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Sullivan County Leaders to Host COVID-19 Town Halls April 20 and 23



Monticello, NY - Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty announces that Legislature Vice Chair Mike Brooks, County Manager Josh Potosek and Public Health Director Nancy McGraw, along with District Attorney Meagan Galligan, will answer citizens' questions during a Facebook Live Q&A session Monday, April 20, at 1 p.m. (Contd. Pg. 17)

UC Executive Ryan and Lieutenant Governor Hochul hold Small Business Town Hall

UC Executive Ryan and Lieutenant Governor Hochul held a small business town hall joined by nearly 500 business owners updating them on support for local businesses during COVID-19



KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul today held a Small Business Town Hall that was joined by nearly 10,000 people to update them on the County's response to COVID-19 and support available for Ulster County small businesses. (Contd. Pg. 17)

DEC Encourages Responsible Recreation During the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

DEC and Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) are encouraging 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.

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 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 more. (Contd. Pg. 18)



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Job 27:7

OBITUARIES

Olga "Ollie" L. Booth of Grahamsville, NY was called home to the Lord on Sunday, April 12, 2020. She was 86 years old. Born in Brooklyn, NY in 1933, Ollie was the only child of Fred and Olga Schlottmann. A natural student, she was Valedictorian of Valley Stream Central High School in 1951, and then went on to study music and education at Adelphi University, earning a BA in 1955, and an MA from Teachers College, Columbia University a few years later. She taught music in the Wantagh, NY public schools for many years before getting married and starting a family. Ollie built a successful private piano practice and gave piano lessons to hundreds of students across 40 years, both on Long Island and locally in Grahamsville.

Beloved wife of Malcolm W. Booth, devoted mother to Norma E. Pena, Pamela B. Rosati, Douglas P. Booth and Roger E. Booth, wonderful grandmother to Sydney T. Booth, Elizabeth M. Booth, and R.J. Price, Kathryn C. Rosati and Matthew M. Rosati, and loving mother-in-law to Tammy W. Booth and Valentin Pena.

Ollie was a gifted pianist, former church organist and choir director and a faithful Christian. She loved her family, the opera, the beach, and good conversation. She will be missed by all who knew her. A private family service at Colonial Funeral Home in Woodbourne, NY, will be followed by a graveside service of Christian burial at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation to Hospice of Sullivan County, 800 Stony Brook Court, Newburgh, NY 12550 is preferred. A proper memorial service with music, friends and family will be planned for a future date.

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Barry Terbush, age 70, of Liberty, passed away on April 16, 2020. Barry was born in Monticello, NY on October 16, 1949 to Donald and Frances Sheeley Terbush. He graduated from Tri-Valley School in 1967, attended Dutchess County Community College, and served in the Army National Guard for two years. He worked for the Department of Corrections for 12 years, and then worked for Tri-Valley Central School District as a custodian in the Maintenance Department until his retirement. Barry had numerous interests; he was an excellent athlete in high school and then shared his love for sports as a softball umpire for many years. He especially enjoyed watching television sports. Barry is survived by his siblings, Deborah Ackerley (Rubin), Timothy Terbush (Deb), Marylou Vernooy (John), Kenneth Terbush (Christy), and Craig Terbush (Deb); his nephews, Todd and Troy

Ackerley and Johnny Vernooy; his nieces, Tonya Martin, Amanda Monahan, Brianna Mungeer, Andrea Black, Brianna Torrens, Nicole Ortlieb, and Heather Frey; his great-nephews Weston, Gabriel, Caleb, Owen, Ethan, Doug, and Dean and his great-nieces Makayla and Jordan, as well as several cousins. He is predeceased by his parents and grandparents.

Services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information, call 845-434-7363 or visit...

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Paul Saylor, age 65, of Neversink, NY, passed away on Sunday, April 12, 2020. Paul was born in Erie, PA on June 19, 1954 to the late Bernard M. Saylor and Mary L. Comi. Paul is survived by his wife of 36 years, Heather J. Craddock Saylor, his daughter, Amber M. Mase and her husband Dave of Madison, Wisconsin, two sons, Sean B. Saylor at home and Tony Robertson of California, two granddaughters, Lillian and Charlotte, and his brother, Bernard Saylor, of Texas.

Paul is retired from the New York State Department of Corrections, Woodbourne, where he worked as a Stationary Engineer. Paul had many interests; he was passionate about politics and enjoyed cooking, swimming at beaches, and was an advocate for environmental protection. Paul served our country in the US Navy during Vietnam.

Services will be private. Memorial donations may be made in Paul's name to the Environmental Defense Fund through EDF Action, at www.edfaction.org or PO Box 96347, Washington, DC 20077-7512. Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For further information, call 845-434-7363 or visit:

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DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

April 19, 1950

Radio listeners who tuned in WOR late Thursday evening were rewarded by hearing Mrs. George Donaldson's song, "Hawaiian Skies", on Lonnie McIntire's program, which is broadcast from the Hawaiian Room of the Hotel Lexington just after midnight. Mrs. Donaldson, who has been spending some time with her husband in Grahamsville, has also written both lyrics and music for many other songs.

Mrs. Ada Coddington Smith died at the home of her daughter in Woodbourne on April 13, 1950. (Contd. Pg. 3)

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

(From Pg. 2) Mrs. Smith, the daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Cooper) Coddington, was born May 23, 1866 in Honk Hill. She was married to Owen Smith in 1890 and for many years she resided in Sundown. Surviving are her daughter, Mrs. Walton Hamilton of Woodbourne, and her grand-daughter, Mrs. Albert Whittaker,

We don't like to say that we told you so, but true to the predictions of *The Townsman* prior to the opening of the season, the fishing has been poor. In fact, Mr. Nightwalker proved to be a sad choice. Mr. Minnow was about as good as anything, and that was just about useless as well. With the weather remaining cold and the streams having little opportunity to warm up, several warm days are needed along with a warm rain to get the fish moving.

April 20, 1960

Vera Ackerley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ackerley of Grahamsville and Kenneth James Atkins, son of Mrs. Irene Atkins of Liberty, were united in marriage at the Honesdale Methodist Church on Sunday, April 1.

Kenneth Curry, 24, of Grahamsville narrowly escaped injury at about 3:30 a.m. Sunday, April 10th when he hit and killed a deer on Route 52 about 1 1/2 miles west of Briggs Highway.

Our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fernald DuBois who really celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Wednesday, April 13th when they were honored by being "Home Guests" on the "It Could Be You" television program from California. Their gift of a bouquet of American Beauty roses was delivered by the Main St. Greenhouses of Liberty during the morning and several in town were watching the program to see the Dubois's in the spotlight.

April 22, 1970

Richard M. Strangeway, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Strangeway of Grahamsville, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall semester at Cornell University. A graduate of Tri-Valley School, he is a senior majoring in Agriculture Education.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Hamilton of Kings Park, N.Y. recently spent a week with their son and daughter-in-law, John and Barbara Hamilton of South Hill.

Mrs. Charlotte Carle, the Ulster County census taker from Mt. Tremper, has finished her work in this area. She said that everyone she spoke with was friendly and cooperative, and she leaves with the feeling that pleasant people live in the Claryville, Denning and the surrounding area.

Now that spring is here, summer visitors and tourists will be arriving and local residents have expressed concern about the lack of a speed limit on the road through Claryville and Denning. We have many children and pets along the road and some of us would like to see a 30-mile an hour speed limit in certain sections as well as some deer crossing signs.

April 17, 1980

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde L. Muthig have announced the engagement of their daughter, Wendy Leigh, to Mr. James G. McCarthy of Woodbourne Road, Grahamsville, son of Mrs. Carol Curry. Miss Muthig is a graduate of St. Peter's R.C. School, and Liberty Central High School and the Southeastern Academy at Kissimmee. Fla. Mr. McCarthy is a graduate of Tri Valley Central School and is now serving in the USAF. Goldsboro, N.C.

Household Hints:

Clean Your Iron's Soleplate

To remove scorch marks from the soleplate of your iron, scrub it with a paste made by heating up equal parts vinegar and salt in a small pan. Use a rag dipped in clean water to wipe away the remaining residue.

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.

A Willow in Winter

The willow in our front yard turned yellow, and then green - a sure sign of spring. It was quite a contrast to wake up on Saturday morning to see all the fluffy white snow clinging to the green leaves and branches of the old willow tree. No, it is not winter! And yes, the willow is definitely green.

There are nearly four hundred species worldwide of the willow family (Salix) that always grow beside waterways as small shrubs or trees.



On the Arctic tundra and mountaintops, willows creep over the ground low and mat-like.

This ancient tree grows closer to the North Pole than any other deciduous tree. It's a pioneer species preparing the way for poplars and cottonwoods.

Willows reproduce by catkins (aments) male and female on separate trees even before new leaves show in spring. You've seen those cottony tassels waving in the

treetops and collecting below in wind drifts on the roads.

The catkins contain much nectar and get pollinated by insects not wind. Because they bloom very early before flowers, willow catkins are a reliable food source for spring bees and flies.

Once pollinated, female flowers form capsules of small seeds each having a fluffy cotton thread that acts like a parachute for wind dispersal.

From prehistoric times mankind used limber willow wands to make baskets. Ancient Greeks cured headaches by chewing on willow twigs that contain salicin from which comes aspirin.

Willows hybridize fairly easily and can be hard to identify, even for experts.

Of the four hundred willows, four of the most common willows in eastern U.S. are:

1. American Black Willow (*Salix nigra*) grows along streams, becoming a large tree.

Its narrow green leaves are green both top and underside with tiny collars where they join the stem - two features no other willow has. Black willow wood is tough and lightweight, particularly good for making artificial arms and legs. Other uses are baskets, boxes and caning chair seats.

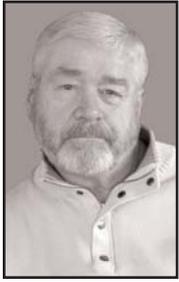
2. Pussy Willows (*Salix discolor*) hardly need describing; everybody knows its stems of fuzzy gray buds that appear in March. A favorite for indoor bouquets, you can cut stems as early as mid-January. Keep them in water at a sunny window and watch the buds grow.

This willow is common along streams of eastern U.S. and Canada. Florists also grow it in greenhouses.

Pussy Willows attract gall flies that sting the terminal bud and lay their eggs there. The huge swelled gall at the tip of the twig is actually a lump of overlapping crowded embryo leaves diverted into a snug nursery for a gall fly maggot. If you cut the gall in half, you'll find a sleeping white larvae inside.

