving because I am thankful for being well, so far, warm, well fed, and comfortable as we ride out Covid-19. I will thank those people who put themselves at peril to keep us safe.

However, I intend to stay put, safe at home, but I do miss going out on Friday night for burger at the Boiceville Inn, my Wednesday night wings at Sante Fe, and seeing neighbors in booths nearby. I will miss my family going out to Stella's for my birthday dinner. I miss my friends who would gather each Monday morning to sew, paint, or just chat. I miss doing yoga in a group. I miss hugs from kids and grandkids. I miss the closeness of others. I cannot help but watch television and remark, "Those people are standing too close to each other." I long for the day we can touch and laugh at barbecues, parties, graduations, weddings, beaches, pools and parks. But not yet...for now I am a homebody.

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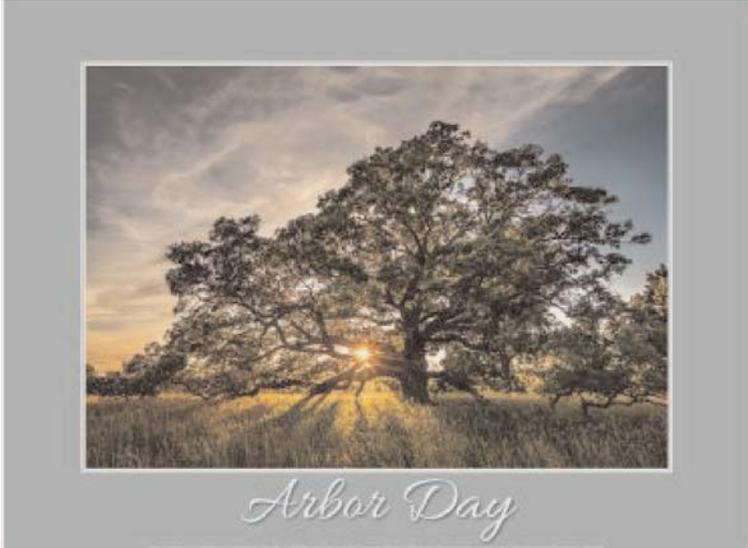
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DEC Announces Arbor Day Artwork Contest Winner

Photograph by Paul Bergwall of Honeoye Falls Selected for 2020 State Arbor Day Poster



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced that Paul Bergwall of Honeoye Falls, Monroe County, is the winner of DEC's annual Arbor Day Artwork Contest.

"While Arbor Day is an annual opportunity to recognize the value of trees, it also provides a reminder of what we can do to protect them," said Commissioner Seggos. "Utilizing proper tree planting techniques and remembering the importance of care throughout a tree's life are critical steps to protect New York's urban and community forests for years to come. Congratulations to Paul Bergwall for taking this year's honor in truly capturing the countless benefits and beauty that trees provide every day."

The annual contest accepts artwork and photography submissions of trees in New York State. The winning poster design is featured on the State's official Arbor Day poster and is selected by a committee comprised of representatives from DEC, New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, International Paper, Empire State Forest Products Association, and the New York State Arborist Association. Bergwall's design stood out among this year's 240 submissions for successfully capturing the charismatic and inspirational qualities of trees. Arbor Day is a nationally celebrated observance held on the last Friday of April each year. Originally established in 1872 to encourage farmers and homesteaders to plant trees for shade, fuel, and beauty in open areas, today it is an opportunity to celebrate the vital role of trees in our lives.

While many traditional public Arbor Day ceremonies around the state have been postponed, there are many ways communities and families can celebrate while practicing social distancing. Visit DEC's website for ideas about how to safely and responsibly celebrate Arbor Day 2020 on April 24.

The annual State Arbor Day Poster contest is announced each September and runs through December. Those interested in participating in the 2021 contest should visit DEC's website for more information. The recently enacted 2020-21 State Budget includes several initiatives to continue improving, protecting, and promoting healthy trees and forests, including the \$3 billion Restore Mother Nature Environmental Bond Act and \$300 million for the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF), among other investments. The EPF includes \$500,000 proposed in Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's Executive Budget for a new Community Forest grant program. Keeping forests as forestland is a key component of meeting the State's carbon-reduction targets in the historic Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). Community Forests grants will also provide municipalities or groups the ability to preserve open space while providing for local public recreation and sustainable forestry that ensures continued carbon sequestration and outdoor educational opportunities.

DEC and State Parks Announce Boat Launch Dock Installations Underway Boat Launches Are Becoming Available Across the State to Access Great Fishing or Enjoying a Day on the Water Boaters and Anglers Encouraged to Use Boat Launches Safely and Responsibly, Recreate Locally, and Practice Social Distancing to Prevent Community Spread of COVID-19

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) today announced that boat launch installations are ongoing across the state to ensure boaters have access to New York State's abundant recreational opportunities. Each spring, DEC and State Parks regional staff work to install docks at all sites, often before the opening day for various sportfish species. During the COVID-19 public health crisis, when boating and fishing DEC and State Parks encourage New Yorkers to recreate locally and use the hashtag #RecreateLocal, avoid busy waters, and follow the guidelines on DEC's website about fishing responsibly in New York State.

Docks are being installed at boat launches across the state. Schedules for boat launch installations can change based on water levels, weather, and ice conditions. Most sites are open for public use even if the boarding dock is not installed. Boaters are encouraged to call their regional fisheries office or State Park to check the boat launch status. Restrooms at these facilities will remain closed out of an abundance of caution to prevent the community spread of COVID-19. Boat launches at DEC campgrounds remain closed at this time. Please note that the boat launch at Lake Flower in Saranac Lake is restricted due to an adjacent construction project. For more details, go to DEC Lake Flower Boat Launch announcement.

A list of New York State Boat Launching Sites (PDF, 7.7 MB) contains boating access and launching areas available to the public, as well as helpful information on launching and retrieving boats and aquatic invasive species. For people with mobility issues, DEC also maintains a photo album of accessible launch and fishing sites. For information about non-DEC boat launch site operations, please contact the specific municipality or agency.

Please continue to follow the CDC/New York State Department of Health guidelines for preventing the spread of colds, flu, and COVID-19:

- o Try to keep at least six feet of distance between you and others.
- o Avoid close contact, such as shaking hands.
- o Wash hands often or use a hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available.
- o Avoid surfaces that are touched often, such as rails, posts, and tie off cleats.

When boating and fishing, DEC and State Parks recommend New Yorkers to recreate locally, avoid busy waters, and follow the guidelines on DEC's website about fishing responsibly in New York State. If an angler arrives at a parking lot and there are several cars, consider going to another parking lot. If an angler is fishing upstream, they should fish downstream of the other angler or consider fishing another day. Do not share a car with people not in your household while traveling to fishing or boating sites. Anglers fishing from boats should always be able to maintain at least six feet of distance between one another. For more information about the benefits of being outdoors safely and responsibly, go to DEC's website.

New York's waters remain cold throughout the spring. Life jacket wear is required through May 1 on pleasure boats less than 21 feet long and dressing in layers is recommended to avoid hypothermia. Boaters should be alert at all times and follow the rules of the nautical road. Under Brianna's law, all operators of motorized vessels must take a safe boating course and earn a safe boating certificate by 2025. For information on recreational boating in New York, visit NYS Parks website.

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DPL staff members are checking voicemails and emails daily (Monday through Friday) while we are closed to the public. We will do our best to return your call in a timely manner.

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Register on-line at: <https://sunysullivan.edu/academics/community-education/community-learning/>
Follow this link to download Zoom: <https://zoom.us/download>

Dance Fitness (FREE) # CL 1040 01 NCS1 Instructor: Lori Karadontes Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learning Fridays, April 10-April 24 from 9:15 am-10:00 am A low intensity dance using fitness moves to burn calories and strengthen your body while having fun! It's a Dance Party! Students will log into Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and will receive instruction during a 45-minute session. Presented in collaboration with Sullivan 180

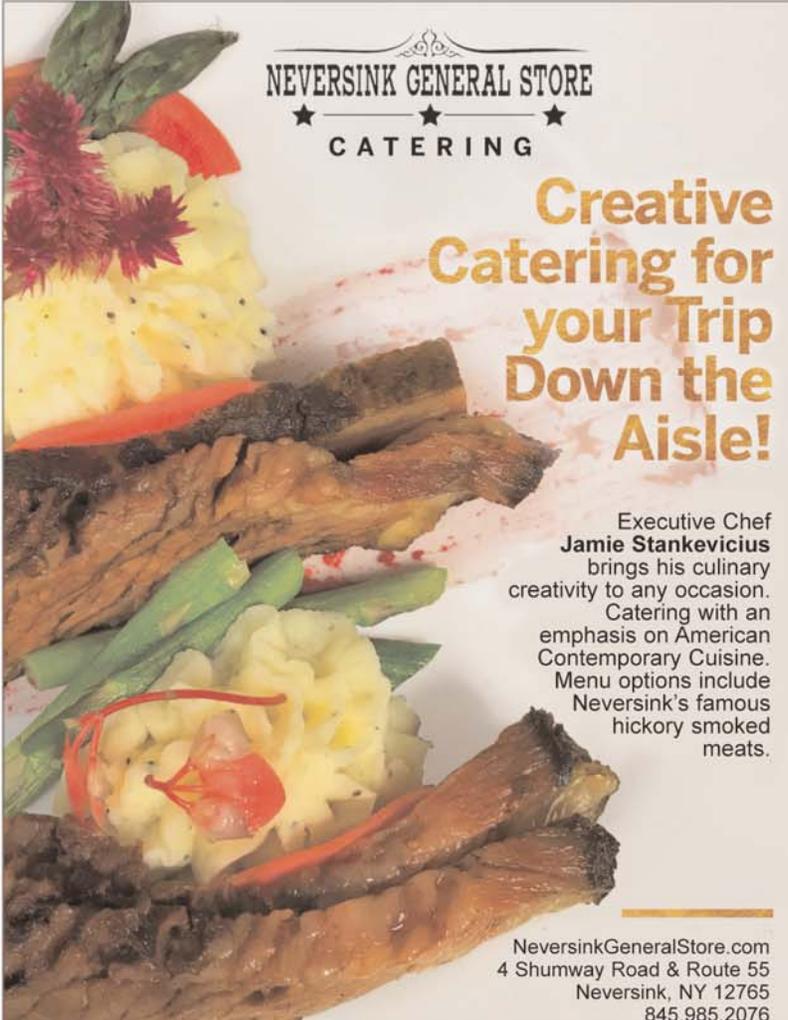
Health and Wellbeing for All Ages with Dr. Roman # CLC 1033 01 NC (\$84 per person/\$79 seniors) Instructor: Dr. Lauren Roman Tuesdays, April 14, 21 and 28 and May 5 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learning In this interactive session join Dr. Lauren Roman as she discusses health issues for all ages from chronic pain management, wellness in aging, managing anxiety and sleep naturally, and how to best support our immune system. Each session will focus on a different subject and allow for questions and answers. Stay strong, healthy and connected through this difficult time. Students will log into Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and they will receive instruction during a _ hour health information session and _ hour Q and A session.

