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Statement from UC Executive Pat Ryan on Adding Additional Hospital Capacity in Ulster County



"I would like to thank Governor Andrew Cuomo for his continued leadership in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. His ability to rapidly mobilize resources across the state and his relentless drive to protect New Yorkers will undoubtedly save lives, including many here in Ulster County.

We know that we have a wave coming, and we are pushing hard to get ahead of that wave. I've called for Ulster County to quadruple our hospital and treatment capacity, and this development is a huge step forward in addressing that urgent goal. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Announcement from Governor Andrew Cuomo



The first 1,000-bed temporary hospital in the Javits Center has been completed (Photo by Darren McGee)

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March 27- I want to share with you some of the remarks I gave to members of the National Guard earlier today in the Javits Center, which this week has been converted into a temporary hospital.

"This is not going to be a short deployment. This is going to be a long day and it's going to be a hard day and it's going to be an ugly day and it's going to be a sad day. This is a rescue mission that you're on - the mission is to save lives. That's what you're doing. The rescue mission is to save lives and as hard as we work, we're not going to be able to save everyone.

"My second point is, you are living a moment in history. Ten years from now, you'll be talking about today to your children or your grandchildren and you will shed a tear because you will remember the lives lost. But you will also be proud. You'll be proud of what you did. (Contd. Pg. 12)

DEC Statewide Forest Ranger Assist at COVID-19 Drive-thru test site



Forest Rangers Howard Kreft (DEC Region 3) and John Scott (DEC Region 1) assist at COVID-19 drive-thru test site at Staten Island

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Forest Rangers respond to search and rescue incidents statewide. Working with other state agencies, local emergency response organizations, and volunteer search and rescue groups, Forest Rangers locate and extract lost, injured, or distressed people from the backcountry. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Looking for Something Fun and Safe to Do? Take a drive around the Rondout Reservoir with the Time and the Valleys Museum's new mobile app tour



A scenic view of the Rondout Reservoir

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Let your phone or mobile device take you for an interesting and informative tour of NYC's Rondout Reservoir with the Time and the Valleys Museum's new Rondout Reservoir Driving Tour mobile app. The tour is a safe way to leave your house, get some fresh air and experience history and nature, all right from your car.

The 6 1/2 mile long Rondout Reservoir in both Ulster and Sullivan counties, was built by New York City in the late 1930s to early 1950s, to collect clean Catskill drinking water. Three towns, Eureka, Montela and Lackawack were removed (including all the buildings, trees and vegetation and cemeteries) and the residents displaced for the building of this reservoir. (Contd. Pg. 8)



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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the Lord, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? And who knoweth us? Isaiah 30:15

OBITUARIES

John Christopher Crowfoot "Chris" of Fort Lonesome, FL formerly of Sundown, NY a retired master auto technician passed away, Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the Brandon Regional Medical Center. He was 78.

The son of the late John Willie and Eleanor Francis Reid, he was born July 9, 1941 in Bridgeport, CT.

Chris was a Boy Scout, an Army Veteran; a member of the Auxiliary Police of Audubon NJ; and a Little League Coach for many years in both NJ and NY. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Sun City Center and he was supervisor for the Town of Denning as well as board member for many years.

Survivors include his wife Virginia "Ginny" Crowfoot, at home; his children, Dawn Lieberman (Gina Schiaffo), Dan Crowfoot (Rebeca), Christy Bernstein (Lenny), foster daughter Rose Paradies; daughter-in-law, Jeanne Crowfoot; sister, Elizabeth Crowfoot; his grandchildren Anthony, Jessica, Joshua, Stephanie, Jordan, Alexandria, John Christopher, Thomas, John Isaac, Catherine and John Willie; step grandchildren, John Houghton and James, and nine great grandchildren.

Chris was predeceased by his oldest son, John Willie Crowfoot II; his foster daughter, Diana Sambor; and his beloved grandson, Michael Lieberman; and one sister, Eleanor Jensen.

Due to restrictions at this time, we will be holding a Celebration of his life at a later date.

Graveside services with military honors will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 1 PM in the Plainville United Methodist Cemetery, Franklinville, NJ.

Memorial contributions in Chris's name may be made to the Wonder Tribute, 1210 Del Webb West, Sun City Center, FL 33573. This was Chris's favorite program; he would sponsor kids each year to go camp through his Church.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Harris Funeral Home West St. at Buckley, Liberty, NY. 845-292-0001 or 845-439-5200 or www.Harris-FH.com

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

March 29, 1950

Local people drawn for April jury duty are Emmett Walter of Grahamsville for Grand Jury and David VanValkenburg of Claryville and John Smith of Grahamsville for Trial Jury. Justice Roscoe V. Ellsworth of Kingston will preside at the April term at the court rooms in Monticello.

The large Silk City Diner, which is being set up by Howard Beasley on the Anapel lot, is expected to arrive this week. According to reports, it has been delayed because authorities refused permission to move it earlier from New Jersey as it was considered a traffic hazard on slippery roads.

WNBC devoted a fifteen minute spot at 5 p.m. on Saturday to a "rainmaking" broadcast on which many local people stared. Listeners heard attorney John Egan, farmers Davenport and Anderson of Accord, the mayor of Kingston, a representative of the Ulster County Sportsmen's Clubs, and many others who voiced disapproval of the project. Meantime, with dry ice in a deep freeze, and police planes ready to go, Dr. Howell must be a frustrated man. It has been too rainy for rainmaking.

Funeral services were held last week for William Decker, a native of Willowemoc, at the Claryville R.D. Church. Mr. Decker died at his home on March 19th. Surviving are his widow, two sons, two daughters and a sister.

March 30, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Krum of Grahamsville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Janet, to Mr. William H. Mahnken, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry A. Mahnken of New Lebanon, N.Y. A May wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Gillette of Bradley have announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Ann, to PFC Donald C. Short, Fort Bliss, Texas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Short of Neversink. The future bride and groom are both graduates of Tri Valley Central School. She is employed by New York State Electric and Gas Corp. Pvt. Short is serving with the U.S. Army at Fort Bliss. The couple has not yet announced their wedding plans.

Mrs. Sherm Kortright was guest of honor at a Stork Shower on Sat. night at the Neversink Fire House where several friends and relatives gathered with girls for the new arrival. Mrs. Archie Dean Sr. and Mrs. Earl Kortright were hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Fernald DuBois have been chosen as far as possible as home winners on the T.V. program, "It Could Be You". Their names were sent in by their children as an anniversary surprise. They received a telegram from California asking for pictures and other information about themselves. Good luck to them!

April 1, 1970

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Grahamsville Fire Department will sponsor the Doc Williams Show at Tri-Valley Central School on Saturday, April 11. This fine group of country music performers has established an excellent record for entertainment in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Osterhout of Woodbourne have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Maria, to Robert E. Pohl Jr. He is the son of Mrs. Earl Jones of Oswegatchie and the late Robert Pohl. No date has been set for the wedding.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Oland Erath, 25 years on the 2nd; Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Velie, 17 years on the 5th; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Slater, 35 years on the 6th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Huffmann, who became the proud parents of a son, Brian Andrew, on March 17th, weighing in at 7 lbs. 9 ozs. Mrs. Fred Mickelson Sr. is the maternal grandmother.

A goodly crowd turned out for the Easter Service on South Hill. The young people conducted a fine worship service. Bruce Erath delivered the message dealing with the subject of youth and religion, not that youth is any less religious today, but that they are moving to new forms and concepts. It was good to hear a youth speak out on the most critical question of youth and religion.

March 27, 1980

Mr. and Mrs. John Donelli of Dannemora, N.Y. announced the birth of their daughter, Meagan Julia, on March 18, 1980. The little miss weighed 6 lbs. 6 ozs. and has a sister, Katie. Congratulations to the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fuller and Mr. and Mrs. John Donelli, all of Grahamsville. A special congratulations to great-grandmothers, Mrs. Genevieve Fuller, Mrs. Bertha Ackerley and Mrs. Julia Donelli of Mahopac.

The Catskiller Walk under the direction of Bob Dice in Claryville was postponed because of the heavy rain and flooding on Friday. According to Bob the Neversink River rose about a foot an hour during the downpour. A section of the Claryville Road near the Town Park was washed out leaving a 6-foot channel. Happy 51st anniversary to Evelyn and Jack Huntsberger on March 29th!

Gentleman farmer, Floyd Van Wagner, has some good advice for potato growers should this summer turn out to be a dry one. Plant potatoes and onions in alternate rows; the onions will bring tears to the eyes of the potatoes and they will water themselves.

Thanks for your clever idea. Now send it to Heloise!

TRI - VALLEY TIMES

While we collectively work through the challenges that this outbreak of the coronavirus presents, I have every confidence that by following all of the advice we have been given, things will return to normal in time. Health officers are saying an abundance of caution is in order. These are trying times for all of us. We have to have extra patience during this time of unusual circumstance. We are all dealing with extra stress. Together, with kindness and understanding, we will make it through this very difficult time.

Things certainly look different around our town. I believe that the post office, Dollar General and the deli's are about the only things open for business. Thank goodness for Dollar General where folks can go to pick up some necessities without having to travel to Ellenville or Liberty. The school, library and, even the churches, have canceled classes and activities.

I will say that the Grahamsville Fairgrounds was bustling with activity when I stopped by for a walk. There were joggers, kids flying kites, people walking dogs, children riding their bicycles and others on the basketball courts shooting baskets. All seemed to be enjoying themselves, getting some fresh air and still maintaining the 6 foot rule. There were also several cars parked by the eagle watch in Eureka. The eagle is setting and will probably hatch her eggs soon if all goes well. Tri-Valley School has made packets of learning materials available to all students. Make sure your child takes advantage of these learning opportunities and that you set a time each day for instruction. This is not a time for children to simply lie around the house playing games on their phones or watching TV. There are books that can be read, board games that can be played with family members, letters that can be written to friends and relatives and closets that can be organized. If the weather is nice, rake the yard, litter pluck on your street or take the dog for a walk. Make good use of this unscheduled time. It won't last forever!

Some time in the late forties or early fifties, before the polio vaccine was developed, there was a polio epidemic where I lived. I can remember my mother not letting me out of the yard to play with friends. I was not allowed to go to the park, the movies or even to the store. I felt like a prisoner. It wasn't until later, when I saw some of my friends who had gotten polio and the damage it had done to them, that I thanked my mother for keeping me safe in my yard. We may all feel like prisoners now, but if we stay home and away from crowds, we too will be thankful that we survived this terrible coronavirus.

DEC Statewide Forest Ranger Assist at COVID-19 Drive-thru test site

(From Pg. 1) In 2019, DEC Forest Rangers conducted 337 search and rescue missions, extinguished 74 wildfires that burned a total of 212 acres, participated in 29 prescribed fires that burned and rejuvenated 645 acres, and worked on cases that resulted in 2,507 tickets or arrests.