3. Weeping Willow (*Salix babylonica*) is a native to China but prized worldwide for its graceful green shape. This is the willow of the Bible where Psalm 137 says, "By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept and hung our harps on the willow tree there." Its interesting cousin called the Permanent Wave tree (*Salix malsudama*) has spiral twisted limbs that look like a lady's curly hairdo. (Contd. Pg. 6)

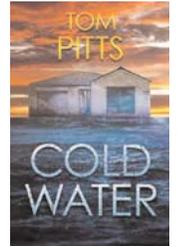
Weeping Willows were brought to America in 1692 and planted in gardens and cemeteries. It's a naturalized tree now. (Contd. Pg. 6)



Cold Water

Mysterious Book Report No. 403

by John Dwaine McKenna



Larry and Linda Carson are good, honest and hard-working folks-salt of the earth types-who've moved up from San Francisco to Sacramento, California, trying to rebuild their lives, and their marriage, after losing the baby they'd been anticipating so eagerly. Life for them is ordinary and hum-drum . . . until the neighbors across the street, the Perkins, move out and some criminal squatters break in and take up residence. That's when trouble so bad that Gary and Linda couldn't have even imagined it beforehand begins in an electrifying new crime fiction thriller entitled *Cold Water*, (Down & Out Books, PB, \$14.95, 234 pages, ISBN 978-1-64396-081-4) by Tom Pitts.

The Carsons are in for a battle they're ill-equipped to deal with. They've never encountered the kind of drug-addled, ruthless criminals they must now confront. Outlaws who are not only rapacious thugs who will show no mercy; they are criminals who have a dark and secret history which reaches beyond the neighborhood, and connects to one of the richest and most powerful men in the state of California.

As the crimes steadily increase and the bad blood begins to boil, Gary and Linda turn to the Sacramento Police, who prove to be ineffective and unable to be of any help. That's when Linda is kidnapped . . . and a "fixer" by the name of Calper Dennings shows up. He's been sent to put a lid on things before they affect his employer. But instead, he's quickly sucked into the cruel and dark world of an amoral tycoon with enough power and money to destroy them all.

Cold Water ratchets up the action, drama and the tension on every page, as it builds to a stunningly violent conclusion that will leave the reader gasping for breath and searching for more of Tom Pitts' novels. All hard-boiled crime enthusiasts should get to know him, because he's fast becoming the unrivaled master of north Cali noir!

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Interview With The Author: Tom Pitts

by John Dwaine McKenna

This week's interview is one we've been looking forward to since last year, when MBR No. 300 reviewed *American Static*, calling it "One of the finest noir yarns we've read in years." Now, author Tom Pitts is back, with a new piece of hard-boiled fiction, and we can't wait to hear what this rising star in the noir world has to share with us today. He's a master of bad-assery with a PhD from the school of hard knocks and the mean streets of San Francisco who knows just how to bring the bad. Welcome Tom . . . here's our first question for you:

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

Funny you should ask, my answer to this question used to be so quick and definite. Wing it! I've never known what was going to happen next in my books and that was part of the magic of writing them. BUT, my work in progress takes place over three decades. It's my hope to dive in and out of these time periods without the use of flashbacks. So plotting is becoming necessary. I'm trying to leave it as loose as I can, but I have to have a grip on what happens in one era so I don't show spoilers in another. It's tricky.

And, in other words, it depends on the situation.

Do you read your reviews?

I do. I know I shouldn't but I do. They're pretty positive for the most part, but sometimes there's a stinger in there. Sometimes there's constructive criticism, something you can learn from, but the ones that bitch about foul language or violence are frustrating. I mean, did they read the description? Or worse, someone who's upset because their book came damaged, the postman left it in the rain. Frustrating, yes, but it's a bit like leaving a bad review for a hotel because the weather sucked.

How do you deal with a negative review?

I let 'em eat at me, like a road rage incident you're still going over in your head miles after the fact. Fact is, they bug you for a minute, then you let it go. There's always something complimentary about them. My first rejection for my novel, *Hustle*, said the characters were "too unsavory." Awesome. I should have used it as a blurb.

Personally, I don't think a noir character could ever be too unsavory-it's the essence of the genre. Whoever said that is an idiot. And it's a helluva good blurb in my opinion . . .

Does luck play into success?

Everything factors into success. Luck, tim-

ing, talent, pedigree. The trick is, you have to use the hand you're dealt. I don't have any formal education, no MFAs, no degrees. I have to use what tools are available to me to create what I can. I think the real question is, how do you measure success? Is it finishing the damn thing, selling the damn thing, or having it plucked off the shelves. You have to take the victories along the way too.

What makes a character compelling?

A character needs to have plausible reasoning. It must make sense that they do what they do, otherwise, you can't take the ride with them. They don't have to react the way the reader wants, but it has to make sense for that character. If a reader can see their reasoning, no matter how diabolical, then they'll want to continue on the journey.

Do you use humor in your work?

I hope so. Some things I find funny, other people don't. And people find humor in spots I didn't see either. Either way, humor is part of the human condition. Whether the characters are trying to be funny or the situation is absurd, I think humor gives balance to the story. It's natural to whistle by the graveyard, so to speak.

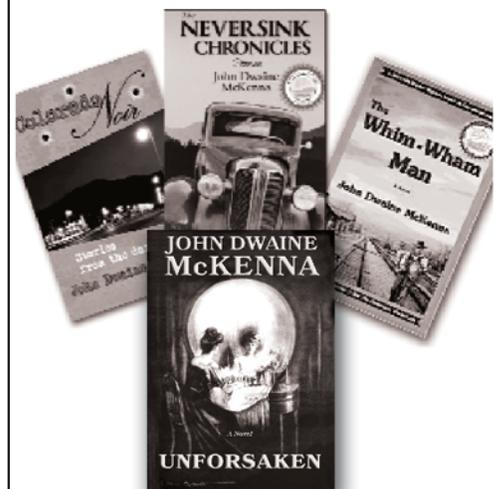
What method do you use to keep track of plot details?

I email myself, I scramble and make cryptic notes, often terrible voice command texts I have to decipher later. I have to work whatever note into the piece pretty quick before it gets buried. Once it's in there, it stays. I'll work around it. I also keep kind of a chapter diary too, sort of a recap of each chapter. Comes in handy when I'm juggling plot threads.

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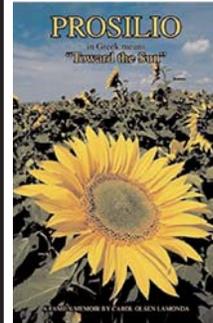
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The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*.



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The Olive Jar - By Carol Olsen LaMonda Paused



Most of us spend our life waiting for something in the future or lamenting the past. We often let the moment slip away because we are focused on plans for later. I am one of those retired teachers who still keeps a planner/calendar. I remember being told, especially during a fire drill or bomb scare, to grab your plan book and then get all the students out safely. I still write down every appointment, deadline, and event on a personal calendar. The Plan Book becomes my history record and my guide, a very organized "to do" list. It usually looks like a mishmash of scribbles, letters and numerals. Right now my calendar is blank, totally blank except for one notation that I administered Heart-worm medicine to Hudson on April 8.

Our Governor Cuomo has used the term "Pause" for the response to the Covid-19 virus pandemic. It is so appropriate. My life has paused and slowed down to a point where I am living in the moment, unhampered by future commitments and unfettered by past mistakes and errors in judgment. All I have to do is be me and keep my family safe at home. That leaves time to do some very simple but gratifying things.

My laundry is up to date; dishes are washed; house tidy, menus planned. I have time to read, to sew, to call a friend, to stroll around the property noticing what greenery is poking through the wintered ground. I actually look forward to raking the leaves from the flower beds instead of considering it a chore. The pace of life has slowed to the speed of a turtle crawling through peanut butter. Amazingly, it is satisfying in a way I never expected.

Today I listened to a delightful inspirational tape that Judy Craig of Affirmative Life Hypnosis made. It made me appreciate the sense of just being and breathing and delighting in the moment.

May you just see this unusual consequence as an opportunity to choose some activities that bring you joy and satisfaction. I am usually a bit of a control freak, and the pandemic is so far out of my control, that I have resigned as "Fixer-in-Chief" and "Improver-of-Everything." Instead, I defer; I pause. As society battles the viral disease, do your part to stay home, stay safe, and connect with others helping where you can. Pause. Don't "fast forward" or "rewind." Just hit "PAUSE", for in the pause is your opportunity to nourish your body and soul. Someday it will be time to press PLAY again.

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A Willow in Winter?

(From Pg. 3)

Weeping Willows were brought to America in 1692 and planted in gardens and cemeteries. It's a naturalized tree now.

4. Yellow Willow (*Salix vitellina*) is named from its bright yellow branches seen in February. It grows rapidly near water and probably hybridized from the European White Willow. American pioneers pushing westward planted cuttings on creek banks to prevent erosion. Yellow Willow wood is dent resistant and is used for wooden shoes and baseball bats.

If you happen to have a yellow willow in your yard, you might find this an interesting experiment. I have done this, and it's amazing.

Uproot a young wand and bury the branches ten inches deep in wet dirt, leaving the roots sticking up above the ground. In several weeks roots become branches and branches change into roots.

Another, more decorative idea, cut a willow wand and stick both ends deep in wet dirt. Before long, you will have a willow archway. Group a few together, and you can create an attractive willow fence.

Interview With The Author: Tom Pitts (From Pg. 4)

How can we, as writers, promote and encourage more people to read?

When it comes to people who don't read much, I think it's about providing more accessible, digestible, entertaining stories, so when they do pick up that novel you've been trying to get 'em to read, it keeps them awake for the whole flight, or eases their commute, or wherever they give in and let themselves get lost in fiction.

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

I often get asked for writing tips, and I have only one really: One scene at a time. Try to complete the scene, digest it, then start thinking about what's going to happen next. Just like a movie, one scene at a time. It's better than a daily word-count quota.

Where could you be reached on the World Wide Web?

You can find me at my website <http://www.tompittsauthor.com/> or on social media.

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His new novel, 101, is out now on Down & Out Books.

Thx again for your insights and expertise, and for taking time out to speak with our audience today. Please keep us in your contacts list and let the MBR know about your next literary project—we can't wait to read it!

Attorney General James Cleanses Internet of Coronavirus-Related Scams

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced a sweeping effort she initiated in March to scrub the internet of websites seeking to illegally profit and deceive millions of Americans and hundreds of millions more around the world off the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health crisis. Over the last month, dozens of staff members in the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) have been reviewing domain names for potential scams attempting to take advantage of fearful consumers. Since March, the OAG has worked in cooperation with domain name registrars across the nation to - upon identification - remove websites selling, marketing, and promoting fraudulent goods and services. Additionally, the OAG has worked with these registrars to "lock" these domain names so they cannot be transferred to other registrars - ensuring they cannot be used to support any additional illegal activity.