Piloxing (FREE) # CL 1041 01 NCS1 Instructor: Lori Karadontes Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learning Tuesdays, April 14-April 28 from 9:15 am-10:00 am This fun-filled class mixes Pilates and boxing moves into a muscle-sculpting, core-centric interval workout, using a class format that's both fun and challenging. Beginners are welcome and will appreciate building up to this great workout with your helpful trainer! Students will log into Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and will receive instruction during a 45-minute session. Presented in collaboration with Sullivan 180.

Stress Relief for All # CLC 1036 01 NC (\$74 per person/\$69 seniors) Instructor: Rebecca DeRosa Tuesdays, April 14, 21 and 28 May 5 from 5:30 pm-6:15 pm / Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learning Let's face it, life is stressful! Finding a work/life balance, dealing with health, finances-it all takes its toll. While some stress is unavoidable, there are many ways to reduce stress and tension in our lives. Through discussion, guided meditation, chair yoga, and tips for self-care, this workshop will give you the tools you need to make your life more manageable. Students will log into Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and they will receive instruction during a 45-minute session.

Medicare 101 (FREE of Charge) # CLC 1038 01 NC Instructor: Jim Farnham, MBA, MS, Licensed Agent Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learning Wednesday, April 15 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm Will you turn 65 soon? Will you soon be eligible for Medicare? This class will give you a better understanding of Medicare and how Medicare works. Learn how and when to enroll, as well as insurance options that are available. Review and compare Medicare Parts A, B, C and D. Explore and evaluate Original Medicare, Prescription Drug Plans, Medicare Supplement Insurance and Medicare Advantage Plans. Receive the most up-to-date information and simplify the choices you need to make. Students will log into Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and will receive instruction during a 2- hour session.

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Musical Theater Production # CLC 1031 01 NC-ONLINE (\$214 Students for all 6 sessions) Instructor: Jessica López-Barkl Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learnin Saturday, April 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16 and 23 from 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm In this on-line version, students will discover, explore, and develop their own unique talents as cast members in a musical production. Every aspect of putting on a show from audition-techniques-to taking a final bow is covered. The end result will be the performance of an age-appropriate musical play or revue. Each child will receive instruction in vocal production and presentation, movement and dance, theater games, character development, and an introduction into the backstage crafts of props, set, lights, make-up, and costumes. Parts will be cast based on individual abilities. Students will log into Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and will receive instruction during the allotted 2-hour class time. Other resources will be emailed to the students including music, a script, and YouTube dance tutorials. Ages 7-14 years.

Keep Calm and Cook On: Cooking from Your Pantry # CLC 1037 01 NC (\$34 per person/ \$29 seniors) Instructor: Chef Dayna Halprin, SUNY Sullivan Alum Early Bird Cookery / Saturday, April 18 from 2:15 pm-4:15 pm Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learning In this interactive class Chef Dayna will show you how to make the most out of your pantry and freezer staples. Learn how to transform your versatile canned beans, dried grains, and frozen vegetables into dishes that you can get excited about. We will also discuss basic kitchen technique and knife skills while creating this flavorful meal. Students will log into Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and will receive instruction during an hour-long session.

Beginners All Level YOGA (FREE) # CL 1043 01 NCS1 Instructor: Marlana Benjamin/ Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learnin Thursdays, April 16-May 7 from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm This class will be geared toward beginners but is suitable for all levels. Start with some gentle warm ups, add some sun salutations to build some heat, move through a bit of a flow, all culminating in a wonderful savasana, or final mediation. Variations will be offered to make class more or less challenging depending on your experience level. All you need is your mat! You can use towels, pillows or blankets to replace blocks. Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and will receive instruction during a 1-hour session. Presented in collaboration with Sullivan 180.

Personal and Home Security # CLC 1032 01 NC (\$74/\$69 seniors) Instructor: James Scarp Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learning Mondays, April 20 and 27 from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm In this 2-session online class your instructor will cover topics including how to secure your home, proper positioning of lights, cameras and proper landscaping. In addition, the class will cover thoughts on home protection weaponry and the proper steps to obtain pistols, rifles and shotguns. Participants will also learn how to be mindful of their surroundings, to recognize warning signs prior to violent events, and to survive violent incidents - including but not limited to active shooter events. Students will log into Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and will receive instruction during an hour-long session.

Navigating the New Normal: Finding Your InnerStrength # CLC 1035 01 NC (\$124 per person - 4 sessions) Instructor: Shirley Felder, Certified Life Coach, Ordinary Greatnes Wednesdays, April 22 and 29, May 6 and 13 from 7:00 pm-8:00 pm Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learning With the world ever changing it can be hard to navigate your ship through the storm. Staying steady mentally, financially and spiritually during this time is a necessity. In this 4-session, once a week workshop, participants will learn to focus, stay mindful, address their fears, focus on their habitual health, give and get perspective and prepare themselves for a great comeback. Each week your life coach will address a different subject. Students will log into Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and will receive instruction during an hour-long session.

How To Make Your Meals More Plant-Focused (FREE) # CL 1042 01 NCS1 Instructor: Margaret Helthaler Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learning Fridays, April 24-May 1, 8 and 15 from 4:00 pm-5:00 pm Explore the health benefits of following a plant-focused diet, learn how to stock your kitchen so you are always ready to prepare healthy meals, discover tips and tools to make meal prep easier, and devise a method for meal planning that fits your lifestyle. Students will log into Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and will receive instruction during a 1- hour session. Presented in collaboration with Sullivan 180.

Bone Builders (FREE) # CL 1044 01 NCS1 Instructor: Dr. Joy Mendelsohn Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learning Thursdays, April 30-May 28 from 10:00 am-11:00 am Bone Builders is an exercise program sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension with the objective of building stronger bones to prevent or reverse osteopenia and osteoporosis to prevent fractures which cause so much debility as we age. Everyone starts losing bone mass by age 40 but women have a higher rate following menopause. This class is designed for women over 65 and men over 75 but is open to anyone who wants to increase their bone mass and prevent fractures. The exercises participants will do put stress on the bones most often fractured (hip, wrist, shoulder, spine) and have been shown to induce the development of stronger

bones. Students will log into Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and will receive instruction during a 1-hour session. Presented in collaboration with Sullivan 180.

Conquering Your Money Mindset in these Uncertain Times Part 1 & 2 # CLC 1034 01 NC (\$109 per student /\$104 seniors) Instructor: Susan Diamond, MSW, Financial Consultant and Ruvin Levavi, Esq, Financial Advisor Thursdays, May 4 and 11 from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm Location: Zoom invitation for on-line learning In this two-part interactive workshop, participants will learn how to identify their financial goals and put their money into action. In the first part of the class, The F Words of Financial Planning, will discuss how to Focus on the Future and find the Flexibility to cope with change. In the second part of this class participants will explore Money Emotions-A Historical Perspective. Knowledge is Power! The most successful investors have one thing in common, the ability to disassociate emotions and financial decision making. This is not natural, but rather a learned skill. Learn to identify emotional pitfalls while examining historical case studies to highlight the importance of discipline. Students will log into Zoom, via an email invitation from the instructor, and will receive instruction during an hour-long session.

Voices for All On-Line (open dates) # CL 1039 01 NC \$74 students/\$69 Seniors / Location: ONLINE Explore the fun, rewarding possibilities of the voiceover industry! Discover current trends and how they make it easy and affordable for just about anyone to get involved. You'll learn about different types of voiceovers and tools you'll need to find success. Your instructor, a professional voice actor from Voices for All, will take notes as you read a real script in this one-on-one video chat setting, and offer some coaching to improve your delivery. You'll receive a professional voiceover evaluation later. One-time, 90-minute, introductory class. Learn more at <http://www.voicesforall.com/ooo>. 18 and over.

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DEC Forest Ranger Highlights from Last



New York State Covid-19 Response: DEC personnel from across agency divisions and regions statewide are supporting the State's response to COVID-19. Personnel from more than 20 New York State agencies are working on response efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. DEC Forest Rangers' expertise in the Incident Command System (ICS) and experience in applying ICS to wide area searches and large wildland fire have made them a key part of this statewide effort.