"DEC celebrates our 50th anniversary this year, but our Forest Rangers have been on the front lines for even longer, protecting New York's wildlife, natural resources, residents, and visitors for more than a century," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "The state's brave Forest Rangers have a vast knowledge of first aid, land navigation, and technical rescue techniques that are critical to the success of their missions in remote wilderness areas, rugged mountainous peaks, white water rivers, frozen lakes, and forested areas statewide. We are proud of the work our Forest Rangers perform and look forward to another 50 years and beyond of highly trained service."

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.

Statewide

Ban on Brush Burning: With spring officially here, DEC reminds residents that the statewide ban prohibiting

residential brush burning began March 16, and runs through May 14. Conditions for wildfires are heightened in springtime when most wildfires occur. Every spring as the snow melts and vegetation dries out, Forest Rangers and local first responders respond to wildfires caused by illegal spring debris fires. Complying with the burn ban prevents unnecessary burdens on and dangers to state resources and local responders, especially during the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. For more details, go to DEC's website.

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY and Adirondack Backcountry Information webpage for more information.
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/press.html>

Town of Neversink SPRING CLEANUP 2020

Spring Cleanup will be held on April 25 & 29 AND May 2 & 6, 2020. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with BLUE 2020 permits will be allowed 2 loads which must be brought during the Spring Cleanup dates. Permit cards will be punched for each load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during spring cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Spring Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date.

The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

Early Intervention, Pre-K In-Home Services Suspended; WIC Appointments by Phone Only

Liberty, NY - After careful deliberations, Sullivan County Public Health Services has notified providers that all Early Intervention (EI) and Committee for Preschool Special Education (CPSE) direct/face-to-face services are suspended until further notice. Families will be notified as well.

"We realize this is a hardship on our providers and the families they serve, but we believe this decision is in their best interests, given the increasing rate of community transmission of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus in Sullivan County and surrounding counties," Public Health Director Nancy McGraw stated. "As of today Sullivan County reported 49 cases of COVID-19."

EI telehealth services can continue until April 6, per State guidance. However, the NYS Education Department indicated that telehealth is not approved for CPSE at this time.

McGraw also announced today that the Sullivan County WIC (Women, Infants and Children) offices in Liberty and Monticello are no longer open to the public, though they continue to accept calls and emails. "While we want to protect our staff from COVID-19 transmission, we also want to continue providing benefits and vital nutrition services to families receiving WIC services, including breastfeeding support which will be conducted by phone," McGraw stated. "Families will continue to have access to our staff at their scheduled appointment times via phone and can call the office with questions at 845-513-2233."

"Please know we appreciate everyone's efforts to ensure the health and safety of not only our providers and the families they treat but the Sullivan County community as well," McGraw added. "For updates and information on the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit www.health.ny.gov/coronavirus and www.cdc.gov/coronavirus."

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.

The Eagle is Getting our Attention

One of the things that we can still do in the Catskills, while we are experiencing the COVID-19 challenge is to get outside and enjoy the fresh air and nature in our backyards or take a ride and see some of the special sights, such as the Eagle Watch by Rondout Reservoir. There is plenty of space to practice social distancing. People have been gathering to witness the progress of the Eureka Eagle who is setting on her eggs.

These are bald eagles (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), the only eagle unique to North America. They originated from a reintroduction effort that released more than 200 eagles in New York State beginning in 1976. Many found sanctuary in the Catskills and now their increasing population in New York State has grown from one nesting pair to well over 145 pair.



Bald eagles are opportunistic carnivores that flourish here mostly because of the fish, a main part of their diet, that are available to them in our reservoirs and streams. An eagle can swoop down and snatch fish from the water with its talons. When food is abundant, an eagle can gorge itself by storing up to 2.2 pounds of food

in a pouch in the throat called a crop. Gorging allows the bird to fast for several days when food becomes scarce.

Because they are near the top of the food chain, eagles have become an irreplaceable indicator for measuring the health of the entire ecological system in which we all live.

Bald Eagles are not actually bald. Their name originated from an older meaning of "white headed".

The Bald Eagle builds the largest nest of any North American bird. They will choose a tall tree for nesting. They type of tree is not as important as the height of the tree.

Both male and female adult bald eagles have a blackish-brown back and breast; a white head, neck, and tail; and yellow feet and beak. A female bald eagle's body length varies from 35 to 37 inches; with a wingspan of 79 to 90 inches. The smaller male bald eagle has a body length of 30 to 34 inches; with a wingspan ranging from 72 to 85 inches.

Their feet are cold resistant, consisting of mostly tendon. Talons are important tools for hunting and defense. Eagles kill their prey by penetrating its flesh with their talons. They can open and close their talons at will.

Bald eagles mate for life. Courting begins in early April. Eagles lay from 1 to 3 eggs (commonly two) and the eggs usually hatch between late May and early June.

Young eagles are a mixture of brown and white; with a black beak in young birds. The adult plumage develops when they are sexually mature. It takes about five years for their head and tail feathers to gradually turn white.

At four months of age, eaglets appear to be larger than their parents because of their longer flight feathers. These feathers serve as nature's training wheels, helping the young birds stabilize during their early flying days. By the end of the summer, the parent eagles begin to suffer from "empty nest syndrome" as their offspring can generally fly and take off to be on their own. It's possible for bald eagles in the wild to live longer than thirty years, but the average lifespan is fifteen to twenty years.

The Bald Eagle remains a sacred bird in some North American cultures, and its feathers, are central to many religious and spiritual customs among Native Americans as eagles are considered spiritual messengers between gods and humans in their cultures.

The eagle represents freedom. Living on the tops of the highest trees and the heights of our lofty Catskill Mountains, amid the solitary grandeur of Nature, whether with strong pines sweeping into the valleys below, or upward into the boundless spaces beyond, the eagle has unlimited freedom!

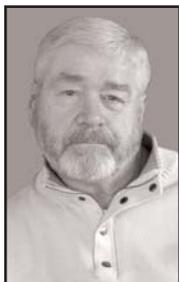
In 1851 Herman Melville wrote, "What is needed more than anything else in the midst of a crisis is a calm, steady-dose of clarity, the kind of omniscient, all-seeing perspective symbolized by an eagle on the wing: 'And there is a Catskill eagle in some souls that can alike dive down into the blackest gorges, and soar out of them again and become invisible in the sunny spaces.'"

Melville's Moby Dick, provides a description of the ideal leader, who instead of anger and pain relies on equanimity and judgment, who does their best to remain above the fray, and who even in the darkest of possible moments resists the 'woe that is madness.'

Household Hints

Extend the Life of Nylon Hosiery

Nylon hose will look better and last longer if 1 tablespoon of vinegar is added to the rinse water when washing.



Miraculum

Mysterious Book Report No. 391

by John Dwaine McKenna

We humans all have one thing in common . . . we are endlessly curious. We've just gotta know how and why things happen, as well as where, when and what. We are compelled as a species to look through the window, open the door, or peek around the corner to see what we haven't seen and learn what we don't know. Add in a smidgen of the illicit, tawdry, mysterious, risqué, or unbelievable . . . and the urge to investigate becomes an almost irresistible itch for most of us. It's an itch we have to scratch. Hell, we'll even pay an admission fee.

Such is the premise behind Pontilliar's Spectacular Star Light *Miraculum*, and the basis for a richly imagined, well crafted and brilliantly executed novel that locks the forces of good and evil into a struggle for survival, as the normal battles the paranormal in a fight over what it means to be human.

Miraculum, (Polis Books, \$26.00, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-947993-41-9) by Steph Post, begins in 1922, out near Texas-Louisiana border where Mr. Pontilliar's carnival has just set up for a three day run before moving on to the big city of Baton Rouge. The crowds are mediocre, the heat almost unbearable and boredom oppressive one starlit summer night, when Ruby, the tattooed snake charmer, first notices the strange man standing in the crowd, lighting a cigarette. He's unusually good-looking, cool and collected despite the heat and the fact that he's wearing a black suit and tie which cost more than the entire carnival is worth. The outlander's name is Daniel. He's charming, mercurial, and charismatic when he joins the carnival as a geek . . . a performer who bites live chickens for entertainment. There's something off about Daniel, something that hints of malice, maybe evil, and controversy seems to swirl about him. Odd things occur whenever he's around . . . then tragic deaths happen to a couple of performers, and the usually collegial, tight-knit community of carneys starts unraveling as a horrified Ruby and her lover, a roughneck named Hayden, try to fight back against a widening tide of darkness in this terrific paranormal yarn that will linger in the reader's mind long after the last page is read.

Look out Peter Straub. Step aside, Stephen King and John Connolly. There's a hot new writer on the scene, and damn, she's good! Her name is Steph Post

And Hey! When you have a moment, please check out our secure, all brand-new and combined website that's redesigned, prettier, simple to use, and makes it as easy as pie to send us your comments! Please do. We're looking forward to hearing from all of you.

Go to: Johndwainemckenna.com or Mysteriousbookreport.com

*THANKS*THANKS*THANKS*THANKS

We hope you enjoy this review of one of our *12 Best books of the Year*. John and Lora are on a short break developing a new series featuring CSPD Detective Jake McKern who first appeared in the *Whim-Wham Man* and *The Mischief of Rats*.

Should be more news when we get it.

John



Statement from UC Executive Pat Ryan on Adding Additional Hospital Capacity in Ulster County

(From Pg. 1) Adding 235 beds at the Mary's Avenue campus of HealthAlliance, primarily by retrofitting parts of the former Benedictine Hospital, is an innovative way to rapidly meet our needs. Thanks to our close partnership with HealthAlliance and this tremendous support from Governor Cuomo, I'm confident we will save lives here in Ulster County and throughout the region.

In parallel, my team will continue to develop detailed plans for additional hospital and treatment capacity in Ulster County. The buildout at HealthAlliance goes a long way towards meeting the needs we have identified, but we still have more work ahead to add additional treatment sites, mobilize staff, and gather necessary equipment. We will not rest until we meet these needs, and I'm confident that working together we can and we will."

As of Saturday, there were 133 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ulster County.

Greetings from your friends at the Daniel Pierce Library!

We hope that you are all doing well and staying healthy. Just like many of you we are all working on social distancing and creating a new routine while we wait out this health crisis. In the middle of March we had to make the difficult decision to postpone all of our programs and then ultimately had to close the library. This was hard for us on many levels as we, the staff, love seeing our patrons every day. Although we are not physically at the library, we are still here for you. We wanted to send you all an update and let you know what resources are available to you while we wait this crisis out at home. Staff are checking voicemails and emails daily so any questions you may have, we will get back to you and try to help. All books that are currently checked out are now due back on April 7th. In addition to the extension of the due date no one will accrue any fines until April 21st (on Daniel Pierce Library items). Although this may all change again, as of right now that is the current plan.