"Unfortunately, the world wide web is filled with criminals and nefarious actors looking to exploit the coronavirus pandemic and take advantage of innocent victims," said Attorney General James. "The

operators of these scam sites are not only stoking fear in the hearts and minds of Americans, but are illegally profiting from their fraudulent deception. Alongside our partners at different domain registrars, we are working to cleanse the internet of these illegal sites one at a time, but we need all consumers to remain vigilant. We must stop these scammers from peddling their fraudulent sites and swindling Americans out of their hard-earned money."

On March 20th, Attorney General James contacted a number of domain name registrars, including GoDaddy.com, in an effort to stop the registration and use of internet domain names by individuals and companies trying to unlawfully and fraudulently profit off consumers' fears around the coronavirus. The registrars have been cooperating with Attorney General James' investigation, and have acted quickly to take down numerous domain names after receiving information from the OAG about illegal and deceptive activity on websites associated with those domain names. The entities behind these domain names are violating a number of New York State laws, as well as the registrars' terms of service.

To date, the OAG has had more than 20 fraudulent websites removed for marketing scams, including, but not limited to, sites:

- o Selling Home Testing Kits: A number of websites have sold home testing kits to test for COVID-19, even though the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has not approved any testing kits for home or other personal use.

- o Phishing for Personal Information: A number of websites have tricked consumers into providing personal information, including credit card numbers, for fraudulent purposes.

- o Selling Fake Cures and Remedies: A number of websites have sold products such as vitamin C and air purifiers, fraudulently and without any science-based research supporting claims that they can protect consumers from COVID-19. There is currently no FDA-approved vaccine or cure for COVID-19, and the World Health Organization has also said that there is no specific medicine to prevent or treat the coronavirus.

- o Promoting Fraudulent Donation Sites: A number of websites have pretended to be legitimate charities - seeking donations for those in need - when, in reality, they have not been affiliated with any charity.

Additionally, the OAG's efforts over the last month have found that a number of websites have not delivered medical supplies and other items ordered by consumers. In one case, a purchasing manager for a hospital in China purchased over \$40,000 worth of masks and other medical supplies from a company that not only failed to deliver the supplies, but then disconnected its phone lines.

In another case associated with a telemarketing phishing scam, a website was created pretending to be a hospital in New York that did not exist. There were fake doctors on the website with made-up names and images pulled from widely-available stock photos of medical professionals. Language from the website was copied directly from other legitimate hospitals. There was an appointments page, where patients were asked to enter their name and contact information to "request" an appointment with a specific doctor or department, but no specific information was subsequently provided about the appointment.

To narrow down and remove the more than 20 sites in question, the OAG used both automated and manual processes to target the most suspect domains. The OAG then identified which domains were active, and then further narrowed down the list to which were deemed suspicious by analyzing website content. The remaining domains were subject to manual review and those selling, marketing, and promoting fraudulent goods and services were marked for removal.

The registration and creation of these fraudulent websites violate a number of laws, including, but not limited to, Executive Law § 63(12) and General Business Law § 349/350. These fraudulent sites have also violated the various domain name registrars' terms of service for domain registration, which generally prohibit any deceptive or illegal products or services on the website associated with the domain name.

The Office of the Attorney General would like to thank the different registrars for their cooperation with the OAG in preventing bad actors from seeking to profit from the coronavirus pandemic.

Separately, in an effort to protect New Yorkers in the fight against coronavirus scams, Attorney General James sent a letter to Craigslist.com last month, calling on the company to immediately remove posts that attempt to price gouge users, or otherwise purport to sell items that provide "immunity" to the coronavirus or allow individuals to test for the disease. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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Attorney General James Cleanses Internet of Coronavirus-Related Scams (From Pg. 6)

If an individual believes they are a victim of a website-related COVID-19 scam, they should report it immediately to the OAG's Bureau of Internet and Technology.

At this time, the OAG is not releasing the specific web sites taken down over the last month to avoid drawing attention to them and alerting the individuals behind these illegal operations to the investigation.

This matter is being handled by fellow Nathaniel Kosslyn, Senior Enforcement Counsel Jordan Adler, Legal Assistants Shirly Huang and Richard Borgia, Internet Technology Analyst Joe Graham, and Deputy Bureau Chief Clark Russell - all of the Bureau of Internet and Technology, with special assistance from Executive Assistants Christopher Donald and Anil Sheekumar of the Executive Division and Deputy Director Megan Thorsfeldt and Director Jonathan Werberg of the Department of Research and Analytics. The Bureau of Internet and Technology is led by Bureau Chief Kim Berger, and is overseen by Chief Deputy Attorney General for Economic Justice Christopher D'Angelo and First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

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.

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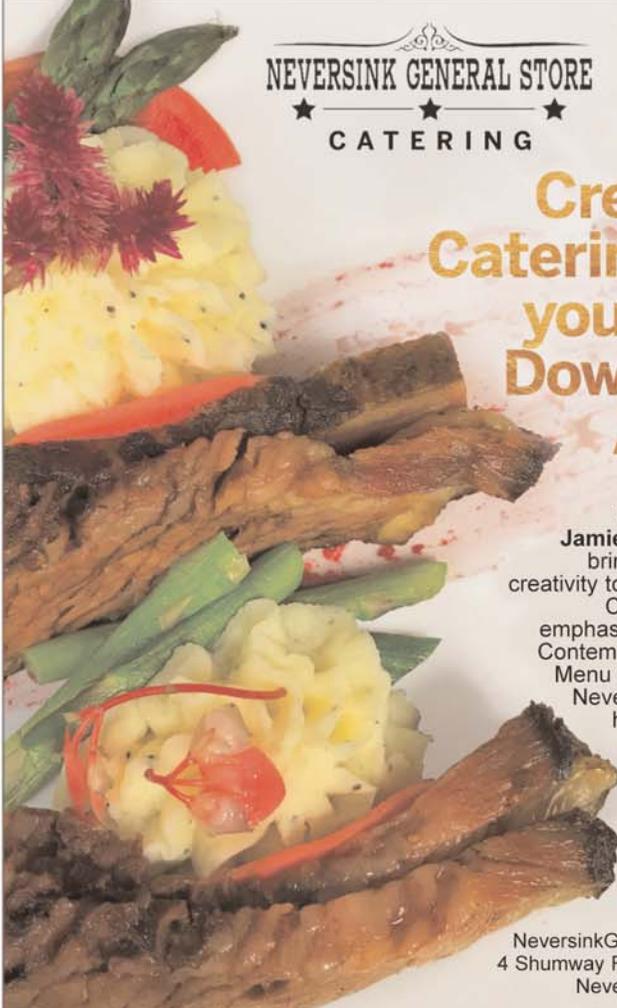
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Honoring Medical Staff - Sullivan County

On April 10, ECO Heather Carl joined a long line of first responders at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Monticello, Sullivan County, for the Parade of Heroes. Emergency personnel from across the county arrived in fire trucks, ambulances, and police cars to honor healthcare workers on the front-lines battling COVID-19. ECO Carl joined emergency crews with lights and sirens as they drove up and around the facility.

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DEC personnel from across agency divisions and the state 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 this virus. ECOs have been responding to the pandemic at various test centers throughout the state. ECOs have been mobilized for a variety of roles such as Incident Command System (ICS) functions, technical services like fit testing, and site security.

Javits Convention Center COVID-19 Detail - New York County



On April 10th, ECOs from Region 2 were tasked to provide 24 hours security for the NYS Javits Convention Center. The center has been converted to a treatment center for COVID-19 patients with the capacity of 1000 beds and is staffed by military doctors and nurses.

Lt. Dustin Dainack leads a security briefing with ECOs at the Command Center at Javits Center.

ECOs Recognized for Exceptional Work
Several DEC ECOs recently received awards for outstanding work in their field

The DEC Division of Law Enforcement Lifesaving Award is presented to the member or members whose extraordinary actions saved, or attempted to save, the life of a fellow officer or member of the public.

Commissioner Seggos said, "Every day, our ECOs do remarkable work to protect our natural resources and our communities. I applaud this year's recipients and appreciate our ECOs for continuing to ensure a better, safer, more sustainable environment for future generations."

DEC Division of Law Enforcement Director Bernard Rivers said, "New York Conservation Police Officers have served the citizens and protected the natural resources of New York State for 140 years. I am proud to recognize these officers as modern embodiments of Teddy Roosevelt's "Men of Courage" who will lead the Division of Law Enforcement into the next 140 years of dedicated service to the environment. Congratulations to all the award recipients."

DEC Division of Law Enforcement Lifesaving Award

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ECO Charles Eyler



ECO Craig Tompkins

Recipients: ECOs Charles Eyler and Craig Tompkins, DEC Region 3 - Last September, ECOs Charles Eyler and Craig Tompkins were performing fishing license checks at the Annsville Preserve in Peekskill when they saw a canoe with two adults and a small child tip over in Annsville Creek. The ECOs headed to a kayak rental business, commandeered two kayaks and traveled about a half a mile up the creek to the inundated creek. Both adults were standing in the water outside the creek, while a 3-year-old child sat inside shivering. ECOs Eyler and Tompkins put the child in their dry canoe, siphoned water out of the canoe that tipped over, and paddled the family back to safety.

New York Conservation Officers Association (NYCOA) Future of the Division Award

Presented to a member with five or fewer years in service with the Division who has done an outstanding job in their area of responsibility. Recipient: ECO Lucas Palmateer, DEC Region 3 - ECO Palmateer began his career with DEC in 2016, and has shown a tremendous commitment to the protection of the state's *ECO Lucas Palmateer* environmental resources.



New York State Rifle and Pistol Association Award

Presented to a member who promotes and participates in marksmanship competitions and encourages participation by New York's youth. Recipient: ECO Ike Bobseine, DEC Region 1- ECO Bobseine began his career with DEC in 2016 and began formal competitive shooting when he was 12 years old. He now volunteers to coach both junior and adult would-be competitors at the NYSR-PA Small Arms Firing School.



ECO Ike Bobseine

Shikar-Safari Award



ECO Darryl Lucas

Presented to the member who has done an outstanding job in the area of wildlife law enforcement. Recipient: ECO Darryl Lucas, DEC Region 6 - ECO Lucas began his career with DEC in 1992 and has always been a dedicated and persistent "Game Warden," seeking to protect New York's natural resources.

Northeast Conservation Law Enforcement Chiefs Association Award

Presented to the member who has done an outstanding job in his or her areas of responsibility.