Several DEC Forest Rangers are part of the New York State Incident Management Team, or IMT, an interagency team comprised of personnel from various state, county, and local agencies who represent a variety of disciplines. The IMT assists Incident Command personnel and emergency managers in ensuring a prompt, efficient, and organized response to complex incidents.

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- Jane Harrison

Just want to let everyone know that Jane is fine, but her computer is not. Due to technical difficulties, Jane won't be having a column this week, but should be back next week.

She wishes everyone to stay well!

Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association is Offering New Social Distance Programs

As we continue to shelter in place and practice social distancing; you may find yourself seeking entertainment and projects to ease the stress. The Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association (SCVA) has established a few programs to bring back some of that zeal you may have lost.

"We decided to offer opportunities for everyone to keep their minds active and our businesses open, while still encouraging social distancing best practices" stated Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President/CEO of the SCVA. "We also want people to feel engaged in their community; virtually reconnect with their neighbors; plus feel a sense of accomplishment and pride."

What are the new programs?

Calling all inspiring artists! Create a Sullivan Catskills inspired dove. Design Your Dove is for the young and young at heart! Inspiring artists can create their own Sullivan Catskills Dove design and submit it to receive a fun prize. Inspiration can be found by visiting the SCVA's online virtual Dove Trail. Those who want to go the extra step and bring their masterpiece to life, can create a 3D version-5 of the most creative sculptures will win a Sullivan Catskills gift bag.

Light Up Facebook to Say Thank You! Every night at 7:00 PM, the SCVA is rallying partners, businesses and residents to come together and go online to Facebook, Twitter or Instagram and thank our Health Care Workers, First Responders and Essential Personnel who continue working tirelessly, devoting their time to keeping us safe. To honor these workers, post a video, message or go live thanking them using the hashtags #SullivanCatskills #MySullivanCatskills #InThisTogether #SullivanCatskillsProud #thankyoufirstresponders #thankyou #healthcareheroes #essentialworkers #frontline #StayHome #forevergrateful @SullivanCatskills @MySullivanCatskills

TakeOutSullivanCatskills In an effort to support the local economy, the SCVA generates a list of member restaurants offering takeout/delivery as well as food purveyors and local shops on a daily basis. All participating business are practicing social distancing to ensure the safety of all Sullivan County residences. This is an opportunity to help our struggling businesses and keep our economy active. Visit the SCVA's Facebook page and website to find out who is open for business.

Sullivan Catskills Proud Let us show pride in where we live during these troubling times! Make it fun! Post a local picture, take a video, or share a childhood memory using social media hashtags #MySullivanCatskills #SullivanCatskills #SullivanCatskillsProud. The SCVA will create a collage of postings and feature them on our social media platforms. Join us in paying tribute to our beautiful County and make us "Sullivan Catskills Proud"!

For more information on these programs, visit the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association Facebook page www.SullivanCatskills.com or call 845-747-4449.

Her Quirky Journey:

-Marilyn Borth

herquirkyjourney.com**Uncertainty and Pandemia
in South America
Part 3**

Welcome back to my riveting coronavirus drama! Now, where did I leave off? Ah, yes: I was heading from Fortaleza, Brazil to Cape Cod to wait out a two-week quarantine with my travel buddy, since all the other countries I wanted to travel to had closed their borders.

The new plan: take an earlier flight than my friend to Rio de Janeiro. Then, take the same flight as her that same evening to New York for a short layover, then head to Boston. From there, pick up her

car from the airport, then drive to the Cape.

But, naturally, as plans just do nowadays, things didn't go as I'd hoped.

March 16th

Fortaleza to Rio de Janeiro

I left my friend and blissful hotel behind me as I took a taxi to the Fortaleza airport in the morning. Fortunately, I managed to wiggle out of a paying a hefty checked bag fee (a positive!) and made my way through the typical airport process to get to my flight.

There weren't very many other travelers in the airport. But, among the other few travelers, what stood out to me were the darting, panicky eyes above variously colored face masks. Nearly everyone had appeared this way- and I was no exception.

Rio de Janeiro

I'd landed in Rio with no issues, luckily enough. However, while walking through the airport, the coronavirus chaos showed its truly ugly face to me for the first time: people in masks running everywhere, crowds of jumpy people yelling, lines up the wazoo, exhausted workers barely clinging to sanity. It was pandemonium-and I couldn't help but feel nervous as a result. Thankfully, that face mask covered most of my visible nervousness.

Then, after taking all of this in, I checked my phone. I'd received a message from my friend, saying that our flight to New York had been delayed- a whopping 12 hours. Instead of leaving at 10:30 PM that evening, we'd be taking off at 10:30 AM the following morning. Wonderful. What was I supposed to do until then? It was only 4:00 in the afternoon! And what about our second flight from New York to Boston? We couldn't miss that.

In order to answer that last question, I waited on line for an hour and a half to talk to the airline. And, as it turns out, you can even hit that language barrier at an international airport. Instead of simply answering my question about what was happening about the flight from New York to Boston the following day, this fellow took it upon himself to disappear for 20 minutes, then put me on a completely different flight leaving in just two hours to Atlanta, then another to Boston right after that.

I wasn't given an option, so I had to take the flight and go. But, that meant abandoning my friend, who was currently somewhere in the air between Fortaleza to Rio de Janeiro.

While I was going through security, my friend had finally landed and was sprinting through the airport, trying to get on the same flight as me.

However, by the time she'd arrived to the airline's desk, the flight had been full. She then was awarded a free hotel for the night (lucky!) and I was on my way to Atlanta, then Boston. Alone.

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Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) Respond to COVID-19 Outbreak Libraries continue to engage through a variety of digital platforms

Middletown, NY, (April 6, 2020) - Libraries play a crucial role as “second responders” in times of natural or humanmade disasters, like hurricanes, floods, and fires. They adapt quickly to offering services to the public, no matter what the situation. While all 47 libraries in the Ramapo Catskill Library System (RCLS) have closed their buildings in response to COVID-19, they have immediately broadened their digital channels as a new way of reaching their communities.

RCLS libraries throughout Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, and Southern Ulster Counties are taking action by expanding their digital collection that includes e-books, downloadable audiobooks, e-magazines, online courses, language-learning software, and more. Also, since the closures, these libraries are offering a variety of online programs - both recorded and live -through multiple digital platforms.

“Libraries have always been an integral part of communities,” says Grace Riario, Executive Director of the Ramapo Catskill Library System. “Even though our doors are closed, we haven’t “gone away.” We’re still here ready to serve and assist our public in any way possible.”

Working remotely from home during social distancing, all library staff are proactive and creative in offering programs to their community. Utilizing social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Twitter, library staff continue to engage by delivering storytimes and craft hours to how-to videos showing how to download an e-book on platforms like Kanopy, Hoopla, and Overdrive. Many libraries are reaching out to their community members to check in on them and see if they need assistance connecting to resources, such as food delivery and mental health services.

“We are urging anyone who needs assistance to contact their local library,” Riario says. “Whether it’s finding activities for families with young children or senior citizens who are unsure how to navigate this new world, our library staff can help provide the right resources that they need during this time of social distancing.”

RCLS libraries are dedicated to helping their communities stay connected - even virtually - with a variety of online services, such as live discussions, tutoring sessions, streaming movies, books clubs, and visual storytime and links to fun activities, fingerplays, and songs for children. People can still access databases for test prep, homework help, Rosetta Stone, and more.

Communities are encouraged to regularly check the web sites of their local library for links to all their online content and the latest news on their service disruptions.

RCLS also offers free digital resources that community members can access during the COVID-19 outbreak. The information encourages washing hands frequently, know how it spreads, avoid close contact, stay home if you’re sick, covering coughs and sneezes, wear a facemask if you’re sick, and clean and disinfect.

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Interview With The Author: Paul Levine

(From Pg. 4) "In a society without shame, where faking it is making it and deceit trumps virtue, integrity is for losers and cheaters win. Fairness? Forget about it! A meritocracy? In your dreams! Earn your diploma? Why bother, when you can buy it?"

Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?

My website is <https://www.paul-levine.com>.

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Author Bio: The author of twenty-two novels, Paul Levine won the John D. MacDonald Fiction Award and has been nominated for the Edgar, Macavity, International Thriller, Shamus, and James Thurber prizes. A former trial lawyer, he also wrote twenty episodes of the CBS military drama JAG and co-created the Supreme Court drama First Monday starring James Garner and Joe Mantegna. TO SPEAK FOR THE DEAD was his first novel and introduced readers to linebacker-turned-lawyer Jake Lassiter. In Summer 2015, his Lassiter novel BUM RAP was the Number One bestseller on Amazon. He is also the author of the critically acclaimed SOLOMON VS. LORD series of legal capers. For more information, visit his website at paul-levine.com or his Amazon Author Page at amazon.com/Paul-Levine/e/B000APPYKG or follow him on Facebook at [facebook.com/PaulLevineAuthorPage/](https://www.facebook.com/PaulLevineAuthorPage/) or on Twitter @Jake_Lassiter.

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Executive Order Re: Absentee Ballots for June Primary

Exec Order re: absentee ballots for the June Primary issued by Gov Cuomo Section 8-400 of the Election Law is temporarily suspended and hereby modified to provide that due to the prevalence and community spread of COVID-19, an absentee ballot can be granted based on temporary illness and shall include the potential for contraction of the COVID-19 virus for any election held on or before June 23, 2020.

o Solely for any election held on or before June 23, 2020, Section 8-400 of the Election Law is hereby modified to allow for electronic application, with no requirement for in-person signature or appearance to be able to access an absentee ballot.