We are purchasing additional e-content for you which is available on the Libby or Overdrive apps. We encourage you to download one of them and check out our selection! If your account is not working in the app please let us know. If you have fines on your account it will not allow you to check out items - but don't worry - we will waive them for you. During this time we want to make sure that our resources are available to everyone, especially the children who are not in school!

Follow us on Facebook for online resources and upcoming online programming. The staff are working hard to offer

as many online resources as possible and they are currently working on creating programming for you from the comfort of your own home!

Fallsburg Central School District Board of Education Meeting to be Conducted Via Teleconference

For anyone interested, the Fallsburg Central School District Board of Education meeting will be conducted via teleconference. Interested parties can find the link and phone number to join the meeting on the district's website at <http://www.fallsburgcsd.net/board>.

County Extends Repurchasing Window Other Orders Extended, as State of Emergency Continues

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek today ordered a two-month extension of the deadline for owners to repurchase their tax-foreclosed properties.

"The State of Emergency will continue in Sullivan County for the foreseeable future, so I am taking this and other actions to preserve the health and welfare of our residents and property owners as much as possible," Potosek explained.

"People are suffering, and while my office can't resolve the health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, we can ease the financial pain," County Treasurer Nancy Buck affirmed. "Therefore, the County's repurchase deadline will be June 20, 2020, rather than April 20."

The real property tax auction, normally held in June, is also being postponed, though a new date has not yet been set.

"We've all been affected by this crisis, so we all need to help one another get through it," Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty remarked. "That applies more than ever to the people you elected to office. We will be with you every step of the recovery."

Meanwhile, the County's suspension of the collection of 85% of room taxes continues through April 16. The Care Center at Sunset Lake remains closed to visitors, though no new cases of COVID-19 have been detected in the facility. Many County workers continue to telecommute or assist the Public Health Services Call Center (845-292-5910) and the Emergency Community Assistance Center (845-807-0925), the latter of which has regularly been delivering food to

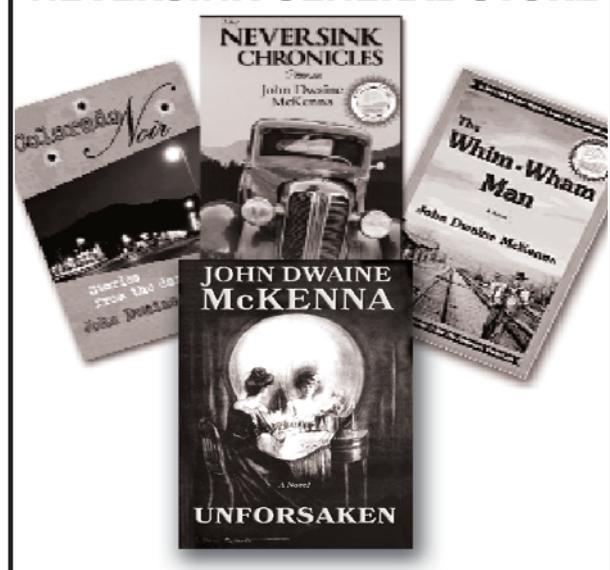
the homebound and coordinating other charitable outreach efforts.

Governor Andrew Cuomo also just announced that schools will remain closed through April 15, which supersedes the County's order closing schools through April 3.

State Agencies Launch New #RecreateLocal Hashtag, Encourage New Yorkers to Discover Outdoor Spaces Close to Home • Common Sense Guidelines Promote Safe Recreation Practices to Help Stop the Spread

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) today encouraged New Yorkers to engage in responsible recreation during the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. DEC and State Parks recommendations incorporate guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Department of Health for reducing the spread of infectious diseases and encourage New Yorkers to recreate locally, practice physical distancing, and use common sense to protect themselves and others. In addition, DEC and State Parks launched a new hashtag - #RecreateLocal - and encouraged New Yorkers to get outside and discover open spaces and parks close to home. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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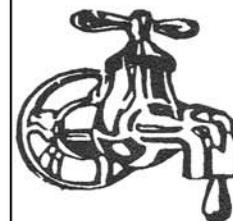
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Safe at Home



I am choosing to use the phrase "Artist in Residence" instead of "Shelter in Place" and I am saying, "I am safe at home" rather than "I am stuck at home." As I listen news report on the Armageddon in New York City, I thank my lucky stars that we, in the country, have distance and sparse population on our side.

We are emptying our freezer and our pantry and creating meals that resemble a television episode of "Chopped." Now what can I make with a can of pineapple chunks, quinoa, and celery? As I dumped a lump of something frozen and red into my crock pot this morning, my husband chuckled and said, "What are we having? Mystery meal with tomato sauce?" I narrowed it down to chili or spaghetti sauce. Either way, it is just fine. We just won't know until it cooks and melts a bit.

I am baking since we ran out of goodies a week ago. I must have bought a cake mix box every time they went on sale. I counted a dozen in my stash that I was always too busy to bake. Today I am making peanut butter cookies and remembering the ones we would get

in the school cafeteria. Seems like ancient history with schools closed for another two weeks (conservatively) and indefinitely (likely).

I am sewing masks and supplying some places in desperate need. I also am personalizing them to friends, neighbors and relatives. Today's new fashion, unfortunately, will be designer masks. Today I intend to make a wildly outrageous one for an artist friend. Her journalist husband will get one made of newspaper printed cotton. I am enclosing a note to Jim that says, "Stop spreading fake news." Believe me, he will take it with wit and wisdom.

The Townsman will now be online instead of in print and delivered. I will continue to write this column because it keeps me grounded. In a way, it is a catharsis. I feel like we need to reach out to others in our time of isolation and fear.

I would love to hear how others are faring in our "new normal" culture. I think, when we come out the other side, we might be a more appreciative and kinder person.



Roscoe Covid-19 Update

COVID-19 is having a dramatic impact on our lives as well as our small businesses. Due to this we will be canceling our official opening day activities. We will be following the guidance of global health experts at U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on preventing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, in which it is suggested to not have any gatherings or groups activities. BUT we do invite you to get out in the FRESH AIR and cast your lines and ask that everyone uses caution and keeps a safe distances from others in the water.



The river stocking will still continue and be taking place ahead of opening day, we will continuously monitor this fluid and ever-changing situation in the coming days. Stay safe!

Two Headed Trout Dinner Rockland House POSTPONED- STAY TUNED FOR AN UPCOMING DATE

A Few Tips From Catskill Mountainkeepers - Staying Happy & Healthy through this Crisis Together

We know we don't need to tell you that these are tough times, or that COVID-19 is changing everything about the way we live, work, and play right now. But we want to share a few tips from all of us at Catskill Mountainkeeper about ways to stay happy and healthy as we navigate this crisis together:

- Care for yourself and for others as you enjoy the Catskills. Being outside and active in fresh air is a great way to reduce stress, boost your immune system, and restore your spirit. We all need the comfort of being out in the natural world right now. Our Catskills region is blessed with beautiful trails and plenty of open space to spread out in, so as long as you maintain the recommended social distance (six-feet, or about one couch-length apart from others), use local trails, and do not add to overcrowding at our most popular trails and trailheads, you can get out there and enjoy the land that sustains us while protecting yourself and others.
- Eat fresh, local food. Governor Cuomo named farmers markets an "essential service," so our farmers are doing all they can to get their great food to market. In Sullivan County, the Callicoon Market moved outdoors to Callicoon Creek Park last Sunday (March 22) to give everyone plenty of space, and Mountainkeeper's Food & Agriculture Advisor, Eugene Thalman of Sprouting Dreams Farm, reports that the relocated outdoor market is already a great success.

Read on for resources to guide you to some of the best outdoor spots, rules for hiking and walking safely and responsibly, as well as what

you can do to combat invasive species while you're on the trail. Below that you'll find additional information about where to find a farmers market near you and some best practices to keep us all healthy while we shop locally.

Remember--whether you're on the trail or at the market, keep your distance. Six feet is about the length of a typical, three cushion couch--so stay a couch-length away from the people around you, unless you live with them. And though you've heard it a million times already--wash your hands for a full 20 seconds before you go and after you return.

The Catskills region is the best place on earth and we hope that, even in this time of crisis, you find safe and healthy ways to get out and enjoy our region's beauty and bounty.

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Hiking & Keeping Each Other Safe on The Trails

- Stay home if you're under the weather
- Stay local--go to the trails near you so you don't have to use public washrooms or other services along your travels
- Go alone or just with the folks who live in your home
- Check out trailkeeper.org for great hikes in Sullivan County, and go to NYS Department of Park's website for other trails around our region
- Have a plan and a backup plan--if you get to a trailhead and the parking lot is busy, keep going. Find a place where there aren't a lot of people.
- Keep your distance--stay six feet apart from others on the trail, and announce yourself to others before you pass.
- Wash your hands before you go and once you return. Bring and use hand sanitizer before you eat or touch your face.
- Use the washroom before you leave your house--toilet facilities may be closed at trailheads and service centers.
- While you're out there, keep your eyes peeled for the Hemlock Woolly Adelgid (HWA)--this invasive insect devours hemlock trees in the Catskills and now is the time to see and report them.
- Eat healthy, Eat local

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State Agencies Launch New #RecreateLocal Hashtag, Encourage New Yorkers to Discover Outdoor Spaces Close to Home

(From Pg. 4) Getting outdoors to walk, jog, hike, ride a bicycle, fish, or visit a park or state lands is a healthy way to stay active, spend time with immediate household family members, and reduce stress and anxiety when practicing social distancing. While indoor spaces and restrooms at State Parks and DEC's public facilities may be closed out of an abundance of caution to prevent community spread of COVID-19, many parks, grounds, forests, and trails are open during daylight hours, seven days a week. State Parks, lands, forests, and facilities are monitored by Park Police, Forest Rangers, Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) and other staff. These parks, lands, forests, and facilities and visitors will incorporate physical distancing to limit the potential spread of COVID-19. In addition, these officers and staff respond to, and assist, local agencies with search and rescue missions, wildfire suppression, and other response activities. Following this guidance will prevent unnecessary burdens on, and dangers to, State resources and local responders during the ongoing COVID-19 response. For the safety of all visitors and to reduce the community spread of COVID-19, DEC and State Parks are undertaking steps to reduce public density at State Parks, State Lands, and facilities:

- o Closing all playgrounds;
- o Limiting access to athletic courts and sporting fields;
- o Canceling all public programs and events at State Parks, Lands, Forests, and facilities until further notice;
- o Closing all indoor visitor facilities, such as nature centers, environmental education centers, visitor centers, and historic houses to the public until further notice;
- o Camping changes: all state-operated campgrounds, cabins, and cottages are closed to overnight visitation through April 30. All visitors with reservations will be issued a full refund. We ask for your patience as refunds are processed. New York State has also suspended all new camping, cabin and cottage reservations for the 2020 season until further notice. We are assessing campground status on a daily basis. If you've made a reservation for the season beginning May 1, and we determine your campground is safe to open, your reservation will be honored. However, visitors who wish to cancel an existing reservation may do so and receive a full refund. Thank you for your patience as we work to protect the safety of our visitors and staff;
- o Implementing precautionary measures at golf courses at State Parks, including increased intervals between tee times, removing bunker rakes and ball washers, and decreasing use of golf carts;
- o DEC is closing access to DEC-controlled fire towers to the public. Trails and the summits to the towers remain open, but the towers themselves present a potential risk with multiple people climbing the stairs, in close quarters, unable to appropriately socially distance, and using the same handrails; and
- o Limiting parking. If the parking lot is full, visit a different location to recreate responsibly. For visitor safety and the safety of others, do not park on roadsides and only park in designated parking areas.