Recipient: ECO Tim Machnica, DEC Region 9 ECO Machnica began his career with DEC in 2008 and is assigned to Erie County. He has worked many big cases, including those involving illegal deer harvest, and participates in many outreach events. He was also nominated and selected for the National Wild Turkey Federation for their Officer of the Year award.



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Region 3 DLE Members Practice Social Distancing during Trout Socking of Walton Lake- Orange County

On April 9, ECOs assisted DEC fisheries staff with the annual fish stocking of Walton Lake in the town of Monroe. During the event, which more than 25 people attended, officers were on scene to support "New York State on PAUSE" social distancing directives.



Lieutenant Michael Bello, Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus, and ECOs William Chomicki and Casey Mangels practice social distancing during trout stocking of Walton Lake

Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus assisted in efforts to stock more than 3,000 trout. DEC fisheries staff used boats to disperse the fish throughout Walton Lake, ensuring a more enjoyable experience for anglers and a fair chase for the fish.

The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

Yes, I'm back. Did you miss me? As you can see I'm all geared up for outside...a place I don't go much anymore. And I'm not afraid to tell you that going outside, even for a walk, scares me.



I found this nifty little mask on one of the knitting websites. Along with the pattern comes one for a fabric lining and I left an opening in the top for a paper inner lining. I don't know, I think it makes me look kind of Hannibal Lechter-ish. Hahahahah.

So, what have I been doing?

I have killed a 9 x 13 Pyrex baking dish as well as my one cup Pyrex measuring cup.

(And we all know they don't break, they shatter into a gazillion pieces!)



I have finished the pieces to the patterned sweater. It just now needs to be constructed.

There are days that I just can't focus. Knitting and Crocheting helps me calm.

Our little spread out Sullivan County now has more confirmed cases of the virus than the entire country of Ireland.

I'm religiously washing and reusing my plastic storage and freezer bags

Many of the people I know also know someone who has tested positive. It makes staying in far more tolerable.

I far prefer foreign language series with subtitles to almost anything else on Netflix.

I think I shed more than my cats

The last time I was out, I caught myself putting sanitizer on my gloves. I even wipe down my mail.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to the Neversink General Store that

remains open and serving the surrounding communities. They have been doing their best to keep the shelves stocked for you.

I have no doubt that one day we will be able to be together again, to congregate, to see live music in our favorite places, to have a drink with our favorite people in our favorite places.

And in the meantime, I'm taking a glass of wine into the sunshine. Therein lies my hope for humanity as a whole.

Stay well, stay strong and say a prayer for those affected and passed on.

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The Homestretch

Finally: the homestretch- and I mean that term quite literally here! While in the chaotic airport of Rio de Janeiro, I managed to get myself on a separate flight from my friend back home (or, rather, Boston, so we could self-quarantine in her parents' summer home in Cape Cod together before we finally headed back to our homes).

But, as anyone might guess considering my last articles on my getting home from Brazil, it wasn't easy, even in the final step!

March 16th to March 17th

After being detangled from the frantic masses in the Rio airport, I boarded my flight to Atlanta, Georgia. Did you know that the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta Airport is the busiest airport in the world? Well, I didn't. Not until I got there myself, of course.

Through all of my travel during the evolution of the pandemic, one fear struck me the hardest: the health checks at the airports.

Granted, I didn't feel slightly ill. But, who knows what could go wrong? Plus, how long would those take? I only had an hour and a half to transfer on top of everything. In the world of airport travel, that is hardly enough time – and that's not even during pandemic airport travel!

When I landed at the airport in Atlanta, everyone needed to get off the plane and pick up their bags. Then, if you were transferring, you needed to put your bag onto a conveyor belt and it would get on your connecting flight. Yeah, strange system, isn't it? Anyway.

After grabbing my bag, I went down an escalator and what was there waiting for me right after that conveyor belt? A long, snake-like line of possibly over a hundred frustrated, panicky people.

Great. I joined the crowd and waited for the health check. And waited. And waited. And waited some more. I talked to some friendly folks behind me, who were on the same flight as I was to Boston. We increasingly got more and more worried about missing our flight. By the time we reached the front, not only was it 10 minutes past our boarding time, but it wasn't even a health check we were waiting for – it was the typical understaffed security check! (Contd. Pg. 12)

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The Homestretch

(From Pg. 11) I frantically unpacked my electronics, took off my shoes, walked through, tossed everything messily back together again, somehow lost my new friends in the pandemonium, and sprinted myself through the airport. While sitting on the airport train, I was convinced there was no way I was making my flight. Absolutely none. I sprinted some more once the doors opened just in case and, by some sheer miracle, the plane hadn't left. It was the final boarding call. There was one flight attendant behind the desk, raising his judgmental eyebrow at me, that final, last-second, sweaty mess of a passenger.

Regardless, I made it on my flight! I caught a break! For once!

In contrast to my first flight, which was boarded to the gills, this flight was almost empty. There may have been 30 people in total on board, if that. So, yes- your lovely author caught another break: an entire row to herself! And even got two free snacks instead of just one!

After landing at Boston at 11:00 in the morning, I went through health checks. Again. I can't believe I ever worried about them in the first place. Once in the completely deserted arrival hall (I swear, I saw a tumbleweed), I realized I was not going to wait over 13 hours for my friend to land and drive us both back to her place. So, instead, I ate a big, fat sandwich, hopped on a bus with only 3 other people, then took an Uber to her place. And, in this little sanctuary away from the world and the virus, I showered, got into my pajamas, cuddled under a warm blanket, and didn't move for an entire day. You know, I couldn't be a complete and pathetic sloth when my friend arrived!

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Amid Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, Governor Cuomo Announces 'NYS on Pause' Extended Until May 15

- Directs All New Yorkers to Wear Masks or Face Coverings on Public Transportation Systems, While Taking Private Transportation or Riding in For-Hire Vehicles as Part of Executive Order
- Announces State Will Send 100 Ventilators to New Jersey
- As of Friday, Confirms 8,505 Additional Coronavirus Cases in New York State - Bringing Statewide Total to 222,284;

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced all NYS on Pause restrictions and closures will be extended until May 15th. This action is taken in consultation with other regional states. The states will re-evaluate after this additional closure period.

Governor Cuomo also directed all New Yorkers to wear masks or face coverings on public transportation systems and while taking private transportation or riding in for-hire vehicles. Additionally, all operators of public systems, private carriers and for-hire vehicles must wear a mask or face covering at all times while working. These directives expand on the Executive Order announced by the Governor yesterday requiring all people in New York to wear a mask or a face covering when out in public and in situations where social distancing cannot be maintained. The Executive Order will go into effect on Friday, April 17th, at 8 PM.

The Governor also announced the state will give 100 ventilators to New Jersey. Yesterday the Governor announced the state will give 100 ventilators to Michigan and 50 ventilators to Maryland.

"Unpausing New York and reopening our economy is going to be an ongoing process over the coming weeks that we're working through with other states, but we have to do it in a way that doesn't drive up the infection rate and create a second wave of the virus," Governor Cuomo said. "We have shown that we can control the spread of the virus, but we can't now undo all the progress we've made. As we continue to work on a regional plan to get people back to work and get businesses back up and running in a safe and responsible way, we are extending all NYS on Pause functions until May 15th in coordination with other states in our multi-state council because although we can control the beast, we need to get that infection rate down even more and we are not there yet."

Attorney General James and Governor Cuomo Renew Suspension of State Debt Collection in Response to Coronavirus, Protecting New Yorkers' Wallets

New Yorkers with Student, Medical, and Other State Debt Referred to AG's Office Have Payments Frozen for an Additional 30 Days

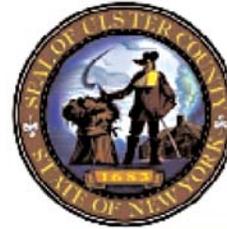
NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James and New York Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that the state has renewed a previous order from March 17, 2020 that halted the collection of medical and student debt owed to the State of New York and that was specifically referred to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) for collection for an additional 30-day period, in response to growing financial impairments resulting from the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The new order took effect this morning and will run for an additional 30-day period, until May 17th. After this 30-day period, the OAG will reassess the needs of state residents for another possible extension.

Additionally, the OAG will accept applications for suspension of all other types of debt owed to the State of New York and referred to the OAG for collection.

"We renewed this order to suspend the collection of debt owed to my office because this crisis is wreaking havoc on our state's working people and I will do everything in my power to protect their wallets," said Attorney General James. "New Yorkers need to hold on to every dollar they have and focus on keeping their families safe and healthy. Millions across the country, including more than a million right here in New York, have filed for unemployment and are struggling to get by. While we battle this public health crisis, the last thing my office will do is add undue stress or saddle our neighbors with unnecessary financial burden. I will continue to do everything in my power to help pick up our fellow New Yorkers and support our state's economy."

"As we continue our work to flatten the curve and stop the spread of the virus, we recognize that New Yorkers are still struggling with both emotional pain and economic hardship as a result of this crisis," Governor Cuomo said. "By renewing the suspension on the collection of student and medical debt that is referred to the attorney general's office for an additional 30 days, we are helping to lessen the burden faced by so many individuals, families, and businesses whose livelihoods have been affected by the pandemic. I'm grateful to the attorney general for her partnership." (Contd. Pg. 14)

Project Resilience



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

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

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Attorney General James and Governor Cuomo Renew Suspension of State Debt Collection in Response to Coronavirus, Protecting New Yorkers' Wallets

(From Pg. 13) Millions of New Yorkers, like Americans across the nation, have been impacted - directly or indirectly - by the spread of COVID-19, forcing them to forgo income and business. In the five-week period ending April 11th, over 22 million residents across the nation lost their jobs and filed for unemployment, including more than 1.2 million in New York State alone. In an effort to support many New Yorkers economically impacted during this difficult time, Attorney General James today renewed an order, first made last month, to ease the financial burdens for many workers and families by halting the collection of medical and student debt owed to the State of New York and referred to the OAG for collection for 30 additional days. Today's order renews this suspension period through May 17, 2020.

The OAG collects certain debts owed to the State of New York via settlements and lawsuits brought on behalf of the State of New York and state agencies. A total of more than 165,000 matters currently fit the criteria for a suspension of state debt collection, including, but not limited to:

- o Patients that owe medical debt due to the five state hospitals and the five state veterans' homes;
- o Students that owe student debt due to State University of New York (SUNY) campuses; and
- o Individual debtors, sole-proprietors, small business owners, and certain homeowners that owe debt relating to oil spill cleanup and removal costs, property damage, and breach of contract, as well as other fees owed to state agencies.

The temporary policy has also automatically suspended the accrual of interest and the collection of fees on all outstanding state medical and student debt referred to the OAG for collection, so New Yorkers are not penalized for taking advantage of this program.

