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Sullivan County Care Center Welcomes New Administrator



Sherrita Alexander as the new Administrator of the Care Center at Sunset Lake

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek is pleased to introduce Sherrita Alexander as the new Administrator of the Care Center at Sunset Lake. She began her tenure on April 13.

"We are excited to have Ms. Alexander join our team at the Care Center and look forward to her leadership and the knowledge and experience she brings," Potosek stated. "Ms. Alexander comes to us from the Eleanor Nursing Care Center in Hyde Park, where she served four years as administrator." (Contd. Pg. 6)

Hiking Safety for Seniors - a Virtual Program at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join the Time and the Valleys Museum for our first public virtual program: "Hiking Safety for Seniors" on Sunday, May 3rd at 2 p.m. through a www.zoom.us meeting.

Lisa Lyons, owner of Morgan Outdoors in Livingston Manor, will give a short presentation and answer questions about hiking practices for seniors. Though some parks and trails are currently closed, there are some great ways to stay active and prepare for the future. Lisa will cover ways to increase outdoor enjoyment while minimizing potential risk, including: steps to warm up and pace yourself; how to use hiking poles to increase stability and sure-footedness; and her top five suggestions for enjoying walking and hiking opportunities near where you live. (Contd. Pg. 6)



Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum - First Cast with Mike Canazon



Due to the Coronavirus we had to cancel our usual Season Opening weekend, and instead met at a safe distance on the river with bamboo rod maker Mike Canazon, who performed our traditional First Cast under very unique circumstances. He dedicated the cast to friend Dave Brandt, and we created a short video. (Contd. Pg. 9)

BCES Adapts Healthy Kids Grant During Covid-19 Crisis



First-grader Esme Bermudez-Zarate holding seedlings that she and her mother were going to plant in their garden as part of the virtual classroom in her home.

Last spring, Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) teacher Ms. Leah Exner applied for an Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK) Game On school grant for the 2019-2020 school year. The \$1000 grant was awarded so Ms. Exner along with members of the School Health Team and District-wide Wellness Committee could finish the BCES fitness trails and incorporate more nutrition education.

Criteria for the grant were 1) worthy project in need of resources to promote health and well-being for many students; 2) a project that had the complete support of the school community; 3) an activity that engaged parents and caregivers in school health; and 4) a representative team in place to implement the project fully. (Contd. Pg 6)

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

April 26, 1950 -

The Riviera, one of the main buildings of the Napanoch Country Club, which had been newly furnished this spring as a honeymoon cottage, was partially destroyed by fire at about ten o'clock on Friday night. The Napanoch Fire Dept. responded to the call and kept the blaze from spreading to other buildings. A small part of the furniture was saved.

Miss Frances McNeeley, operator of the Hamilton Avenue Hospital in Monticello, announced this week that hospital facilities in Sullivan County will be increased this summer by construction of a second and third story on a new portion of the hospital which she operates.

The footing was poured for the new Grahamsville Fire House last Thursday on the Fire Company lot next to Dayton's Garage. Equipment belonging to the Fire District will be housed in the new fire house upon its completion. All work so far has been contributed to the project. It was expected that further plans for completion of the 28' by 40' building would be discussed at this week's meeting of the fire company.

April 27, 1960

A 17-year old honor student, Dale W. Ross of Grahamsville, was named to receive the Central Hudson Gas and Electric Corporation's annual four-year scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Mr. Ross, a senior at Tri Valley Central School, is the twelfth recipient of the utility company's scholarship.

Manville B. Wakefield learned recently of the selection of one of his original railroad paintings for reproduction in the Annual Railroad Salon Section published by TRAINS magazine in its May issue.

At the Eastern Star Meeting at Liberty on Thursday evening of last week, four ladies from this locale were initiated. They were Mrs. Al Voss and daughter Pat, Mrs. Harry Bailey and Mrs. Donald TerBush.

Walter Barber of Cold Spring Road near Monticello recently caught a trout in the Neversink Reservoir weighing 5 lbs 1 oz and measuring nearly 25 inches. Mr. Barber hooked the fish on live bait some 400 to 500 feet from shore.

April 29, 1970

Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks are the proud parents of a baby girl born April 2st at Loomis Hospital. Little Cheryl June

weighed in at 8 lbs. Both baby and mother are doing fine.

Anniversary wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Smith who will celebrate their 33rd on the 30th and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Paddock, their 28th on May 1st.

The snowmobile have gone for the season, and now the horse lovers are again riding the trails. Horses are quiet, they add little to the pollution problem and riding is fine exercise. Also you do not have to buy gas nor a license to ride the road.

At the regular meeting of the Grahamsville Ladies Auxiliary on April 21st, elections were held for the year 1970-71. The results are as follows: President, Marion Robinson; Vice President, Virginia Levy; Treasurer, Virginia Turtle; Secretary, Dorothy Botsford. Mrs. Vira Slater won the quilt which was raffled off that evening.

April 24, 1980

Joseph L. Rider, 78, of Sundown, died Sunday, April 13, 1980 in the Community Hospital, Harris. Mr. Rider, a 30-year resident, retired from the Department of Water Resources in Grahamsville. He was a member of the Sundown Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Bessie, at home; two sons, Raymond of Neversink and Roy of Cleveland, Ohio.

Christopher Bryan, son of Fred and Sue VanWagner of Woodbourne, was baptized on Easter Sunday at the Sundown United Methodist Church by Rev. Glen McCarty.

Naomi Tillson was crowned Loyalty Day Queen for 1980-81 for Stangel-Bernstein V.F.W. Post, Woodbourne by Commander Donald TerBush. She is the 16-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tillson. She will compete in the Sullivan County VFW Loyalty Day Queen contest at Lanza's in Shandalee on Saturday, May 3rd.

At this writing we are waiting to hear the results of the Boston Marathon, held annually. Missy Iaturo, daughter of Bud and Charlotte Stratton, has qualified and will be running Monday. So, look for #265 on your TV news screen and cheer for Missy!

We have been asked to mention that on Sunday, April 13, there were 3 "very young" ladies attending the Reformed Church services. Unique? It is if you consider that Mrs. Joseph Irwin, Mrs. Lottie Erath. and Mrs. Johanna Petri who range in age from 92 to 97 were in the congregation....that is almost 300 years represented!!

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

Time and the Valleys Museum New:

We are looking for antique toys, especially antique sleds, wooden bob sleds and something we called a 'Scooter' (made from a barrel stave, a two by four maybe 18 inches long and shorter pieces as braces. The 2x4 stood up perpendicular to the inside curve of the stave and was braced on front and back. A small flat piece of wood was nailed on top for a seat. We had a dangerously great time riding on these things!!)

Please contact us at contact. 985-7012. Thank you!

Message from Neversink EMS

I am the captain of Neversink EMS. As a community service, we are making and distributing fabric facemask to the community. We would appreciate your mentioning this in the paper. We will have them available at the Neversink post office, or I can be contacted directly on my cell 845-866-5660. There is no charge - this is a labor of love. We hope that everyone is staying safe.

Ann Bivins

Senator Metzger Launches COVID-19 Online Conversation Series with Local Experts for Hudson Valley and Catskill Communities

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) will host a COVID-19 online series featuring local experts knowledgeable on selected topics important to Hudson Valley and Catskill communities. Half-hour-long digital episodes will be livestreamed on Senator Metzger's Facebook page twice-weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00 PM for the next four consecutive weeks, and will include a Q&A with participating viewers facilitated by the Senator. The series kicks off on Tuesday, April 28, with guest Kenneth Steier, Executive Dean of Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine.

"A wide range of important topics and issues have come up in my conversations with constituents during this public health crisis that really merit a deeper dive," said Senator Metzger. "This online conversation series is a great opportunity for our residents to hear from experts in our region and get useful guidance during this challenging time."

The first digital episode in Metzger's "Community Conversations" series, featuring Kenneth Steier, Executive Dean of Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine, will address the most urgent medical questions in the region, including fact-based information about COVID-19's spread and local medical experts' projected timeline of antibody testing and a vaccine reaching communities in the Hudson Valley and Catskills. The Facebook livestream will take place on Tuesday, April 28, from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

A full list of topics and guests for the first four weeks of the series are as follows:

WEEK ONE

- o Tuesday, April 28: Regional Medical Overview
- o Guest: Kenneth Steier, Executive Dean of Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine
- o Thursday, April 30: Food Insecurity and How to Help
- o Guest: Michele McKeon, Regional Economic Community Action Program (RECAP)

WEEK TWO

- o Tuesday, May 5: Domestic Violence during COVID-19
 - o Guests: Kellyanne Costyal-Larrier, Fearless
 - o Thursday, May 7: Education Resources for Students, Teachers, and Families
 - o Guests: A high school teacher and elementary special education teacher from Sullivan County
- (Contd. Pg. 7)

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.

Shadbush a/k/a June Berry Tree or Serviceberry

Another Spring flower will soon be blooming. You will have to look up to see them. Scattered here and there are white flowers of the Shadbush that to me looks more like a small tree.

A member of the Rose family, the Shadbush is a cousin to the apple clan but blooms before them, usually about a week before the forest canopy leafs out, when the emerging leaves are but a confetti of yellows, reds, and greens. An American native, it evokes the Japanese garden in the elegant structure of its branches and the ephemeral, fleeting nature of the blossoms.



History reveals that the Shadbush was also called Serviceberry because it blooms in mid-April to early May, when long-delayed religious services were held throughout 19th century New England, and snow covered roads became accessi-

ble again. But not everyone was religious, and others would just as soon go fishing, especially when the first run of shad migrated upstream from the ocean, heralded by the blooming Shadbush or Shadblow.

It is also called a June Berry tree, referring to the fruits of certain species that become ripe in June.

Of the twenty species of Shadbush (Amelanchier) in America, two are well defined. The Atlantic (A. Canadensis) and the Pacific (A. ainifolia).

They differ in flower, leaf shape and size of berry-like fruit.

Most of the Shadbush that we have around here have fine cut, saw-toothed, glossy leaves somewhat like small pear leaves and grayish-brown bark with clusters of white long-petaled flowers that usually open in April or early May.

These diverse shrubs or small trees have smooth to slightly furrowed, ash-gray to blackish bark, often beautifully adorned by curving, vertical, dark gray stripes.

The pioneers prized the brownish red wood for handles, canes and fishing rods.

The fruit is a delicious blue-purple berry ripening in June but they are so few in number - a pint to a tree - that you must beat the birds to them. If you do get enough, make your favorite blueberry muffin recipe using Juneberries. They will be different and fantastic.

Native Americans called them Saskatoon and used them like blueberries. They dried them and added them in stews and pemmican. Iroquois women used the fruit as a blood remedy, to strengthen the body after the pain of childbirth. They drank a root and bark decoction to prevent miscarriage. They also used it to expel parasitic intestinal worms, as did the Chinese.

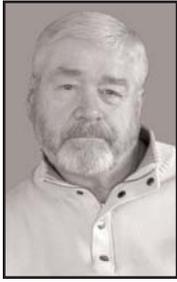
Not only was it a favorite food of Native Americans, it is well-liked by many American songbirds and wildlife. Deer and elk browse on the twigs.

Here's hoping you'll find some Shadbush berries, and enjoy one of the yummiest and least known native American treats, this June.

Household Hints:

Wash store-bought produce

You can't be too careful these days when it comes to handling the foods you eat. Before serving your fruits and vegetables, a great way to eliminate the hidden dirt, pesticides, and even insects, is to rinse them in 4 tablespoons apple cider vinegar dissolved in 1 gallon cold water

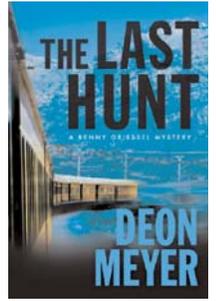


The Last Hunt

Mysterious Book Report No. 404

by John Dwaine McKenna

A series of fortunate events brought our attention this week, to an awesome crime fiction novelist and master of the thriller genre. His work is inspired, captivating and totally entertaining as he weaves a complex plot together in such an electrifying manner that the reader just can't put the book down. If you're craving an intricate, well-plotted suspense novel full of twists and turns that makes you think, South African author Deon Meyer has everything you're looking for. His newest, *The Last Hunt*, (Grove Atlantic, \$27.00, 374 pages, ISBN 978-0-8021-5692-1) is his thirteenth, and most powerful novel to date, because it deals with political corruption at the national level and the kleptocracy which accompanies it.