While enjoying outdoor spaces, please continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/State Department of Health (DOH) guidelines for preventing the spread of colds, flu, and COVID-19:

- o Stay home if you are sick, or showing or feeling any COVID-19 symptoms, such as fever, coughing, and/or troubled breathing;
- o Practice social distancing by keeping at least six (6) feet of distance between yourself and others, even when outdoors;
- o Avoid close contact, such as shaking hands, hugging, or high-fives;
- o Wash hands often or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when soap and water are not available; and
- o Avoid unnecessary contact with surfaces that are often touched, such as doorknobs and handrails.

DEC and State Parks also encourage visitors to State Parks, State Lands, and other parks to:

- o Stay local and keep visits short;
- o Visit in small groups limited to immediate household members;
- o Maintain distance from others while in places where people tend to congregate, such as parking lots, trailheads, and scenic overlooks;
- o Avoid games and activities that require close contact, such as basketball, football, or soccer;
- o Avoid playground equipment like slides and swings and other frequently touched surfaces;
- o Do not share equipment, such as bicycles, helmets, balls, or Frisbees;
- o If you arrive at a park and crowds are forming, choose a different park, a different trail, or return another time/day to visit; and
- o If parking lots are full, please do not park along roadsides or other undesignated areas. To protect your safety and that of others, please choose a different area to visit, or return another time or day when parking is available.

New Yorkers over 70 years old or with a compromised immune system should not visit public spaces, including those outdoors. These New Yorkers should remain indoors or spend time in the backyard or other personal outdoor space, pre-screen visitors by taking their temperature, and require visitors to wear masks. New Yorkers who are sick or have had contact with someone who is sick in the last 14 days should stay home and spend time in the backyard or other personal outdoor space. Do not visit public outdoor spaces. Visitors to the Adirondack and Catskill Parks are reminded to always follow the Hiker Responsibility Code and avoid busy trailheads. Find the trails less traveled and visit when trails may not be as busy during daylight hours. DEC also encourages New Yorkers to be safe and sustainable when recreating outdoors. Learn more about how you can protect natural spaces when exploring outdoors by following the seven principles of Leave no Trace. Additional information is available on the DEC website.



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(From Pg. 1) The reservoir connects with the Delaware aqueduct (the longest continuous tunnel in the world), which brings the water 85 miles down to New York City.

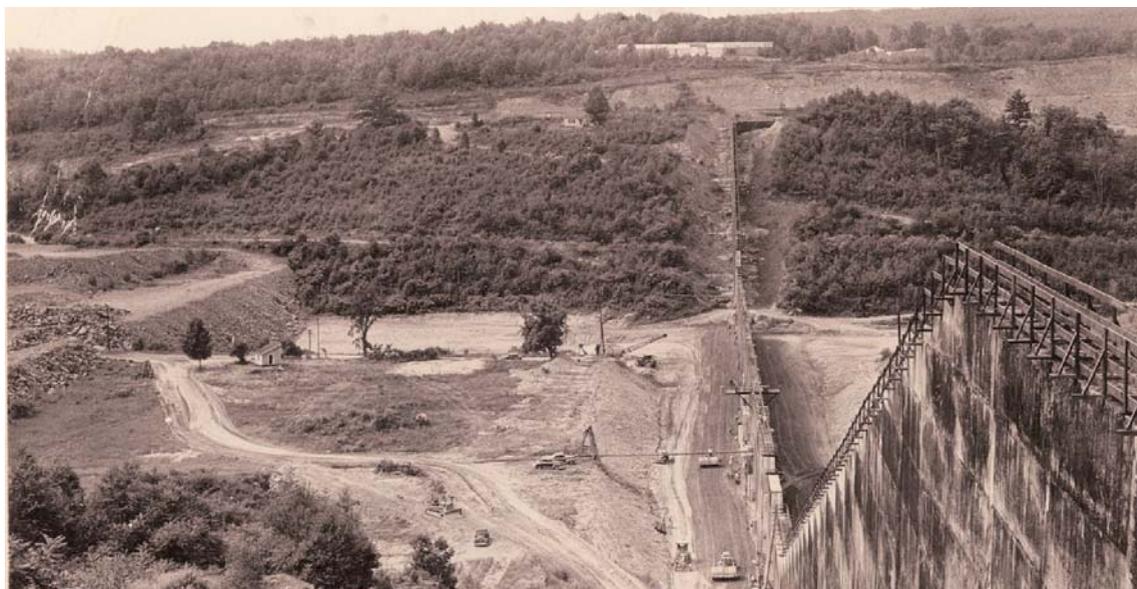
The circular driving tour includes an overview of the NYC's three water supply systems, focusing on the Delaware Water System containing the Rondout Reservoir. Seven stops around the reservoir can be visited in any order, and are all at safe pull off locations on St. Rt. 55 and 55A. Historic and recent photos, interesting text, video and audio of people who lived in the towns taken for the reservoir help bring to life the lost towns, the building of the reservoir and the natural features around the reservoir.

The app is FREE, and can be downloaded from the App Store, Google Play & the Museum website, www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Due to the inconsistent signal around the reservoir, the app is best downloaded before arrival. Creation of the app was funded through a grant from the Catskill Watershed Corporation in partnership with the New York City DEP. It took many months of hard work by staff and volunteers and the cooperation of several different organizations to produce this one-of-a-kind tour. For more information please contact the Time and the Valleys Museum 845 985-7700 or at info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

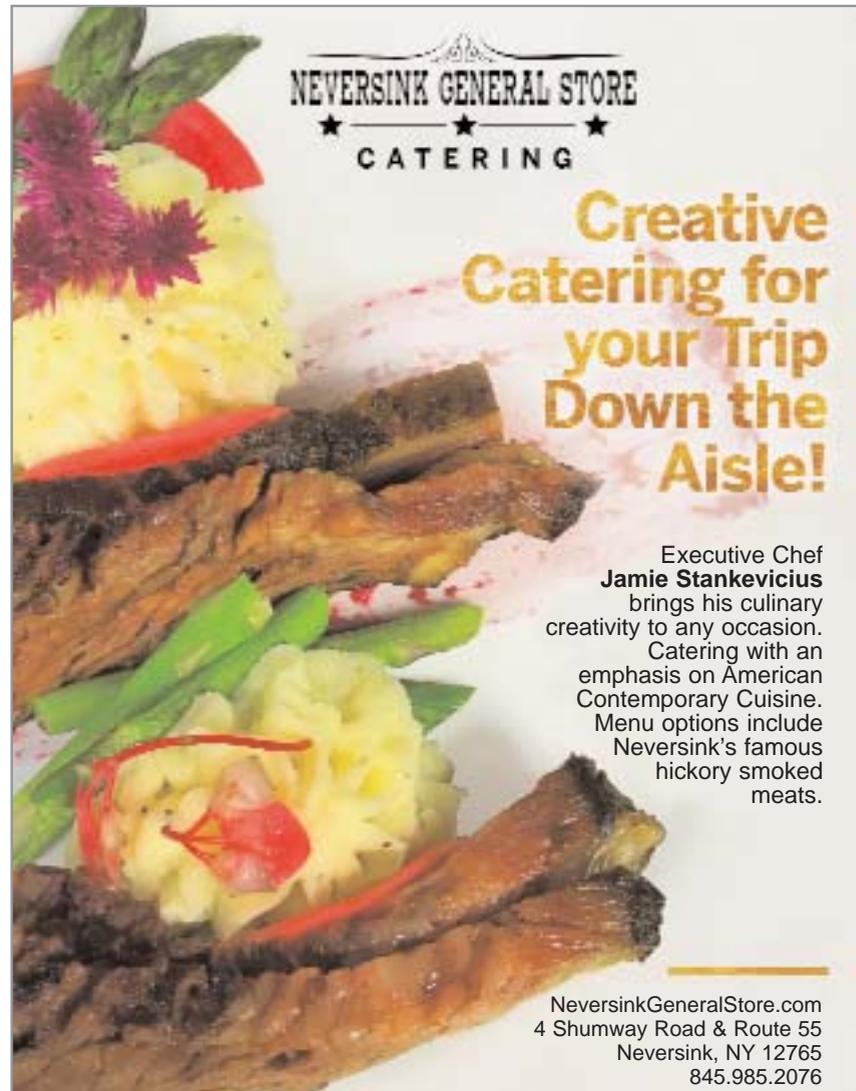
About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September.

Current exhibitions:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm
- o NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School



A view of the core wall of the dam for the Rondout Reservoir during construction.



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Opening spring, 2020. The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville, Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

Frost Valley YMCA Announces Immediate Openings in Little Rainbows Daycare For Children of Essential Workers

CLARYVILLE - In support of the urgent need for childcare for the families of essential workers who are committed to protecting our communities during the "New York State on PAUSE" executive order, Frost Valley YMCA announces immediate availability of several spots in its Little Rainbows Daycare.



Under the executive order signed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, essential workers include employees needed to provide health-care, food and agriculture, pharmacies for prescription medications, law enforcement, power utilities, and others deemed necessary by New York State Government. Frost Valley understands the difficult decisions these workers are faced with when it comes to caring for their families while also protecting our communi-

ties. Everyone at Frost Valley is incredibly grateful for their services and is pleased to offer these daycare spots to such families.

"Knowing the strain essential workers are facing right now, we are pleased to offer a number of spots in our Little Rainbows Daycare to give these vital workers some peace of mind, knowing their children are well-cared for while they are serving the crucial needs of our community," says Jerry Huncosky, Frost Valley's CEO.

Little Rainbows is a fully licensed daycare through the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, serving infants through pre-K. Located in Frost Valley's newly renovated cottage on Frost Valley Road in Claryville, Little Rainbows is open from 7:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Three- and five-day programs are available with low rates and financial assistance available.

Given the current circumstances, Frost Valley is committed to practicing proper social distancing, disinfecting all surfaces and program equipment multiple times daily, and implementing other stringent health precautions during this urgently needed program. To learn more about how Frost Valley is responding to the COVID-19 crisis, please visit www.frostvalley.org/COVID-19

For more information on the daycare program, visit frostvalley.org/daycare, call Angel Morton, Little Rainbows Day Care Administrator at (845) 985-7343, or email amorton@frostvalley.org. Interested families are urged to register right away since availability is limited.