New Yorkers with non-medical or non-student debt owed to the State of New York and referred to the OAG may also apply to temporarily halt the collection of state debt. Individuals seeking to apply for this temporary relief can fill out an application online or visit the OAG's coronavirus website to learn more about the suspension of payments. If an individual is unable to fill out the online form, they can also call the OAG hotline at 1-800-771-7755 to learn more.

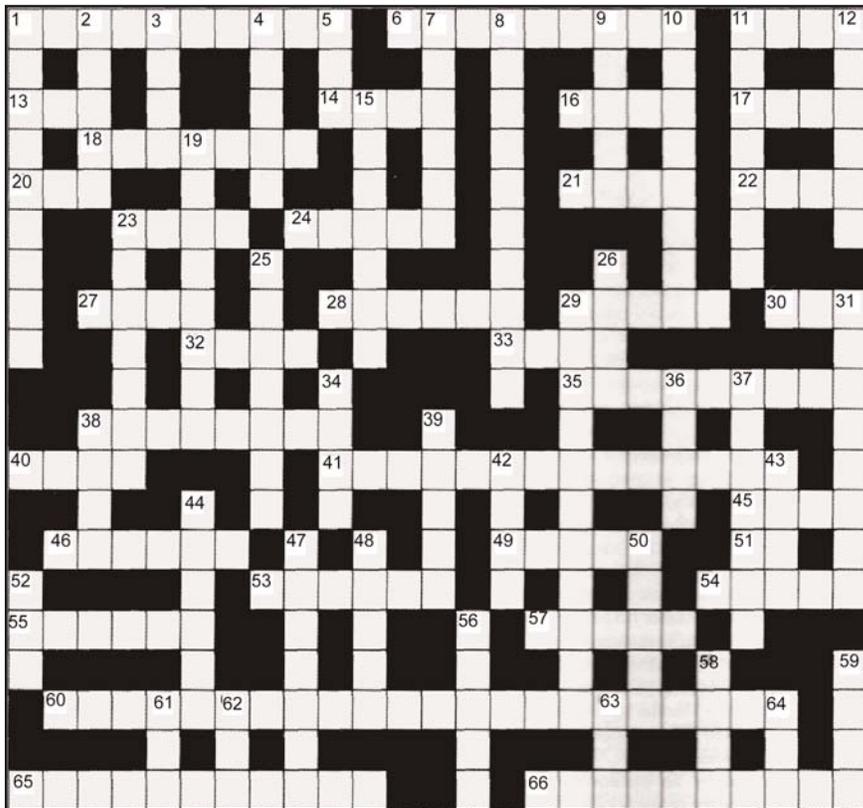
Metzger's Advocacy Helps Prevent Full Closure of Cochection-Damascus Bridge during Repairs

Sullivan County, NY...Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) welcomed the decision by the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) to avoid fully closing the Cochection-Damascus Bridge while it undergoes critical repairs. The bridge is an essential link between Cochection, New York, and Damascus, Pennsylvania, for emergency vehicles to cross the Delaware River in a timely manner. After meeting with Cochection Town Supervisor Gary Maas and local businesses and residents in March, Senator Metzger wrote a letter to the DOT Regional Director urging that the Department keep one lane open during construction, and was glad to receive official confirmation today that the Department agreed to the request.

"The communities on both sides of the river are dependent on the assurance that the bridge provides. Fire trucks, ambulances, and rescue vehicles require access to their destinations via the Cochection-Damascus Bridge. An alternate route over the closest bridge at Callicoon is 22 miles away--an unacceptable distance in an emergency situation that could jeopardize public safety," stated Metzger in a letter to NYS Department of Transportation Region 9 Regional Director, Nicholas A. Choubah.

"Our region is already experiencing the severe economic impacts of COVID-19, and I'm pleased to see that DOT was receptive to local voices here in Cochection who need the Cochection-Damascus Bridge open for emergency services, business deliveries, and convenient access to local businesses, now more than ever," said Senator Metzger.

Back in the Olden Days - - L. Comando



ACROSS

1 '30s "Vas you dere, Charlie?" comic Baron _____
 6 Mom scrubbed clothes on it
 11 Tear in a woman's stocking
 13 Famous women's organization (abbr.)
 14 James _____ was Agent 007
 16 Impoverished
 17 '30s luxury auto
 18 Perry Mason author Erle Stanley _____
 20 '36 hit song "It's a Sin to Tell a _____"
 21 Gravel-voiced actor _____
 Devine
 22 A traveling man

23 Extravagantly rich
 24 A burglar's tool
 27 Give away a secret (slang)
 28 Island famous for bathing suit and atom bomb
 29 Borgnine's '55 Oscar role
 30 A sailor's greeting, "Hi, _____"
 32 Film director _____
 Preminger
 33 '40s Paris "New Look" dress designer
 35 Jack Benny's valet
 38 Sensationalized promotion
 40 Outlandish World War II civilian suit
 41 Mr. O'Hara in *GWTW* (2 wds)
 45 Flower holder
 46 Bell & _____ camera

49 Common sense or correct reasoning
 51 Kids' favorite alien
 53 Kick this and you're gone
 54 Lock of hair
 55 A long-held grievance
 57 Play the banjo
 60 *Howdy Doody* princess
 65 Tennessee Ernie Ford song (2 words)
 66 A bit of mischief

DOWN

1 '30s-'40s actress _____
 Carroll
 2 Longtime refrigerator brand
 3 Inheritor
 4 Bogart's '46 film *The Big _____*
 5 Point of a pen
 7 Pipsqueak cartoon gal Little _____
 8 Inflam-

mation," _____
 knee"
 9 Oak trees start like this
 10 Gangster talk for a squealer (2 words)
 11 Teens' dance (2 words)
 12 There's one in each hotel room
 15 Easy children's card game (2 words)
 19 '30s Mid-west farmlands (2 words)
 23 A skunk by another name
 25 J.D. Salinger book _____ in the *Rye*
 26 Famous syrup brand
 29 Herman Wouck's '55 book *Morjorie _____*
 31 Singer Eddy Howard's '39 hit
 34 Famous fragrance brand
 36 Santas laugh (just two)
 37 Phil _____ was TVs Sgt Bilko

38 Cher's singing partner
 Sonny _____
 39 Wise guy, _____ aleck
 42 Fodder tower
 43 Not on time
 44 Sheep's haircut
 47 A pain in the lower back
 48 A pirate's favorite flag _____ and crossbones

50 You can fool him
 52 Last one in is a rotten _____
 56 Surname of baseball brother's "Big Poison" and "Little Poison"
 58 MGM film studio mascot
 59 Ma Kettle film star

Marjorie _____
 61 One of the Three Stooges
 62 _____ Howard played Opie on '60s TV
 63 Johnny Cash sang *A Boy Named _____*
 64 A practical joke

OLD-FASHIONED OATMEAL COOKIES

- 1-1/4 cups margarine
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon (optional) 1 egg
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg (optional)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups Old-fashioned uncooked oats
- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour

Heat oven to 375°F. Beat together margarine and sugars until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla.

Combine flour, baking soda, salt and spices; add to margarine mixture, mixing well. Stir in oats.

Drop by rounded tablespoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheet.

Bake 8 to 9 minutes for a chewy cookie, 10 to 11 minutes for a crisp cookie.

Cool on cookie sheet; remove to wire cooling rack.

Store in tightly covered container.

Makes about 4-1/2 DOZEN Cookies

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Arbor Day Cryptogram

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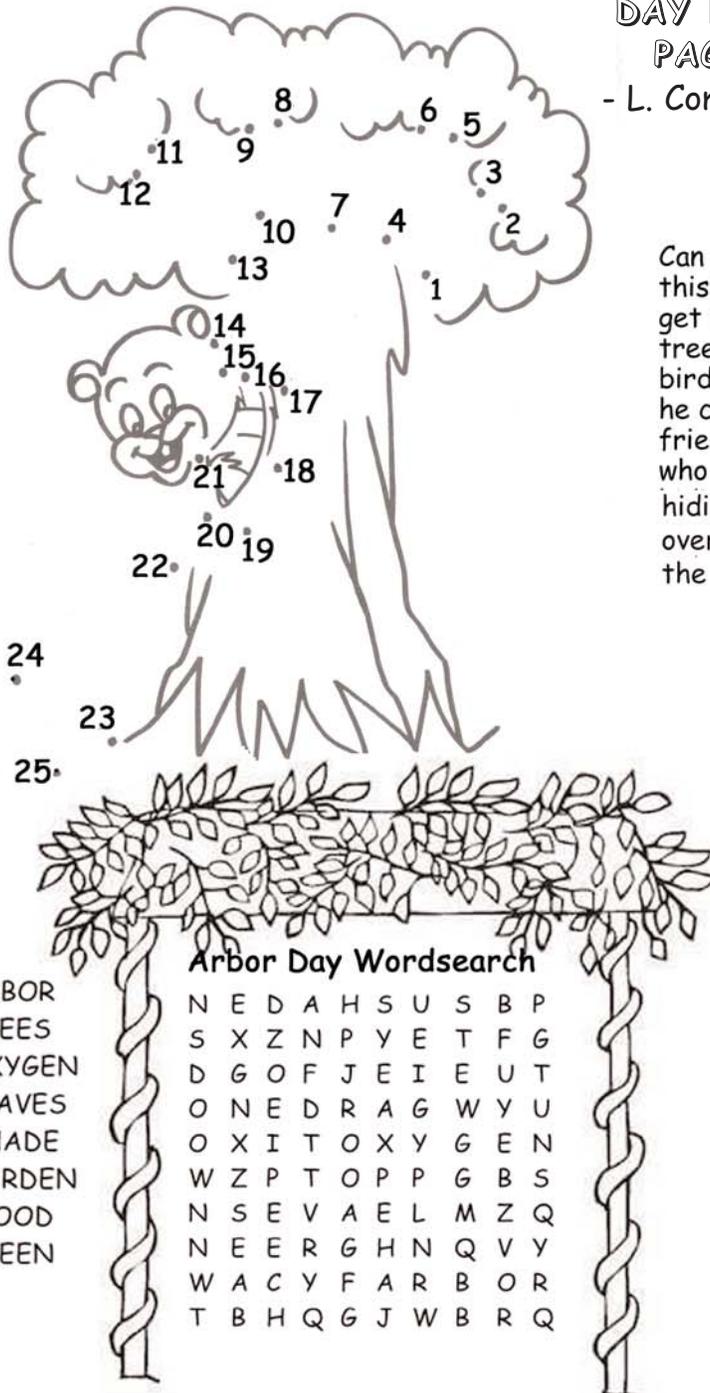
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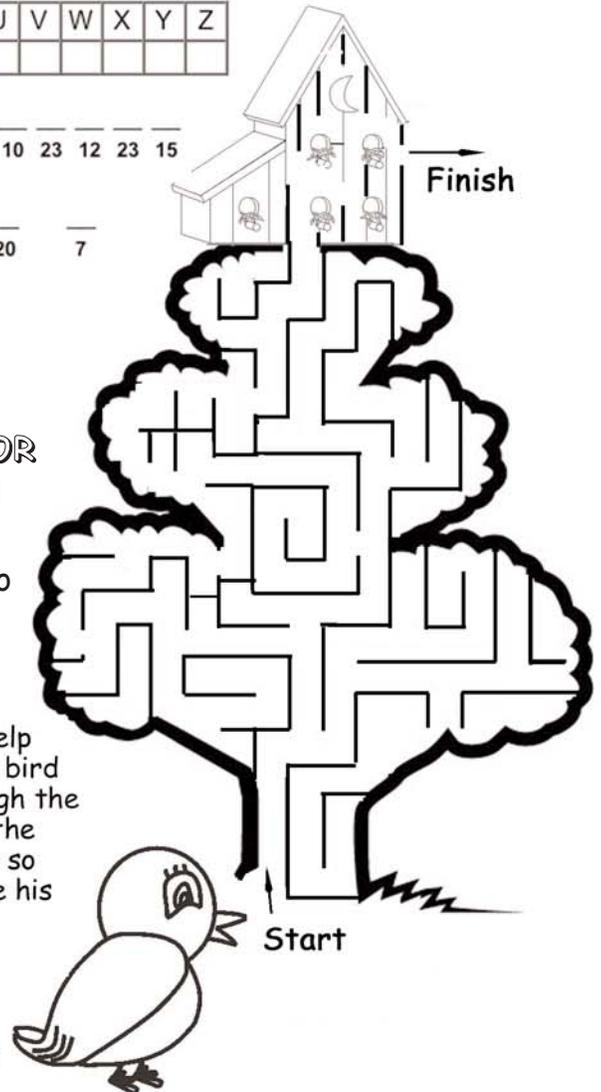
J. Kilmer

