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**Sullivan County Leaders to Host COVID-19 Town Halls
April 6 & 9
Parks Are Open, But
Playgrounds Are Closed**

Monticello, NY - Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty announces that Legislature Vice Chair Mike Brooks, County Manager Josh Potossek and Public Health Director Nancy McGraw, along with guest presenter Sullivan County BOCES District Superintendent Robert Dufour, will answer citizens' questions during a Facebook Live Q&A session Monday, April 6, at 1 p.m. Another Live Q&A will be held on Thursday, April 9, at 1 p.m., with Catskill Regional Medical Center CEO Jonathan Schiller as guest presenter.

"The Legislature wants to continue giving our citizens the best and latest information so they can make safe and healthy decisions," Doherty stated. "A range of guest hosts, combined with our regular presenters, will provide a wider view of how we're all working together to respond to the pandemic."

For the April 6 Town Hall, questions can be submitted via either email at ...

sctownhall@co.sullivan.ny.us or private message to:

www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov by 7 a.m. April 6. 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 6 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.sullivanyny.us. (Contd. Pg. 3)

**SC Volunteers Sew for Life – 127 Face
Masks presented to the Sullivan County
Health Careworkers**



Within the past few weeks the number of coronavirus cases in Sullivan County has continued to rise. It was obvious that the county's health care workers needed to increase their supply of PPE. A local group headed by Jona Hamilton of Grahamsville put their thoughts, skills and material together and in a short time delivered 127 face masks for Sullivan County health care workers.

Working from their own homes kept everyone safe and now they are trend-setters for an idea that is sweeping the nation.

Not only were the nurses and health care workers who received the first package of 127 masks grateful, the idea of this process, shed a light of hope and feeling of oneness during these times when people are isolated. It brought members of the community together for a greater purpose. No one is alone in this battle against the Coronavirus. We are all in this fight together, whether it is staying home and staying safe, or a doctor, nurse or health care worker on the front line, possibly sacrificing their own health for the sake of helping others.

This project will continue. Not being able to run to craft shops as usual has put demands on their supplies. If anyone has elastic (1/4" wide preferably), cotton fabric, or thread they wish to donate, please contact us at: tvtownsmen@yahoo.com and we will be sure to forward your information to either Jona Hamilton or a Sullivan County Health Nurse who will then make arrangements to get the supplies safely to the new 'COVID-19 Rosie the Riveters'.

We need all the support we as a community can provide.

And a huge "Thank You" to the many healthcare workers and to those who are helping at home, fighting to win this invisible war - COVID-19.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame; and the dwelling place of the wicked shall come to naught. Job 8:22

OBITUARIES

Donna Marie Hans of Neversink, NY, a long time area resident, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at the Catskill Regional Medical Center, Harris, NY, she had fought her battle fiercely. She was 72.



Daughter of the late James and Frances (Tourjie) Quinn, she was born in Buffalo, NY on May 6, 1947.

Donna loved to watch her grandchildren with all of their extra-curricular activities when she wasn't gardening; she also loved to watch and attend NASCAR events. She was an amazing cook and loved to make soups for the Jersey Hunters at Uncle Bob's. She worked several jobs throughout her life, starting at Agway in Buffalo, NY. She took pride in her role as a strong and loving mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Paul R. Hans; her sister, Peggy and her husband Tom Riter; one son, Paul T. Hans and his wife Tracey Lambert; one daughter, Kathleen and her husband Joseph J. Poppo; her grandchildren, Joseph P. (Joe Babe) and Kaylee (Miss Kay); one sister-in-law, Gail Hans; two brothers-in-law, Peter Hans and Andrew Hans; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her parents and two of her siblings, James Quinn and Judith Walty; one sister-in-law, Rosemary Hans.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Mike Schulte Memorial Fund at PO Box 412, Neversink, NY 12765.

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

Stephen Frederick Bradley passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2020 in the comfort of his home surrounded by his loving family. He was 73 years old. Stephen was born on September 10, 1946 in Ellenville, NY; he was the son of the late John Wallace and Margaret (Geiselhart) Bradley.



Stephen graduated Ellenville High School, class of 1964. He furthered his education at Mohawk Valley

Community College and graduated with an Associate in Arts Degree. Following graduation Mr. Bradley was drafted into the United States Army and served his country from 1966-1968. After being honorably discharged Stephen married the love of his life Amber Hovencamp Bradley on June 13, 1970 Stephen in Jacksonville, NY.

Mr. Bradley had worked as a Resident Counselor for New Horizon Resources for over 34 years and retired in 2018. Stephen served as the Town of Wawarsing Town Councilman from 2009 until present.

Mr. Bradley was very involved within the community. He was a member of the Hunt Memorial Preservation Committee, the Town of Wawarsing Fourth of July Committee, the Town of Wawarsing Democratic Committee, the Wawarsing Sportsmen's Club and St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Stephen was the Treasurer for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Catskill Chapter, he was a Master Instructor for New York State Bow Hunter Education and was a County Coordinator for 40 years. Stephen was an avid sportsman. He loved to fish and hunt, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family.

In addition to his wife, Amber of Napanoch, Stephen is survived by his children, Stephen H. Bradley and his wife of Napanoch, Kim Bradley and her fiancé of Ellenville and Amanda Bradley-Mandelbloom and her husband of Stoneridge; siblings, Diana Wilhelm and her husband, John R. Bradley and his wife and Norman Bradley and his partner all of Napanoch; six grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Steve's name to St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 35 Church St., Napanoch, NY 12458.

Gerald H. Spector, 80, a retired film projectionist, passed away on Friday, March 27, 2020. He was the son of Aaron "Harry" and Ray Spector of South Fallsburg, born on July 1, 1939 at the Monticello Hospital.