You can read the full text here: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20215-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency?fbclid=IwAR3t1fYR6Xn1awBgZScrVSLMAVR4rdpZjVzZml1-2LQXqHNC6Q44-NhEek1w>

It is also likely that the Presidential Primary will be cancelled in the next week or so. The laws of 2020 passed last week during the budget gave the ability for the State Board of Elections to remove candidates from the ballot who are no longer running for office. Doug Kellner, Democratic co-Commissioner stated in an interview with City and State today that it is likely that will be the decision of the Board:

Douglas Kellner, the state Board of Election Democratic co-chair, said that in light of Sanders' announcement, he and Democratic Commissioner Andrew Spano would likely remove Sanders and every other candidate that has dropped out from the ballot. "That would mean in jurisdictions where there are no contested primaries, that there would be no primary elections and the polls would not open," Kellner told City & State, adding that polls would still open for special elections scheduled for June 23. Kellner said that he and Spano would probably hold that meeting within the next week or two, and that they would probably cancel the primary.

You can read the full article here: <https://www.cityandstateny.com/articles/politics/campaigns-elections/new-york-presidential-primary-likely-cancelled.html>

Hope you are all doing well. Please let me know if you have any questions. For information on how to obtain an absentee ballot please visit our website here: <https://elections.ulstercountyny.gov/absentee-ballots/>

If emailing the application please email to: elections@co.ulster.ny.us
Ashley Dittus, Ulster County Board of Elections

New COVID-19 Cases at the Care Center

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Director Nancy McGraw announced today that five cases of COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) have been confirmed at the County-owned and operated Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty. These are in addition to the very first positive case in the County, a Care Center employee who has since fully recovered.

"A total of five individuals, including two staff members, at our nursing home tested positive this week for the virus," said McGraw. "The employees have been self-isolating since receiving their results, and the residents are isolating at the Care Center. Administration and Public Health continue to monitor the situation closely in collaboration with the NYS Department of Health."

"Daily screening and monitoring of all staff and residents has been in place since before the first case, but there is increasing Countywide transmission, so we are saddened but not surprised this has occurred," Health & Family Services Commissioner Stephanie Brown stated. "We continue to do everything in our power to guard against further spread, which is why visitation, admissions and face-to-face medical appointments have all been halted to the Care Center for nearly a month, and the particular units in which these residents are cared have been isolated, with staff also remaining restricted to their respective units."

Family members of the infected and exposed have been notified. If an individual responsible for a loved one in the Care Center has not been given a call or email, their family member has not been exposed.

For more information on the virus and local updates, visit www.sullivan.ny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus.

Project Resilience



Project Resilience is an Ulster County-wide community partnership to bring food and other assistance to those who cannot afford it or who cannot leave home during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Ulster County is partnering with United Way and many other area organizations and businesses to mobilize food and services. If you are an Ulster County resident in need of meals, meals will be delivered to local distribution centers, with home delivery to those who need it organized from there.

FOR PARTICIPANTS:

IF YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT IS IN NEED OF MEAL ASSISTANCE, TO OPT OUT OF THE PROGRAM, TO CHANGE MEAL DELIVERY METHOD, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,

PLEASE VISIT THE PROJECT RESILIENCE WEBSITE

<https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/project-resilience/>

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TOWN OF NEVERSINK EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - (2) TEMPORARY SUMMER MAINTENANCE WORKERS

This temporary position involves the performance of a variety of skilled tasks including flagging, road patching, raking, painting, mowing, weedwacking and general maintenance throughout the Town. Applicant must be at least 18 years or older and have a valid driver's license. Experience with various mowing equipment a plus. Drug and alcohol testing is required.

The position is open May 1st to September 30th at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour, 40 hours per week, paid bi-weekly.

Applications must be received by April 27, 2020. Applications are available at the Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink website. Please send applications to Preston Kelly, Highway Superintendent, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Please address any questions to Preston Kelly, at (845)985-2281.

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Sullivan County Closing All Parks to Minimize COVID-19 Transmission

Monticello, NY - In order to protect public health and safety due to the spread of COVID-19, the Sullivan County Legislature has authorized the closure of all park facilities (trails, parking lots, boat ramps, restrooms, playgrounds) at noon tomorrow, April 8. Barricades will be placed at County Park parking lots and trailheads notifying the public of the closures, and the Sheriff's Office and local police will regularly patrol for and ticket any violators.

"This decision was not reached lightly or easily," explained Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty. "But based on the advice of our health leaders, it is crucial to maintain strict social distancing at these properties, and the most effective method is to temporarily shut them down."

The affected facilities include:

- o Lake Superior State Park in Bethel
- o Stone Arch Bridge Historical Park in Kenoza Lake
- o Minisink Battleground Park in Barryville
- o D&H Canal Linear Park in Wurtsboro and Summitville
- o Livingston Manor Covered Bridge Park

Fort Delaware Museum of Colonial History in Narrowsburg remains closed for the season, and the Sullivan County Cultural Center & Museum in Hurleyville was closed earlier this year.

All requests for park usage, including public gatherings and education programs, are canceled. The Office of Parks, Recreation and Beautification will work with all park permit holders to issue a full refund or reschedule events. The Office will remain open to phone calls and emails but will not accept any new park permit requests for the time being.

The closure will be re-evaluated every two weeks and extended as necessary.

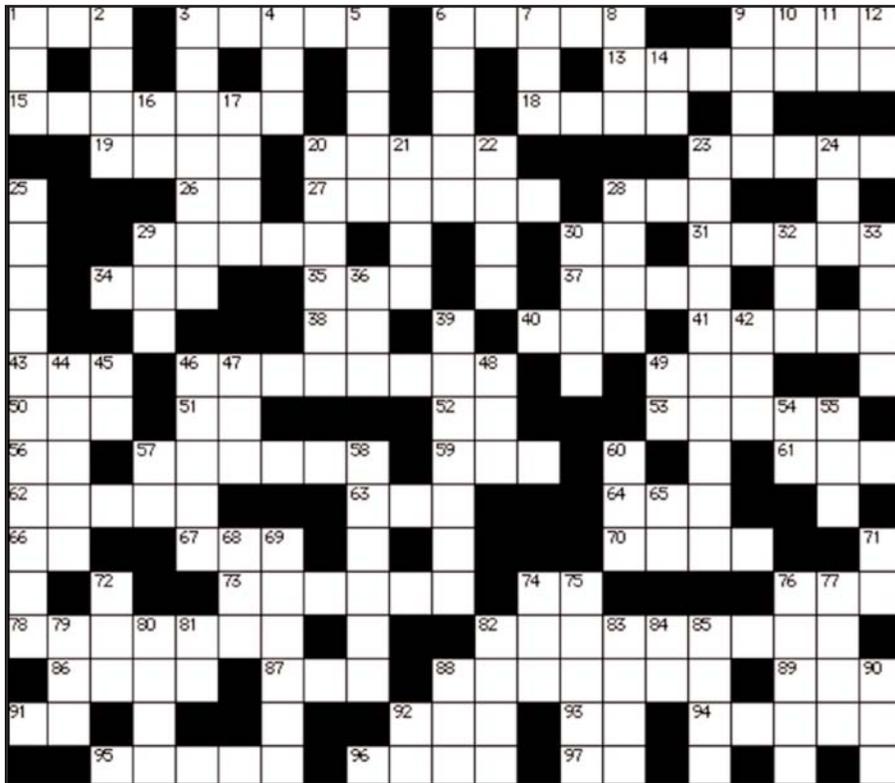
Residents can visit <http://sullivanny.us/Departments/ParksRecreation> and the County social media pages for County Park updates.

Multiple townships and villages in the County have also temporarily closed their parks.

With regard to the holidays, Doherty commented, "As we approach the Easter and Passover holidays, I ask everyone in our community to heed the advice of officials and stay home to curb the spread of this virus. These upcoming holiday meals should only be celebrated with members of your immediate household."

For the most up-to-date information, please visit Sullivan County Public Health Services' Coronavirus info page: www.sullivanny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus.

Fiddle if You May! - L. Comando



- ACROSS**
- 1 Used to play a fiddle
 - 3 Irregular surface
 - 6 Make fabric on a loom
 - 9 Market garden
 - 13 Grant an official pardon
 - 15 Continue to exist
 - 18 Makes lace
 - 19 Product of three and three
 - 20 Used for draining waste material
 - 23 Light meal
 - 26 Combining form; having two
 - 27 Red wine
 - 28 19th century Gothic
 - 29 Hue
 - 30 To such a great extent
 - 31 Have a particular idea
 - 34 Pull along with a rope
 - 35 Upper limb
 - 37 Nuisance
 - 38 Sixteenth letter of the Greek alphabet
 - 40 Dismal
 - 41 Cloth woven from flax
 - 43 Grassy meadow
 - 46 Medieval military expeditions
 - 49 Limb used for standing
 - 50 Make a mistake
 - 51 Used to draw attention to an amazing event
 - 52 Associated Press
 - 53 A mental interpretation of an idea
 - 56 Expression of surprise
 - 57 Material
 - 59 Strong alkaline solution
 - 61 Writing tool
 - 62 Prepares for publication
 - 63 Make a choice
 - 64 Long period of time
 - 66 Auto-exposure
 - 67 Fasten with stitches
 - 70 Picnic pests
 - 73 Deserving respect
 - 74 Brit's thank you
 - 76 An object used for play
 - 78 More easily understood
 - 82 Quilt composed of different elements
 - 86 Wreckage
 - 87 Family fabric
 - 88 Woven fabric
 - 89 Crude metal
 - 91 Northeast
 - 92 Ocean
 - 93 Used to refer to something previously mentioned
 - 94 Book of maps
 - 95 Accommodate
 - 96 Cloth shelter used by a camper
 - 97 Common Era
- DOWN**
- 1 Public transportation vehicle
 - 2 Having clothing on one's body
 - 3 Arch of colors
 - 4 Employ
 - 5 Establishment for accommodating tourists
 - 6 Compound of Hydrogen and Oxygen
 - 7 Expression of human creativity
 - 8 Consume food
 - 9 Flowerless plant with leafy fond
 - 10 Used in Comparisons
 - 11 Right (abbrev)
 - 12 Possessive pronoun
 - 14 Title before a woman's surname
 - 16 Roman numeral
 - 17 Something used to conceal
 - 20 Small pieces of leftovers
 - 21 Comfortably high temperature
 - 22 Slender leaved grass plant
 - 23 Where people
 - 24 Be able to
 - 25 Young, curled edible fern plants
 - 28 Rhyme
 - 29 Domestic bovine
 - 30 Whirl around quickly
 - 32 A guest house
 - 33 Group of people with similar characteristics
 - 36 Long narrow inlet
 - 39 Rich
 - 42 Independent Grocers' Association
 - 44 Decay
 - 45 Chem element Argon
 - 46 A group of students
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 - 60 Hot brewed beverage
 - 65 Not off
 - 68 Female sheep
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 - 71 Because of
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 - 80 Flat hollow bread
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Mary Inghrim's Easy as 1, 2 3 Cake