The tree needs some branches.
Follow the dots, and you will help the tree grow some branches.



KID'S ARBOR DAY FUN PAGE
- L. Comando

Can you help this little bird get through the tree and the birdhouse so he can see his friend who is hiding over in the tree?



There are 5 things that are different between the two pictures. Can you find them?

Arbor Day Wordsearch

- ARBOR
- TREES
- OXYGEN
- LEAVES
- SHADE
- GARDEN
- WOOD
- GREEN

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SC Leaders to Host COVID-19 Town Halls April 20 and 23 (From Pg. 1)

Another Live Q&A will be held on Thursday, April 23, at 1 p.m., with guest presenters to be announced closer to the date.

"While we will continue to answer citizens' questions, we also want to focus our Town Halls on topics of particular concern," Doherty stated. "Last week, we talked about business recovery and COVID-19 testing. At this next Town Hall, we'll discuss coronavirus-related scams."

"We'll also debut our new public dashboard, which includes the map our constituents have asked for," he added. "It will show the prevalence of confirmed cases around Sullivan County, based upon zip code."

For the April 20 Town Hall, questions can be submitted via either email at sctownhall@co.sullivan.ny.us or private message to www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov by 7 a.m. April 20. They should be related to COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) concerns and issues, phrased respectfully and apolitically.

The live Q&A will begin at 1 p.m. April 20 at www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov. The video will also be made available to view afterwards on the Coronavirus info page on the County's website, www.sullivanny.us.

New COVID-19 Cases Appear at the Care Center

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Health & Family Services Commissioner Stephanie Brown announced today that 41 new cases of COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) have been confirmed at the County-owned and operated Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty. These are in addition to six previously announced cases.

"This is reflective of the increasing cases in Sullivan County and throughout New York, particularly at nursing care facilities," Brown stated. "We continue to do everything we can to stop further spread, which is why visitation, admissions and face-to-face medical appointments have all been halted to the Care Center for the past month."

"Thirty-three residents and eight staff members at our nursing home tested positive this week for the virus," said Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "The employees have been self-isolating since receiving their results, and the residents have been moved into an isolation ward at the Care Center. Administration and Public Health continue to monitor the situation closely in collaboration with the NYS Department of Health."

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

Due to the loss of staff due to mandatory isolation, the County is bringing in and training SUNY Sullivan nursing students to provide appropriate care as nursing assistants.

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

UC Executive Ryan and Lieutenant Governor Hochul hold Small Business Town Hall

(From Pg. 1) Ulster County Executive Ryan and Lieutenant Governor Hochul took questions from the small business community ranging from mask requirements for essential workers to updates about applying for state and federal loan programs. They were also joined by Meghan Taylor, Vice President and Regional Director Mid-Hudson for Empire State Development, and Lisa Berger, Ulster County Director of Economic Development, who helped answer businesses' questions. The Small Business Town Hall was simultaneously broadcast through Zoom and Facebook Live. This is the County Executive's twelfth Town Hall.

"Locally owned small businesses are the lifeblood of our Ulster County economy," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "As a former business owner myself, I know firsthand how hard it can be to run and maintain a business under regular circumstances. My office along with our Economic Development team, will continue to

do everything that we can to aid and assist our businesses during this difficult time. I want to thank Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul for joining us and being a champion for Ulster County and a leader for our state."

"We are focused on reopening our economy in a way that does not increase our infection rate and erase our progress," said Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul. "Our efforts as part of New York PAUSE are working, and we want to continue to help protect New Yorkers and save lives. At the same time, we are working on a plan to phase in the reopening of our businesses across the state. We know many businesses and individuals are being impacted by the virus, and we want to make sure they get the resources and support they need now and in the future. I want to thank Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan and others for their efforts and partnership. This will be a coordinated effort between our local governments and other states to operate in the best interest of all New Yorkers and Americans."

Ulster County businesses are encouraged to reach out to the Ulster County Department of Economic Development and go to the Ulster County COVID-19 Virtual Center to view state and local resources for businesses found here.

Earlier this week, County Executive Ryan announced that Ulster County has offered assistance to neighboring counties' including Dutchess, Columbia, and Greene counties. Already, Ulster County has provided hundreds of face shields, surgical gowns, and testing kits to these regions.

There are currently 845 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ulster County and 15 fatalities.

To watch the Town Hall on Facebook Live, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/UlsterCountyExecutive/videos/227381664992094/>

For additional information about COVID-19, please visit:

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus>

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

NYS Coronavirus Information Hotline: 888-364-3065

SC Enacts Cuts, Including Staff Reductions Plans to Re-evaluate Layoffs in mid-May and Adjust Accordingly

Monticello, NY - Due to ongoing and anticipated fiscal impacts from the 2019 Novel Coronavirus pandemic, the Sullivan County Legislature today unanimously authorized more than \$6 million worth of cuts to the 2020 County Budget, including the layoffs of 77 County employees, effective May 2.

"This was the hardest decision this Legislature has had to make since taking office in January," said Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty. "We don't want to cut programs or staff. But it's the right decision for our taxpayers, who rightfully hold us accountable to maintain the County's financial health."

"In determining the positions to temporarily eliminate, we took into account who wasn't able to work on site or from home, along with what services and programs were most essential," explained County Manager Joshua Potosek. "We also endeavored to minimize impacts on these workers as much as possible. We will maintain their health benefits, and due to the federally enhanced unemployment benefits, they will be assured of earning the same as they were when employed."

Legislators intend to re-evaluate the cuts in mid-May, when fiscal impacts will be clearer. As funding allows, staff may be rehired.

The County is projecting a \$5 million sales tax loss and up to \$4 million in State aid reductions, accompanied by a \$2-\$3 million pension rate hike and the near-certainty of an increase in social services costs.

"In addition to property taxes, our revenue is driven by taxes on gasoline, construction activities and auto sales, all of which have been hit very hard by coronavirus' impacts," Potosek stated. "So we're taking a conservative approach to mitigate revenue shortfalls."

Besides the staffing reductions - which are anticipated to save approximately \$250,000 a month - the Legislature also abolished \$2.9 million worth of vacant positions and authorized the reduction of equipment and discretionary expenditures by \$2.9 million, much of that through deferral of vehicle purchases, and programs like Plans & Progress.

DEC Encourages Responsible Recreation During the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

(From Pg. 1) Following this guidance (PDF) will prevent unnecessary burdens on, and dangers to, State resources and frontline emergency first 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:

- 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 State Parks has closed all State Parks golf courses;
- 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.
- o Camping changes: all state-operated campgrounds, cabins, pavilions, and cottages are closed to overnight visitation through May 14. 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 15, 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.

Trailhead Registers

Trailhead registers provide vital information, so please continue to sign in and out. During the COVID-19 public health crisis, special precautions should be taken while using trailhead registers to minimize spread of the virus through commonly touched surfaces, such as pencils and the registers themselves. Follow these guidelines when using trailhead registers to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

- o Only one person per group should register. Others in the group should stay away from the register.
- o If someone is at a register when you approach, stand at least six feet away and wait for them to leave before you approach.
- o Bring your own pencil or pen.
- o Minimize touching surfaces.
- o Carry hand sanitizer and use it immediately before and after using the register.
- o Avoid coughing and sneezing while at the register. If you must cough or sneeze, move away from the register and hand sanitize before returning.

General Conditions

- o Parking areas at Molly Smith, Laurel House Road, and Scutt Road are closed to public use. All access trails leading to the falls will be closed. Roadside parking in these areas is prohibited.
- o Kaaterskill Falls, the viewing platform, and connecting trails are temporarily closed. The Kaaterskill Wild Forest will remain open to the public.
- o Roads leading to the North-South Lake Campground have been blocked to encourage social distancing and reduce visitor density while providing access for hikers to visit trails that connect with the campground.
- o All DEC Campgrounds remained closed at this time, including campsites, boat launches, day use areas, roadways and other facilities. The public is prohibited from being in any DEC campground for any purpose at this time.
- o All DEC-controlled fire towers are closed to the public to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 during the current public health crisis. Trails to the towers and the summits remain open.

- o Trails are a mix of mud and snow in some areas. Mud is present at low to moderate elevations, and there is still some packed snow on trails at higher elevations.
- o Water levels in streams and rivers are high, currents are swift, and water temperatures are extremely cold.
- o HIKE SMART NY by always being prepared for your trip, variable trail conditions, and unexpected weather when you go out on the trail.
- o The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics has recommendations for responsible outdoor recreation during the COVID-19 public health crisis.