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OBITUARIES

(From Pg. 2) **Gerald H. Spector** – Jerry was a 1958 Fallsburg Central School graduate, he attended Orange County Community College and The New York School of Photography. After he moved to Middletown, he was a volunteer with the Wallkill Ambulance Corps and he also spent many happy hours volunteering at Orange Regional Medical Center. He will be missed by his friends at the Mulberry House Senior Center. Jerry was predeceased by his beloved wife of 34 years, Rochelle. He is survived by his daughters, Shari Spector (& Joe Smith) of Middletown, and Amie (& Victor) Cennamo of Huntersville, NC, and his sister, Eileen (& Ivan) Kalter of South Fallsburg, NY. He is also survived by his adored grandchildren: Brandon Segal, Peri Segal, Ryan Cennamo, Draven Smith and Julia Cennamo. Jerry was happiest with a camera in his hands or surrounded by his family. He always made people smile with his somewhat corny sense of humor. He was a great source of love and support for his family. Due to the world crises, there will be a private, family grave-side service at Beth David Cemetery in Elmont, NY, on Sunday. Donations in Jerry's memory may be made to Autism Speaks or the Autism Society of NC, in honor of his grandson Ryan Cennamo, 14908 Northgreen Dr., Huntersville, NC. 28078. Another organization dear to his heart was the American Diabetes Association, in honor of his grandson Brandon Segal, 36 Dolson Avenue, Middletown, NY 10940. Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home. For information, visit www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com or call 845-434-7363.

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Litterpluck Delayed, Playgrounds Closed

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Sullivan County Office of Parks, Recreation and Beautification has delayed the annual Countywide Litterpluck and closed all County-owned playgrounds.

Typically held in April, the Litterpluck will likely be mounted later this year, with officials hoping to make an announcement by May.

While County playgrounds are closed to prevent unintentional spread of coronavirus, all park grounds remain open from 8 a.m.-dusk. Restrooms have not yet opened for the season. If enjoying outdoor spaces, please continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/State Department of Health guidelines for preventing the spread of colds, flu, and COVID-19: Information can be found at www.sullivanny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus. The following is a helpful link from New York State Parks regarding park visitation: www.parks.ny.gov/covid19.

The Sullivan County Museum and Cultural Center in Hurleyville is also closed. For information on the Sullivan County Historical Society, please visit their website at www.scnyhistory.org. (Contd. Pg. 5)

While the County Parks Office is closed to physical visits, inquiries are welcome at scparks@co.sullivan.ny.us or 845-807-0287.

Call Center Hours Modified

In order to meet the needs of residents, the Public Health Services Call Center hours are now 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Voicemails left overnight and on weekends will be answered during those hours. The number is 845-292-5910.

The Sullivan County Emergency Community Assistance Center also continues to welcome calls - whether asking for help or offering help - at 845-807-0925 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. M-F. If there is no answer, callers can leave a voicemail, which will be returned.

School Budget/Board Votes Delayed Until June

By Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order, all public school budget and board votes have been postponed from the planned date of May 19 to June 1 or later. School districts will announce the new date and hours.

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.

Utterly Delectable Leek

The leek are just starting to poke their way out of the still cold soil and last fall's decaying leaves.

Leek have broad, smooth, light green leaves, often with deep purple or burgundy tints on the lower stems that begin to make themselves known in small troops as soon as the snow disappears. They have scallion like bulbs that are strongly rooted just beneath the surface of the soil. If you tear a leaf or stem and take a sniff you will recognize the strong and distinctive onion/garlic-like scent of the Wild Leek.



This herbaceous perennial plant produces basal leaves 4-9" long and 1 1/2 -3 1/2" across on short petioles (leaf stalks that joins two or three leaves to the stem). The basal leaves are ovate-oval to ovate-elliptic, light to medium green, hairless, and smooth along the margins. Their petioles are reddish, hairless, and wrapped in a basal sheath below. The leaves develop during the spring and wither away by early summer.

During early to mid-summer, a flowering stalk about 1/2-1 1/2' tall develops. This stalk is cylindrical and slightly tapered, smooth, and reddish to pale green; at its base, there is a papery sheath. The stalk terminates in a single rounded umbel (flower cluster) of flowers spanning 1-2" across; there are typically 20-40 flowers per umbel. At the base of this umbel, there is a pair of deciduous bracts. Each flower is about 1/4" across, consisting of 6 white to translucent white tepals (a segment of the outer whorl in a flower that has no differentiation between petals and sepals), a light green to pale yellow ovary, 6 stamens with pale yellow anthers, and a single white style. At the base of each flower, there is a slender pedicel that is white to greenish white.

The blooming period occurs during the summer and lasts about 2 weeks. Both the flowers and foliage exude an onion-like odor. After the blooming period, the ovary of each flower matures into a 3-celled seed capsule; each cell contains a single globoid seed that becomes black at maturity. The root system consists of an ovoid bulb with fibrous roots at its base. Offsets often develop, producing clonal colonies of plants. They like rich, moist, loose soil high in organic matter and low in pH, which makes mountain hardwood forests perfect.

Ramps grow in small sparsely populated patches up to densely populated areas of several acres. They are usually ready to harvest by late March through April depending on the region and only last a month or so before wilting and disappearing. It is extremely important to think conservatively when considering ramp harvest. In many areas where ramps were once abundant they are now rare and populations continue to be decimated by over-harvesting for ramp festivals, fundraisers, farmers market sales and by individuals who gather as much as they can for their own use.

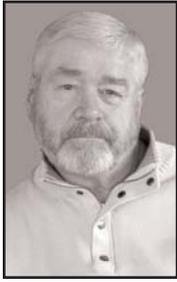
Please be gentle and use good judgment. The most sustainable way to harvest ramps is by using a knife to gently move the soil from one side of the bulb. Then, taking care not to dislodge the bulb and roots, cut the base off of the bulb leaving it with the roots in the ground. This will ensure new ramps will grow the following season.

Better yet, just harvest the leaves when you see that a patch is not heavily populated. The leaves provide lavish greens for any salad. Their delicate flavor surpasses even that of scallions or chives. This charming woodland herb should not be underestimated. The entire plant is more than simply edible: it is utterly delectable!

Household Hints:**Time to get out the Sneakers - Keep Them from Smelling**

Sneakers and other canvas shoes can get pretty smelly, especially if you wear them without socks in the summertime.

Knock down the odor and soak up the moisture by occasionally sprinkling a little salt in your canvas shoes.



The Hidden Key

Mysterious Book Report No. 401 by John Dwaine McKenna

Now that we're all holed up at home, huddled around the coffee table without any basketball, baseball, hockey or automobile racing on television to keep us entertained while we wait out the Covid-19 virus pandemic, there is a bright side. It's a great time to read. Reading will expand your mind, ease your worries and soothe your soul, as you escape into literature and stop being hammered into a depression by all the talking heads on the news. And just in time to do all of that, comes an exciting new thriller that combines murder, international antiquities trafficking, intrigue, mayhem and good guy lawyer. How much better can it get?