Mix one box of Angel Food Cake (must be Angel Food!) with one box of vanilla cake mix. You can store this mixture, and use it whenever you want.

When you want a quick dessert - Just put 3 tbsps of the dry mix in a microwavable cup. Add 2 tbsps of water and then Microwave it for 1 minute.

Add some whipped cream or ice cream (or both) and you have a delicious cake dessert!

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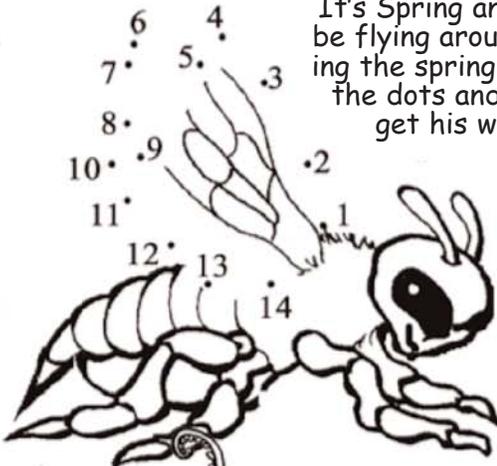
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- William Shakespeare

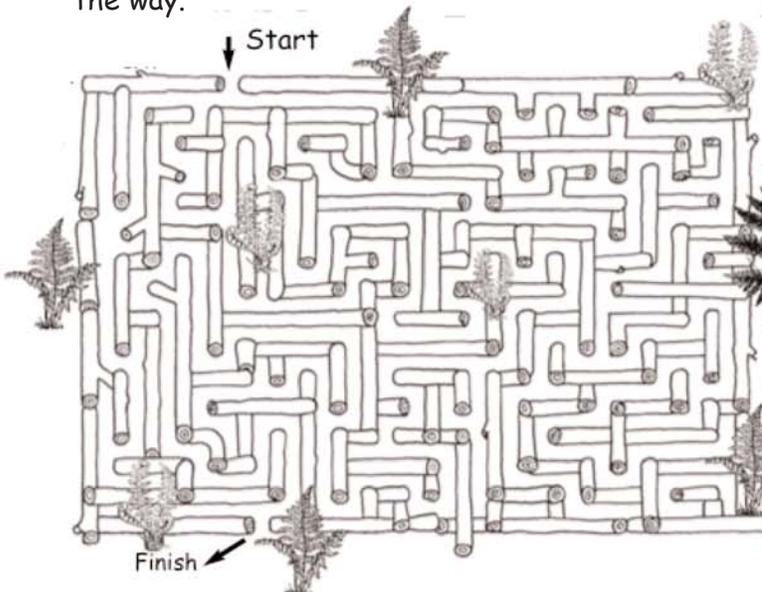
It's Spring and the bees will be flying around and pollinating the spring flowers. Follow the dots and help this bee get his wings ready.



The fiddleheads will be poking through the forest floor very soon. What are the differences between the two pictures of the fairy and her forest friends?



Can you get through the woody maze? Check out the fern along the way.



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KID'S SPRING
 FUN PAGE
 - L. Comando

DEC Announces NY is Open for Hunting, Spring Turkey Season Starts May 1 Youth Turkey Hunting Weekend is April 25-26 – Hunters Should Always Follow Safety Tips to Prevent Injuries and Limit Spread of COVID-19

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced today that spring turkey season opens May 1 in all of Upstate New York north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary. In addition, DEC's annual youth turkey hunting weekend will take place April 25-26. The youth turkey hunt for junior hunters aged 12 to 15 is open in all of Upstate New York and Suffolk County.

"Many New Yorkers are eager to spend time outdoors and turkey hunting is one great way to reconnect to nature," Commissioner Seggos said. "Whether participating in the upcoming youth hunt with your children, or heading out on your own in pursuit of a wary gobbler, be sure to hunt safe and hunt smart by following the important guidelines in place both to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to support hunting safety."

Turkey hunters took about 17,000 birds in New York during the 2019 spring season. Spring harvest success is often tied to productivity two years prior, as hunters like to focus on adult gobblers (i.e., two-year-old birds). While the cold, wet start to the 2019 breeding season meant low reproductive success and poor recruitment in many areas, conditions were better in summer 2018. The population gains made in 2018, combined with good overwinter survival because of abundant food in the fall and relatively mild winter conditions this year, may offset 2019's poor reproductive success.

Important Details for the Youth Turkey Hunt on April 25 and 26

- o Hunters 12-15 years of age are eligible and must hold a hunting license and a turkey permit;
- o Youth 12-13 years of age must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or adult over 21 years of age with written permission from their parent or legal guardian. Youth 14-15 years of age must be accompanied by a parent, legal guardian, or adult over 18 years of age with written permission from their parent or legal guardian;
- o The accompanying adult must have a current hunting license and turkey permit. The adult may assist the youth hunter, including calling, but may not carry a firearm, bow, or crossbow, or kill or attempt to kill a wild turkey during the youth hunt;
- o Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to noon each day;
- o The youth turkey hunt is open in all of upstate New York, north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary and in Suffolk County;
- o The bag limit for the youth weekend is one bearded bird. This bird becomes part of the youth's regular spring season bag limit of two bearded birds. A second bird may be taken only in Upstate New York, north of the Bronx-Westchester County boundary, beginning May 1;
- o Crossbows may only be used by hunters age 14 or older. In Suffolk and Westchester counties it is illegal to use a crossbow to hunt wild turkeys; and
- o All other wild turkey hunting regulations remain in effect.

Other Important Details for the Spring Turkey Season, May 1-31, 2020:

- o Hunting is permitted in most areas of the state, except for New York City and Long Island;
- o Hunters must have a turkey hunting permit in addition to their hunting license;
- o Shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to noon each day;
- o Hunters may take two bearded turkeys during the spring season, but only one bird per day;
- o Hunters may not use rifles or handguns firing a bullet. Hunters may hunt with a shotgun or handgun loaded with shot sizes no larger than No. 2 or smaller than No. 8, or with a bow or crossbow (except crossbows may not be used in Westchester County);
- o Successful hunters must fill out the tag that comes with their turkey permit and immediately attach it to any turkey harvested;
- o Successful hunters must report their harvest within seven days of

taking a bird. Call 1-866-426-3778 (1-866 GAMERPT) or report harvest online at DEC's Game Harvest Reporting website; and

o For more information about turkey hunting in New York, see the 2019-20 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide or visit the "Turkey Hunting" pages of DEC's website.

Hunt Safe, Hunt Smart!

While statistics show that hunting in New York State is safer than ever, mistakes are made each year. Every hunting-related shooting incident is preventable, and DEC encourages hunters to use common sense this season and remember what they were taught in their DEC Hunter Education Course:

- o Point your gun in a safe direction;
- o Treat every gun as if it were loaded;
- o Be sure of your target and beyond;
- o Keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot; and
- o Stalking stinks! Set-up with your back against a tree or other object wider than your shoulders and call birds to you.

DEC also encourages all hunters to wear blaze orange or blaze pink when moving between hunting spots to make themselves more visible to other hunters. A blaze orange or blaze pink vest or other material can be hung in a nearby tree when you are set-up and calling birds so other hunters are alerted to your presence.

A hunter education class is required for all new hunters. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, hunter education courses have been cancelled through April 30. To find a hunter education class in your area, visit DEC's Hunter Education Program website or call 1-888-HUNT-ED2 (1-888-486-8332).

"Hunting Safe" also means following social distancing and other guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- o Purchase licenses and/or turkey permits online to avoid visiting busy stores or because stores may be closed or have limited hours. Licenses and tags purchased online take 10-14 days to arrive, so online purchases for the youth turkey hunt should be made by April 10, and for the regular season by April 16;
- o Hunt close to home. Opt for day trips instead of staying at a hunting camp to avoid close contact with other hunters;
- o Avoid crowds at parking areas and other locations where people congregate. Keep a distance of six feet or more from others;
- o Avoid high-traffic destinations. If a hunting location is crowded, choose a different spot or time to visit. For alternative hunting locations visit DEC's website.
- o Hunt alone. If hunting with someone not from your household, whether an adult or youth, practice social distancing, take separate vehicles to the hunting location, and make sure to maintain at least six feet of distance. Only share a hunting blind with someone from your household;
- o Carry hand sanitizer and avoid touching your face and wash mouth calls after handling; and
- o If hunters do not feel well, they should stay home. Anyone 70 and older or with a compromised immune system should postpone their trip.