The story begins when a cold case file is given to Captain Benny Griessel and his partner, Captain Vaughan Cupido of the Serious and Violent Crimes Unit of the South African Police Force. It's an elite group of criminologists, known simply as 'The Hawks.' When Cupido asks, "Why are we being tasked with something like this?" The answer is succinct: "Because we are the best . . ." The Hawks are also the least corrupted, or 'captured' as the ones on the take are called. That's important. Because the cold case murder of a private detective named Johnson Johnson on The Rovos the world's most luxurious train, as it journeys from Cape Town to Pretoria is just the beginning of what turns out to be a deep dive into murder, political intrigue and the awakening of an entire nation to the notion that the ideals which sparked a revolution and set them free from apartheid has been hijacked and sold out for greed.

At the same time that Griessel, Vaughan and the Hawks are trying to sort out the Johnson Johnson murder, a fifty-five year old South African man named Daniel Darret is living quietly in Bordeaux, France. He's working as a humble tradesman, apprenticing to a master antique restorer, trying to leave the revolutionary life he once led behind, and live out his days in quiet peace. Then, out of the blue, a comrade from Daniel's old life reappears and begs him to do one last job, using his special skill set to strike back at a corrupt regime.

Daniel Darret's decision and his actions will then collide with Benny Griessel and Vaughan Cupido's murder investigation and leads to a stunning, electrifying and shattering conclusion that will leave the reader gasping for their next breath!

Deon Meyer's works have been translated into twenty-seven languages, several TV and movie dramas, and a truckload of literary awards. He's an author other writers envy and wish they could be like when they grow up . . . an added bonus, our interview with him is attached. We hope you enjoy it!

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Interview With The Author Deon Meyer

by John Dwaine
McKenna



We're proud-and honored-to be able to present our interview with internationally known and best-selling South African author Deon Meyer, whose newest novel *The Last*

Hunt has just been released to wide acclaim. Thank you for taking time to share your expertise with us. And without further ado, let's get right to it. Our first questions is:

Why do you write?

Because it is the only thing I'm any good at. Because it got three kids through university. Because the main objective is to entertain people, bring them pleasure and escape. That gives me immense satisfaction. Because it is such a stress-free way to make a living - I work for myself, determine my own hours, travel to work in just in 27 seconds every day. Because I can't blame anybody else if the end product is bad. Because it gives me rare, brief moments of intense gratification when the writing just flows, when the words and sentences and paragraphs conspire to make magic.

Where do you write?

I write at home, in a room with heavy shutters, and just one soft light - enough to illuminate the dictionary. No music. No distractions.

Are any of your characters autobiographical?

No. But they all come from inside my head, so they all might have little bits of me and my history, my experience, my philosophy, my frame of reference.

When do you write?

I write from about six in the morning. During

the first half of a novel, I am exhausted by lunchtime, and stop writing. During last third, I will often write for fourteen to sixteen hours, because I can't stop.

Who's your favorite author?

The late, great Ed McBain.

Do you plot-outline or wing it?

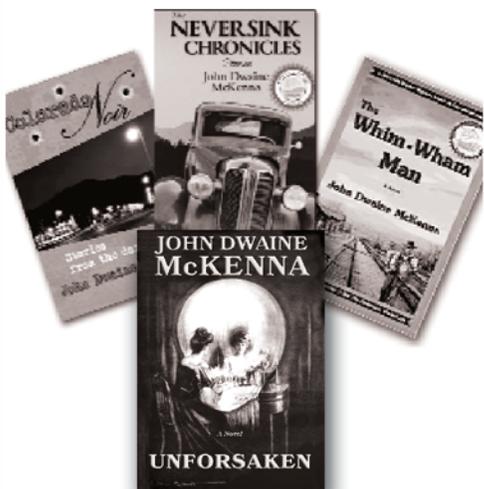
If you mean plot-outline as in writing down a summary of the plot before I start the book, or using index cards or spread sheets, then no, I don't plot-outline. But I do plan the story in my head. Not in great detail, but enough to know where I want to start, where I'm heading (although the final destination may change in the writing process), and definitely what I want to do with the next couple of chapters.

What's your advice for aspiring writers?

Read. Read constantly. Read a lot. Read the best. Read in the genre you want to write. Reading is learning to write by osmosis. Reading is learning what the book trade (publishers, bookshops, readers) want, and learning how to tell a story.

Thank you once again, for sharing your time and insights so graciously. It's been a pleasure . . . and please let us know when your next one's ready, we're all looking forward to Griessel, Cupido and Darrett's next encounter . . .

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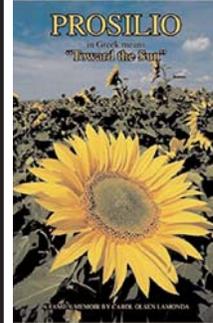
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The Olive Jar - Cabin Fever

By Carol Olsen LaMonda



The Queen of England celebrated her birthday last week as I will celebrate mine next week. She is a tad older, by the way. There was a lovely photo of her, crown and all, sitting on her throne with the caption "Stay in your castle." I am in my "castle" comfy and removed from the work world. I am, however, feeling a bit of "castle fever." Cabin Fever is hitting us all as we approach the the sixth week of staying at home.

I fear that when the sunshine brings the temperature above sixty, people are going to venture out. I am still going to be quite cautious about doing so even though Cabin/Castle Fever is definitely settling in. My venturing out is just to deliver masks to people's mailboxes, sitting on the deck, and strolling in the woods with Hudson. It is enough for now, but I sure do miss going out to dinner at my favorite restaurants.

The days are blending. It is hard to distinguish a weekday from a weekend day. One friend treats herself to a Friday night take-out dinner; another takes a ride onto some back road not traveled before on the weekend. Maybe Sunday Drives with the family will make a come-back along with Drive-in Theaters.

It is hard to imagine life as it was and how it might be in the future. When I watch videos or sit-coms on TV, I keep thinking how reckless these characters are hugging, kissing, and gathering together.

Our governor uses the term "Reimagine" the future. In some ways it might be an improvement. People are able to do many jobs and tasks from their houses. The environment is improving. We are realizing the worth of our essential workers who are often underpaid for the value of their important work. Social programs are helping the poor, the lost and the unfortunate as the virus reminds us that we are all men and women with the same human needs of food and shelter, all people who care for their family's well-being, all humans who are fallible and susceptible to a bug that doesn't care what your income level or political persuasion might be. Yes, we have become our brother or sister's keeper. We might even resume our old job or new venture with enthusiasm and joy.

When we pool our talents and our resources and watch the awful statistics mount, the phrase "we are all in this together" takes on a personal message that rings beyond the shallow wishes of a greeting card. In isolation, in quarantine, in caution, we are never alone. We share a common responsibility to each other as a common enemy has united us.

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BCES Adapts Healthy Kids Grant During Covid-19 Crisis

(From Pg. 1) Before schools had to close due to the Covid-19 virus, BCES enjoyed the fruits of the healthy kids grant during the winter months outside and inside the school building. Grant funds allowed for purchase of pedometers. Students kept track of steps in PE classes. They created friendly competitions between classrooms and grade levels. Teachers had students utilize math skills with the results of the competitions.

In a most interesting activity, some kids were involved in a "Walk across America" from Fallsburg to California. PE teacher Ryan Koval incorporated social studies lessons on the walks. Each time students "stepped" into a new state, they learned the population, the capital, the state bird and other facts.

Snow on the ground meant donning snowshoes that were donated or grant-funded on the BCES Trail and building grounds. Kids shouted with delight as they frolicked in the snow and watched each other's cheeks turn rosy. School staff was inspired to join in and follow in the tracks of the children. Many were on snowshoes for the first time, and they relished the vigorous trudging in the crisp air. Everyone had pedometers to measure their steps.

A grant requirement was to hold a school-wide event. The date for the event was April 24, 2020, right in the midst of the school closure. During the crisis, AFHK Organization supported Every Kid Healthy Week, April 20 through 24. They shared great web sites, Facebook Live Videos, and an array of activities for families to do together at home.

Each day of the week had a theme: Mindfulness Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Earth Day Wellness Wednesday, Thoughtful Thursday, and Fitness Friday. Ms. Exner shared the list of resources, videos and specific daily activities with BCES staff to engage students and families in the virtual classroom.

The AFHK Grant has benefitted measurably the BCES students and staff this school year and will continue to do so next fall. The promotion of healthy activity and nutrition became a major part of everyone's consciousness. Covid-19 did not deter creative improvisation at FCSD. School administration and teaching staff stepped up and has more than fulfilled the intention and the spirit of the healthy kids grant by promoting good health, well-being, and family engagement in the school community.



PE teacher Ryan Koval teaching a class with students who have been using pedometers to "Walk Across America" and learn about the states on the way to California.



Two teachers on snowshoes

Hiking Safety for Seniors - a Virtual Program at the Time and the Valleys Museum

(From Pg. 1) Virtual attendance is EASY. Just email the Museum at info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org to register, and you will receive a reply email invitation with information on how to log in to zoom.us for the talk. Please call 845 985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org for more information.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed.

Current exhibitions when reopening:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.

- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm

- o NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School Opening summer, 2020.

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

Sullivan County Care Center Welcomes New Administrator

(From Pg. 1) She was responsible for all aspects of day-to-day facility operations, including achieving and maintaining regulatory compliance and quality standards. She successfully raised the facility's quality rating within her first six months.

"I am delighted to join the hardworking team at the Care Center," Alexander affirmed. "Despite the current challenging circumstances in the healthcare industry, I remain confident we can reach even higher levels of excellence in a facility so valued and depended upon by the community."

Alexander is a graduate of the College of New Rochelle Healthcare Administration Certificate Program and possesses a Master's in Social Work from New York University. She has served as a Director of Social Services, a Social Work Consultant, and most recently as a NYS-certified Nursing Home Administrator. She maintains a professional affiliation with the National Association of Social Workers and the National Association of Long Term Care Administrator Board.

Over 17 years in healthcare, she has worked in a variety of settings, from acute and subacute care to psychiatric, dementia and Alzheimer's wards.

"I've always had a concern for others," Alexander related. "I was brought up in a large family including my great-grandparents, and those experiences instilled in me the desire to help and respect all people - especially the elderly, frail, and distressed."

The Care Center's close-knit community played a prominent role in bringing her to Sullivan County.

"I look forward to increasing the Care Center's diverse activities for the residents and incorporating activities within the community," she explained. "I will also be focusing on our billing practices to generate the most revenue for the County while maintaining the value for residents. Key to that will be ensuring a high bed census, and building community relationships and partnerships."

Alexander is a proud mother of one and grandmother of two.

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Senator Metzger Launches COVID-19 Online Conversation Series with Local Experts for Hudson Valley and Catskill Communities (From Pg. 3)

- WEEK THREE**
- o Tuesday, May 12: COVID-19 Mental Health Awareness
 - o Guests: Amy Nitza and Karla Vermeule, The Institute for Disaster Mental Health at SUNY New Paltz
 - o Thursday, May 14: Paying Your Bills and Preventing Shut-Offs
 - o Guest: Laurie Wheelock, Esq., the Public Utility Law Project
- WEEK FOUR**
- o Tuesday, May 19: Preventing Senior Scams and Sharing Legal Resources
 - o Guests: Jaime Samarel and Jenny Turpin, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley
 - o Thursday, May 21: The Food Supply Chain and NY Agriculture
 - o Guest: Maire Ullrich, Cornell University Cooperative Extension Orange County
- Additional topical events in the series will be announced as New York

Senator Metzger Advocates for Federal Funding for Rural Communities amid COVID-19 Pandemic

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) this week joined five New York State lawmakers in urging federal representatives to prioritize rural communities in the next federal economic stimulus bill. Senator Metzger, who chairs the Senate's Agriculture Committee, signed on to the joint letter to U.S. Senator Charles E. Schumer with like-minded colleagues to advocate for the nation's next federal COVID-19 economic relief package to include robust funding for states and localities with a focus on rural communities.

"Even before the current pandemic, rural communities were struggling to fund and operate aging health care and transportation systems," stated the letter. "Despite the inequities they face, rural communities provide not only the nation, but the world with a safe and affordable food supply."