If you would like to support Frost Valley in its commitment to providing services like daycare for essential workers and meal deliveries to Denning families, please visit www.frostvalley.org/donate today.

Fallsburg Hall of Fame Welcomes Three Inductees

At the FCSD Board of Education Meeting on March 4, 2020, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Ivan Katz announced the selection of three FCSD graduates for the Fallsburg Hall of Fame (HOF): Dr. Louis Lemberger from Class of 1954; Jammienne S. Studley, J.D., Class of 1968, and Dr. Myra Young Armstead, Class of 1971.



Dr. Lemberger
Class of 1954

After Dr. Lemberger graduated from FCHS, he earned a B.S. Degree in Pharmacy, Magna Cum Laude, from Brooklyn College and a Ph.D. and M.D. from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. He achieved the rank of Senior Surgeon, the medical equivalent of Commander, in the US Navy. He was appointed Director of Clinical Pharmacology of the Eli Lilly Laboratory, a position he held until his retirement in 1993. Dr. Lemberger is the first person to simultaneously hold both a scientific and administrative title for a pharmaceutical company.

In that capacity, Dr. Lemberger discovered and developed many life-saving drugs, including the anti-depressant Prozac, the first drug of its kind. Later he helped develop the anti-psychotic Zyprexa for treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder; the anti-emetic Cesamet that treats or prevents nausea when taking cancer medications; and Permax for treatment of Parkinson's disease. He was the first physician to administer these compounds to a human being. These drugs earned Eli Lilly and Company billions of dollars. When Dr. Lemberger was asked about his own remuneration from his work, he replied, "The company paid me a salary and gave me the facility to develop this drug (Prozac) that has helped millions and millions of people. That's the real reward." (Contd. Pg. 11)



Jammienne S. Studley, J.D.,
Class of 1968



Dr. Myra Young Armstead,
Class of 1971.

County Executive Ryan Announces Opening of Second Ulster County Mobile Testing Site

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan today announced information about Ulster County's second drive-through mobile COVID-19 testing site located at Ellenville Regional Hospital. The new location will be open five days a week and will continue to increase testing capacity in Ulster County. Last week, County Executive Ryan announced the opening of a drive-through test site located at TechCity which tested over 600 people in its first week of operation.

"This additional mobile testing site will save lives. We are continuing to provide a significant surge in testing capacity, which will enable us to better treat those affected and slow the spread of COVID-19," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I want to thank Ellenville Regional Hospital for stepping up during this critical moment for our community. Our entire team will continue to work around the clock to keep every Ulster County resident safe and healthy."

"We greatly value our ongoing partnership with Ulster County. But we really appreciate it the most during this time of crisis," President & CEO of Ellenville Regional Hospital Steve Kelley said. "The County Executive was instrumental in assisting Ellenville Regional Hospital in bringing COVID-19 testing locally right here in Ellenville."

Individuals seeking a COVID-19 test at the testing site must meet all of the following criteria:

- You called your primary care physician's office and had a phone consultation
- Based on your symptoms and other information you provided, your physician determined that you meet criteria for COVID-19 testing, and ordered a test for you
- You have a scheduled appointment at the collection site.

Any individual who does not have a primary care physician, should contact the Ulster County COVID-19 Hotline at 845-443-8888.

To contact Ellenville Hospital regarding a COVID-19 test, call 845-647-6400 ex. 269.

Residents permitted by their physician to enter the site will be met by a trained provider who will collect a sample for lab testing. After leaving the test site, residents should drive home and limit interactions with others during this time. Those who are tested should plan to self-quarantine for up to 14 days and will receive self-quarantine guidelines at the collection site. It may take up to six days to receive test results back and individuals who receive tests will be notified by their doctor with the results. Both healthcare providers and law enforcement will be on site along with three clinicians from Ellenville Hospital.

Ellenville Regional Hospital is located at 10 Healthy Way, Ellenville, NY 12428. The testing site is currently slated to be open Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM by appointment only.

Earlier this week, it was announced that Ulster County will add 235 beds at the Mary's Avenue campus of HealthAlliance to treat COVID-19 patients. Additionally, County Executive Ryan is working to develop detailed plans for further hospital and treatment capacity.

There are currently 207 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ulster County.

For additional information about COVID-19 and the mobile testing process, please visit: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus>
Ulster County COVID-19 Hotline: 845-443-8888
NYS Coronavirus Information Hotline: 888-364-3065

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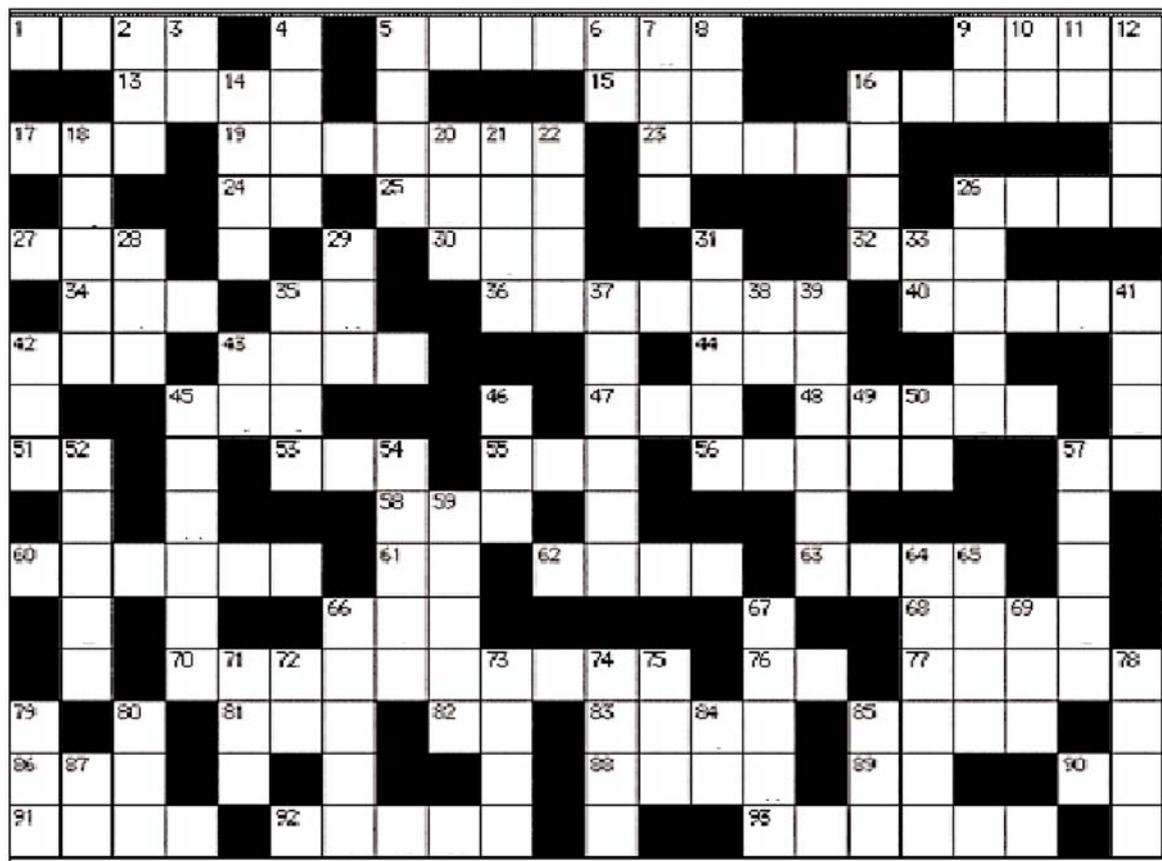
STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

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- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information, call
The NYS Coronavirus Hotline:
1-888-364-3065
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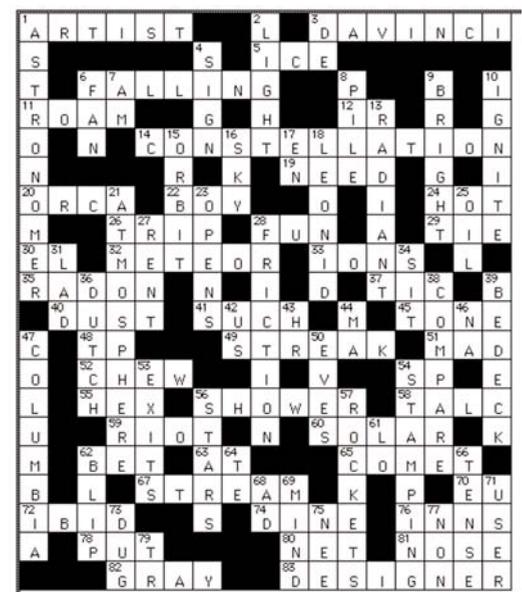


- 65 Mend
- 66 Glimpse
- 67 Whirls
- 69 Small peg used for golf
- 71 Large tree
- 72 Missouri (abbrev)
- 73 High temperature
- 74 Spring precipitation
- 75 Final part
- 78 Circle of light
- 79 Plead
- 80 Moist
- 84 Trade Union
- 85 Armed conflict
- 87 Virginia (abbrev)

Creamed Wild Leek Soup

- 2 cups wild leek bulbs, halved lengthwise
- 1 cup wild leek leaves, chopped
- 1/4 cup butter
- 3 Tbs. flour
- 6 cups chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Salt and pepper
- Minced wild leek leaves

Saute wild leek bulbs and chopped leaves in butter over low heat. When tender, stir in flour, mixing well. Slowly whisk in 6 cups of broth then simmer 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Whisk together egg yolks and 2/3 cup cream until blended; slowly whisk mixture into soup, a little at a time, then raise heat and bring to a near boil. Stir until thickened. Salt and pepper to taste. Whip remaining 1/3 cup cream; top each serving with a generous spoonful then garnish with minced wild leek leaves.