For more information about getting outdoors and #RecreateLocal, go to DEC's Website.

Buy Sporting Licenses Online

DEC is encouraging hunters, trappers, and anglers to purchase sporting licenses online to help further limit the community spread of COVID-19. Sporting licenses may be purchased online at any time, and anglers may use their privileges immediately by simply carrying their transaction number (DEC-LS#) with them while afield. Anglers, hunters, and trappers may also use the HuntFishNY mobile app to display an electronic copy of their license. The HuntFishNY app is available for download through the Apple App or Google Play stores. Back tags and carcass tags must still be mailed, and customers should allow 10-14 days for receipt of their tags. Please visit our website for more information about sporting licenses.

Citizen Science Opportunity: DEC Seeks Turkey Hunters for Ruffed Grouse Drumming Survey

Turkey hunters can record the number of ruffed grouse they hear drumming while afield to help DEC track the distribution and abundance of this game bird. To get a survey form, go to DEC's website or call (518) 402-8883. To participate in DEC's Summer Wild Turkey Sighting Survey or other wildlife surveys, visit the "Citizen Science" page of DEC's website.

Kiwanis of Woodridge Receives Grant from Stewart's Holiday Match program – Purchases socks and underwear for BCES

The Kiwanis of Woodridge, New York Foundation, Inc. is pleased to announce that we have received a grant from Stewart's Holiday Match program to purchase and donate socks and underwear to replenish the supply of the Benjamin Cosor Elementary School nurse. The socks and underwear are needed for young students who may have "accidents" in school, or who may not have socks to wear.

The Stewart's Holiday Match program has allocated over \$30 million since the program's inception. All Stewart's Holiday Match funds are to be used for children under 18 years of age and in the communities where the money was raised and where Stewart's shops are located. Funds for this program are collected from customers in Stewart's shops from Thanksgiving until Christmas and are then matched by the company.

We thank Stewart's Shops for their generosity in helping us fund this BCES program. If you would like to know more about Stewart's Shops Holiday Match program, please go to www.stewartshops.com/community-giving

Catskill Veterinary Services Doesn't Forget our Furry Friends

We are offering curbside appointments at our clinic in Rock Hill, NY as well as house calls to Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Counties.

We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation that our staff is working through emails and communications as quickly, efficiently and effectively as possible. As a result of COVID-19 we have done our best to minimize staff exposure by not having as many people working at one time. This reduction has resulted in longer than normal email/prescription message response times. Keeping our staff, patients, and clients safe is our utmost priority.

Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce Offers Help to Liberty Businesses

Dear Liberty Businesses,

Liberty and the entire business community in NYS are being severely impacted with this worldwide pandemic. We are doing our best to try to update you when information becomes available.

Both the President and the Governor have announced proposals for small business assistance/relief packages and as details continue to emerge, we will provide them to you.

In the meantime, we are sharing with you a list of resources Sullivan County has compiled to assist you with mitigating the impacts this pandemic is having on your business. Feel free to utilize and share this information if you find it useful.

If you have resources, information or best practices you've found valuable in this effort which you'd like to share please do so.

A reminder to support local businesses that remain open to help with your essential needs.

And, in closing, a big shout out and thank you to all the essential workers keeping things moving for us and to the healthcare workers out on the front lines!

Stay safe and well!

Your Friends at the Greater Liberty Chamber of Commerce.

Helpful resources:

New regulations, guidance and resources for small businesses in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic are developing rapidly. For the latest info, visit <http://sullivanny.us/Departments/PlanningEnvironmental/TechnicalAssistanceFundingPrograms>

Guidance for Businesses:

CDC Guidance for Employers & Businesses: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have put out guidance on ways to prevent

workplace exposures COVID-19.

Empire State Development Guidance: ESD has provided updated guidance for businesses related to the Governor's Executive Order 202.6, including requirements for essential and non-essential businesses.

USDA Rural Development COVID-19 Resources: USDA Rural Development has launched a COVID-19 resource page to keep customers, partners, and stakeholders continuously updated on actions taken by the Agency to help rural residents, businesses, and communities impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Workforce Assistance:

Unemployment Insurance Benefits: The Governor announced that the State will waive the 7-day waiting period to qualify for unemployment for individuals who have been laid off for COVID-19 related reasons.

NYS DOL Shared Work Program: The program allows employees on a reduced schedule to collect unemployment for days not worked helping to offset reduced incomes.

Funding Sources:

Small Business Administration Disaster Loans: Small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, and most private not-for-profits in all Mid-Hudson counties are now eligible to apply for SBA economic injury disaster loans (EIDL). This applies to all seven Mid-Hudson counties, including Sullivan.

Facebook Small Business Grants: Facebook announced it will be offering \$100M in cash grants and advertising credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses worldwide. More information will be coming soon.

COVID-19 Disaster Funding Guidebook: Senator Gillibrand has released a COVID-19 Disaster Funding Guidebook for businesses and communities across New York State. The guidebook will be updated in the next two weeks to reflect the available funding in the current national relief bill.

Additional Resources:

Main Street America COVID-19 Resource Center: The National Main Street Center, a program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, has created a repository for COVID-19 resources that may be helpful for local chambers, municipalities, planners, and business organizations.

COVID-19 Relief Resources: Senator Gillibrand has compiled a list of resources for COVID-19 relief.

SCDW Virtual Auditions2

Due to current "Stay Home" advisory, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is reworking and reformatting its auditions for its "Rivoli Vaudeville Live" show scheduled for mid May at the Rivoli Theatre in South Fallsburg.

The SCDW is celebrating its 70th Anniversary by opening its season with a recreation of the Vaudeville days of the Rivoli Theatre! Director, Jim Schmidt, is calling you to highlight your talents in the "Rivoli Vaudeville Live" Show.

If you tell jokes, play spoons, have a trained pet, do impressions, juggle, or tap dance, come out to audition. We are looking for fire eaters, contortionists, bungee jumpers, burlesque dancers, mind readers, unicyclists - come out to audition. If you "clown" around, draw caricatures, mime, stilt walk or belly dance, there's a place for you in Vaudeville.

Vaudeville was a theatrical genre of entertainment popular chiefly in the United States in the early 20th Century. It could include all kinds of short skits, singers, comedians, magicians and the like. Our Rivoli Theatre was built in 1923, renovated in the late 30's, and presented vaudeville shows. The Rivoli was a major source of live entertainment during the peak years of the county's summer resorts. To recreate this kind of variety show, we need lots of "hams", fun-loving types and YOU.

Our first responsibility is the safety and well-being of our community. Difficult times call for innovative ideas. Please flaunt your talents on-line and on video. Video and on-line auditions will be arranged starting immediately by calling Director Jim Schmidt at 845 798-4971 or sending a virtual audition to slj2859@aol.com before May 1st. Stay safe. Stay healthy.

UC Executive Ryan Plans for Project Resilience Community Care Center to Add Needed Treatment Bed Capacity

The Project Resilience Community Care initiative is key in reaching the County's goal of quadrupling bed capacity. The facility will initially be located at the Kate Walton Fieldhouse at the Kingston High School campus – Additional capacity to be simultaneously constructed at the old Bank of America location at TechCity with the potential of adding hundreds of beds

KINGSTON, NY - County Executive Pat Ryan today announced at his ninth Facebook Live Town Hall with Kingston City Schools Superintendent Dr. Paul Padalino information about the Project Resilience Community Care Center initiative. This project is a key part of the County's effort to quadruple the current bed capacity in Ulster County. The new facility, located at the Kate Walton Fieldhouse on the Kingston High School campus, will be ready to open as soon as next week and will provide an additional 100 beds to serve patients transitioning into or out of area hospitals that may become overwhelmed by a surge in COVID-19 cases. Simultaneously, Ulster County will be standing up additional capacity in a portion of the former Bank of America building at TechCity. This location will allow for the buildout of potentially hundreds of additional beds and is scheduled to be up and running in May.

Ulster County's Department of Public Works with assistance from Central Hudson and the Town of Ulster, will isolate and build out the 100,000 square foot space at TechCity. The location is expected to be available around the time local hospital capacity is apexing and will be utilized by residents still recovering and transitioning out of hospitals but unable to as yet return home.

"As I have said from day one, we will not rest until we have the facilities and the equipment needed to protect the health and safety of all of our residents," County Executive Ryan said. "The Project Resilience Community Care Center will help save lives by providing much needed bed capacity to handle the expected surge of COVID-19 patients. We will continue to monitor the situation and adjust our plan based on the data we are seeing on the ground to ensure we stay ahead of the curve. I hope and pray that we don't need to use these additional beds, but we must be prepared for the worst case. I want to thank Kingston City School District Superintendent Dr. Padalino along with all of the members of the school board for supporting this initiative."

The Project Resilience Community Care Center at the Kate Walton Fieldhouse will remain in place for a minimum of the month of April. Strategically located between the HealthAlliance's Broadway and Mary's Avenue campuses, the facility will be staffed by Nuvance Health in partnership with Health Alliance. When school comes back into session, the Project Resilience Community Center will shift exclusively to TechCity and the Kate Walton Fieldhouse will be put back into use for students' athletic needs after a complete cleaning and decontamination.

"We are proud of the teamwork between our school district and Ulster County," Superintendent Dr. Paul Padalino said. "I want to assure all parents that we are taking every step necessary to protect the safety of our staff and students. These are the moments that we must come together to support our community. We are happy to provide this critical location while the County constructs additional facilities."