"Due to the disastrous impact of COVID-19, rural communities struggle now more than ever to survive. New York State's projected \$15 billion revenue shortfall, together with lost tax revenue in county and local budgets, will force job losses and cuts to important rural programs, at a time when costs for health care, emergency services, and managing supply chains have never been higher. Only the federal government has the resources to immediately keep states and localities solvent," said the letter.

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Giving Back to Her Community – Operation Feed –

Diane Babich, who is with in the Misner Livingston Manor Office is keeping busy during these difficult times. She has been cooking for nurses at Catskill Medical Center where her daughter works.



giving back and paying it forward especially during the pandemic.

Just wanted to share with all of you! Some of you know and some don't. I am not sharing for recognition but just wanted to let you know how I am keeping busy during this difficult time and besides I love to cook..

According to Diane, " Our local 3 rotary clubs, Monticello, Liberty & Livingston Manor have teamed up and started Operation Feed for the CRMC (Catskill Regional Medical Center)."

It is obvious that Diane

has a lot of experience in the kitchen!

While she does love to cook, she also wanted to make sure that her daughter and her co-workers are being taken care of during the Operation Feed as there are so many different units. Diane cooks for 2 & 5 and the ICU&CCU.

Last week, she cooked for two days - baked ziti, salad, chicken parm and spaghetti, brownies and brownies.

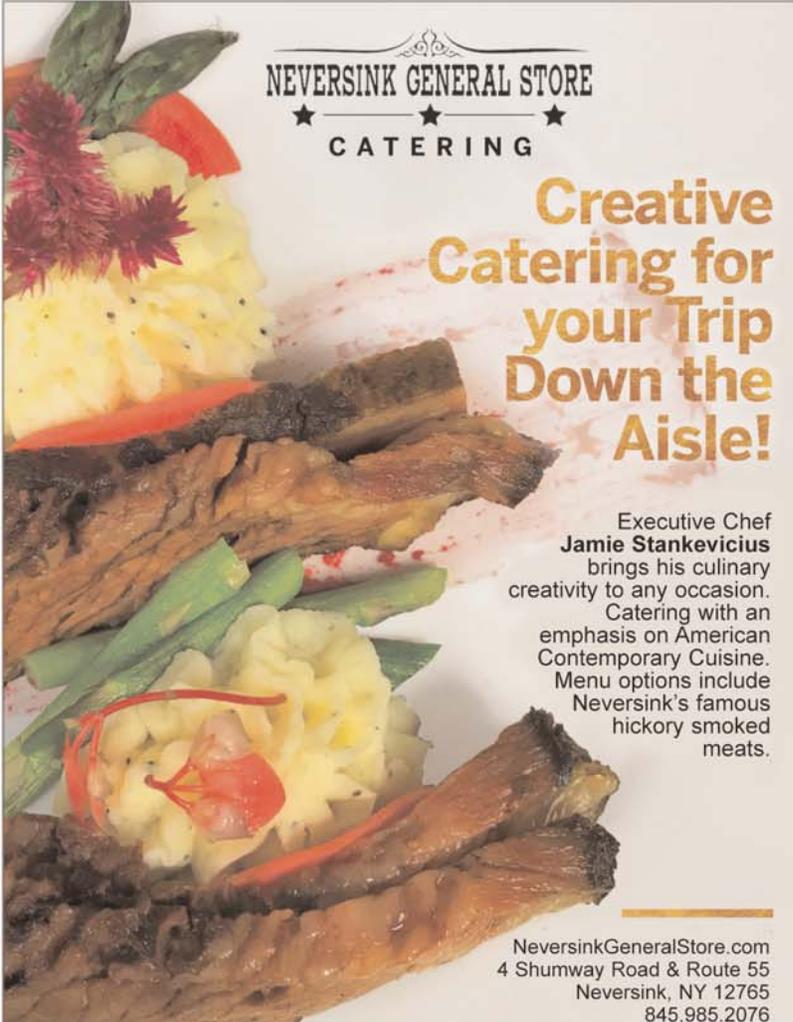


On Diane's menu, "This week Tuesday was chicken franchise & spaghetti and broccoli and brownies. Today's

menu was eggplant parm, penne with olive oil and lots of garlic to ward off the germs. - and chocolate crinkle cookies. Tomorrow is baked penne, salad and lemon cookies. Yes I know lots of pasta and chicken, but have to pick things that feed a lot of people plus they are Christine's favorites... Hope I didn't make anyone hungry! LOL..."

Diane has requested, "If anyone has any recipes, please share with me as I need new ideas!"

Diane can be reached at 845-434-7755 Extension 4100 at the The Misner Agency, Inc. P.O. Box 1283 52 Main Street



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Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum - First Cast with Mike Canazon

(From Pg. 1) As part of the changes we are making to our website, we have added an "Interactive" page where we will regularly post new videos and content. Look out for updates on our Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Dear Friends

We are all experiencing extraordinary times. At the center we are missing gathering with our friends and community at a time of the year when we'd all be meeting at events at the museum or out on the river. Our main priority at the museum will always be our health and well-being, and we will remain closed for the foreseeable future until it is safe to gather once more. We wish you and your families the best in this difficult time.

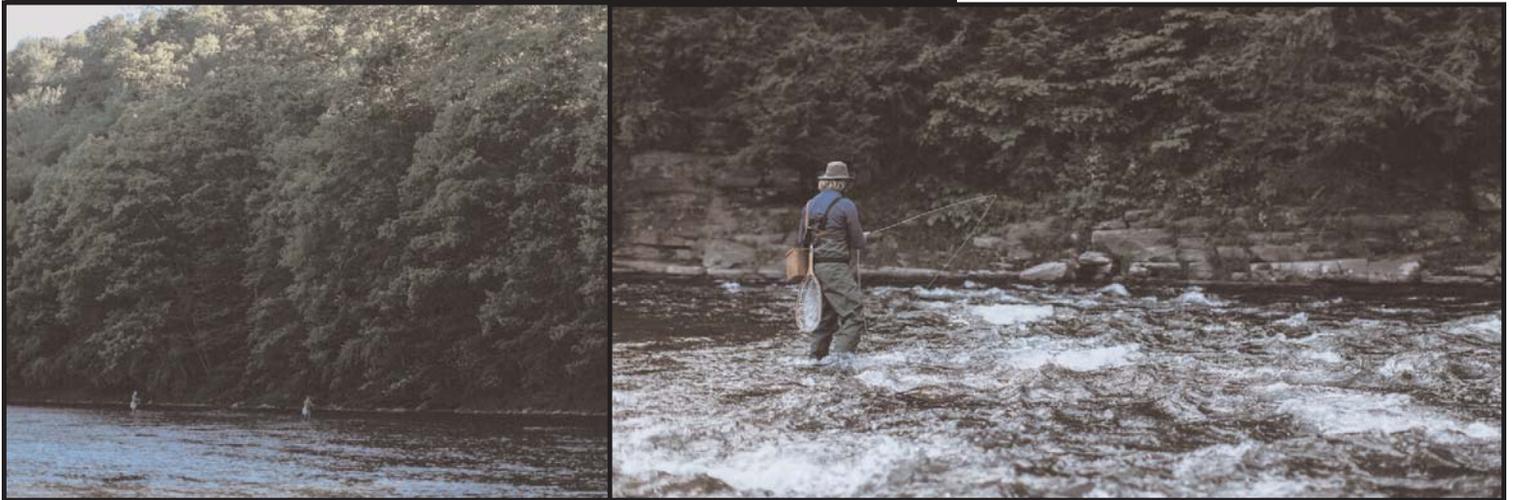


We have been using this time to gather our thoughts and re-energize our efforts to making meaningful improvements to the museum and the way we function. With the time and mental space to apply ourselves, we have already made some changes and invite you to see the work we have done so far. We also ask you to stay tuned for some exciting announcements in the coming weeks!

Among the many changes to our website are some new features including an "Interactive" page for new content, a section with information about current river conditions and stream data, and an expanded section about our beautiful Catskills region.

We are especially grateful to Austin "Mac" Francis for his generous donation to the museum of a set of prints of his beautiful hand drawn maps taken from his book Land of Little Rivers.

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The Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum 2020 Annual Member Meeting

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center & Museum will hold its Annual Member meeting Saturday, May 2 at 10:00am EST. A state of the CFFCM will be presented along with the election of new trustees. There are two major changes associated with this year's meeting:

1. Due to the closures and travel restrictions related to the novel Coronavirus outbreak, the meeting will be held via the CFFCM's conference call line. You can join via video with the following link:
<https://www.uberconference.com/room/cffcm> or call 845-445-7160 to join by phone.

2. There will be no annual dinner, as has followed the Annual Meeting in recent years. Stay tuned for updates on how you can help the museum in these difficult circumstances.

In preparation for the meeting, please familiarize yourself with some recent changes we have made to our website:

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Boots on the Ground: CCE Sullivan Responds to Food Insecurity

SULLIVAN COUNTY, NY- As New Yorkers across the state encounter challenges associated with the Covid-19 global pandemic - brave individuals in Sullivan County stand up to ensure food security for their vulnerable friends and neighbors.

Donning masks and gloves, Cornell Cooperative Extension Sullivan County (CCE) Program Managers Martin Colavito and Thomas Bosket are working to ensure folks stay fed despite kinks in the food supply chain and food access in this time of social distancing. In partnership with Sullivan Allies Leading Together (SALT), area school districts, the County's Emergency Community Assistance Center, and others, Colavito and Bosket sweep the county in the CCE Sullivan Fresh Market-on-the-Move van delivering much-needed food, hygiene products, and hope to thousands of people every week since the coronavirus took hold on the region.

"One fellow we met was sleeping on the floor of his friend's house... because he wants to make sure his friend, who is a 73-year-old veteran, is cared for," said Colavito.

"While delivering produce to these folks, we were asked how much money we need for gas. It reminds me that the little things we do for each-other often become the big part of a collective solution that results in compassion."

Donations have come from countless individuals, businesses and organizations. With funding from the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan Counties, Lions Clubs, Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther, the Skoda family, Brey's Eggs, and more, SALT delivers more than 2,000 meals each week through the Sullivan Fresh Market-on-the-Move. Stops include two duck farms, Action Toward Independence, food pantries, and forgotten neighborhoods in every corner of the county.

"The farm is forever grateful for the prompt outreach and delivery of food for our employees, most of which have families to feed during these difficult times. We are doing our best as a farm family to keep people safe, housed, and fed. We are comforted by the true community foundation in Sullivan County shown by these efforts and knowing, we are all in this together as we continue to work through this," said Jenny Chamberlain, chef and general manager of furthering processing at Hudson Valley Foie Gras.

Individuals or families in need of food or other resources can contact sullivan@cornell.edu or call 845-596-0075. For urgent help, contact the Sullivan County Emergency Community Assistance Center at 845-807-0925. Callers with health questions or concerns should call the Sullivan County Public Health Services' hotline at 845-292-5910.

The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

I sincerely hope this finds you all well. I am...still. And in my 5th week going on my 6th.

So, what have I learned this week...

I had to go out and replenish my food. I thought about ordering on line from ShopRite but they make it clear that they can substitute when necessary. Does that mean if I want Dark Roast coffee that it's OK to substitute DeCaf because the Dark Roast is not available? Ewwwww

Instead I spent two days talking myself into 'this had to be done' So Friday I didn't think about it, I just donned my gloves, mask, hat and glasses and hit Butcher Boys and Aldi's in Monticello. I finished, filled the tank with cheap gas, had my oil checked at Shermans and was back home in two hours.

I'm good for another six weeks. But it took me another two days to recover.

Making your favorite stir fry with Sesame Oil (that you find out later expired Feb 2017) renders the dish inedible. Luckily, I have a new bottle bought in January. Big difference!! Who knew this expired?

(Note to self. Make time in the bathtub laundry to clean out the kitchen cabinets)

I broke another glass dish I use to kitty feed. (I did stained glass pieces for more than a decade and I NEVER broke this many pieces!)

Netflix, Acorn and Britbox are my best friends.

I have no more counterspace. It's been taken up by 'extras'.

It's been a boring week.

EXCEPT



I started reaching out to my musician friends, those I know well. I was wondering just how everyone was coping and feeling and asking them not to tell me, but to write a paragraph and send it to me. (much of this you'll read about in the next few columns). It's a difficult time for us all, but for performers, whose livelihood depends on being able to perform for people, this has to be particularly difficult.

The most poignant of the responses was from my friend Riley (James Riley). He's a bass player but even more, he's been touched by this insidious virus. This is his story in its entirety.