Hidden Key, (Camel Press, PB, \$15.95, 250 pages, ISBN 978-1603815802) by David Grogan is a propulsive, action driven thriller that starts on page one when an Iraq war veteran and US Navy Seabee answers his front door at 10:30 p.m. and is confronted by a pair of thugs intent on robbing him of a clay tablet he brought home as a war souvenir. It's the opening gambit in a hunt and chase for an ancient relic with a treasure map etched on it. Exactly one week later, retired U.S. Navy JAG (Judge Advocate General) officer and practicing Commonwealth of Virginia attorney Steve Stilwell is summoned to meet with an Indian billionaire at a skeezy restaurant to discuss terms of employment. They're barely seated, when two men with guns burst into the eatery and Stilwell's new client screams I've sold my soul to the Devil, and now I must pay. Moments later he is dead, leaving the confused American attorney in the hands of a pair of Scotland Yard detectives. Days later, back in Virginia, while trying to probate the late billionaire client's estate, Steve and his war wounded partner Casey, come into possession of the mysterious purloined clay tablet and set off a thrilling international chase where no one is safe from death or the allure of an ancient treasure . . . and that's only the first fifty pages of this electrifying novel . . .

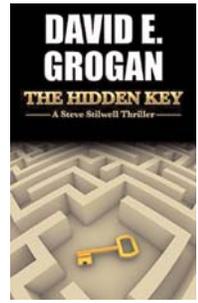
The Hidden Key is a smoking-hot thrill ride from beginning to end and will leave all action adventure enthusiasts howling for their next Steve Stilwell yarn!

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Interview With The Author David E. Grogan

by John Dwaine McKenna

We're pleased-and honored-to present the following interview with David E. Grogan, whose newest Steve Stilwell thriller, *The Hidden Key*, is reviewed above in MBR No. 401. Mr. Grogan is a retired Officer and Gentleman, a 26 year veteran of the US Navy and an attorney. He's also a world traveler, a sponsor of military service men and women, as well as a kick-ass spinner of exciting adventure stories. He's got a lot of thoughts to share with all of us, writers and readers alike. Here then, are the insights and comments of author David E. Grogan . . .

Why do you write?

I write when I'm passionate about topics and I'm able to channel that passion through what I hope will be an interesting and entertaining story. For example, I began writing fiction after taking a law school class in human rights taught by one of the world's most respected authorities, Professor Thomas Buergenthal. I was so captivated by his class that I felt compelled to tell a story with a human rights theme that might resonate with a lot of people. The result was my first Steve Stilwell thriller, *The Siegel Dispositions*. I wrote the sequel, *Sapphire Pavilion*, because I wanted to honor Vietnam veterans after listening to podcasts about veterans during my weekly commute between Virginia Beach and the Pentagon. I continued with the third Steve Stilwell thriller, *The Hidden Key*, because I've always been fascinated by ancient artifacts and their lasting impact on our modern day society. Finally, I feel strongly that we need to honor our veterans and preserve their stories, so I write a non-fiction blog called *Voices To Veterans* where I help veterans tell their stories.

How did your first book get published? How long did it take?

I made every mistake an aspiring author could make, so it took about 13 years for my first book to be published. A significant part of that delay occurred because I was on active duty in the Navy and some of my assignments made writing impossible. After numerous revisions and critiques, I was finally able to get an agent in 2012. He subsequently sold the manuscript to Camel Press in 2013, and *The Siegel Dispositions* was published in 2014. My secret was I never gave up and I kept refining the manuscript until my agent and Camel Press saw promise in it.

Do you belong to a writers group? If so: How has it helped you?

I do not belong to a writers group, but I do have a group of readers that I trust to give me honest feedback. I give them the first draft of my manuscript and then I work to address their many and varied comments. They have helped me plug holes in the plot, address inconsistencies, and most important, get rid of unnecessary material. I do not send a manuscript to my publisher without first addressing the comments from my reader group.

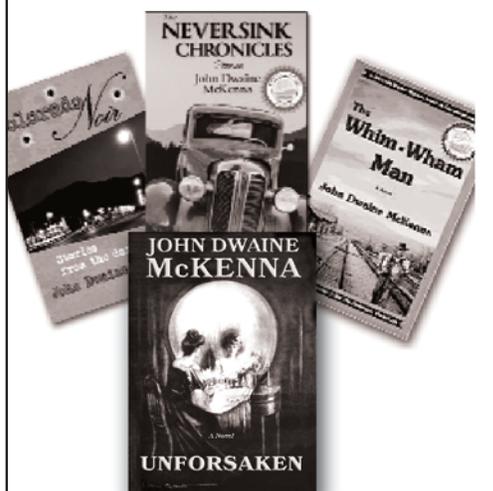
Do you plot-outline or wing it?

I do outline, but not all at once. For example, with my latest book, *The Hidden Key*, I knew how it would begin and how it would end, but I had no idea how to get between those two points. The map I eventually drew quite literally developed on the road. During trips between Champaign, Illinois, and Chicago, Virginia Beach and Cleveland, I turned off the car radio and brainstormed plot options for the next five to six chapters. Sometimes I pulled off the road at rest areas and dictated the ideas into my phone, but most times I typed chapter summaries into an Excel spreadsheet as soon as I arrived at my destination. I needed the spreadsheet because the story takes place in the US, UK, Italy and India, making it hard to keep track of the chronology of events given all of the different time zones. The end product was a matrix showing the timing, location, and short summary for every chapter in the book.

What makes a character compelling?

Readers have to be able to relate to a character for the character to be compelling. For that reason, I try to make my characters look and sound like real people dealing with problems the same way my readers would deal with them. I don't want my characters to be superhuman because that's not believable. Similarly, I don't want to build flaws into a character just for the sake of making the character different. When a reader looks at a character and says, "I know someone like that" and then relates to the character as if they were his or her acquaintance, then I have succeeded in creating a compelling character. (Contd. Pg. 13)

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



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The Olive Jar - By Carol Olsen LaMonda

Be Careful What You Wish For

Be careful what you wish for! I can remember lamenting that we didn't have as much together time as a family. I can remember hoping to, someday, get caught up with laundry. I longed to have hours to prepare a special supper of recipes I collected but never made. I actually finished this year's spring cleaning during the tail end of winter. Having endless hours to read and write and catch up on calling old friends was a day dream. Now, all my wishes have come true; however, the grass is always greener. With my slate of responsibilities, outside the home, wiped clean with one unhealthy, contagious swipe, I find myself rethinking my wishes and priorities.