"The Kingston City School Board of Education unanimously supports this decision," School Board President James Shaughnessy said. "We are working with Ulster County to both ensure that residents have the critical bed space that they need and to ensure that we can smoothly and safely transition the space back for students when the appropriate time comes."

As cases of coronavirus continue to climb, it has become increasingly clear from available data that Ulster County will need more bed space to care for afflicted individuals. County Executive Ryan stated yesterday that Ulster County had seen a near 50% surge in those being hospitalized from COVID-19 over the last several days. He cautioned that the County was on course

to exhaust all available beds and ventilators by the end of this week.

A week ago, the County and State announced that the Mary's Avenue campus of HealthAlliance Hospital will be converted and built out to provide 235 beds for coronavirus patients in our community. It was a phenomenal step forward fighting this pandemic, and the County thanked Gov. Andrew Cuomo for his leadership and foresight in helping bring that to fruition.

For the past few weeks, a County team from the Health Department, Emergency Management, Department of Public Works and the Executive Office staff have surveyed numerous potential sites to facilitate additional increases in bed capacity for our residents. The team looked through schools, retail spaces and industrial sites, assessing facilities on their water supply, sewage disposal capacity, electric service capacity, natural gas hookups, generator supply and availability, ease of access, and air conditioning capacity. The team surveyed the former Coleman High School in Kingston, large vacant retail spaces, the former St. Joseph's School, the County fairgrounds, warehouses and factories, and ultimately concluded the Kate Walton Fieldhouse and TechCity site as the best fit.

There are currently 402 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 5 fatalities in Ulster County.

To watch the Facebook Live Town Hall, please visit: www.facebook.com/UlsterCountyExecutive/videos/222223279121737/

For additional information about COVID-19 visit: <https://ulster-countyny.gov/coronavirus>

Ulster County COVID-19 Hotline: 845-443-8888

NYS Coronavirus Information Hotline: 888-364-3065

Senator Metzger Urges U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to Swiftly Deliver Relief to NY Dairy Farms - Joint Letter Sent by State Senate Agriculture Committee and Legislative Commission on Rural Resources Members

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42), who serves as Chair of the State Senate's Agriculture Committee, yesterday sent a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue urging the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to swiftly aid New York's dairy farms, which have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The joint letter with the State Senate's Rural Resources Commission, signed by six Senators, requests that the USDA immediately direct to the New York dairy industry a portion of the \$9.5 billion set aside for agriculture in the \$2.2 trillion federal relief package, known as the CARES Act, which was signed into law on March 27.

"With the widening economic impact of COVID-19, the dairy industry faces decreased demand from restaurants and food service vendors, disruptions in global trade, and school closures," stated the letter. "Prices for milk have drastically declined, making it even harder for farms to break even. Many of the state's small family-operated dairy farms simply do not have the slack to weather this unprecedented crisis." The letter urges the federal government "to use all available resources to assist the dairy industry during this unprecedented crisis" to aid farmers and protect the state's and the nation's food security.

New York is home to over 4,000 dairy farms and 335 dairy processing plants, ranging from major global companies to small, family run operations. The state is the third largest producer of milk in the nation and the largest producer of yogurt, cottage cheese, and sour cream. There are dozens of dairy farms in Senator Metzger's district, which includes all of Sullivan County and portions of Orange, Ulster, and Delaware Counties.

Due to the Coronavirus, Church services have been cancelled. All local church information will remain as usual so that contact information will be available through this sad time. Some churches are providing services on-line. Check with your parish for updated information.

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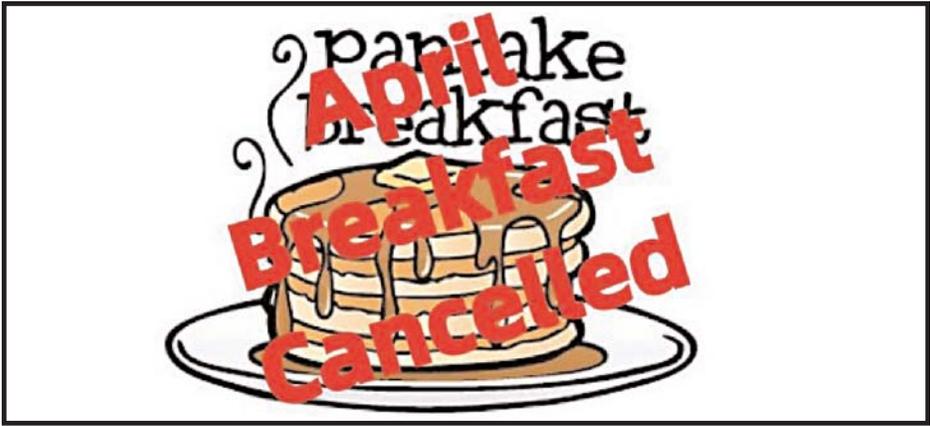
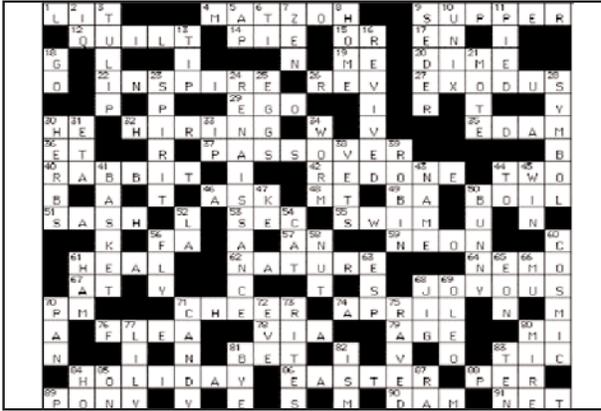
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 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
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VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

Ans tolast week's Crossword



pollinator Crisis Threatens Food Supplies and Ecosystems: Award-Winning Film Illuminates the Problem and Showcases Solutions

With bird, butterfly, and bee populations declining precipitously, a new award-winning Mountainkeeper short film tells the story of these amazing, important creatures & encourages New York State to protect pollinators

Livingston Manor, NY - One out of every three bites of food we eat exists thanks to bees, butterflies, birds, and other pollinators. These creatures are a critical part of our ecosystem, yet all of these populations are in decline. Without urgent action, our entire food web is at risk. In this time of global pandemic--when people worldwide are focused on tackling the immediate public health crisis and building strong, resilient communities over the long term--the need to maintain food security and ensure pollinator health is even more important. Pollinators are key to our entire food supply and natural ecosystem.

That's the message of an award-winning eight minute short film--Save The Pollinators--released today by Catskill Mountainkeeper. The film features experts from throughout the Catskill region telling the story of why pollinators are so important to our ecosystem and food web, why their populations are declining, and what individuals and New York State can do to help.

"Bees are a bellwether bug," said Dana DiPrima, beekeeper, founder of Catskill Mountain Honey, and one of the experts featured in the film. "When there's a problem, they're the first to know--and right now they're showing us we have a big problem. Neonicotinoids are decimating bee populations, and unless we stop using these pesticides, we're going to destroy the food web humans rely upon."

"There is strong evidence that neonicotinoids and fipronil have adverse impacts on pollinators like honeybees and birds, and may also have human health impacts . This legislation prohibits the use of these pesticides while a thorough assessment is conducted. Far too often human health and the environment are secondary to short-term goals. Pest prevention that results in harm to our communities and pollinators is counterproductive, dis-economic, and simply unacceptable; this must stop," said Assemblyman Steve Englebright.

Neonicotinoids (or neonics) are a class of pesticide used in modern agriculture that have been proven to harm and kill bees, birds, butterflies, and other pollinators. Canada and the European Union are implementing a ban on the top three neonics, and it's imperative that New York State follow suit. A bill before the New York State Senate and Assembly puts a moratorium on neonics and directs the Department of Environmental Conservation to study their impacts. To slow the decline in pollinator populations, Mountainkeeper and other advocates are calling on the legislature to pass the bill as soon as possible.

"Neonics are the new DDT," said Ramsay Adams, Catskill Mountainkeeper's Executive Director. "DDT was decimating eagle and bird populations in the 1970s, and we had to ban this poisonous chemical to save the species. We need to do the same for bees and pollinators--ban neonics now and we can help our pollinators recover."

"Neonicotinoids are a neurotoxin which directly affects the navigational ability of bees and other creatures which causes them to lose their way home," said Chris Harp, co-founder of HoneyBeeLives--a Hudson Valley-based organization practicing Natural/Organic Beekeeping with a Biodynamic influence.

Save The Pollinators has received numerous film festival awards--including the Gold Award for Best Social Issue Film in the Independent Shorts Awards--and has been Officially Selected for the Anaheim Film Festival, Shriver International Film Festival, Kansas City Film Festival, and the Irvine International Film Festival. Catskill Mountainkeeper will be releasing Save The Pollinators, directed by Kate Hagerman and produced by Angel Gates, on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and the organization invites all media outlets, organizations, and individuals to share the video with their networks. The film can be viewed online, at https://www.catskillmountainkeeper.org/pollinator_film1?utm_campaign=stpfilm-release4_9_20&utm_medium=email&utm_source=catskillmountainkeeper or email Kate Hagerman at kate@catskillmountainkeeper.org to receive the film file.

All Aboard! Canceled until further notice

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PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION TO MAKE CERTAIN OF CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID-19

Many organization and municipalities are now using the internet to conduct meetings and to communicate with members and the community.

We welcome all organizations and municipalities who will be utilizing the internet to to do so and to submit their contact information (URL) and we will post the information on our Calendar of Events.