"Sore throat and cough. Difficulty breathing. Runny nose and sneezing. The fevers would come and go. This was mid-March. I tested negative for strep, flu and Covid 19 but the doctor said he could not guarantee I didn't receive a false negative, so we proceeded as if I had coronavirus. Thus, began my self-isolation.

Luckily, my work as a commercial graphic artist and photographer allows me to work from home between the fevers, weakness, and dizziness. This is when I retreat to my room and the comfort of my bed where my Epiphone Riviera P93 awaits; a wine-red semi-hollow electric guitar with gold hardware including a Bigsby tuned to D standard. This is good medicine.

Before Coronavirus hit - or whatever it is that I have - work had been underway on an Elvis show some guys and I were putting together. We were hoping to debut this season. Doing an Elvis show is a bucket list thing for me. Elvis is my hero. I discovered when I sing with a natural, relaxed voice that I sound something like the King. So I've been working on it and it's working out. Until Covid-19 hit.

I first felt my symptoms while at "Elvis" rehearsal. Scratchy throat then downhill from there. Here we are a month later and even though my throat is no longer sore, it's still a hassle to get a good breath let alone belt "One Night" or "Trying to Get to You". But I am trying. Meanwhile I'm-a-strummin'-and-a-hummin' Elvis tunes on my red guitar. I feel better already. See you on the other side."

He's holding his own.

This could be any one of us.

There, but for the grace of some higher power, go us all.

Until next time.....



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Reverse Culture Shock: The True Beast of Travel

Whenever one plans to travel to a new place that is vastly different from one's own homeland, he or she tends to worry about experiencing "culture shock." Culture shock is pretty self-explanatory: feeling "shocked" in a new culture. A combined emotional state of uneasiness, dis-

comfort, and confusion.

Nearly everyone who travels faces culture shock. It's natural, but, with proactive measures, can easily be overcome.

But, what no one ever seems to focus on is culture shock's ugly brother: "reverse culture shock."

While traveling during the past several years, nearly every fellow traveler I've met has mentioned how easy it was for them to beat culture shock. It took barely any effort for a majority of them. Maybe it was because they had influential and supportive peer groups alongside them. Maybe they were simply too excited by all the new sensory-shocking components of the new place, like the language, food, and people, to feel nervous.

Yet, a common trope fellow travelers seem to agree on is that culture shock isn't what phases them. Surprisingly, it's reverse culture shock.

Reverse culture shock is the same mix of uneasiness, discomfort, and confusion, only this time, one feels it when returning home from traveling.

Simply put, home is no longer the same to the traveler. The people aren't the same. The food isn't the same. The culture isn't the same.

Actually, everything is exactly the same. Nothing has truly changed. But, for the traveler, these things have changed in their minds. Their home comforts are overbearingly "the same."

For me, I experience this every time I return home. I feel lost among my family and friends, who typically just don't understand what I'm blabbering about from my travels. They don't understand the feeling of driving along the beach in Da Nang, Vietnam on a motorbike. They don't get the difference between "miego rang" or "nasi goreng" (both amazing dishes from Indonesia). They don't understand why I'm pissed off about paying \$18 for an entree, which would normally cost me \$3 in China.

I feel like a stranger in my own home. No one can truly relate to what I've seen, done, eaten, felt, lost, or gained while abroad. I'd changed so much, and yet, everyone else I know and love hadn't changed one bit.

On top of that, nearly everything can be agitating and exposed. The politics, the healthcare, the education, and so on. I mean, I got my teeth cleaned for only \$12 in Vietnam and had some of the best service I've ever received in a dental office! And, no, I didn't have any dental insurance there! At home without insurance, I once paid \$150 for the same service!

Traveling can be strenuous on any person. There's a lot to be nervous about when wandering into a completely new country and culture, but there's also a lot of good to see. But, if I can give any advice to any aspiring travelers, it's this: embrace the change, but be wary of the familiar.

You know, whenever it is we all can travel again!

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The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. connects Essential Workers with CARES Child Care Scholarships

The Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. applauds the action of the Cuomo Administration in developing a plan to provide child care to essential workers at no cost. This allocation of funding for child care for essential workers comes to the state from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act"), which has provided New York with \$163.6 million in emergency relief to the child care system.

New York State is using a portion of this funding to provide free child care for income eligible essential workers. Essential workers using a regulated child care provider will receive a scholarship for the cost of care as long as the funds to support it are available. All licensed and regulated providers who are caring for essential workers are able to participate in this new program.

Access to affordable and safe child care is a barrier for working parents during the best of times, and even more so during a crisis. New York State's plan will ensure that the workforce that is needed to protect and care for the public during this pandemic have the child care that allows them to continue to serve us all. CCR&Rs are the child care experts and the conduit to accessing child care in New York State.

If you meet the definition of an essential employee and have child care needs, use link below to register. You will be contacted by the Sullivan County Child Care Council, Inc. within one business day. We will follow up on next steps to gather information about your household and help you identify a participating child care provider or work with your current registered or licensed child care provider.

Providers currently caring for or willing to care for children of Essential Workers can apply by going to:

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Payment will be based on enrollment NOT attendance and will be made weekly by the Sullivan County Child Care Council!

Essential workers that currently have their children in licensed/registered child care or are in need of child care may apply by going to:

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Senator Metzger Secures Funding in State Budget to Expand Veterans Peer Support Program to Ulster and Sullivan Counties

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) was able to secure funding in the 2020-2021 State Budget to expand the widely lauded Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Project to Sullivan and Ulster Counties, which will provide peer-to-peer counseling and support to veterans suffering from post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury, and other mental health issues. Senator Metzger also successfully advocated for restoring full funding to existing Dwyer programs, including Orange County's highly successful Vet2Vet program.

"The Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Project is one of New York's best programs to assist and support veterans suffering from the invisible wounds of war and can save lives," said Senator Metzger. "I fought hard for this program in this year's budget, and I am thrilled that veterans in Sullivan and Ulster Counties will now be able to benefit from this model program, as veterans in Orange County have. Having access to these peer-to-peer resources is particularly important in rural communities, where isolation is a greater problem and a significant contributing factor to higher suicide rates. Our veterans have served our country bravely and sacrificed for us, and we owe it to them to provide them with the support and services they need to thrive."

The Dwyer Project began in 2012 as a pilot partnership between the Suffolk County United Veterans Program and the Suffolk County Veterans Service Agency and has been so successful that the program has been extended to 23 counties across the state, thanks to state funding. At a February press conference in Albany, Senator Metzger joined members of the Senate's Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs Committee in calling for funding in this year's state budget to extend the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project to other counties.

Pat Ryan, Ulster County Executive said, "Expanding the Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Project to Ulster County is a direct result of Senator Metzger advocating for this much-needed funding in the 2020-2021 State Budget. Between fighting to expand the Dwyer Vet2Vet program and her office's veterans resource fair event series around the region, Senator Metzger is a strong ally for veterans, active service members, and their families, and I am confident that the services provided in Vet2Vet outreach will greatly benefit those most deserving of direct support."

John Crotty, Director, Sullivan County Veterans Service Agency said, "All of us in the Sullivan County Veteran community are very appreciative of Senator Metzger's work to expand resources available to our Veterans. The Vet2Vet program will be especially helpful in connecting with our veterans and delivering services to those who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Nadia Allen, Executive Director, MHA in Orange County, Inc. said, "We are honored to have Ulster and Sullivan counties join the ranks of the PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Mentoring and Support Program. These counties are now poised to serve their veteran community in the best ways possible as a result of this funding. We commend Senator Metzger for her demonstrated leadership on these important issues. With the VA reporting that an estimated 22 veterans a day are lost to suicide, expansion of the program is long overdue."

Everett Cox, Vet Peer, Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer Support Program in Orange County said, "I did not know, when I started working for the Dwyer program, that lonely old vets - from WWII, or Korea or Vietnam - or their caregivers - would hold my hand while crying and call me their angel. I did not know that my war experience or suicide attempts would give vets the freedom to speak about their war experiences and suicidal thoughts. I did not know there were so many homeless and hungry vets in Orange County. I did not know the need for Vet2Vet would be so great or that it would change my life so much, and I'm so glad to see the program expand to other counties in the region. They will surely benefit from it."

Metzger's Veterans Resource Fair event series, that ran from late 2019 through February, connected active duty service members, veterans of

any branch of the U.S. Military, and their families with information and resources tailored to their needs. As they received legal, financial, housing and health related support from participating service organizations, attendees praised the Vet2Vet program to Metzger and her staff.

SC Leaders to Host COVID-19 Town Halls

Monticello, NY - Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty announces that Legislature Vice Chair Mike Brooks, County Manager Josh Potosek and Public Health Director Nancy McGraw will be joined by Community Services Commissioner Laura Quigley and Public Health Educator Jill Hubert-Simon to answer citizens' questions during a Facebook Live Q&A session Monday, April 27, at 1 p.m.

"Laura has been doing an outstanding job overseeing our Emergency Community Assistance Center, while Jill continues to be an integral part of our Public Health Services team, out on the front lines teaching people how to stay safe and well during this pandemic," Doherty stated. "They represent the many fearless County employees who are working tirelessly on our behalf."

Catskill Regional Medical Center CEO Jonathan Schiller will make a return at the Thursday, April 30 Town Hall.

Questions can be submitted via either email at scownhall@co.sullivan.ny.us or private message to www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov by 7 a.m. April 27. 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 27 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.

Project Resilience



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

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

FOR PARTICIPANTS:

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

PLEASE VISIT THE PROJECT RESILIENCE WEBSITE
<https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/project-resilience/>

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UC Executive Ryan Announces Special COVID-19 Tenant Protection Unit
County Executive Ryan creates new unit to assist those facing evictions and other tenants' issues during COVID-19



KINGSTON, NY - County Executive Pat Ryan announced today the creation of a new unit to exclusively review tenant complaints related to COVID-19. The COVID-19 Tenant Protection Unit, staffed by members of the Ulster County Public Defender's Office, will assure that tenants' rights are being protected through Governor Andrew Cuomo's "New York on Pause" order, which put all commercial or residential eviction under a 90-day moratorium.

In addition, the unit will serve as a liaison between the tenant and appropriate law enforcement jurisdiction, the State Attorney General, building inspectors and landlords, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, and other government resources to help protect tenants from illegal evictions.

"Ulster County has zero-tolerance for anyone taking advantage of our residents during this crisis," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "If you find yourself being evicted during the New York Pause order, I ask that you reach out to us immediately. I promise that we will both act swiftly to remedy the situation and make public those who have violated this order."

"My office stands ready to help any tenant in need of assistance during this trying time," Acting-Ulster County Public Defender Clifford Owens said. "We are prepared to act quickly and reach out to any and all appropriate agencies to ensure that tenants' rights are being fully met during COVID-19."

Earlier this month in response to reports of landlords raising rent, County Executive Ryan called for a County-wide rent freeze to hold rent to its current level during the COVID-19 pandemic.