Hudson, the lab, is just loving this "hunker down" lifestyle. While Bruce walks the rail trail a whopping six plus miles each day, Hudson and I do "bend-overs" to pick up branches and "hefting" of debris into burn piles. He sniffs and checks out every branch in quality control. We get our daily exercise before we take to our chairs to watch the endless coverage of Covid-19 on every channel and check our emails, texts and game requests.

I also wished to spend more time sewing. Now my morning hours are spent making masks. I am making good use of my sewing machine present from a year ago Christmas. In one year and four months, I was able to sew with the same bobbin that came with the machine. Now, I rewind it at least once a day....sometimes more.

Masks are really easy to make. I use the CDC pattern which is on page . I add a middle section of interfacing as a filter. Even without a machine, one could practice those Home Economics' hand-sewing skills while watching Armageddon unfold on syndicate news channels. (Note: The stock market managed to go down the toilet even with the toilet paper shortage).

Even my non-sewing friends have contributed supplies of material and elastic to keep up with everyone who might want one. One person even encouraged me with a large bottle of red wine. Making masks and giving or mailing them makes me feel like I am doing something to help others because that is how we will get through this...helping each other. The day goes by quickly. All of a sudden it is three o'clock and time to prepare dinner.

I would love to hear from you to see how you are coping.
 (See pg 17 for Carol's Face Mask Instructions)

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

April 5, 1950 - Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hornbeck of Sundown will celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Sunday, April 16th. They expect to have a family dinner and then hold an open house from two to five in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Hornbeck have two daughters, Mrs. Floyd Burch of Sundown and Mrs. Ira Ter Bush of Newburgh; and one son, Mr. Ralph Hornbeck of Grahamsville.

If you, too, have seen flying saucers, don't think your eyes are playing tricks or that you are having nightmares from constantly reading and hearing about them. The maple syrup makers report that great numbers of their bucket lids have disappeared in the high winds, sailing off through the air for long distances. Thorvald Carlsen reports 21 are still missing and last reports are still coming in.

Mr. Preston Kortright was best man and Mrs. Preston Kortright bridesmaid at the wedding of her sister, Miss Grace Hunter of Liberty and Mr. Edwin Loomis of Hamilton on Wednesday of last week.

A petition is being circulated in this area to centralize the Yeagerville School District with Ellenville. This is a serious step and should be completely investigated by all who pay taxes.

The Merriman Dam nears completion as contractors resume work after the seasonal letdown. The S.A. Healy Co. has been conducting limited operations at Lackawack during the winter and with the improved weather, work is resuming at an increased pace.

April 6, 1960 - Mr. and Mrs. John Dill of Woodbourne are the proud parents of a daughter, Constance Marie, born at Maimonides Hospital, Liberty on Tuesday evening, March

29th. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 8 1/2 oz. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shannon of the Bronx, formerly of Neversink. The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Dill of Woodbourne.

Mr. Harvey Slater celebrated his birthday on March 18th and Michael Currey celebrated his birthday last Sunday.

A fire on Wildman Hill Rd. at the Cummings place on Thursday of last week was soon put out by the Grahamsville and Claryville Fire Departments. The fire started in the chimney of a small summer house. Zip from Grahamsville reported the fire to the Denning Highway crew who phoned in to the Fire Department. Damage from the fire was slight.

At Frost Valley and the Wildcat, the ground is still under its winter blanket of snow, in some places thirty inches deep. The snow has made the maple syrup gathering almost an impossibility. Two optimistic souls however, hung out their buckets last week. All reports indicate there will be very little syrup made around here this year.

April 8, 1970 - At the last meeting of the Grahamsville Fire Company, held on Monday, March 30th, it was made known that sometime during the previous week; the firehouse had been broken into. Several miscellaneous items from the upstairs meeting area were stolen and an inventory is underway to ascertain any further theft or damage.

The spring rain on Tuesday, April 3rd, left about three feet of water on the road above the "Y" in Frost Valley and traffic was unable to travel the road until the water receded.

Trout season opened and the first catch, a 12-incher, was taken by young Floyd VanWagner. A 14-incher was caught by Irv. Buley in the afternoon.

The high winds that blew last week really did some damage - a trailer on Rocky Hill was blown off its foundation and the posts that held the patio covering, even though they were set in cement, were ripped out of the ground and thrown over the trailer to land some distance in the field. Mr. Ralph Hornbeck was standing not too far from the trailer when the wind came and he had to lay flat on the ground or he would have been caught up into it. The posts that were picked up by the wind landed not too far from where he was.

April 3, 1980 - The *Townsmen* printing office has been relocated as of April 1st. Formerly, our office was located in the back of the Sullivan County National Bank building in Grahamsville. The bank plans to renovate the inside of their building and was forced to ask The Townsman to find a new home. The new location will be in the small back room of the First Aid Squad building for a probationary period of six months after agreement of certain terms.

A party was held on Saturday, March 22nd at the Grahamsville Fire House to thank leaders James Rennison, Bob Costigan and Ziggy Hajek for their dedication to the scouts of Troop 187 for the last 10 years.

Last Wednesday, the Ladies Quilting Circle who have been meeting at the Hamilton home in Neversink, surprised Lena Slater with a cake and ice cream birthday party during their quilting session.

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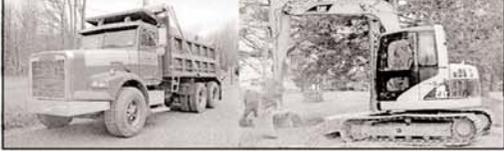
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**Part of Ongoing Efforts to Reduce Density During
 New York State's COVID-19 Response**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced the temporary closure of Kaaterskill Falls, the viewing platform, and connecting trails beginning Monday, April 6. The Kaaterskill Wild Forest will remain open to the public. The closure of the Kaaterskill Falls site is part of DEC's statewide efforts to reduce the community spread of COVID-19 by encouraging New Yorkers to safely and responsibly recreate locally. DEC is temporarily closing public access to the falls due to its unique features that do not provide for appropriate social distancing during the ongoing COVID-19 response.