Ans to last week's puzzle

ACROSS

- 1 Legend
- 5 Catkin bearing trees
- 9 Niche
- 13 Exclusively
- 15 Hot brewed beverage
- 16 Flowering spike of a willow tree
- 17 Give fertilizer
- 19 Relating to sight
- 23 Chantry
- 24 Regarding
- 25 Hack
- 26 Bird with a raucous voice
- 27 Blossom
- 30 Fasten
- 32 Inlet
- 34 Help
- 35 Rural Route
- 36 Four divisions of a year
- 40 Leafless flower stalk
- 42 Bitter beer
- 43 Jetty
- 44 Grand Old Party
- 45 Drill
- 47 Runs Batted In
- 48 Makes new again
- 51 Officer of the Guard
- 53 Distinct period of history
- 55 Having three
- 56 Atrocity
- 57 Auto exposure
- 58 A definite article
- 60 Relating to spring
- 61 Brit's thank you
- 62 Shred
- 63 Performed well
- 66 Drink
- 68 Course of someone's life
- 70 Half a sphere
- 76 Father
- 77 New
- 81 Record of events of a voyage
- 82 Archaic form of thou
- 83 Against
- 85 Fermented drink
- 86 Adam's wife
- 88 Norse goddess of Spring
- 89 Alternating current
- 90 Kiloliters
- 91 Entrance
- 92 Begin
- 93 Narrow river
- 9 of New Testament
- 10 All right
- 11 Exclamation
- 12 Recognize
- 14 Commander
- 16 Cradle
- 18 Non-partisan
- 20 Hat
- 21 Imaginary line
- 22 Score
- 26 Series of repeated events
- 28 Expire
- 29 Anger
- 31 Codification of proven principles
- 33 Like
- 35 Ceremony
- 37 Get here
- 38 Not any
- 39 Season after winter
- 41 Fringe
- 42 Past
- 43 3.14159
- 45 Limb
- 46 Has already eaten
- 49 Printer's measure
- 50 Northeast
- 52 Color of grass
- 54 Youthful consort of Cybele associated with Spring
- 57 French Cleric
- 59 Feeling content
- 64 Work room

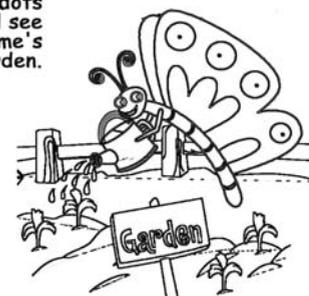


Flowerly Cryptogram

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Can you find 6 differences between the two pictures of the butterfly watering his garden?



WORDSEARCH

- LAVENDER
- PLANTS
- POPPY
- FERN
- MUSHROOM
- GARDEN
- FLOWERS
- BUTTERFLY
- BEE
- ROSE

How many words can you make from the words

FLOWER GARDEN?

Y P P O P F K I K G T O
 U J R T E M S L A Q T C
 I G Z R Y B A T L E U U
 M A N Q L A V E N D E R
 O R C W F N C F H A O B
 O D Q N R E M K L H U L V
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 M U P F B W R S A O O F
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Kids' Spring Fun Page

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- 2 Staff
- 3 Half an em
- 4 Category of things
- 5 Summons
- 6 Old Testament
- 7 Disengage
- 8 Important source timber



Help Knarf the Gnome through the garden to his magical home.

Cryptogram Key

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The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

This ends week 2 of my self confinement and I'm not ashamed to say that I've lost track of what day it is most of the time. Good thing I have TV!!

I am still well, and I hope this finds you all the same. I have two good friends, though, that have been tested recently. I also tried to find how many tests are available to Sullivan County residents. Lots of words, but no numbers. This does not quell my own paranoia.

What I've learned this week:

Cooking from scratch requires doing a lot of dishes But the potato/corn chowder and beef stroganoff are worth it!



Cleaning out and sanitizing all drawers and cabinets in the kitchen has yielded treasures

The cast iron pan fits one egg...which is perfect for me

That paw on my face at 3:30am is my diabetic kitty Lefty telling me he needs a snack

All three are sleeping on the bed with me

All three take turns draping over my head on the pillow

Putting a check in the bank can be a 3 hour

affair

Getting one's mail is equally as time consuming

My family is safe...for now

The cheap carpet shampooer I got to clean the cheap carpet in the apartment works fine

The sweater knitting is going well...I'm onto the sleeves.



Talk about above and beyond.....

The Neversink General Store. The undictated

steps that they are taking to ensure the safety of their workers and customers is mind blowing. Did you know that every delivery is sanitized prior to being allowed in the store? That there are gloves available at the pumps? That gloves are required if you pay by card at the register? That the door handles are sanitized every 15 minutes? And the shelves and floors several times a day? And that these measures and more were instituted back in FEBRUARY! The majority of this information came to me via grateful customers who brought this to my attention and urged me to mention this. Again, The Neversink General Store goes above and beyond.

If you have a computer and are on Facebook, you need to check out your favorite musicians. Many have gone virtual, offering covers and originals that are uplifting in this dark time. ALBI, CASWYN MOON, JOANNA GASS, and SARA HULSE are a few that I have caught. Thanks so much to these and the many others who brighten our days.

Keep a smile and your days bright.
Until next time.....

UC Executive Pat Ryan Confirms First COVID-19 Related Death

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan has confirmed the first death related to COVID-19 in Ulster County. For reasons of privacy, specific information cannot be provided. County Executive Ryan did confirm that the individual is a 76 year old male from the Town of Plattekill who passed away at Vassar Brothers hospital due to complications from COVID-19 on Sunday, March 29th.

"It is with great sadness that I must report that Ulster County has lost our first resident to COVID-19. On behalf of Ulster County, I send my deepest sympathies to the friends and family of the individual that we lost," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "This serves as a sobering reminder of the severity of the situation and the need for all of us to take all precautions necessary to stop the spread of COVID-19. I would like to thank all of our medical and emergency service professionals who have been on the frontline since day one and I would like to assure everyone that my office will continue to work around the clock to protect the health and safety of all of the residents of Ulster County."

As of Sunday, there were currently 179 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ulster County.

For additional information about COVID-19:

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus>

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

Fallsburg Hall of Fame Welcomes Three Inductees

(From Pg. 9) During his outstanding years in medicine, Dr. Lemberger served on many boards and as president of numerous professional societies. He was honored with scores of awards for his industry leadership and contributions, including the 1985 ASPET Award (American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics), the 1986 Rawls-Palmer Progress in Medicine Award, and the 2000 Cornerstone Award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in the Health Sciences. He received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Brooklyn College of Pharmacy, the Albert Einstein School of Medicine, and Long Island University. Very often people would come up to Dr. Louis Lemberger, teary-eyed, and shake his hand and say, "Your drug saved my sister/my child/my uncle's life."

Since graduating from Barnard College in 1972 with a B.A., magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1975, Jamiene Studley has enjoyed an outstanding career in education, women's health, and civil rights advocacy. Among her many achievements are serving as the first woman president of Skidmore College, Associate Dean and Lecturer at Yale Law School, President of Public Advocates Inc., special assistant on food and health issues at HEW/HHS during the Carter Administration, and many roles in the Clinton and Obama Administrations at the U.S. Department of Education, including general counsel, Deputy Under Secretary and acting Under Secretary.

Currently Ms. Studley is the sixth president of WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), a higher education association and regional accrediting agency committed to student success. Her colleagues at WSCUC admire and respect her "for listening, collaboration, and building bridges."

DEC Advises New Yorkers to Take Measures to Reduce Bear Conflicts

StateDepartment of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today reminded New Yorkers to take steps to reduce conflicts with bears.

"After a relatively mild winter, bears are emerging from their dens and have begun seeking out food sources," Commissioner Seggos said. "Unfortunately, people sometimes make it easy for bears to find food near their homes. Fish and Wildlife staff at DEC have received reports of bears getting into garbage and pulling down bird feeders to eat the seed. It's important that homeowners take measures to prevent bears from easily accessing these unnatural food sources."

Feeding bears either intentionally, which is illegal, or unintentionally through careless practices around properties, has consequences for entire communities. DEC advises everyone who lives in or visits bear habitat, which is much of Upstate New York, to remove items that are attractive to bears. People should take down bird feeders by April 1, store garbage inside secure buildings, and feed pets indoors. These actions are necessary to live responsibly with black bears, protect people, property, and bears. Allowing bears to find food naturally keeps them out of trouble and reduces negative interactions with people and property.

For more information about how to reduce human/bear conflicts, visit DEC's website.

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Returning Home from Abroad in a Pandemic

While writing this, I'm cozily sitting in my pajamas in the USA and can't help but think about how only a week and a half ago, I was in Brazil. And today, I'm fearing of contracting a pandemic virus while sitting in quarantine at a friend's home in Cape Cod, since I'm too afraid to stay with my 68-year-old father at home because I just might



give it to him.

Hopefully, I don't have the virus as I'm not showing any symptoms, but at this point, who is truly, 100% positive they don't have it?

At any rate, in order to entertain you in your own isolation while simultaneously keeping myself from getting cabin fever, I'll relay my trek from Brazil to America during an international pandemic.

But, first of all, you should know my original travel plans, which were to fly from Fortaleza to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil on March 18th. Then, fly to Colombia on March 20th. I had flights and accommodations booked. Naturally, like anyone else in the world this past month (or has it been a year? Because it sure feels like that), those plans were completely tossed out.

March 14th: Jericoacoara, Brazil

I couldn't fully enjoy the quaint tourist town completely surrounded by sand dunes and a stunning beach I found myself in because things were drastically escalating in terms of the coronavirus and border closures. I planned to stay three more days in this town, but considering countries around me were closing their borders to all foreigners, I knew I couldn't wait until March 20th to go to Colombia. Six days was far too long. In a panicked response, I bought a flight for the early morning of March 16th, less than two full days from then, from Fortaleza (a nearby city) to Rio de Janeiro, then to Colombia.

March 15th: Jericoacoara to Fortaleza, Brazil

I left this adorable, quaint town in a sweaty rush (after losing my passport for 30 minutes, as you do in a state of panic) and escaped to a hotel in Fortaleza with a friend. But, while driving over sand dunes in an SUV, I found via the internet a new obstacle that threw off my travel plans once again: Colombia closed its borders to any and all foreigners.

To be continued...

Announcement from Governor Andrew Cuomo



Catering to NY

(From Pg. 1) You'll be proud that you showed up. You had the skill and the professionalism to make a difference and save lives. At the end of the day, nobody can ask anything more from you. We're going to save lives and New York is going to thank you. God bless each and every one of you." Here's what else you need to know tonight:

1. The first 1,000-bed temporary hospital is now complete at the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center in Manhattan. The facility will fully open on Monday. I congratulate FEMA, the Army Corps of Engineers, the National Guard and the staff at Javits for their speedy work. They built an entire hospital in a week - an incredible achievement.
2. Schools statewide will remain closed until at least April 15th. We will reassess whether to continue closures at that time. School districts will be required to continue child care, meal and distance learning programs.
3. New Yorkers without health insurance can apply for a health plan through NY State of Health. If you recently lost employer coverage, you must apply within 60 days of losing that coverage. Because of loss of income, New Yorkers may also be eligible for Medicaid, the Essential Plan or Child Health Plus.
4. The State and Army Corps of Engineers have toured and identified four new sites for temporary hospitals for construction. The sites - the Brooklyn Cruise Terminal, the Aqueduct Racetrack facility in Queens, CUNY Staten Island and the New York Expo Center in the Bronx - would add an additional 4,000 beds to the state's hospital capacity. I'm asking President Trump to approve these sites immediately so construction can begin.
5. For a 90-day period, New Yorkers experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19 may defer paying life insurance premiums. Late payments will be payable over a one-year period. Additionally, consumers and small businesses experiencing Coronavirus-related financial hardship may defer paying premiums for property and casualty insurance for a 60-day period. This includes auto, homeowners, renters and other kinds of insurance. (No late fees will be assessed and there will be no negative impact to your credit.)
6. The USNS Comfort, a U.S. Navy hospital ship, is expected to arrive in New York Harbor on Monday. It is a massive facility with 1,000 beds, 12 operating rooms, a pharmacy and a laboratory. The Comfort's beds will be used for non-Coronavirus patients to free up hospital capacity.