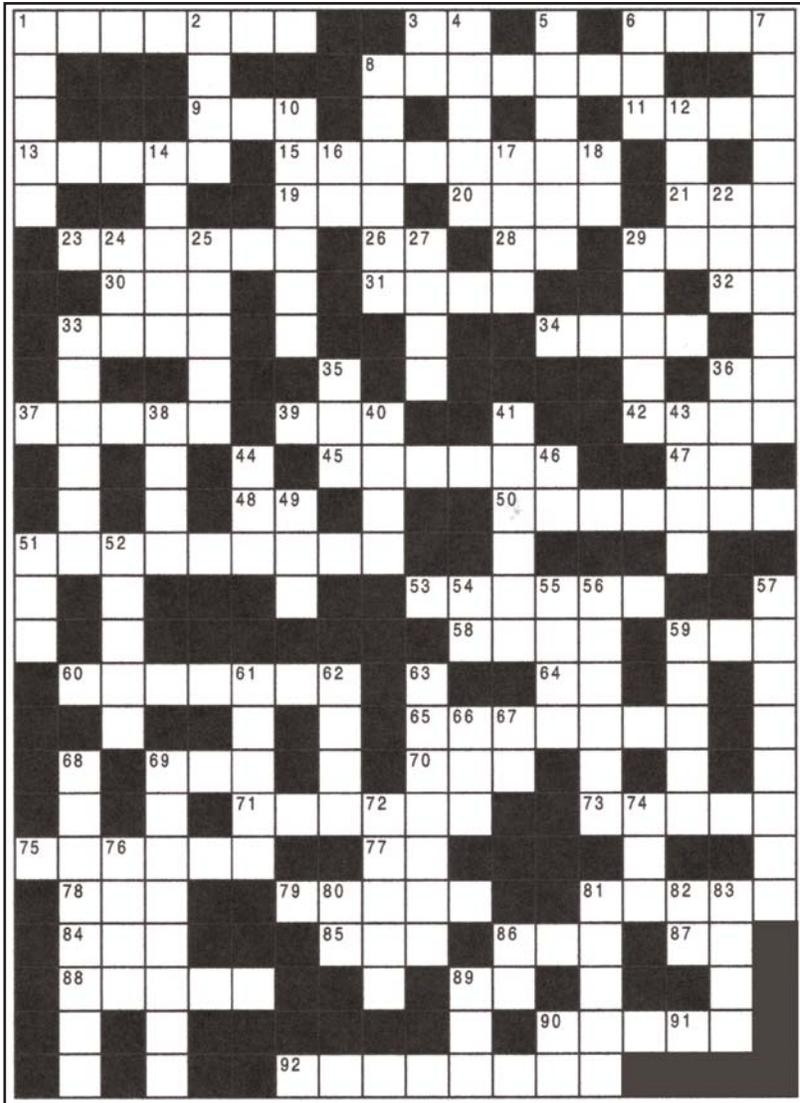
To make a tenant complaint, call 845-303-5503 or please visit: <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/covid-19-tenants-protection-unit-form/>

There are currently 1,049 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ulster County and 19 fatalities.

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

THE LUSTY MONTH OF MAY! L. Comando

BACKYARD BARBECUE SPARERIBS



- 4 pounds pork spareribs
- 1 cup catsup
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 cups cola soft drink
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped

Cut ribs into serving-size pieces and place on heated grill. Slowly cook 1 to 1 1/4 hours, turning often. Combine remaining ingredients in a saucepan and simmer 10-15 minutes. Brush ribs generously with sauce and continue to cook, about 30 minutes, basting and turning often.

DOWN

- 1 Jumps quickly
- 2 Part of the Earth's surface
- 3 Chem element Aluminum
- 4 A variety of wine grapes
- 5 The May season
- 6 Battle Dress Uniform
- 7 President who proclaimed May 1st as Loyalty Day
- 8 Seed bearing part of a plant
- 10 Bring an event back into one's mind
- 12 Long upholstered seat
- 14 Act of joining together
- 16 California
- 17 Water-filled ditch surrounding a castle
- 18 Common Era
- 22 Already eaten
- 24 Runs Batted In
- 25 Uncertain
- 27 Bites sharply
- 29 Detailed diagrams
- 33 Hit
- 35 Possesses
- 36 State of armed conflicts
- 38 Lush valley
- 40 Pillar or post
- 41 Woven container
- 43 At that time
- 44 Evergreen
- 46 Chemical element Lutetium
- 49 The fifth month of our year
- 51 Portable bed
- 52 Work
- 54 Artificial radioactive element-a/k/a rutherfordium
- 55 Docile
- 56 Building used for Christian worship
- 57 An inheritance
- 59 Female chosen to hold most important position at an event or festival
- 61 Rhythmic movement to music
- 62 Shout
- 63 Day of festivity
- 66 Popular pen brand name
- 67 Street
- 68 Assert again
- 69 A tree that flowers the same time that shad are found in rivers
- 72 Tramp
- 74 Uniform Resource Locator
- 76 Precipitation
- 80 Railroad
- 81 Wheat or other cultivated cereal crop
- 82 Indication of association between two entities
- 83 Mountain stream
- 86 Colorado
- 89 Non-existent
- 90 Kinetic Energy

ACROSS

- 1 Allegiance
- 3 Associated Press
- 6 Vehicle honored in May
- 8 Turn over
- 9 Used in conjunction with a negative alternative
- 11 Exploit for one's own advantage
- 13 Gratifying; self-respect
- 15 Avoiding waste
- 19 Crow's cry
- 20 Overall quality of a sound
- 21 Used to create a current of air
- 23 Bits of information with little importance
- 26 Half an em
- 28 Chemical symbol for silver
- 29 Walkway
- 30 A large snake
- 31 Violent disturbance of peace by a crowd
- 32 Executive Officer
- 33 Voice vocally
- 34 Bird's wing movement
- 36 People in general
- 37 Merchandising
- 39 Circulating fluid in the vascular system of plants
- 42 Luminous heavenly body
- 45 Communal
- 47 Hour
- 48 I am (contradiction)
- 50 Favorable outcome
- 51 Praise publicly
- 53 Rough drawing
- 58 Became the 45th State in the USA
- 59 Quebec
- 60 A day in which one works
- 64 Twelfth letter of the Greek alphabet
- 65 To see
- 69 Central body of the solar system
- 70 Provided with light
- 71 Relating to the Celts
- 73 Indigenous people on Karakorum Mts. in N. Pakistan
- 75 Public procession
- 77 Road
- 78 Popular trend
- 79 Give pleasure
- 81 Spherical representation of the Earth
- 84 Lie
- 85 Beam of light
- 86 Auto
- 87 Chemical element iron
- 88 Eskimo people
- 89 Not any
- 90 Information booth
- 92 1942 movie; Comedy starring Shirley Temple

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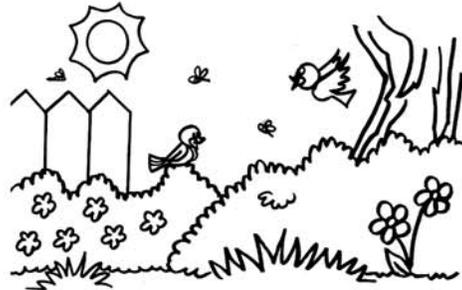
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KIDS' SPRING FUN PAGE - L. Comando

Which blossom grew from which flower pot. Follow the tangled vines to find the answer.



Can you find 5 differences between the two spring pictures?



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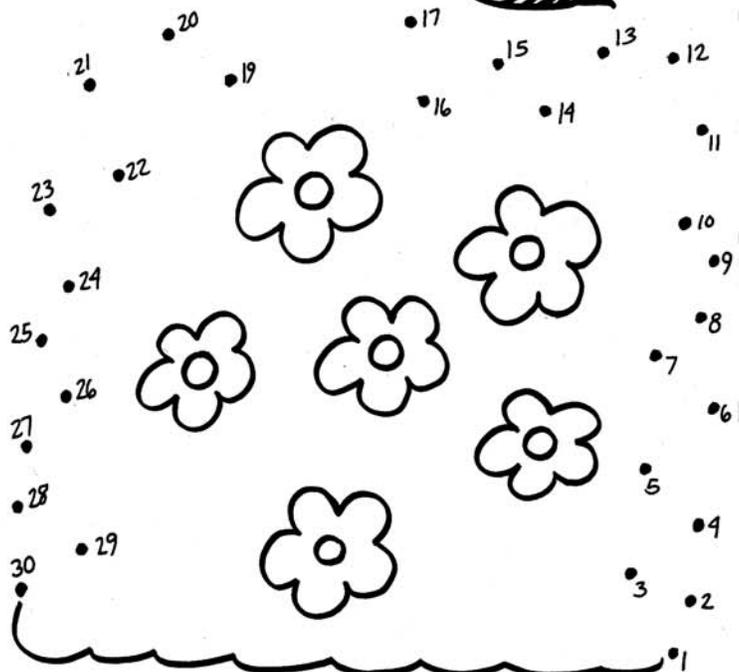
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 LADY'S SLIPPER
 PHLOX

FLOWER WORDFIND

Can you help the butterfly find his way out of the flower garden?



Follow the dots and see where the bee is flying.



UC Executive Ryan Announces Opening of Third Ulster County Testing Site County Executive Ryan tours new Midtown Kingston testing facility



(Left to right: Chief Medical Officer of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley, Dr. Michael Doyle and Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan at the on-site at the Midtown Kingston testing site).

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan today announced information about Ulster County's third COVID-19 testing site located in Midtown Kingston in partnership with HealthAlliance. The new location will be open five days a week and will continue to increase testing capacity in Ulster County. Located on Grand Street, conveniently just off Broadway near the YMCA, the site will accommodate both walk-ins and drive-through testing with an appointment.

"This additional testing site in Midtown Kingston will expand accessibility by ensuring all residents have access to testing. By having both walk-in and drive-through testing options, we will increase our testing capacity and slow the spread of COVID-19," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I want to thank HealthAlliance for their continued close partnership providing crucial support and resources to keep every

Ulster County resident healthy and safe."

We are pleased to partner with Ulster County in offering this new, appointment-only COVID-19 test site to the community. It will serve residents from Ulster County and surrounding communities, offering safe and convenient walk-in and drive through testing at our WMCHHealth Advanced Physician Services medical practice located at 27 Grand Street in Kingston," Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley M.D. Michael Doyle said. "This Ulster County testing location will be WMCHHealth's fifth in the region, and our network now has testing centers in or near every community where we have a hospital. To date, WMCHHealth testing centers have cared for more 20,000 of our Hudson Valley neighbors, and we look forward to providing Ulster County residents with this vital service."

Earlier last week, County Executive Ryan acknowledged the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on communities of color. In response, he has directed the Ulster County Human Rights Commission to develop a plan and work with these communities to better ensure equity and access to information, treatment, and other resources. Additionally, this testing site aims to better serve residents and increase accessibility for those who may not have access to a vehicle by providing walk-in appointments.

The midtown testing site is located at 27 Grand St., Kingston, NY 12401. It will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Individuals seeking a COVID-19 test should call 845-303-2730. The phone hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on weekends.

Additionally, the mobile testing site at TechCity and Ellenville Hospital will continue to operate. Individuals seeking more information about these testing sites can visit: <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/mobile-testing/>

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

There are currently 1234 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 23 fatalities in Ulster County.

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

SUNY Sullivan Theater Program Announces Staged Reading Performances

The SUNY Sullivan Theater Program is proud to announce staged reading performances for **THE COUNT PARTINUPLES / El Conde Partinuplés** by Ana Caro Mallén, translated by Harley Erdman and **THANK YOU / I'M SORRY** by Brianna Worden and Janna Walter.

THE COUNT PARTINUPLÉS/El Conde Partinuplés and **THANK YOU / I'M SORRY**, directed by Jessica López-Barkl, Associate Professor of Theater and Speech/Theater Program Director at SUNY Sullivan.

We are excited to have plays that touch on the spirit of 1969 with shades of the Stonewall riots launching the LGTBIQ+ movement, Woodstock, the Vietnam War, Love/Peace, Racial Tension, Disability Awareness, the Cold War, and Identity.

When:

o **THE COUNT PARTINUPLE / El Conde Partinuplés** will play May 1, 7, 9, 2020, at 8 PM and May 3, 2020, at 2 PM, via Facebook Live and YouTube, Live!

o **THANK YOU / I'M SORRY** will play May 2, 6, 8 at 8 PM, and May 10, 2020, at 2 PM, Facebook and Youtube Live!

Where:

o Facebook Live on the performance days from the SUNY Sullivan Theater Program Facebook page: @SullyPerformingArts

o Youtube Live on the performance days.

Please Contact Jessica López-Barkl with any questions
jbarkl@sunsullivan.edu

SUNY Sullivan Theater Program Announces Staged Reading Performances

(From Pg 17)

THE COUNT PARTINUPLES / El Conde Partinuplés Synopsis

A twist on the Psyche and Cupid myth told through the particular perspective of a 17th Century Spanish Moor playwright. In Ana Caro Mallén's imaginative twist, the Empress of Constantinople finds a husband through the use of magic, creating an enchanted castle and hosting a supernatural banquet. The Empress, pursued by several suitors (all princes), and only one will win her hand in marriage through a tournament.