Kaaterskill Falls is a popular destination that consists of several short-access trails leading from large parking areas to the falls and the viewing platform. The falls, viewing platform, and access trails are relatively small areas that are currently concentrating recreationists together, preventing safe social distancing at this site, as well as placing an unnecessary burden on and danger to State and local resources and emergency responders during the ongoing public health response. DEC will continue to evaluate the situation and will announce when these areas reopen to the recreating public. DEC is closing parking areas at Molly Smith, Laurel House Road, and Scutt Road to public use. All access trails leading to the falls will be closed. Roadside parking in these areas is prohibited.

In addition, DEC is blocking roads leading to the North-South Lake Campground to encourage social distancing and reduce visitor density while providing access for hikers to visit trails that connect with the campground.

While enjoying time outdoors, New Yorkers should follow CDC/NYS Department of Health (DOH) guidelines for preventing the spread of disease:

- o Try to keep at least six feet of distance between you and others;
- o Avoid close contact such as shaking hands, hugging, or sharing binoculars;
- o Wash hands often or use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available; and
- o Avoid surfaces that are touched often such as handrails, doorknobs, and playground equipment.

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

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DEC Environmental Conservation Police Officer Highlights Recent ECO Actions

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Environmental Conservation Police Officers (ECOs) enforce the 71 Chapters of NY Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), protecting fish and wildlife and preserving environmental quality across New York.

2020 marks 50 years for DEC and 140 Years for Conservation Police Officers. In 1880, the first eight Game Protectors proudly began serving to protect the natural resources and people of New York State.

In 2019, the 288 ECOs across the state responded to 25,704 calls and worked on cases that resulted in 16,855 tickets or arrests for crimes ranging from deer poaching to solid waste dumping, illegal mining, the black market pet trade, and excessive emissions violations.

If you witness an environmental crime or believe a violation of environmental law occurred, please call the DEC Division of Law Enforcement hotline at 1-844-DEC-ECOS (1-844-332-3267).

"From Montauk Point to Mount Marcy, from Brooklyn to Buffalo, the ECOs patrolling our state are the first line of defense in protecting New York's environment and our natural resources, ensuring that they exist for future generations of New Yorkers," said DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos. "They work long and arduous hours, both deep in our remote wildernesses and in the tight confines of our urban landscapes. Although they don't receive much public fanfare, the work of our ECOs is critical to achieving DEC's mission to protect and enhance our environment."

Great Horned Owl Rescue and Release

On March 18, ECO Chris DeRose received a call from a hiker who saw two baby owls at the base of a tree just off a walking trail in a wooded area of Smithtown. While responding, ECO

DeRose reached out to ECO Connor Paschke, who had prior experience with birds of prey as a wildlife biologist. Upon arrival, the ECOs found two Great Horned Owl chicks, approximately two to three weeks old, sitting at the base of a tree. There was an undersized nest in the tree, likely because the adult owls were first-time parents. The ECOs examined the owl chicks and found them in relatively good health with no obvious injuries. The



Owl chicks found near a Smithtown walking trail



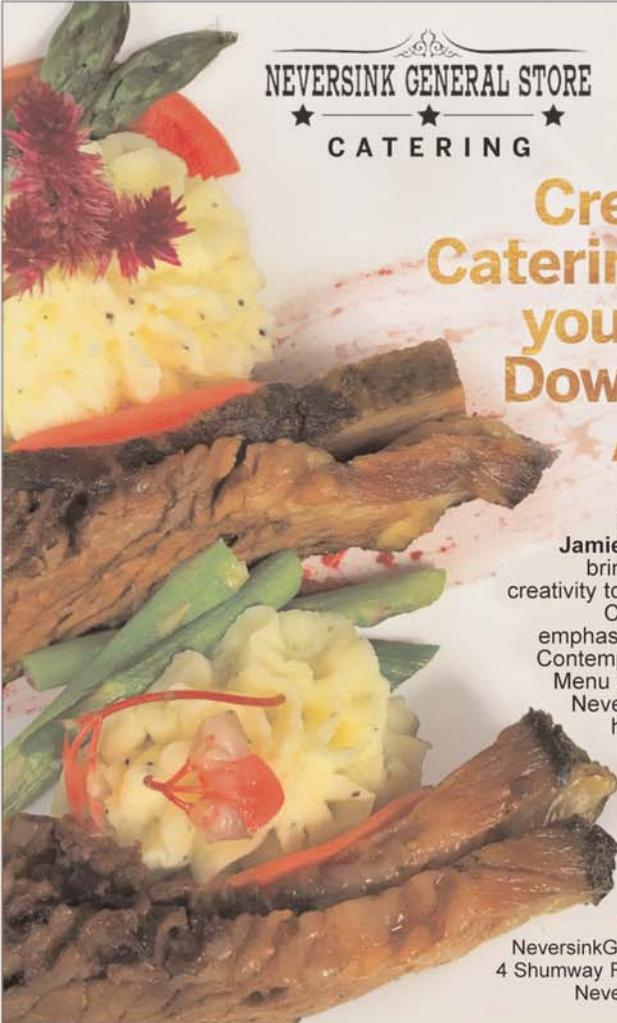
Owl chicks doing well in a new nest box

officers determined that mom and dad were still in the area and unhappy their chicks were being bothered after multiple hoots and close fly-bys. The ECOs decided to transport the owl chicks to a local wildlife rehabilitator due to the threat of predators and to rule out any injuries. On March 21, ECO DeRose was advised that the Great Horned Owl chicks had no

injuries and were healthy enough to be released. ECO DeRose, with volunteers from Wildlife in Need of Rescue and Rehabilitation (WINORR), mounted an artificial nest and released the owls in a neighboring tree. The owl chicks have taken to the nest and are being cared for by their parents.

Medical Response - Nassau County

On March 21, ECO Chris DeRose heard New York State Park Police get dispatched to a medical emergency at the Bethpage State Park Picnic Area. ECO DeRose was closer than the responding Park Police Officers and went to the scene. (Contd. Pg. 9)



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(From Pg. 8) Upon arrival, the ECO found a man with a deep knife wound to his left arm. ECO DeRose addressed the wound as Park Police and Nassau County Police Officers arrived. The subject was then transported by a Nassau County ambulance to a hospital.