Ever Upward,
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

Metzger Introduces Bill to Connect New Yorkers Seeking Employment to Farms Experiencing Labor Shortages during COVID-19 Pandemic

Albany, NY...As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to take a toll on the economy and jobs, State Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) has introduced a bill (S8134) to connect people seeking employment with job opportunities on farms to ensure an adequate workforce for food production. Many thousands of New Yorkers have been laid off as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The bill directs the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets to create an online farm employment portal, and

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Thursday, April 1, 2020
It will be conducted
via Zoom Meetings

work with the Department of Labor and agricultural and other organizations in publicizing its availability statewide.

"People who have been laid off from their jobs in other sectors, and college students who have returned home earlier than expected, may welcome the opportunity to work on a farm," said Senator Metzger. "Agriculture is an essential industry in which labor is in short supply, and this legislation would help make the connections between farmers and workers."

The current shortage of farm labor in New York has been exacerbated by recent disruptions to the federal H-2A agricultural guest worker program as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, which could harm production on farms that are more dependent on agricultural labor.

New York Farm Bureau President David Fisher said, "Farmers are taking extra precautions to educate their employees on safety protocols and to prepare for any workforce issues in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Things are uncertain for everyone right now, in and out of agriculture, and an employment portal proposed by Senator Metzger could be a useful tool to link farms with prospective employees looking for work, especially in times of need. It is essential that our farms continue to operate for the good of us all."

Rondout Valley Growers Association Executive Director Matt Igoe said, "In light of the ongoing coronavirus' impact on the H-2A farmworker visa program, and the devastating number of New Yorkers who have become unemployed because of the virus, The Rondout Valley Growers Association fully supports Senator Metzger's efforts to connect farms with potential farm workers. In these difficult times we all need to expand our thinking and be creative with our solutions."

SUNY Sullivan President Jay Quaintance's Statement on the State of the College

Loch Sheldrake, NY- While we are all focusing on the expanding COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on our community, I wanted to take an opportunity to let you know of some of the things that are happening at SUNY Sullivan to support our students and our county now and in the future.

Contrary to what you might have heard, SUNY Sullivan is not closed; instead we are operating in a new way. While the campus buildings are not accessible to the general public, the entire College has pulled together to support our students and local community. Our amazing faculty and staff are working with the entire SUNY system and our community partners such as Sullivan County BOCES, local school districts, Catskill Regional Medical Center and Sullivan 180 to provide high quality educational opportunity and social support at a time when it is needed most.

Currently enrolled students can rest assured that they will be able to continue in their program of study uninterrupted. Spring semester classes resume on Monday, March 30 using online and distance learning tools. Students will continue to have access to all the educational and emotional support systems they would normally have if the buildings were open and are being notified of how to access these. Online registration for summer and fall 2020 courses is open at www.sunysullivan.edu.

In order to ensure that emergency personnel in the county can do their jobs at this critical time, we are working with BOCES and the school districts to provide temporary daycare for their children. And, we have donated equipment from our Nursing and Respiratory Care programs to CRMC to help serve patients and protect staff.

As we increase social distancing and move our lives on-line we may find that we explore and experience our community in new ways. For instance, in an effort to support the mental, physical and nutritional wellbeing of the community at large, we are partnering with Sullivan 180 to offer free distance learning class-

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es to the community. Sullivan 180 Community Health Champions will be utilizing SUNY Sullivan's distance learning platforms to offer classes such as mindfulness, nutrition and fitness. Classes will be open to all ages and abilities.

The impact of COVID-19 will last. This situation presents many opportunities to address students' needs in innovative ways. We recognize that many people will need retraining to participate in the inevitable economic recovery in which many employment sectors may no longer provide the jobs they once did. So, in addition to offering our current two-year degrees and certificates, SUNY Sullivan is looking to the future by building new professional development and certification programs, in the fields of Healthcare, Sustainability, and Business and Entrepreneurship for example, which will be both accessible and affordable.

At times like this, I'm reminded of words recited by kids all across the country: the 4H pledge. As a person from a family with a long history in 4H, I think about what an impact this simple pledge has had on me and my life. It really sums up how I think about my job as a community college professional. Now more than ever:

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,

My heart to greater loyalty,

My hands to larger service,

and my health to better living,

for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

As we move forward we will all look for ways to better educate ourselves, engage in professional development programs, and expand community engagement; I remain optimistic that the members of our community will emerge from this trying time as better prepared citizens. While we don't yet know how long we will be working and living in this new way, I am confident that we will come out stronger, more skilled, and smarter than when this started. SUNY Sullivan is here and we are #sunysullivanstrong.

AG James Warns New Yorkers about Scams Related to Federal Relief for COVID-19

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued an alert to New Yorkers to warn them about potential scams related to the federal stimulus package passed by Congress to provide economic relief during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has received reports of scammers attempting to steal personal and financial information by using the news that the federal government will send payments to people across the country as part of the economic relief efforts.

"Scammers have been using a variety of tools to take advantage of this crisis and steal from New Yorkers," said Attorney General James. "The latest example involves scammers pretending to be from the federal government and preying on individuals who desperately need financial support right now. I remind all New Yorkers to be vigilant and take precautions to ensure they do not fall victim to these harmful and heartless scams."

Attorney General James released the following tips for New Yorkers to protect themselves from these scams:

- o Never give your personal information or financial information out to someone unless you are absolutely sure who they are.
- o Be alert: scammers may use emails, texts, or webpages that look like they are from the federal government. If someone claims to be from the government with a check for you, it may be a phishing scam that is illegally trying to obtain your bank account or other personal information.
- o If you are eligible for a payment, you will receive a payment directly from the IRS. Do not pay anyone who promises that they can expedite or obtain a payment or a loan for you. If you are eligible for relief, you will not need to make any up-front payment or pay any fee to receive a stimulus payment. You will not be charged any "processing fees."
- o Never open attachments or links sent from anyone who claims to be from the government. Do not reply and delete the message right away. If you believe you have been a victim of a scam, please contact the Office of the Attorney General and file a complaint.



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Please check for updates and closures

We will try to keep you informed and up-to-date, but we still feel that it is better for you to check with any church, organization or business to check their current status. We have the hope that it won't be long before we can resume our normal activities, and for now we are leaving the information for our local churches in *The Townsman* as they offer contact information.

We will post any announcements from churches, municipalities, organization or any businesses that we receive. **Please stay safe and stay well.**

St. Mark's UM Church • 68 Clinton St., Napanoch
Yard and Clothing Sale
TEMPORARY CLOSED Until Further Notice
We are sorry for any inconvenience and hope to reopen April 3

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Sundown United Methodist Church

Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor Seung Jin Hong
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Rte. 55, Grahamsville
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!

Regular Office Hours
Wednesday 9 am - Noon
Friday 3 pm to 6 pm

If you wish to make an appointment to talk to Pastor Seung Jin Hong please call 845-985-2283

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.
845-985-2283 • e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



Worship Services @ 10:00 am

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Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm

Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
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Grahamsville Reformed Church

The Church with a friendly welcome

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Sundown United Methodist Church

Covered Dish Supper
April 4, 2020
5:30 pm

Easter Breakfast
Apr 12 • 9:30 am

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Saturday Thrift Sale
April 25, 2020
9:00 am to 12 noon

April 7, 2020 Thrift Sale
9am-12 noon
Luncheon
11 am - 12:30 pm

April 2020 Trending Calendar of Events

As you see, most events have been postponed or canceled. We are in the process of updating our online calendar of events to provide you with the latest updates and virtual events. Please visit our online calendar at <https://www.ulstercountyalive.com/calendar/>

We will suspend publication of Trending for the next two months, and hope to resume in the summer. Stay tuned in and be well.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make request)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x).

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x).

Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, ANNUAL MEETING,
BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
TRI-VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AT GRAHAMSVILLE
TOWN OF NEVERSINK, COUNTY OF SULLIVAN, NEW YORK**

MARCH 4, 2020

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing of the residents of the Tri-Valley Central School District at Grahamsville, Sullivan County, New York will be held at the Tri-Valley Secondary School Library Lower Level in said District at Grahamsville, New York on:

Tuesday, May 5, 2020
At 7:00 P.M. (EDT)

for the purpose of presenting the school budget for the 2020-2021 school year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the budget statement showing the amount of money which will be required for the following year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, together with the text of any proposition which will be presented to the voters, may be obtained at the Office of the Superintendent, Tri-Valley Central School, Grahamsville, New York and any school building, by any resident in the District between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on each day except Saturday, Sunday or holidays during the fourteen days immediately preceding the Annual Meeting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Annual Meeting, including the VOTE upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for the 2020-2021 school year budget and the VOTING for members of the Board of Education will take place on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 between the hours of 1:00 and 8:00 P.M. daylight savings time at the Secondary School Library Lower Level and Media Center of the Tri-Valley Central Secondary School Building, in Grahamsville, New York.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Administration Building, on or before 5:00 P.M. on Monday, April 20, 2020. Nominating petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District; must state the name and residence address of each signer, and, must state the name and residence address of the candidate.

Vacancies on the Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices; candidates run at-large. For 2020, there are three Board seats available which are three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2023, for seats currently held by the following Board of Education members:

Patrick Kelly
Christopher Gozza
Randy McGregor

Candidates whose names will appear on the ballot will have the opportunity to introduce themselves to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the Secondary School Library Lower Level.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to a prior resolution of the District, personal voter registration is in effect. The dates for personal voter registration have been set for Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 and Wednesday, May 13th, 2020 in the Administration Building, between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M. Voters may also register at the Office of the District Clerk on any business day through Thursday, May 14th, 2020 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Residents are reminded that their registration is valid if they have voted at any school or general election held within the 4 calendar year period prior to May 19, 2020. If a voter is eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law and is registered with the Sullivan or Ulster County Board of Elections, he/she is also eligible to vote at this election. The register of voters prepared pursuant to Section 2014 of the Education Law shall be available in the office of the Clerk, to any qualified voter, on each of the five (5) days prior to the annual meeting, except Sunday, and at the polling place on the day of the vote.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, applications for ABSENTEE BALLOTS may be applied for at the office of the District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be applied for unless the voter's registration is marked "permanently disabled" by the County Board of Elections. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter (Tuesday, May 12th, 2020) OR the day before the election (Monday, May 18th, 2020), if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. on the day of the annual meeting. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.) until the day of the election. Any qualified voter may file a written challenge of the qualifications of a voter, whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge.