Ana Caro Mallén, Playwright for *THE COUNT PARTINUPLE / El Conde Partinuplés* from *WOMEN PLAYWRIGHTS OF EARLY MODERN SPAIN*:

Ana Caro Mallén de Soto was born to a Morisco slave family at the end of the sixteenth century in Granada, Caro was about ten years old when she was baptized and legally adopted by Gabriel Caro de Mallén and Ana María de Torres in 1601. Ana María and Gabriel had one son, Juan Caro before Ana María died. Gabriel Caro then married Alfonsa de Loyola and had a second son, Juan Mallén. The family moved to Seville so that Juan could complete his religious studies and become a friar. Caro probably started her writing career around 1628 in Seville. Records show that she received payment for two Corpus Christi *auto sacramentales*, entitled *La puerta de la Macarena* (THE GATE OF THE MACARENA, 1641) and *La cuesta de Castilleja* (The Hill of Castilleja, 1645), both lost. She also lived in or at least visited Madrid, where her first brother, Juan Caro, lived and maintained connections to the court. In Madrid, Caro had personal and literary relationships with some of the popular writers of the time, as we can see, for example, in her poetic production. Evidence suggests she forged a friendship with the writer Maria de Zayas during her time in Madrid. Among Caro's poems composed for special occasions or events, there are compositions included in the preliminaries of Zayas's first collection of short stories, praising her friend, as well as a poetic composition reporting the Buen Retiro celebrations in 1637. Together they enjoyed the city's literary circles and also attended (and participated in) *academias*, such as the one presided over by Francisco de Mendoza. In addition to Caro's plays and poetry, other works have survived. These include a few reports (*relaciones*) about local celebrations and events. As a playwright, Ana Caro composed *auto sacramentales*, of which we only know that the Loa sacramental for the Corpus Christi festivities of Seville was presented in 1639 and published that same year. Her two known comedias were probably staged, but there are no records. *Valor, agravio y mujer* (VALOR, OFFENSE WOMAN) survives today in a manuscript written in a seventeenth-century hand. *El conde Partinuplés* (COUNT PARTINUPLES) was printed in an extant 1653 collection of comedias in which plays by Calderón de la Barca and Vélez de Guevara also appear. Her last known publication is a sonnet published in a poetry compilation from Seville in 1646. In this same year, a certain María Ana Caro appears among the list of those who died from the plague in Seville's Convent of the María Magdalena. We still lack confirmation as to whether this is the same woman as our playwright, yet the expenses for this Ana Caro's funeral were high, so she clearly enjoyed some wealth. In accordance with funeral practices for plague victims, most of her belongings were burned. Nonetheless, given Ana Caro's extensive involvement in literary circles and numerous mentions of various texts, we remain hopeful that more of her work will be discovered some day.

Harley Erdman, translator for THE COUNT PARTINUPLE / El Conde Partinuplés: Harley Erdman is a dramaturg, playwright, and scholar whose work focuses on adaptation and translation. His commissioned work as a translator of contemporary Latin American theater includes plays from Mexico, Nicaragua, and Chile. His *Women Playwrights of Early Modern Spain* (ITER, 2016) features his translations of ten plays, for the first time ever in English. It won the Josephine Roberts Award for best scholarly edition in the field of early modern women and gender. His translations of Tirso de Molina's *Jealous of Herself* and *Marta the Divine* were published in 2012 in companion volumes by Aris & Phillips. With Susan Paun de García, he co-edited the anthology of essays, *Remaking the Comedia* (Tamesis,

2015). His most recent book project, a bilingual edition of Luis Vélez de Guevara's *La serrana de la Vera*, was published by the University of Liverpool Press in 2019 and produced at UMass under the title *Wild Thing*. He is a winner of the Association for Hispanic Classic Theater's Translation Prize. Erdman has also published numerous articles on the history of Jewish representation on the American stage, as well as the book *Staging the Jew* (Rutgers, 1997). His article on the Yiddish play *God of Vengeance* won the Kahan Prize for Outstanding Essay (2000) from the American Society for Theater Research. His dramatic writing projects focus on rebels and outsiders in local history. These include the opera librettos *The Scarlet Professor* (2017) and *The Garden of Martyrs* (2013), both with composer Eric Sawyer; *The Captivation of Eunice Williams* (2004), with composer Paul Kimper; as well as the screwball comedy *Nobody's Girl*, which debuted at the Northampton Academy of Music in 2014. With colleague Gina Kaufmann and composer Aaron Jones, he is adapting Tirso de Molina's original Don Juan play, *The Trickster of Seville*, into a new musical set on a contemporary college campus. *The Scarlet Professor* won the 2019 American Prize for composers of opera. Erdman has taught in Scotland, El Salvador and Sri Lanka - in the latter country, as part of a 2016 Fulbright Fellowship. He also has received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the UMass College of Humanities and Fine Arts. Erdman has served as Editor of the journal *Theatre Topics*.

THANK YOU / I'M SORRY synopsis

A world premiere of a docu-drama about Neurofibromatosis and the journey of a daughter and mother through diagnosis, treatment(s), pain, love, and changes.

Janna Walter - playwright/performer biography

Janna Walter hails from Grahamsville, NY. She has been performing around Sullivan County and the NY area for over the 20 years, many of which were under the study and direction of Paul Austin of the Liberty Free Theatre. This is Janna's playwrighting debut and fourth performance with the SUNY Sullivan Performing Arts Program. Past performances include: *GIDION'S KNOT*, *WORKING*, *MARSHALL COUNTY LINE*, *ROSEMARY WITH GINGER*, *WHY WE HAVE A BODY*, *DEATH OF BESSIE SMITH*, and *DELORES*. Janna is a Maternal-Child Registered Nurse who cares for women and children of Sullivan County. Janna has been advocating for her daughter, Brianna and all NEUROFIBROMATOSIS HEROES for 23 years. She has dedicated a lifetime to raising NF awareness and funds in the hope of finding a treatment and cure for this disorder that affects over 2.5 million people world-wide. Janna is the mother of 4 amazing children, including, Brianna, Brandon, Robert and Jayce. She would like to thank her husband, Daniel for his support, patience and most of all love.

Brianna Worden - playwright/performer biography

Brianna Worden - Former Miss Teen New York International, is a 23-year-old who graduated top 10% of her class from Boston University. She is excited to announce that she is the 2020 Children's Tumor Foundation (CTF) National Ambassador. As the Ambassador and a Patient Advocate she is using her voice and her story to help find a cure for neurofibromatosis. She has addressed the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) twice. She is a graduate from Tri-Valley High School. In high school Brianna took part in All County, NYSSMA and was a member of The Women's Choir. She has also performed in many productions at SUNY Sullivan, such as, *RAGTIME*, *MARSHALL COUNTY LINE*, *POLAROID STORIES*, *THE DUTCHMAN*, and *ASSASSINS*, where she played the role of Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme. Brianna has competed twice in the Region 1 Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival also known as KCACTF for acting and singing. She is very excited to be performing this production. Brianna is honored and excited to have written this show with her mother, Janna Walter. Her mother is her hero. She hopes that you gain something positive from this production.

Jessica López-Barkl
Associate Professor of Theater and Speech
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Protecting Peregrines

On April 11, Forest Ranger Sarah Bode cited two rock climbers for Failure to Obey a DEC sign. The tickets were written to a 31-year-old man from Bernardsville, New Jersey, and a 32-year-old woman from New York City for climbing closed routes on Poke O Moonshine. DEC wildlife staff closes certain cliffs and climbing routes to allow peregrine falcons to breed, select a nesting site, and encourage the birds to return to their nesting sites. Once nesting has begun, DEC wildlife staff work with Forest Rangers and other DEC programs in notifying the climbing community and public of these closures and may open climbing routes that can be used without disturbing the nesting falcons and their young. After the young falcons have fledged, climbing routes are opened. The rock climbing community has been cooperative with DEC's efforts and climbers have volunteered to be observers, monitoring falcons and nesting activity. DEC last issued tickets to climbers for climbing on the closed routes in the early 2000s, and Forest Rangers continue to patrol and enforce these routes.



View of Poke O Moonshine

Wilderness Rescue

On April 19 at 8:51 p.m., Warren County 911 transferred a call to DEC's Ray Brook Dispatch reporting two lost men on Hadley Mountain. The coordinates provided by 911 placed the hikers about one-half-mile off the trail. The 28-year-old and 24-year-old from Saratoga and Glenville did not have equipment other than their cell phones. Forest Rangers Joe Hess and Tony Goetke responded to their location. At 10:20 p.m., Ranger Hess started in from the trailhead and was able to make verbal contact with the hikers. Once located, Ranger Hess escorted the pair back to the trail and out to the parking lot. The hikers declined further assistance and Rangers cleared the scene.

New York State COVID-19 Response



(Photo courtesy of New York State Department of Health)

Forest Ranger Chuck Kabrehl (red jacket) hangs American Flag at Albany COVID-19 testing facility

DEC personnel from across agency divisions and regions statewide continue to support the State's response to the COVID-19 public health crisis. Personnel from more than 20 New York State agencies are working on response efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. DEC Forest Rangers' expertise in the Incident Command System (ICS) and experience in applying ICS to wide area searches and large wildland fire have

made them a key part of this statewide effort.

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

REMINDER:

Be sure to properly prepare and plan before entering the backcountry. Visit DEC's Hike Smart NY and Adirondack Backcountry Information webpage for more information.

Joint Statement by SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza and Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin on the Resumption of the Paycheck Protection Program

Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration Jovita Carranza and U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin issued the following statement today on the resumption of the Payroll Protection Program (PPP):

"We are pleased that President Trump has signed into law the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, which provides critical additional funding for American workers and small businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic. We want to thank Leader McConnell, Leader Schumer, Speaker Pelosi, and Leader McCarthy for working with us on a bipartisan basis to ensure that the Paycheck Protection Program is funded so that small businesses can keep hardworking Americans on the payroll.

"The Small Business Administration will resume accepting PPP loan applications on Monday, April 27 at 10:30 AM EDT from approved lenders on behalf of any eligible borrower. This will ensure that SBA has properly coded the system to account for changes made by the legislation.

"The PPP has supported more than 1.66 million small businesses and protected over 30 million jobs for hardworking Americans. With the additional funds appropriated by Congress, tens of millions of additional workers will benefit from this critical relief.

"We encourage all approved lenders to process loan applications previously submitted by eligible borrowers and disburse funds expeditiously. All eligible borrowers who need these funds should work with an approved lender to apply. Borrowers should carefully review PPP regulations and guidance and the certifications required to obtain a loan.

"The Trump Administration is fully committed to ensuring that America's workers and small businesses continue to get the resources they need to get through this challenging time."

Last Winter Season Market

The weather has been strange lately but, rain, snow, or shine we are committed to being a safe outlet for you to buy your local healthy food choices. Every week we are able to reaffirm that we are an amazing and respectful community, and we are proud to see how much consideration and kindness we have for each other during this time.

Our Summer season starts May 3rd. We will have a new list of vendors to look forward to. Remember that many of our vendors offer pre-order services and we continue to update this list regularly.

Remember To Follow Our COVID-19 Market Rules:

- Customers who are sick are not permitted.
- Make your purchase as prompt as possible. (Figure out your list ahead of time)
- Maintain a social distancing of 6' feet from others.
- Vendor Serve Only (Do not touch the products)
- Only one customer per family or group (Single entry to the market)
- Wear a mask or face covering

Please note: We have a porta-let (porta potty) unit at the entrance of the park. This unit has a foot operated hand washing station inside.

This is a challenging time, we thank you in advance for your cooperation. As this is an ever changing situation, we will do our very best to keep you posted with any changes. We will get through this together. Cultivate courage, kindness, and respect. And remember it is always nice to see a friendly hand wave.

- The Callicoon Farmers' Market

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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6317 Rte. 42, Woodbourne, NY

Weekend Mass schedule:
Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

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

Grahamsville Reformed Church

The Church with a friendly welcome

Pastor Kenneth Ronk
Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service 9:30 am
P O Box 238 - Route 55
Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

Claryville Reformed Church



Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041

Worship Services @ 10:00 am

Church Hall available for rent
Call - 845-985-2041 for information

St. Augustine's Chapel
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
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, **Pastor**

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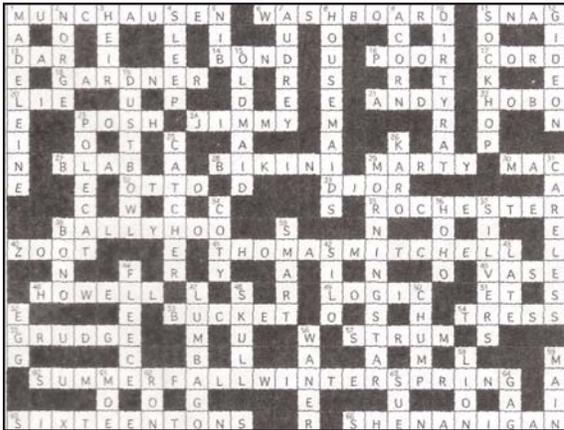
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AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
 • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex,
 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
 N.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

VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

Ans to last 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

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6	8	4	9	2	5	7	1	3
5	2	7	8	1	3	6	4	9
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 or visit our Virtual Mall gnomehome.net

SPRING CLEANUP WILL GO ON AS PLANNED WITH THE FOLLOWING RULES:

- 1. YOU MUST HAVE THE 2020 PERMIT PRIOR TO THE EVENT. PERMIT WILL BE PUNCHED BEFORE ENTERING. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- 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
(Please check with a Tri-Valley Lions member for updates on this)

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.