Injured Duck Rescued - Albany County



Mallard duck with arrow stuck in it rescued from Albany's Washington Park

On March 25, ECO Kyle Bevis responded to a complaint about a mallard duck with an arrow sticking out of it at Washington Park Lake in Albany. ECO Bevis met with the complainant, a member of the Washington Park Conservancy, and attempted to catch the duck without success. ECO Bevis called off the rescue so that the duck did not become overly stressed. On March 26, ECO Bevis, ECO Kurt Swan, and DEC wildlife staff met at the park, located the duck, and used a net gun to capture it. They clipped the arrow and transferred the duck to a local veterinarian, who removed the arrow completely. The duck is recuperating. Mallards are federally and state

protected and hunting of waterfowl is not allowed in Washington Park. Furthermore, the waterfowl hunting season is closed for the year. Officers believe the incident likely happened between Saturday, March 21, and Wednesday, March 25, and ECOs are asking anyone with information that could lead to the prosecution of the person or persons responsible for shooting the duck to call the 24-hour DEC Dispatch Center at 1-877-457-5680.



Injured duck recovering at local veterinary hospital

Rehabilitated Owl Released - St. Lawrence County



ECO Canary prepares to release a rehabilitated owl with assistance of teacher and her children in St. Lawrence County

On March 30, ECO Bret Canary became aware of a project at the home of Jade Reynolds, art teacher and mother. Reynolds and her husband, a New York State Police Officer, are teaching their two children while they are out of school during "New York State on PAUSE" and ECO Canary heard that the family was incorporating owl pellets into

their learning by dissecting them for science. Locally, a barred owl was ready for release after months of rehabilitation and the ECO thought it was the perfect opportunity to inform the family. ECO Canary met with the family at their farm and released the owl with the assistance of the two children. Reynolds posted the release live on social media so that her students at Indian River Central School in Philadelphia, Jefferson County, could view it remotely.



Teacher and her children capture release of a rehabilitated owl in St. Lawrence County

USNS Comfort Medical Ship Arrives - New York City



ECOs assist in escort of USNS Comfort into New York Harbor

On March 30, ECOs assisted in the escort of the USNS Comfort into New York Harbor. The 1,000-bed hospital ship has 12 fully equipped operating rooms and will significantly increase New York's hospital surge capacity during the State's response to the COVID-19 public health crisis. The USNS Comfort will be docked at Pier 90 on Manhattan's West Side and provide surgeries and other medical care to patients who are not infected with the coronavirus to free up intensive care unit beds at New York hospitals. More pictures at DEC's Twitter page.

COVID-19 Response - Westchester County

DEC personnel from across agency divisions and regions statewide are supporting the State's response to COVID-19. Personnel from more than 20 New York State agencies are working on response efforts to stop the spread of COVID-19. As the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to grow, ECOs have been responding to the pandemic at various testing centers throughout New York State. ECOs have been mobilized for a variety of roles such as Incident Command System (ICS) functions, technical services such as fit testing, and site security.



ECOs Casey Mangels and Joshua Schneider conduct security screening at the Westchester drive-through COVID-19 testing facility in New Rochelle

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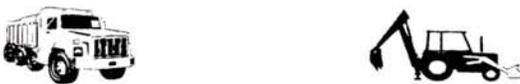
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County Executive Ryan announces that the Health Department will be putting out a call for nurses and doctors to help address COVID-19 in Ulster County

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that the Ulster County Department of Health is now actively seeking doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals to assist in the County's response to COVID-19. Ulster County is recruiting local, regional, and statewide volunteers to assist our local health care system during this time. The statewide database ServNY is also being utilized to surface and recruit volunteers. The announcement is specifically seeking licensed medical and health care volunteers, including retired health care professionals.

"As we build out additional hospital capacity to serve our residents, we are also going to need volunteers with medical backgrounds to step up and serve our community," County Executive Ryan said. "Our healthcare workers have been on the front lines of this epidemic since day one and their efforts are nothing short of heroic. I continue to be tremendously impressed by the resiliency and generosity of the people of Ulster County, and I am confident that members of our community will step up to assist us at this critical moment."

"We are continuing to use data on the ground, as well as learn from other areas impacted by COVID-19, to monitor and adjust our response daily," Commissioner of Health Dr. Carol Smith said. "We are looking to add to our pool of health care professionals to ensure that we have adequate staff no matter how the situation unfolds in the upcoming weeks. We are continuing to work around the clock to ensure that Ulster County is prepared for any scenario."

Those who are interested in volunteering should fill out the form found here.

There are currently 266 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ulster County and 4 fatalities.

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

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

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The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

I am well and I hope this finds you well too. This is week 3 of my self-imposed isolation. And I'm still enjoying it while some of my friends are beginning to go a little stir crazy. I did have to go out twice this last week, which was twice more than I wanted to.

Last Thursday, my little diabetic kitty was due for bloodwork so off we went...him complaining and me in my mask and gloves...to Catskill Veterinary Services in Rock Hill. I'm a big fan of them and became more so when they alerted me to the procedures implemented to keep the staff and pet parents safe BEFORE I heard it from other vets in the area. Even so, I was back home within the hour. I highly recommend them.

My second 'out' was to the ShopRite in Liberty during their 'senior hour' of 6am-7am. This was quite an excursion for me, not liking to see that hour of the morning ever. I was able to find almost everything but it was a little unnerving being among all the unmasked, ungloved people stocking the shelves..up to 3 or 4 per aisle. Still, I was out of there and home within the hour...with ice cream!

Also, unnerving is the Postal Service. Some things that were sent out at the beginning of March have never landed in their destination while others did with no problem. I know this happens sometimes, but it seems that it's happening more and more and in clusters. I truly hope not.

So, what have I learned this week:

I have been 'preapproved' for a large amount of credit by several catalog companies to be used on their overpriced merchandise

I have a shredder which was put to good use

The kitties 'smell' when I'm trying to work and feel this is lap time

I can make bread without yeast

My friend Angie sent a crochet pattern for a square pineapple doily from 1950 that was missing the last few rounds (she didn't have them).

I found them on the internet!