By order of the Board of Education
Norma Peña, District Clerk
Dated: March 4, 2020

April 2, 2020
April 9, 2020
April 23, 2020
April 30, 2020



Daniel Pierce Library

hours of operation

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed

If you have any questions,
 please call the library at 985-7233.

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

DPL Painters 2nd Thursday of every month
 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Studio Art Group every Wednesday
 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Come & Go Play Group second Tuesday of each
 month 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Junior Book Club 2nd Friday of each month
 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

First Friday Readers Group first Friday of every
 month 1:00 pm

Alchemy Poets 3rd Thursday of each month 1:00 pm

Homeschooling Group 4th Tuesday of each month
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
 • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex,
 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
 N. Main Street, Liberty

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.

2020
 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule
 Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

April 16, 2020

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Play Mexican Train
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 every FRIDAY 1-4 pm

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 at the Neversink Town Hall

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 People to
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PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION TO MAKE CERTAIN OF CHANGES AND CANCELLATIONS DUE TO COVID-19. THANK YOU.

The Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club Meeting scheduled for April 2, 2020 has been cancelled.

- 4/4/2020 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm - CANCELLED
- 4/7/2020 Grahamsville UMC **Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon & **Luncheon** 11 am - 12:30 pm - CANCELLED
- 4/7/2020 Town of Denning Board Meeting - 6 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 4/8/2020 Town of Neversink Board Meeting
- 4/10/2020 Town of Neversink Holiday - **GOOD FRIDAY**
- 4/12/2020 **Easter Breakfast** Sundown Methodist Church Hall 9:30 am
- 4/14/2020 Town of Denning Business Meeting - 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 4/15/2020 Neverink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm
- 4/18/2020 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4:0 - 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)

Save the Date!

May 9th 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm **Boy Scout Troop Fish Fry** - Neversink Fire House. Please purchase your tickets in advance from Neil Terwilliger (845) 798-3328 or Bernie Lange (845) 532-7607
 Saturday, May 2, 2020 **Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk** • Registration 8:30 am • Walk 9:00 am

<p>TRI-VALLEY AREA SUNDOWN CAMP & BAIT SHOP GRAHAMSVILLE DELI NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE BLUE HILL LODGE ZANETTI'S SERVICE STATION 3 GOLDEN'S CONVENIENCE STORE</p>	<p><u>Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman</u> is available at the following places of business in Sullivan and Ulster Counties</p> <p>LOCH SHELDRAKE • VALERO MINI MALL • SC COMMUNITY LOBBY FALLSBURG • FALLSBURG TOWN HALL</p> <p>WOODBOURNE - CITGO STATION • MO'S GAS STATION • P.D. SMITH ENTERPRISE LIBERTY - LIBERTY FITNESS • CHARLIE'S PIZZA • AGWAY (Both Stores) CLAUDIA'S BEAUTY SALON • SHOPRITE • IDEAL FOOD • MUNSON DINER</p>	<p>ELLENVILLE/NAPANOCH JAMES NAPANOCH GROCERY MATTHEW'S PHARMACY EWCOG ELLENVILLE CITGO ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL SHOPRITE</p>
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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.

**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.

Tri-Valley Elementary School
WANTED:
 Local establishments to display student
KINDNESS artwork

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office
 at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org.
 All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

ROAD CLOSURE

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of **County Road 26 (Crystal Lake Road), in the Town of Tusten, to replace County Bridge 471.** County Bridge 471 is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of the intersection of County Road 26 (Crystal Lake Road) and County Road 23 (Lumberland Mt. Hope). This section of County Road 26 is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting 8:00AM April 1st, 2020, and will remain closed for approximately 4 weeks.

Handwritten Documents Needed for Transcribing Volunteers at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Many volunteers from all over the country and Canada are working on transcribing handwritten documents for the Time and the Valleys Museum, to make them more accessible, easier to read and searchable. Currently there are more volunteers than handwritten materials! If anyone in the community has handwritten materials such as diaries, documents, ledger books, stories or memories from the Tri-Valley area or surrounding Catskills, they are urged to please consider lending them to the Museum for a transcribing project.

Loaned materials can be copied or scanned while you wait, and do not need to be left at the Museum, if desired. Individuals who lend materials for this purpose will receive a transcribed copy and digital copy of their loaned materials upon completion. For more information, or to set up a day and time to visit the Museum with handwritten materials, please contact the Time and the Valleys Museum at 845 985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September.

Current exhibitions:
 o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
 o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-

Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm
- o NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School Opening May, 2020.

The Museum is located at 332 Main Street (St. Rt. 55) in Grahamsville Sullivan County. Adults admission is a suggested donation of \$5, Children under 16 \$2, and children under six are free. Town of Neversink and Town of Denning residents receive free admission every Thursday. As a Blue Star Museum, the Museum offers free admission to active duty military members and up to five family members. For more information call 845 985-7700, e-mail info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org or visit www.timeandthevalleymuseum.org. Groups, camps and schools are always welcome - Guided tours are conducted for groups of 15 to 100 people throughout the year.

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Part-time Help needed for **Special Events at the beautiful Claryville Event Center.** Experience in restaurant service helpful. Ideal for teachers or college students. Call 845-985-0247.

Grahamsville Deli - Help Wanted - Experienced Only
 Full time/Part time. • \$14.00 to start
 Please call 845-985-0107 for an appointment to come for a personal interview.

Help Wanted: Light Maintenance. Part time. Teen or adult. Call 985-2900

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YOGA CLASSES

GENTLE YOGA

For **seniors** and/or **beginners** of all ages. Mon & Wed a.m., Thur p.m., Sat .a.m. Near Neversink Reservoir Call Joy 845 292 7870

Enjoy a Cold Beer from the Grahamsville Deli!

Beer is now available for sale at the Grahamsville Deli located at the corner of Rt 42 & Rt 55 in Grahamsville. **Hope to see you soon!**
Campers and Hunters are always welcome!

4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sales! May 22- 25, 2020

While cleaning out the kitchen drawers or closets and you are wondering what to do with all those extra gadgets, pie tins, pots or pans, don't forget this year's **4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!** It will be here before you know it!! Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2020 is **only 9 weeks away!**

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.

SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS A KIDNEY TYPE O OR A(2)

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

More about our warrior Nick....

Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick battled with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. Finally the past year and half Nick's seizures have been controlled but his kidney function was deteriorating. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys! Since then Nick has had 2 surgeries to put ports in his neck and stomach so dialysis can be preformed. Nick has transitioned to home dialysis and has been a tough adjustment. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 29 year old should be going through.

Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live a happy and healthy life doing what he loves and that is to bicycle all throughout our town making people smile. Nick is a big part of the community, he takes pride with his volunteer work with the EMS and is the Honorary member of the Monticello Fire Department. Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

IF INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE CONTACT US TODAY!
 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

Follow Nick @nickneedsokidney

Message from The Daniel Pierce Library

The health and safety of our patrons are of the utmost important to us. With that in mind, we have made the decision to close the library during this time. We will remain closed through April 4th and will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, April 7th. We are using this time to take extra measures to disinfect the library and our materials.

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

Please check our website (www.danielpiercelibrary.org) and our Facebook page for updates.

While we are not open to the public there are a lot of online resources available to our patrons. If you need assistance with any of our online resources, please give us a call and a staff member will get back to you and will walk you through the necessary steps to access these resources.

Thank you.

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA
 2. Gene Kelly
 1. Zero Mostel
Answers:



Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia

6:15 PM
WEDNESDAY APRIL 8, 2020 WE HONOR RED SKELTON IN "DU BARRY WAS A LADY
Some Music, Dance Happiness and belly laughs.

"DU BARRY WAS A LADY" (1943) Musical, 1943 - Some happiness and belly laughs. A night club employee dreams he's Louis XV, and the star he idolizes is his lady love. **D: Roy Del Ruth. Red Skelton, Lucille Ball, Gene Kelly, Virginia O'Brien, Rags Ragland, Zero Mostel, Donald Meek, George Givot, Louise Beavers, Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra.** Nightclub worker Skelton pines for beautiful singing star Ball; when he swallows a **Mickey Finn, he dreams he's Louis XVI,** and has to contend with the prickly Madame DuBarry (Ball). Colorful nonsense, missing most of the songs from Cole Porter's Broadway score, though "Friendship" is used as the finale. Opens like a vaudeville show, with beautiful chorines and specialty acts, including young **Mostel, and Dorsey's band--with Buddy Rich on drums--doing a sensational solo, "Well, Git It."** They turn up later in powdered wigs, as do **The Pied Pipers, with Dick Haymes and Jo Stafford. Lana Turner has a bit part.** C-101m TV-G Closed Captions

Quiz: In the film "DU BARRY WAS A LADY"

1. Who played Rami, the Swami/Taliostra?
2. Who played Alec Howe/The Black Arrow?

RED SKELTON started as a vaudeville and burlesque performer who worked his way up from the bottom of the rung clubs and showboating his way to play the Paramount Theatre in NYC, Red Skelton entered films in 1938 and went on to appear in some two dozen musicals and comedies through the 1940s, mostly for MGM. Skelton, who had his own radio show from 1941-53, embraced TV in 1950 and gained his greatest fame there, showcasing his gift for pantomime and his memorable characterizations, such as **Freddy the Freeloader**, on the long-running "The Red Skelton Show" which ran on NBC from 1951-53, then on CBS from 1953-70, and finally on NBC for its last year 1970-71. Skelton was a physical comedian, and his work showed the influence of the circus his father had performed in, down to the clown-like floppy hats and facial expressions. He had a humble quality, not just in the essence of his characters, but in his modest bows to the audience, during which Skelton would hold his tongue gently between his teeth and just say thank you. (In reality, Skelton was said to be anything but modest when it came to taking credit for his work. Skelton's repertoire of characters had been developed on stage and on radio--where he had worked before a live audience. His TV show had no other regulars, save his bandleader, David Rose, until 1970 when some skit performers were added for one season. Instead, they had Skelton, doing characters such as **The Mean Widdle Kid, Clem Kadiddlehopper, the rustic Sheriff Deadeye, the West's worst nightmare, the drunken Willie Lump-Lump and Freddy the Freeloader, a speechless hobo.** (The Freddy sequences were always performed in pantomime.) Skelton wrote much of his own material, although he had a full staff of writers as well. He also occasionally composed music for his stage shows. After the end of his over 20-year run on primetime TV, Skelton continued to do live appearances, including a 1990 concert at Carnegie Hall, as well as occasional TV commercials. He revived Freddy the Freeloader for a 1980 HBO special. Skelton always ended his program thanking the audience and with the words "God bless!" **Red Skelton was a humanitarian, and an American Patriot, just go to**

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