Medicare 101

Live Zoom Webinar

Wednesday, May 6, 2020
6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Presented by:
James Farnham, MBA, MS
Licensed Agent

Will you be turning 65 soon? Are you eligible for Medicare?

Please join us for this live webinar as we learn about Medicare basics including. Prescription Drug Plans. Medicare Supplement Plans, and Medicare Advantage Plans (HMOs and PPOs).

Advanced online registration at danielpiercelibrary.org is required. Those who register will receive an email prior to the event with a link and instructions on how to join.



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 QUALIFY FOR USE OF THE FACILITY.

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:**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Sealed bids for the furnishing of all labor and material necessary for the Clothes Pool Slope Stabilization Project will be received by the Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District (SCSWCD) until **12:00 pm local time Wednesday, June 3, 2020** at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids shall be submitted in sealed envelopes, addressed to: Brenden Wagner, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, NY, 12740 and shall bear on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the appropriate contract title: "Clothes Pool Stream Restoration Project."

Contractors interested in the bidding shall register their interest by emailing BWagner@rondoutneversink.org prior to 4:00pm Tuesday, May 12th. Due to the coronavirus outbreak, contract documents, including Advertisement For Bids, Information For Bidders, Labor and Employment, Additional Instructions, Bid Documents, Agreement, General Conditions, General Requirements, Specifications, Contract Drawings and any Addenda, are available electronically. Download instructions for the Contract Documents will be provided by SCSWCD after registering interest.

In lieu of a site showing, interested bidders will be assigned a one hour viewing period on **Thursday, May 14th** in which to inspect the project site.

SCSWCD will conduct a **MANDATORY** Pre-Bid Phone Conference on **Friday May 15, 2020** at 11:00 a.m. Attendance on the conference call is mandatory, and any bids received from contractors that did not attend the entire conference will not be accepted.

Addenda, if any, will be issued only to those persons whose name and address are on record as having obtained the contract documents and have attended the mandatory phone conference.

Project Description:

The Clothes Pool Stream Restoration Project consists of stream realignment and stabilization away from the current failing slope along the West Branch Neversink River, in the town of Denning, NY.

Each bid must be accompanied by security in an amount not less than five percentum (5%) of the amount of the bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. No Bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual date of opening thereof. This is an exempt capital improvement project, and Bidders shall not include in their bid sales and compensating use taxes on the cost of materials which are to be incorporate into the work and which are to be separately sold by the Contractor to the Sullivan County Soil and Water Conservation District prior to incorporation into the work of the Contract.

SCSWCD reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities therein, and to select the Bid, the acceptance of which, in its judgment, will best assure the efficient performance of work. Bids may be held by SCSWCD for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids, for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding the Contract.

The attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the Contract. Minority an Woman Owned Businesses are encouraged to apply.

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NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF TENTATIVE ASSESMENT ROLL

NOTICE OF COMPLETION shall be published once in the official newspaper of the T Town of Denning and a copy of the published notice posted on the signboard at the entrance of the Town Clerk's office stating that the Assessor has completed the Tentative Roll, where the roll may be examined and when and where Grievance Day will be held (rptl § 506,526(1), 1526).

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Sole Assessor of the Town of Denning, County of Ulster has completed the Tentative Roll for the current year and that a copy has been left with the Town Clerk at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY12725 where it may be seen and examined by any interested person until the fourth Wednesday in May during regular business hours or by appointment.

The Board of Assessment review will meet on Wednesday, May 27th, 2020 between the hours of 4 - 8 pm at the Denning Town Hall, to hear and examine all complaints in relation to assessments, on the written application of any person believing himself to be aggrieved.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions I will be available by phone only, 845-626-4342. You may mail any completed grievance form to me at 28 Cooper St. Accord, NY 12404 or drop off at Town Hall to be presented on your behalf. Please notify me if you plan to attend so the Board can be prepared. Please bring your mask and rubber gloves, to be admitted.

Dated the 27th of April, 2020

Michael B. Sommer, IAO

SOLE ASSESSOR

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PUBLIC NOTICE

DUE THERE BEING NO BUSINESS THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN OF NEVERSINK PLANNING BOARD SCHEDULED FOR MAY 6, 2020 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

BY ORDER OF

THE PLANNING BOARD

TOWN OF NEVERSINK

JAMES STANGEL, CHAIRMAN

4/30

Please Take Notice:

The Town of Denning Town Board in an effort, to be in accordance with, the Executive Order No. 202.4 issued by Governor Andrew Cuomo on March 7th, 2020, and which has been extended, has decided to RESCHEDULE the previously scheduled Town Board meeting, to be held on Tuesday, May 5th, 2020 at the Sundown Church Hall, as well as, the Town Business Meeting which was to be held on Tuesday, May 12th, 2020, at 6 pm.

The Town Board and Town Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 at the Denning Town Hall, 1567 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725, scheduled to begin at 10 am.

The Meeting will be closed to the Public, as ORDERED.

Please email any questions or comments pertaining to agenda items, only, to townclerk@denning.us, which must be received by Monday, May 11th, 2020 at 12 noon for inclusion. The call in phone number will be published when established.

By Order of the Denning Town Board

Joy Monforte, RMC, T.C.

April 27th, 2020.

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Tri-Valley Central School District Board Meeting

on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 6:00 p.m.
via You Tube Live.
Anticipated Executive Session
possible at 5:00 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special meeting of the Board of Education of the Fallsburg Central School District, Sullivan and Ulster Counties, New York, will be held on April 28, 2020 via teleconference beginning at 10:00 AM, at that time, it is anticipated that the Board will make a motion for the purpose of adjourning into executive session. There will be no Board action following the Executive Session.

AG James Calls on Mortgage Servicers to Provide Substantial COVID-19 Relief for Homeowners

Mortgage Servicers Must Ease the Burden on New York -Homeowners to Prevent an Even Greater Economic Crisis

NEW YORK - New York Attorney General Letitia James sent letters to 35 of New York's major mortgage servicers, calling on them to provide immediate and long-term relief to all New York homeowners struggling to pay mortgages amidst the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The letters emphasize the responsibility of mortgage servicers to do more to ensure that COVID-19 does not cause unnecessary foreclosures or increase homelessness in New York State.

"This pandemic is not only wreaking havoc on our health, but on the pocketbooks of millions of Americans," said Attorney General James. "If we plan to rebuild our economy, we must ensure that homeowners are granted the relief they need. We cannot afford to repeat the costly mistakes of the 2008 foreclosure crisis, which is why I am calling on mortgage service providers to take steps to help homeowners impacted by this crisis."

Mortgage servicers have taken some key first steps, both voluntarily and in response to government action, to help homeowners adversely impacted by COVID-19. However, Attorney General James' letters outline additional steps mortgage servicers must take to avoid a foreclosure crisis when the New York State-mandated mortgage forbearance agreements (which permit homeowners to stop making payments for an agreed amount of time) are over.

The Attorney General is asking the following of mortgage servicers:

- o Automatically waive late fees and place homeowners in a three-month forbearance as soon as a payment is missed, whether or not this action requested by the homeowner;
- o Permit homeowners to renew their 90-day forbearance agreements for up to one year, and provide these extensions based on a verbal or written affirmation that a homeowner's hardship is COVID-19 related without requiring additional documentation;
- o Provide a complete and accurate description of post-forbearance options when placing homeowners into a forbearance plan or responding to homeowners' requests;
- o Ensure adequate staffing and resources to process homeowners' questions and requests; and
- o Develop and be prepared to implement long-term solutions that ensure affected homeowners can easily resume payments at the end of these forbearance periods.

With investors like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac already requiring servicers to find an affordable solution at the end of the forbearance period, including by placing arrearages at the end of the mortgage as additional monthly payments, Attorney General James is calling for all mortgage servicers to provide similar long-term relief to all homeowners in order to stave off a future foreclosure crisis.

Attorney General James is working to ensure that the mortgage industry and government work together to provide effective long-term relief for homeowners affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Attorney General will also be working to connect New Yorkers with information and available services to access loan modifications through the Federal Housing Finance

Agency, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and other mortgage relief programs.

This matter was handled by Assistant Attorneys General Mark Ladov and Elizabeth M. Lynch under the Supervision of Consumer Frauds Bureau Chief Jane M. Azia. The Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau is a part of the Division of Economic Justice, which is overseen by Chief Deputy Attorney General for Economic Justice Christopher D'Angelo and First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy. Chief Deputy Attorney General for Social Justice Meghan Faux also provided additional support in this matter.

Schumer, Gillibrand Announce Over \$2 Million Federal Funding to Promote Connected Care for New Yorkers - Funding Will Connect Health Care Providers With Patients

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand today announced \$2,049,639 in federal funding to provide telehealth services for New Yorkers affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The funding was allocated through the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) COVID-19 Telehealth Program as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES).

The first round of Telehealth Program funding awarded \$312,500 to Mount Sinai Health System in New York City and \$753,367 to Hudson River HealthCare, Inc. in Peekskill. The second round of funding awarded \$983,772 to NYU Langone Health in New York City. The state and federal funding will provide recipients with resources to expand COVID-19 testing and treatment programs for low-income, uninsured and high-risk patients. Additionally, the funding will be used to implement telehealth services in makeshift spaces that have been converted into Intensive Care Units (ICUs) so that health care providers can monitor their increasing number of patients from a safe distance. This technology will keep patients on separate floors, thereby reducing exposure to COVID-19, and increasing the availability of both ICU specialists and personal protective equipment.

"As COVID-19 continues to sweep through New York, leaving no community untouched, it's imperative that New York communities have the tools necessary to fight against the pandemic," said Senator Schumer. "I am proud to have secured this vital funding for telehealth programs that will help New Yorkers get through this crisis and will continue to fight to make sure that hospitals have the dollars they need to keep both frontline healthcare providers and patients healthy."

"Everyone deserves to have access to quality health care," said Senator Gillibrand. "It is imperative that our health care providers and patients have the tools necessary to stay safe as we fight this pandemic regardless of risk, background, or socioeconomic status. I will keep fighting in the Senate to ensure that patients and front-line workers have access to the vital resources they need during this unprecedented health crisis."

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

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

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

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be. (3x).

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

FLGJ

COVID-19 ONLINE BEREAVEMENT GROUP

This on-line support group is new and is for those who have lost a loved one to Covid-19. Thank you for getting important information to our communities. The link below goes to our page with all information.

Go to:

<https://hospiceoforange.com/grief-symptoms-can-be-heightened-during-this-current-community-health-crisis/>

State Launches Unprecedented Third Round of HEAP Benefits Regular and Emergency HEAP Extended

Liberty, NY - Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, New York State has initiated a third round of HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) benefits, both Regular and Emergency, through June 30.

The Emergency benefits, which can only be accessed after regular HEAP and initial Emergency HEAP benefits have been exhausted, will mirror the first round of Emergency HEAP:

Heating Type	Third Emergency Benefit Amount
Heat-Related Domestic	\$140
Natural Gas - Heat Only	\$350
Natural Gas - Heat Combined with Heat-Related Domestic	\$490
Electric Heat	\$490
Oil, Kerosene, Propane	\$675
Wood, Pellets, Coal, Corn, Other	\$525

Eligibility criteria apply and can be found at:

www.otda.ny.gov/programs/heap.

“It is highly likely that past applicants who were working and thus ineligible for HEAP may now be eligible,” said District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajs, chair of the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee. “In addition, more people may be eligible to apply for the first time if they have encountered a loss in income.”

“Remember, however, that our Department of Family Services, which handles HEAP, is still limiting physical access to stop the spread of coronavirus,” she added, “so potential applicants should call 845-807-0142 before coming in to apply.