Blue Mountains Trout News

While all immediate future chapter meetings have been suspended, several members remain at work taking part in virtual meetings, collecting rain samples, doing Trout in the Classroom, and working on other activities, like our planned 2020 Catskill Heritage Brook Trout Study. So please read about these and respond to Jody Hoyt by May 1st. And if you get bored, there are numerous links within the attachment, that will hopefully help you pass the time.

Chapter meetings: Per New York state coronavirus guidelines, and directives from Trout Unlimited National plus the NYS Council of Trout Unlimited, all chapter meetings have been suspended until further notice. Stay safe, and perhaps peruse various links included in this newsletter.

Your input needed: Trout Unlimited's fiscal year ended March 31st, and our chapter needs to file an Annual Report that includes the 18 months prior to the end of March. Jody Hoyt needs to compile all volunteer hours incurred by chapter members in support of the chapter, NYS Council, or TU National. Attending general meetings do not count, but board meetings and travel time count. Items like banquet planning and execution, tree planting, preparing meeting minutes, East Branch Delaware temperature study, Trout Tales, Fly Fishing Film Fest, fly tying instruction, brook trout study, newsletter prep time, committee activities, attending other meetings while representing TU, AWSMP's Family Fun and Fish Day, TIC, TIC release, plus all associated travel count. This is a list of examples, and is not all inclusive. Be generous with yourself! It all counts! Hour totals, by event, should be emailed to caphoyt@aol.com. Jody needs your input by May 1st. Thank you.

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program (AWSMP): Chapter members continue to participate in AWSMP committee meeting, via online/virtual access. Recently AWSMP approved a \$1500 grant our chapter applied for, seeking to partner with AWSMP on the 2020 Catskill Heritage Brook Trout Study, noted below. Thank you AWSMP! Here's a recent news link on Quill Gordons, which I've noticed several of during the early weeks of this trout season:

<http://ashokanstreams.org/a-conversation-on-mayflies-with-ed-ostapczuk/>

Save the date for AWSMP's 2020 Catskill Environmental Research & Monitoring Conference, October 27th through the 29th at Full Moon Resort in Big Indian. This conference is an opportunity for researchers, resource managers, and others involved with Catskill environment to network and collaborate. Because of the rapidly-changing COVID-19 situation, this conference may happen as planned, be held virtually, or be rescheduled for a later date. FYI: <http://cermconference.org/>

Catskill Heritage Brook Trout Study 2020: As noted immediately above, our chapter was awarded \$1500 for the 2020 Catskill Heritage Brook Trout Study. It is anticipated to cost \$3000 to analyze the DNA of thirty brook trout fin clippings. We have secured the necessary NYS DEC permit to conduct the study and retained the services of Dr. Spencer Bruce to analyze samples we collect. At this point, given current coronavirus conditions we need to wait to determine the best time to collect samples.

NYS inland trout fishery management modifications: We're not sure of the status of proposed modifications to the NYS inland trout fishery management plans. Perhaps current coronavirus conditions have impacted DEC's ability to work on proposed changes.

Esopus Creek: The Shandaken Tunnel has been off for several weeks, and perhaps construction activities discussed at the February 2020 SPDES Permit review are the cause. DEP did announce that they required a couple weeks this spring, when the tunnel would be shut off for revitalization. (Contd. Pg. 19)

Blue Mountains Trout News (From Pg. 18)

Trout in the Classroom (TIC): With local school districts closed, recently Jane Wolfroom and Ingrid White--- with help from Bill--- released their trout into Stony Clove. It appears both Jane and Ingrid will be retiring this spring, and we owe them a debt of thanks for their dedicated TIC involvement. Between them they have almost a quarter-century of TIC service. Thank you!

You might find this TIC video of a Brooklyn school teacher's TIC release of interest

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yyscnGdlvgf4&feature=youtu.be>
NYS DEC Region 3 Fisheries, plus: Recently Mike Flaherty, DEC's Region 3 Fisheries Manager and longtime Esopus Creek friend, retired. We wish Mike all the best in his retirement, and here are some useful

Region 3 fishery contacts.

o Ryan Coulter - Putnam and Westchester Counties: 845-256-2204, ryan.coulter@dec.ny.gov

o Mike DiSarno - Orange, Rockland and Sullivan Counties: 845-256-3070, michael.disarno@dec.ny.gov

o Robert Adams - Dutchess and Ulster Counties: 845-256-3068, robert.adams@dec.ny.gov

Otherwise, contact the Region 3 Inland Fisheries General Inquiries phone line at 845-256-3161, or the general inquiries email at fwfish3@dec.ny.gov.

Due to the coronavirus, DEC will NOT be utilizing volunteer help this season to help stock local trout waters. For folks interested in stocking information, check here: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/42811.html>

You might find some useful information in this March 24th DEC press release: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/press/119930.html>

And be aware, that DEC has closed several Catskill hiking trails, fire towers, and the Kaaterskill Falls to all users. This was done to encourage social distancing but also because a number of DEC Forest Rangers have been temporarily reassigned to assist with COVID-19 health testing. Our own Russell Martin spent two weeks in the New York City area helping with such.

You might find this NJ Fisheries video of interest: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ms3eLwoLiz4&feature=youtu.be&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Dave Brandt passes: Noted Catskill Legend Dave Brandt (1944-2020) passed on March 26th. He will be remembered for his big heart, sense of humor, dedication to trout conservation, and his fly tying and fishing skills. Dave was a long-time member of Trout Unlimited, and several other noteworthy organizations. Words cannot express the gap his passing has left; he will be missed by many. FYI: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/david-brandt-obituary?pid=195816592> Photo by Mike Valla.

On April 10th prominent Pennsylvania angling-author **Ed Shenk** passed away at 93 years of age. FYI: https://cumberlink.com/lifestyles/announcements/obituaries/ed-shenk/article_e6d4d2ce-31e2-5575-ab16-7963383ba983.html

The Ashokan Rail Trail: The ART can offer users a means of getting out and exercising, if utilized when not too crowded. The Boiceville terminus might be a problem for anglers trying to find parking to fish Esopus Creek downstream of Five Arch Bridge. My wife and I often use the Ashokan parking area, finding this offers some splendid scenery and a bit of history.

Acid rain report: Jody Hoyt reported during March there were 9 measurable events with 5.02 inches of liquid precipitation, including 7.5 inches of sleet and snow, having a 5.6 weighted average pH as measured in Boiceville. By comparison in March 2019 there were 6 events with 2.50 inches of liquid precip, including 11.4 inches of sleet/snow, and a 5.9 weighted pH.

Treasurer's report: Jody Hoyt reports as of the end of March the chapter's treasury had \$12,846.10. These funds were distributed among the following accounts: General operating - \$12,208.42 and Conservation Fund - \$637.68.

Trout Unlimited's fiscal year ended on March 31st. Jody needs to compile an Annual Report for our chapter, that includes all volunteer

hours spent for the eighteen-month period preceding March 31st, 2020. Email your input to Jody at caphoyt@aol.com. Jody requires your input by May 1st. Thank you.

Membership: As of April 18th, chapter membership stands at 104. New TU members can join at half the membership fee for \$17.50, of which the chapter receives a \$15 rebate from TU National. Applications found at:

http://www.apwctu.org/pdfs/TU_membership_brochure2018_web.pdf

For membership questions, contact me at: Tailwaters@Hvc.rr.com
Trout Unlimited National is offering a one-year FREE membership to all essential workers and COVID-19 responders, as they put themselves at risk keeping our country going. If you know of someone, ask them to contact here: <https://www.tu.org/blog/tus-chris-wood-to-essential-workers-free-tu-memberships-to-all/>

Chapter member Bennet Ratcliff had an opening-day article titled, "A Catskill angling Rosette Stone" in the April 2nd issue of the *Woodstock Times*. It's a nice story about Nick Lyons. Congrats Bennet!

Video recommendations: While you're sheltering in place, below are a few video recommendations from chapter members. Happy viewing. Peter Marx, our East Branch Delaware committee person suggested these:

Bring back brooks: <https://www.freshwatersillustrated.org/bringing-back-the-brooks>

Return of bull trout: <https://www.freshwatersillustrated.org/clackamas-complete>

Robert Benke's legacy: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZzcTJdD0yI>
Cutthroat: <https://vimeo.com/166565917>

While Kevan Best, one of "the best" dry-fly fishers I know suggested these:

Peacock and Partridge:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_KvALYNOA6Q&feature=youtu.be
Sulfur emerger: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NchAnTo4qt4&feature=youtu.be>

Bugmeister:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MXvPCvIHRuA&feature=youtu.be>
Ginger Quill: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPARAepzIfY&feature=youtu.be>

The Major Woody: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVK-uodzgtQ&feature=youtu.be>

Beyond our watersheds, other news, and perhaps outside the trout creel:

Mike Valla, Catskill angling historian, author, angler, and a Chapter supporter was scheduled to be our May speaker, but all that is on hold for now. In the meantime, you might enjoy reading his latest book, *Favorite Flies for the Catskills*.

One might find these New York scenes of interest. FYI: https://marketing.iloveny.com/acton/ct/42327/s-003a-2004/Bct/q-000d/1-000c:28d01/ct12_1/1?sid=TV2%3A0cSVUMk5e

Useful links:

Ashokan-Pepacton Watershed Chapter Trout Unlimited: <https://apwctu.org/>

Minutes of the most recent chapter meetings can be viewed here.

Ashokan Watershed Stream Management Program: <http://ashokanstreams.org/>

CWC Watershed Currents: <https://cwconline.org/watershed-currents-e-news/>

Delaware County Soil and Water Conservation District: <http://www.dcswdc.org/Stream%20Program.htm>

Esopus Creek hatching chart: <http://www.catskillanglingcollection.org/>

NYC DEP Reservoir Levels-Releases: https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/drinking_water/release_channel_levels.shtml

Rondout Neversink Stream Program: <http://www.rondoutneversink.org/>

Ed Ostapczuk
April 18th, 2020

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

St. Mark's UM Church
68 Clinton St., Napanoch

**YARD AND CLOTHING SALE
CLOSED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**



Sundown United Methodist Church

Covered Dish Supper

5:30 pm

To be Announced

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Saturday Thrift Sale

9:00 am to 12 noon
To be Announced

Thrift Sale
9am-12 noon
Luncheon
11 am - 12:30 pm
To be Announced



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Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
(845) 434-7643



Sundown United Methodist Church
Peakamoose 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

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Pastor Kenneth Ronk
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Worship Service 9:30 am
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Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

Claryville Reformed Church



Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

Worship Services @ 10:00 am

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Watson Hollow Rd. • West Shokan, NY

Sunday Mass - 9:30 am
Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
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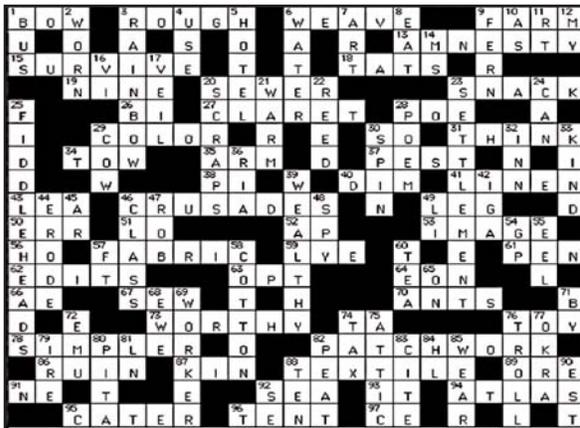
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 • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex,
 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
 N. Main Street, Liberty

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.