Sweats washed in the bathtub take 2 days to dry when hanging in the bathroom

I am eating the things in my freezer to make more room to put things in my freezer

Cooking from scratch makes a LOT of dishes to wash

I dislike this new toe-up sock pattern



I might be able to finish my sweater this week

Well, this has been my week. Hey, do you have a ghost story from Sullivan County? I'd love to hear it. You can email it to me at: sullivanscares@gmail.com. The only requirement is a general location like "main street in Monticello". Thanks.

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Uncertainty and Pandemia in South America

If you recall, I was backpacking in Brazil during the pandemic spike during mid-March. While I originally planned to go to Colombia on March 20th, things really escalated – and the 20th simply wasn't soon enough, even though it was only 5 days from then.

Thinking back now, booking an entirely different but earlier flight from Brazil to Colombia only four days before the original flight seems insane. Bonkers. Impatient, hasty, and unnecessary. Not only because of the time frame, but also because I'm simply stunned I thought I could go to a different country than America! That countries had borders open! That times didn't seem this dire and uncertain as they do now!

March 15th

On the ride over sand dunes in a crammed SUV with a handful of other visibly panicky tourists from Jericoacoara to Fortaleza (from which was my flight to Colombia), my phone pinged with another curveball: Colombia closed its borders to all foreigners.

Nope. Not going to Colombia the following morning. Now what?

When my friend and I arrived to our hotel, we bought a couple of beers and I figured out my next game plan in a couple of hours. She'd be flying back home to Boston the following morning and I, ultimately, settled on Peru. Why not? I'd never been and it was a place I'd always wanted to go.

Next thing I knew, at nine o'clock that night, I had yet another last-minute flight booked: at five in the morning to Lima, Peru.

March 16th

Only an hour after booking my flight, we'd heard a rumor that Peru was closing its borders. Optimistic, I carefully shoved my bags full of my belongings. At 1:30AM, with my bags packed near the door, I got a call from a friend in Peru, telling me to absolutely not come to Peru because the president had indeed closed the borders to all foreigners – effective immediately. He himself was in lockdown in his hostel. Swiftly, I cancelled my flight – just three and a half hours before takeoff (and magically, got a full refund!).

I woke my friend and finally admitted I had no choice now, but to go home. But how? I couldn't go back home to my dad and get him sick. In her dazed state, she suggested something remarkable: join her on her trek back home the following day and we'd self-quarantine together in her parents' summer home in Cape Cod.

Who in their right mind says "no" to a proposition like that?

Without even blinking, I booked my third and fourth flight in two days: one to Rio de Janeiro and one to Boston. I'd be leaving the following afternoon.

While drenched in a panicked sweat, I lied back down and couldn't help but think, "Alright. What other problems will I encounter on my way back to America?"

UC Executive Ryan Holds Eighth Live FB Town Hall on COVID-19

County Executive Ryan and Dr. Michael Doyle, Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley hold virtual town hall to update residents on the County's response to COVID-19 and discuss hospital and treatment capacity in Ulster County

County Executive Ryan calls for County-wide rent freeze to ease concerns of renters

County Executive Ryan announces that the Health Department will not issue permits for campgrounds, seasonal resorts, children's camps, and bungalow colonies during the pandemic

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan held his eighth Facebook Live Town Hall alongside Dr. Michael Doyle, Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer of HealthAlliance of the Hudson Valley today to update residents on Ulster County's response to COVID-19. They received over 200 questions and directly answered residents' concerns ranging from transportation to mobile test sites to use of surge hospitals. This was his first Town Hall featuring an ASL interpreter.

During the Town Hall, County Executive Ryan responded to residents' concerns about rent increases by calling for a County-wide freeze on rent to help those impacted by COVID-19.

"I am calling for a County-wide rent freeze to, at a minimum, hold rent to its current level," County Executive Ryan said. "Our office has heard reports of some landlords trying to raise rents, and we will not stand for anyone taking advantage of our residents during this crisis."

Additionally, in response to concerns raised by several town Supervisors, County Executive Ryan announced that the Health Department will not issue permits for campgrounds, seasonal resorts, children's camps, and bungalow colonies until further notice.

"Given the significant density and shared facilities, I have directed our Health Department not to issue any permits to campgrounds, seasonal resorts, children's camps, and bungalow colonies," County Executive Ryan said. "This is not a decision we have made lightly, but one that is in the best interest of ensuring public health."

County Executive Ryan also provided updates on the county's progress to plan and build additional hospital and medical treatment capacity. Working with local hospitals and other community partners, he said they have been scouting sites throughout Ulster County. Additionally, local hospitals have committed to increasing their current capacity by at least 50% to accommodate additional needs due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Earlier this week, it was announced that Ulster County will add 235 beds at the Mary's Avenue campus of HealthAlliance to treat COVID-19 patients.

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

There are currently 222 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ulster County and three fatalities.

To watch the Facebook Live Town Hall, please visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/UlsterCountyExecutive/videos/241071513612682/>

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Interview With The Author David E. Grogan

(From Pg. 4) *What type of scene is most difficult for you to write?*

I am a visual writer-I have to "see" the scene to be able to write it. That means for me to write about a scene in India, I have to go to India in order to write an authentic description. I've followed that model for all three of my books, but in particular for Sapphire Pavilion and The Hidden Key, where I visited the many scene locations in order to help me put the sights and sounds into words. For example, for The Hidden Key, I needed one of the opening scenes to take place in a South Indian restaurant in London. I researched South Indian restaurants on the Internet and found two that looked like what I had in mind. I then went to London and ate at both restaurants. The result was the Madras Star in Chapter 2, which is based on the two restaurants I visited. I later traveled to Chennai, India, to write the scenes that take place in southern India. I find that both during and after a visit, the story tends to write itself, flowing from the details I've seen and the people I've met. Were it not for those site visits, I would still be sitting with pen in hand struggling to write my second book.

What's your next project?

In the short term, I will continue publishing veterans' stories each month on my Voices To Veterans webpage. I love interviewing veterans as their stories inspire me and leave me in awe. I also feel like I'm learning American history through the people who actually lived it. In the longer term, I'm starting to toy with the plot for the fourth Steve Stilwell thriller. I just need a couple of long trips to work out the vehicle that will drive the story.