New applicants are able to get an application online and can apply through www.Mybenefits.gov.

PPP Funding Reopens

On Monday, April, 27, 2020 the Small Business Administration resumed accepting PPP loan applications.

This second round of funding will provide critical additional funding for small businesses and their employees affected by COVID-19. All eligible borrowers who need these funds should contact their approved lender to submit an application as soon as possible. If you do not have a relationship with a lender we recommend contacting lenders to see if they will be able to accept your application.

If you or any other Ulster County business you know need information or assistance in order to obtain an SBA loan, please contact the staff at the Ulster County Department of Economic Development at: oed@co.ulster.ny.us or 845-340-3556. It is our hope that any eligible Ulster County business needing an SBA loan to maintain or rehire employees can obtain one.

For more information on the Paycheck Protection Program, visit [sba.gov/paycheckprotection](https://www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection) To find a PPP application form: <https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/PPP-Borrower-Application-Form-Fillable.pdf>

To receive a list of all New York PPP Lenders email: oed@co.ulster.ny.us

Our best for a healthy and speedy economic recovery,
 Lisa Berger, Director
 Barbara Loughran, Business Services Administrator
 Natalie Michael, Confidential Secretary

LEGISLATURE TO DFS:

Allow Carriers to Lower Auto Premiums Now

(Kingston, NY) - Assemblymember Kevin Cahill (D-Ulster, Dutchess), chair of the Assembly Committee on Insurance, joined with ranking member Andrew Garbarino and Senator Neil Breslin, chair of the Insurance Committee of the State Senate, to call upon the Department of Financial Services to review and expedite approval of applications by New York State automobile insurance companies to reduce premiums through discounts, rebates and rate adjustments reflecting the lower risk of accident or loss during the pause associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Although consumers and businesses in other states are already experiencing substantial breaks - and some national companies are actively advertising reductions, several New York insurers have been waiting for a significant period of time for permission to return funds to their customers,” said Assemblymember Cahill. “While the Department of Financial Services acted quickly and responsibly in arriving at a thoughtful and creative solution to addressing health insurance premiums, we still await the processing of applications for reductions of auto insurance costs.”

Over a dozen major carriers like State Farm, Progressive, Nationwide, USAA, Allstate, Geico, and Liberty Mutual have voluntarily announced various types of national consumer relief programs. The Insurance Information Institute estimates “[auto] insurers will be giving customer refunds, discounts, dividends, and credits totaling \$10.5 billion [in premium relief]” across the country in anticipation of fewer claims.

“The New York Insurance Association has been working with member companies and the Department of Financial Services to accelerate the approval process for filings that provide auto insurance relief for policyholders,” said Ellen Melchionni, president of the New York Insurance Association. “Companies have announced their intentions to provide some form of giveback to their customers during the pandemic, and we are pleased to learn that the Department of Financial Services has issued guidelines to expedite the filing process for companies.”

“People are hurting and they need all the relief we can give them,” said Senator Breslin. “It is imperative that the Department of Financial Services act as expeditiously as possible to make sure that consumers get the financial help they need and deserve.”

“Long Islanders saw our insurance premiums rise after Superstorm Sandy because of 'experience rating,’” said Assemblymember Garbarino. “Now, with cars in garages, the Long Island Expressway nearly empty, our businesses reduced to a trickle and everyone who can is staying home, it is time to recognize this experience and reduce the rates. Families and small businesses have been hit hard enough to have to endure insurance premiums higher than even the companies want to charge.”

“Simple math says that if you're driving less - or not driving at all - liability will be reduced and so too should your premiums,” continued Assemblymember Cahill. “I join with my colleagues to call upon the DFS to act quickly to bring this rate relief to New Yorkers.”

Message from Frost Valley YMCA

We're thinking of you and everyone in the Frost Valley community during this challenging period for our camp, our communities, and the world. I hope you and your family remain healthy and safe.

Although our gates have been closed for over a month, we're doing what we can to stay connected.

These certainly are unprecedented times. We've never gone this long without children running across our fields, families hiking along our trails, and groups sharing meals together in the dining hall.

However, there are also a few unprecedented moments that give us reason to remain hopeful. Below are just a few of the unique and creative ways that the spirit of camp has been able to transcend this crisis:



We Held Our First Virtual Open House for Overnight Camp

Typically this time of year, we're hosting new camper families for open houses and tours. Since we're unable to do that at this time, we brought Frost Valley to them! Through video conference technology, our camp directors gave an informative slideshow presentation, shared pre-recorded tours of lodges and program areas, and answered questions from new camp families.

Attend the next virtual open house by signing up here at <https://frostvalley.org/camp/open-houses/>!

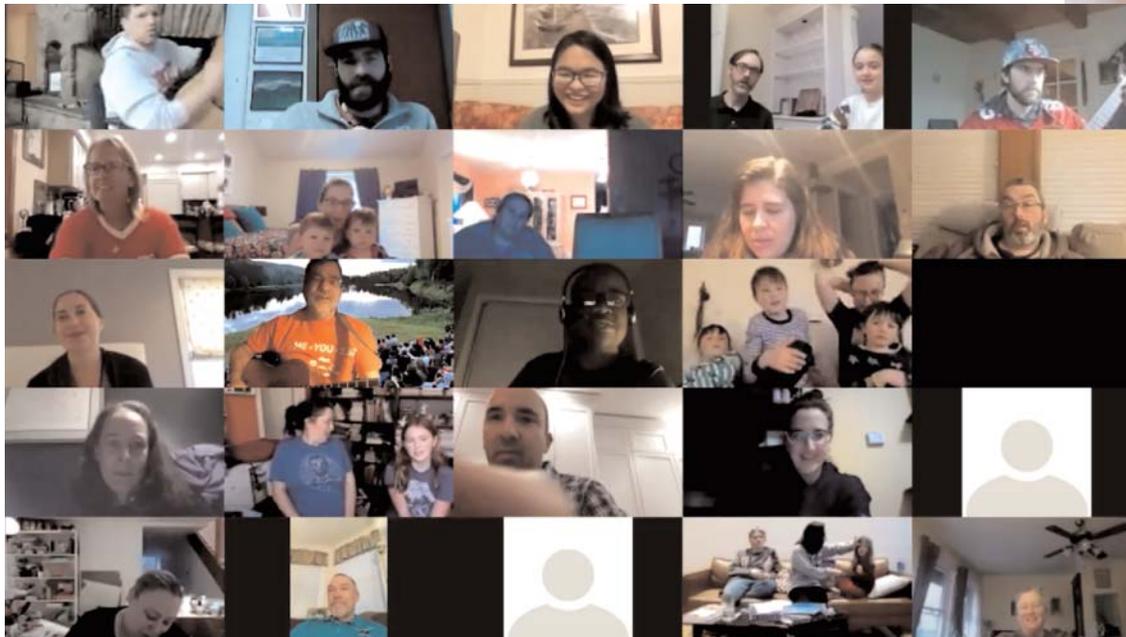
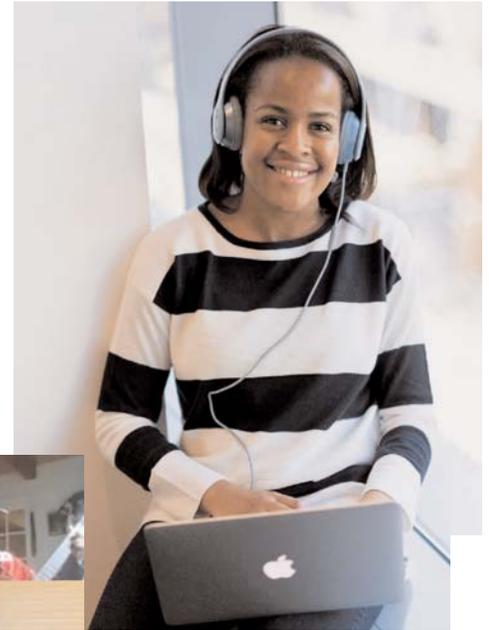
We're Offering Schoolwork Help for Children Learning at Home

Our Director of Youth Development & Innovation Jessie Emmons is offering assistance to children and their families who are navigating the new world of distance learning. We know that homeschooling is challenge many families never expected to encounter. To assist in this effort, Jessie is offering 30-minute appointment slots for children to attend video conference session for tutoring or homework help.

For more information, contact Jessie at jemmons@frostvalley.org and she is happy to help your child.

Virtual Camp Continues!

As I mentioned in my last email, our summer camp team has a full schedule of educational and recreational activities for any child who would like to participate. From ukulele lessons, to dance classes, to arts and crafts, these sessions are a great opportunity for kids to try something new and stay connected with their camp friends. All are welcome! Sign up for Virtual Camp Here <https://frostvalley.org/camp/overnight-camps/virtual-camp/>



Our First Ever Virtual Alumni Campfire!

Although it wasn't at CiT Point and we didn't have a starry Catskill sky above us, our incredible alumni family came together to enjoy a traditional Frost Valley campfire! If you'd like to practice - or just reminisce - our cherished song, "Old Wawayanda" is available on youtube here: Video of Old Wawayanda camp song at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07-1ZbB89A0&feature=youtu.be>

Be sure to also join the Alumni Facebook Group:

(https://www.facebook.com/groups/549067955301642/?source_id=15094435875) to stay informed about all upcoming alumni events!

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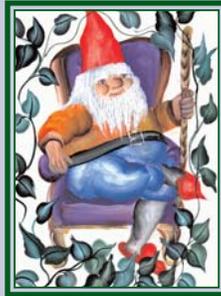
While the Grahamsville Deli is closed for now due to COVID-19, we hope you will soon be able to once again enjoy a cold beer with lunch or supper at the Grahamsville Deli!

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

Memorial Day Weekend is now only 5 weeks away
 At this time, in the best interest of everyone's safety the **4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sales** will be postponed
 Please stay safe and stay well

If we stay healthy not only will we have the chance to this in the future, but we will also help decrease the burden on our 'front line' and health care workers

Thank you all for understanding



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MAY 6, 2020

The Private Lives of Elizabeth & Essex

...is a 1939 American historical romantic drama film directed by Michael Curtiz and starring Bette Davis, Errol Flynn, and Olivia de Havilland. Based on the play Elizabeth the Queen by Maxwell Anderson—which had a successful run on Broadway with Lynn Fontanne and Alfred Lunt in the lead roles—the film fictionalizes the historical relationship between Queen Elizabeth I and Robert Devereux, 2nd Earl of Essex. The screenplay was written

by Norman Reilly Raine and Aeneas MacKenzie.

It was the fifth of nine films that Flynn and De Havilland starred in, while it was the second of his three with Davis.

The supporting cast included **Donald Crisp, Henry Daniell, Henry Stephenson, and Vincent Price.** The score was composed by **Erich Wolfgang Korngold**, who later used a theme from the film in his Symphony in F sharp major. The Technicolor cinematography was by Sol Polito, and the elaborate costumes were designed by Orry-Kelly.

The film a **Warner Bros. Pictures production**, and became a major hit the studio had anticipated. The film returned a handsome profit. Among the film's five Academy Award nominations was a nomination for **Best Color Cinematography.** Bette Davis was tipped to receive an Academy Award nomination for her role; however, she was nominated for Dark Victory (also from Warner) instead.

There was no Love between the leading stars, and Davis in a fit of anger slapped Flynn so hard she left finger welts on hi face, saying this pretty boy can't act. Some of Davis's fans have tried to say it was said by her, Quote, " This boy can act" the later was not said, until after Flynn died.

Quiz: In the film "The Private Lives of Elizabeth & Essex"

1. Who played Francis Bacon?
2. Who played Mistress Margaret Radcliffe?

What's Going on in The Gnome Gneighborhood™

Local Businesses that we know are open: **Matthews Pharmacy**, Ellenville, NY is offering curbside pickup for prescriptions (See Pg. 7 for contact informaton); **Superior Building Supplies** in Neversink, NY (See Pg. 7 for contact informaton); **Neversink General Store**, Neversink, NY - take out; gas, groceries. They are using the utmost care to make sure their staff and customers are safe (See pg. 8 for contact informaton); **James General Store**, Napanoch, NY (See Pg. 7 for contact informaton).

If you are open for business please contact us by email or phone and we will make sure to let our readers know. Thank you. Stay safe, and stay well.

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