Ans tolast week's Crossword



All Aboard! Canceled until further notice
 Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
 FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1- 4 pm
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU answer

6	3	5	1	7	9	4	8	2
8	4	1	3	5	2	6	9	7
9	7	2	4	8	6	1	3	5
4	9	7	2	3	8	5	1	6
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5	6	3	7	9	1	8	2	4
7	8	6	5	1	3	2	4	9
3	2	9	8	6	4	7	5	1
1	5	4	9	2	7	3	6	8

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- 2. C&D ITEMS ONLY. NO ELECTRONICS, NO METAL, NO FREON CONTAINING ITEMS, NO TIRES.**
- 3. ONLY ONE VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED INTO FENCED IN AREA AT A TIME. THERE WILL BE A LINE. THOSE WITH ONLY REGULAR GARBAGE WILL HAVE TO WAIT IN THE SAME LINE. YOU MUST REMAIN IN YOUR VEHICLE UNTIL IT IS YOUR TURN.**
- 4. YOU WILL HAVE TO UNLOAD WITHOUT HELP.**
- 5. REMEMBER TO COVER YOUR LOADS.**
- 6. OVERSIZED LOADS WILL BE PUNCHED TWICE. A NORMAL SIZED LOAD IS A PICKUP OR SMALL TRAILER.**

QUESTIONS CALL 845-985-2262 X 2

CLOSED

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

The library is closed until further notice due to the current public health crisis.

All library materials that are checked out are now due back June 1, 2020. We do not want to take a chance of anyone incurring fines during this time so we have changed the due dates for all patrons.

We encourage you to hold on to your items and return them once we re-open.

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

Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for updates, online programming and educational resources. You can also access E-books, audiobooks, streaming media, and digital resources anytime.

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

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

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

Send your information to: tvtownsmayahoo.com.

Town of Denning - www.denning.us

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

5/20/2020 Neverink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm

Save the Date!

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

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

The Town of Neversink
Town Hall will remain **CLOSED**
to the Public through **4/28.**

The Transfer Station will re-
main **OPEN.** Permits can be
purchased at the Transfer Sta-
tion by check.

Please call the Town Clerk's
Office for information on the
purchase of Fishing Licenses or
any other questions you may

UPDATED 4/14/20

2020 Spring Cleanup

April 25 & 29 - May 2 & 6

In order to participate you will need your **BLUE 2020**
permit card. Permit Card will be punched for each load.

*OWNERSHIP OF VACANT LAND DOES NOT
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Limitations: *

- Two (2) pick-up loads per permit holder
- TV/Electronics are NOT included.
- No Batteries, ballasts or CFLs.
- Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers & air conditioners will not be accepted during event. Please bring them at a different time.
- Scrap metal can be taken anytime. We ask that you refrain from bringing metal during event.

The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

LEGALS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

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

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

Applications must be received by April 27, 2020. Applications are available at the Town Hall or on the Town of Neversink website. Please send applications to Preston Kelly, Highway Superintendent, Town of Neversink, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740 or drop it off at the Town Hall. Please address any questions to Preston Kelly, at (845)985-2281. 4/16; 4/23

LEGAL NOTICE:

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA (Pursuant to Section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will be used to establish the assessment of each parcel which will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Denning, which will be filed on or about May 1st, 2020. The information may be reviewed, by appointment, in the Assessor's Office at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville NY 12725. An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the Assessor at 845-626-4342.

Dated: 13th, day of April, 2020

Michael B. Sommer
Sole Assessor
jam 4/23; 4/30

PUBLIC NOTICE

DUE TO THE TOWN HALL BEING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CORONA (COVID19) VIRUS, THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK PLANNING BOARD SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 21, 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

BY ORDER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
MICHAEL DEAN, CHAIRMAN 4/23

LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to section 103 of General Municipal Law, Sealed bids are being requested for the following items:

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1ST - 3/8 inch #2

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ICE CONTROL MATERIAL (Sand - Brown)
GASOLINE
DIESEL FUEL
HEATING FUEL OIL #2 - HGWY GARAGE
HEATING KEROSENE OIL - HGWY GARAGE
HEATING FUEL OIL #2 - TOWN HALL

Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, 273 Main Street, PO Box 307, Grahamsville, NY 12740, Monday - Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding holidays. Please call 845-985-2262 x 307 to make arrangements for pickup.

All bids must be in the hands of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall no later than **2:00 pm on Monday, May 11, 2020** at which time or as reasonably soon thereafter, all bids will be publicly opened and read.

The Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids without reason.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF NEVERSINK
LISA GARIGLIANO, TOWN CLERK
April 15, 2020 4/23

Town of Denning Residents -

Please Take Notice:

The Town of Denning is seeking a part time Refuse & Recycling Transfer Station Site Manager.

Please call the Hwy. Superintendent at 985-2543 or the Town Clerk at 985-2411 for an Employment Application.

By Order of the Denning Town Board
Joy Monforte, RMC, TC
April 15th, 2020 4/23

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

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

SCDW Virtual Auditions

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

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

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

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

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

Wrestling Returns to FCSD



SRO Phillip Brooks and Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz at a senior athlete's award presentation

After a short-lived attempt to bring a wrestling team back to Fallsburg Central School District seven years ago, this year saw a solid effort that should sustain a competitive program for years to come. That's good news for Superintendent Dr. Ivan Katz, who was an outstanding wrestler from Monticello, in college and later as a qualifier for the 1988 U.S.A. Olympic Trials. His personal journey provides a good backdrop for the renewal of wrestling in the District.

When asked why he thought wrestling was a great opportunity for FCSD students, Dr. Katz reminisced about his own beginnings at age 12 in middle school. His first of many lessons was

how alone a wrestler is when they step on the mat. There is no place to hide, all eyes are upon you. It's great to have your team cheering for you, but it's just you and your competition on the mat.

In high school, he began to see some joy in wrestling. He was a two-time OCIAA champion and was runner up in Section IX. During his second year at the University at Albany, Dr. Katz fell more in love with the sport and gave serious thought to competing for a spot on the 1988 Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling team. The road to qualifying for the 1988 Olympic Trials was filled with bumps and some bruises for the 8 time All-American. Dr. Katz has often said. "If it wasn't for the sport of wrestling, I would never have become a school superintendent." As a wrestler, you learn to develop your skills and self-confidence as you push yourself forward. These are some of the ideas he shared with Fallsburg fifth-grade teacher David Mellan.



Fallsburg High School ninth-grader Synaida Wheeler standing on the podium as Section IX Female Division wrestling champion for 2020

David was a wrestler at Eldred High School when Dr. Katz was Superintendent in the Eldred Central School District. In his first year at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES), he spoke with Dr. Katz about resuming the wrestling program. Mr. Mellan knew that Donovan Flores, a custodian at BCES, had wrestled at Tri-Valley School District, throughout Junior and Senior High School. When David offered him the chance to help build the program, he jumped at the opportunity.

In 2020, FCSD fielded two teams, Varsity and Modified. The Varsity Team coached by Mr. Mellan had 14 members; the Modified team, coached by Mr. Flores, had 8 kids. They worked closely and supported each other in practices. Because several girls wanted to participate, Mr. Mellan enlisted the support of Teacher's Aide, Yelyzaveta Levandovych (Liza), to work with them. Liza is very active in martial arts and enjoyed her time with the wrestling teams. All the coaches were pleased and proud when ninth-grader Synaida Wheeler became the first ever Section IX Female Division



Fifth-grade Wrestling Club at BCES with Coach Mellan at far left back row, Coach Flores at far right back row, and ninth-grade wrestler Luke Oefelein kneeling in front. Luke helps out with mentoring and assisting with the younger students.

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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

While the Grahamsville Deli is closed for now due to COVID-19, we hope you will soon be able to once again enjoy a cold beer with lunch or supper at the Grahamsville Deli!

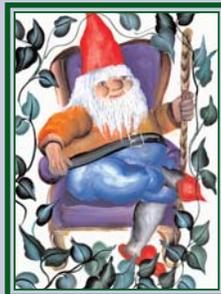
Grahamsville Deli located at the corner of Rt 42 & Rt 55 in Grahamsville.
Hope to see you soon!

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 5 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.

PLEASE NOTE: As of this time we are still hoping to have this event next month, however, we need to keep in mind that this may change due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. We will keep you posted.



Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia

ON TCM Starting At 8:00 PM

APRIL 29, 2020

THE MAGNIFICENT AMBERSONS

A 1942 Drama of life in the declining era of nineteenth century wealth. Produced and directed by Orson Welles, and adapted from **Newton Booth Tarkington's Pulitzer Prize-winning** 1918 novel of the same name. The film brags of excellence in all categories. The gossip mill caused the word to go around that Welles picked Cotton when nobody would. I'm so

glad he did. Thank you Mr. Welles. He, **Joseph Cotton** was a very fine actor. Also starring **Dolores Costello, Anne Baxter, Tim Holt, Agnes Moorhead and Ray Collins,** with **Best Picture Best Actress** in a **Supporting Role – Agnes Moorehead.** Academy award nominations: Best Cinematography, Black-and-White, Stanley Cortez, Best Art Direction-Interior Decoration, Black-and-White Albert S. D'Agostino, A. Roland Fields, Darrell Silvera. Welles provided the narration.

Quiz, In the film "The Magnificent Ambersons"

1. Who played George Amberson Minafer?
2. Who played Eugene Morgan?

Fluidity

ON SHOWTIME WOMEN STREAM THIS MOVIE

Thursday, May 7 at 1:05 AM ET, Rated TVMA • 94 minutes. The story of ten millennials beginning to understand themselves, and the world while living in New York City, trapped in the lifestyle of, "It Tastes Good, It Feels Good, I Like It, Give Me More." Their sexual lives intersect in the age of social media - where likes, impressions, and virtual "connections" threaten the very notion of personal relationships and human intimacy.

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ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA

1. Tim Holt
2. Joseph Cotton



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