Send your information to: tvtownsmayahoo.com.

Town of Denning - www.denning.us

Town of Neversink - <https://townofneversink.org>

- 4/15/2020 Neverink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
 4/18/2020 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4:00 -7:00 pm Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall
 4/21/2020 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm (*App. Submission Date - 4/7/2020*)
 5/20/2020 Neverink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm

Save the Date!

Boy Scout Troop Fish Fry at Neversink Fire House has been **cancelled**

Saturday, May 2, 2020 **Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk** • Registration 8:30 am • Walk 9:00 am

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm.** Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday.**

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.

**Tri-Valley Central School District
Board Meeting**

Thursday, April 16, 2020, Anticipated Executive Session at 5:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting #18 begins at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be streamed on: Youtube Live

There will be a second Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, Anticipated Executive Session at 5:00 p.m., Regular Board Meeting #19 begins at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will be streamed on Youtube Live.

The Show Must Go On

They say "The show must go on." In an effort to provide entertainment to our besieged county, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is preparing its 2020 season. The season starts in May with the rollicking riotous "Rivoli Vaudeville Live." June's production is an adaptation by Simon Stephens' "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime," winner of 5 Tony Awards. On stage in July will be "Hate Mail," a wild and hysterically funny comedy in the style of "Love Letters." The monstrously, mad musical by Mel Brooks, "Young Frankenstein" will leave you in stitches in August. September brings suspense, terror and tension with Frederick Knotts' "Wait Until Dark." Our frightfully successful "Haunted Theater Tours" fill 3 weekends in October. December's radio play "It's a Wonderful Life" is an especially warm winter treat along with a delightful children's holiday show. Of course, the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop recognizes there might be adjustments to this schedule, depending on the state of health of our world. So, whether the Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop is able to follow its plan or not, please be advised the

Rivoli WILL open - perhaps it will be with an adjusted program - BUT "the show will go on" just as soon as possible. Please check online at WWW.SCDW.Net or call 845-436-5336 for further details. Stay safe and be well!

**Time and the Valleys One Room
School Project Question??**

Does anyone in the community have info about a possible Beaver Dam or Curry school? If so would you please share with our researchers? 845-985-7012

The Staff is also looking forward to hearing from community families whose ancestors might have experienced schooling at one room schools. We are specifically looking for the following pre 1920 items: lunch pails or boxes; children's clothing and toys; two 48 star flags; ice skates; bikes; pictures or other memorabilia of former schools.

**Claryville Volunteer Fire
Department Seeking Help to
Celebrate 65th Anniversary**

Claryville Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating its 65th Anniversary. They are asking anyone who may have pictures of the Fire Department if they could borrow them to make copies for this celebration.

Please contact Jean Keesler at jkeesler1@yahoo.com or 845-985-7879.

FCSD Responds to Coronavirus The Story of Amanda Zeno

On the night of February 21, Fallsburg Central High School was welcoming home to the school gymnasium senior student and star basketball player, Amanda Zeno. She and many members of her family arrived wearing medical face masks to protect her from exposure to germs. She had been battling leukemia for months since the beginning of the previous summer, and her immune system was compromised by the effects of the disease and the treatment. For months she was confined to a hospital bed.



Amanda Zeno's return to the basketball court was a joyous moment for all present that night. Students and staff filled Fallsburg with hope and a warm feeling of community. In only a few short weeks after this moment, Fallsburg along with New York State and most of the rest of the world would be experiencing the pandemic of coronavirus.

The Coronavirus and the Impact on FCSD--Chronology

The Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) received word, along with all Sullivan County school districts, that schools would be closed starting March 16th. Schools have remained closed since. The latest order by the Governor states that schools are scheduled to reopen on April 30.



One of the first things for the FCSD Administration to consider was getting food to the students. Food service workers in both school buildings were enlisted to come in and prepare all these meals. They worked closely with the Rolling V Bus Company and volunteers from the District to get 1000 meals daily where they were needed and appreciated. Over 1000 meals a day continue to be served Monday through Friday while the school closure is in place.

The School Closure Learning Programs

Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz mobilized district staff to plan for virtual instruction—the continuity of education during a long-term school closure. By April 3 the teaching staff began rolling out daily instruction for students. Next, they had to provide materials for students who do not have Internet access. To that end, teachers prepared alternate instructional materials that were delivered to homes via Rolling V. The Superintendent and district administrators maintain their close contact



with parents through postings on Facebook, the school website and through phone blasts. FCSD administrators, working with staff, drafted guidance on the expectations of home instruction and other logistics. The District began using technology (i.e., Google Classroom) as the main conduit to deliver instruction. The specific details of the technologies and instructions were shared with families as soon as they were finalized.

In recognition that some in the community do not have the necessary resources for online instruction, the district took immediate steps to support them. Through surveys sent out, the District got a list of who needed what resources.

Ms. Jane Tingley, Director of Technology, established a team to provide Chromebooks that were reprogrammed for student use at home. The technology department made that happen by working long hours until every Chrome book was updated and ready for delivery. Ms. Tingley and others investigated what possibilities exist to address Internet gaps in our school community, realizing that this is not an easy issue to fix. Once again, Rolling V and a team of school staff volunteers, distributed these computers to the student homes.

The technology team addressed the myriad needs of staff who were preparing to use online platforms to serve students. To support the teaching staff, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Dr. Matthew Evans, created a special website called, "Curriculum and Instruction Home." This site is dedicated as a reference for staff members, parents, students, and other stakeholders who are interested in the curricular and instructional operations of the Fallsburg Central School District.

On April 3, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Leighanne Russell, sent a message to all parents. She explained details about the instruction curriculum and reassured parents and families that FCSD is doing everything in the school's power to support their children and our students at this unprecedented time.



In the meantime, Fallsburg teachers are volunteering services and creating special programs for the community. Fallsburg High School Technology teacher, Don Thomas has been working from home and with staff from the Homestead School in Glen Spey, using 3D printers to make needed face protection for Catskill Regional Medical Center. Other staff are volunteering time to sew face masks from home that will also be donated to the hospital.

Teachers are coming up with new ways to enrich children's lives and bring them new experiences through technology. Fourth grade special education teacher Amanda Miller created a link for virtual field trips to such places as the San Diego Zoo and Ellis Island (thanks to Scholastic Books).

Fallsburg volunteers have been helping the District in the school cafeteria, in the County Child Care Center, and in preparing instructional packets and meals for home deliveries. This level of volunteerism has been an integral part of serving students in the district.

Lessons Learned from the Pandemic

Fallsburg Central School District took action as soon as they realized that this would not be a normal school year. District staff found themselves having to plan for the continuity of education with next to no advanced notice. These challenges have been teachable moments for all involved. Social distancing did not eliminate the vital connections between the school community and community at large. Education at Fallsburg is more of an interdependent team effort now than ever before.

On April 1, Fallsburg held its first Board of Education Meeting via teleconference on Google Hangouts. People listened carefully to each other as the reports, particularly when the Superintendent's told the story of many of the programs and activities cited above. Dr. Katz acknowledged how the community came together. You could feel the sense of unity, the sense of one community, over the telephone.

In a letter to the community posted on the school website, Dr. Katz thanked everyone for their contributions to keeping the education dream alive and well. He said, "I owe a debt of gratitude to everyone who has given so much of themselves, in so many ways, to serve our children. I am exceptionally proud of FCSD staff because of what they are doing in the name of kids. Our staff members have reached high and are working very hard to make our instructional rollout possible."

In a world turned upside down, FCSD has accepted the daunting task of transforming hardship into hope and keeping the Fallsburg school community safe, strong and positive. Amanda Zeno is back in the hospital right now because she contracted a PK virus. It is a virus that is responding to treatment, and she is getting stronger every day. She exemplifies courage and hope for all of Fallsburg. People can keep her and the Fallsburg community in their thoughts and prayers as the battle continues.

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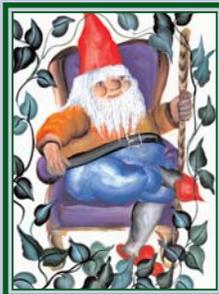
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If you are not planning on having a Yard Sale yourself, perhaps you might consider donating all those slightly used 'treasures' to the **Sundown Ladies for their Annual Yard Sale and Bake Sale** the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend at the Sundown Methodist Church Hall.



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Starring **Norma Shearer** as Mrs. Stephen Haines, **Mary; Joan Crawford**, in **I think her best role**, as the *Super Bitch*, **Crystal Allen; Rosalind Russell** as Mrs. Howard Fowler - Sylvia; **Mary Boland** The Countess De Lave - Flora; **Paulette Goddard** as Miriam Aarons; **Joan Fontaine** as Mrs. John Day - Peggy; **Lucile Watson** as Mrs. Morehead; **Phyllis Povah** Mrs. Phelps Potter - Edith; **Virginia Weidler** as Little Mary; **Marjorie Main** - Lucy; **Virginia Grey** as Pat; **Ruth Hussey** as Miss Watts; **Muriel Hutchison** as Jane; **Hedda Hopper** as Dolly DuPuyster; **Florence Nash** as Nancy Blake, **Cora Witherspoon** as Mrs. Van Adams **Ann Morriss** as the Exercise Instructress; **Dennie Moore** as Olga; **Mary Cecil** as Maggie; **Mary Beth Hughes** as Miss Trimmerback; **THE WOMEN** is a gutless remake of the 1939 classic. The protagonists are lacking the charm, as the characters ride the elevator from the security of a loving marriage in total trust and happiness, to the deep emotions of abandonment, despair, and also not the wit of the original.

Quiz:

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2. Whose husband is discovered in adultery first?

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