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

Writers can't just be writers-they have to be small businesspeople, too. In today's marketplace, it's not enough to write a good manuscript and send it off to be published. Whether you use a traditional publisher or are self-published, you have to be willing to roll up your sleeves and market your work. That means having a presence on social media and a website with content that will have people coming back for more. It means meeting your readers and potential readers at book signings and speaking events, and doing interviews with the media. It means working late into the evening after your day job, sending out event postcards, answering emails and working with your publisher and your publicist. Above all, it means being passionate about what you are doing.

Wow! On behalf of all our MBR audiences, in both print and online editions, please accept our personal 'Thank You' for what is one of the most comprehensive and thoughtful interviews we've ever done. It's been a pleasure, and hey, kindly keep in touch and let us know about the next Steve Stilwell yarn.

To all our friends and readers of the Mysterious Book Report . . .

Rumors of my demise, as Mr. Clements once said, have been greatly exaggerated. Nor have I joined the circus, run away to Spain, or lost my mind, as many have long suspected.

Instead, with the help of Mrs. Lora Brown and the spelling prowess of my patient and understanding wife June, I've been locked down at my desk, developing a series of four new books featuring a crusty, tough as a two-pound hammer Colorado Springs detective named Jake McKern.

And, just to give everyone a taste of what to expect, here's a short biography of the fictional character, Jake McKern. The photo was taken at night during the grand opening of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center by a renowned local photographer named Glen Murray, whose work is memorialized in Colorado Springs-A Retrospective, and is available from Rhyolitepress.com.

Jake McKern's first case entitled: *The Skin Ripper* will be released in early 2021.

We will keep you posted . . .

Biography of Jake McKern

From his first appearance, The Whim-Wham Man, Jake McKern was born at home in Monument, Colorado as James Edward 'Jamey' McGoran on 7 Aug 1924. He was the first of three children born to Frank and Eileen McGoran, the others being Catherine Francis in 1930 and Carol Anne 'Annie' in 1936.

Jake's childhood was marked by poverty, hard labor, the Great Depression, a love for Colorado that he developed by hunting and fishing to help support his family, a closeness to his mother as his father's condition worsened and most importantly . . . he was imprinted with extreme violence due to his father's drinking and mental deterioration from the mustard gas

poisoning he'd received in WWI that was slowly driving him insane.

At age fifteen and already as big as a full-grown man, Jake's sister Catherine and her playmate Maddie Brickman were molested and murdered and he discovered the bodies, which awakened a self-described 'Rage-Monster' within himself that once loosed, could not be controlled.

In a brutal two-day coming-of-age series of events, Jamey first finds the pair of bodies. Then, perhaps goaded by his mother, participates in an act of vigilantism with five others in which an innocent and mentally handicapped railroad bum known only as 'The whim-wham man is tortured and murdered. Later, Jake realizes that the real molester and murderer of the girls was the de-facto leader of the vigilantes, a man known only as Petey, who disappears after killing the whim-wham man. This act haunts Jake for the rest of his life, and he is constantly stricken with feelings of guilt. He is driven by dreams of the victim being murdered and frustrated by his inability to find the man, who calls himself 'Petey', a serial molester and killer of pre-pubescent girls. At the denouement of The Whim-Wham Man, Jamey, as Jake was then named, gets into a fist fight with his father. He's protecting his mother from another of his father's drunken rages, while the family and surrounding community is still trying to come to terms with the horror of the twin murders. In his final act of childhood, Jamey McGoran nearly beats his father to death.

As a result of the fight, with his mother's help, the fifteen-year old boy is put on a train to New York, and sent to the Catskill farm of a distant relative, where he'll be safe from his father. In Denver however, the teenage Jamey impulsively joins the U.S. Marine Corps by lying about his age and changing his name on the spot, to 'Jake McKern', a name he formally changes in court after the war. Jake serves about two years in the USMC before being part of the amphibious invasion force that lands under enemy fire at the island fortress of Guadalcanal on 7 Aug 1942 . . . Jake McKern's eighteenth birthday.

Jake leaves the service after the war. He finishes high school and goes on to a degree in English at Colorado A & M University under the GI Bill. After getting his degree, Jake comes home to a series of construction and ranch jobs before joining the Colorado Springs Police Department in January 1950, which keeps him from being recalled to active duty with the Marine Corps during the Korean War.

Jake has kept a journal of his life and exploits since enlisting in 1940 and begins drawing from them after he retires, writing the crime stories that begin with the novellas The Whim-Wham Man and A Mischief of Rats.

Jake, who's been brine-soaked and baptized in violence from an early age; has the propensity for excessive force in the performance of his duties as a CSPD detective, but he's good at his job, with a strong sensibility for criminal deception. He is a dinosaur cop by 1970, who sees things in black and white, never gray, and struggles with the social, sexual and racial upheavals that began in the 1950s and continued through the 60s, 70s and 80s. On the outside he's tough as nails, while on the inside he's full of angst, guilt and rage. He is not P.C., not even close, occasionally uses slurs and curses often. He's a momma's boy and cannot maintain a lasting relationship with women of his own age. He has many girlfriends and three failed marriages, but no lasting relationships. He is not afraid of stepping outside the boundaries of the law in pursuit of the bad guys-and often does because he cares more about seeing justice done than following the letter of the law-making Jake, a kind of rogue cop. He is an incessant smoker of Lucky Strike cigarettes and on occasion, marijuana, with his Hispanic friend Miguel Sisneros. Although he's been abstemious for most of his life, in his forthcoming case entitled, The Skin Ripper, Jake falls off the wagon with the help of his lover, Nurse Gloria, when his marriage fails, and he nearly takes his own life. After he dries out, he prefers riding a horse up in the high country when experiencing problems instead of drinking. He is an automobile enthusiast and gun collector, both holdovers from his abbreviated childhood. He is a man who longs for the good old days and is in fact, an anachronism, born seventy-five years too late. He'd like to turn the clock back to 1880 and decries the relentless and unending immigration of new residents into Colorado and the constant growth of Colorado Springs, which he feels is destroying the beauty and serenity of his native state. He despises land developers, comparing them to the carpetbaggers and scalawags of the post Civil War south.

Jake McKern is not a typical crime fiction cop. He's as common as dirt, carries a boatload of guilt and has a hidden inner self he must deal with in order to do his job and function in society. He may be bipolar-something we'll explore in depth as his stories are told.

To sum up . . . Jake McKern is just the guy you'd want sharing your foxhole in combat, but you wouldn't be happy about him marrying into your family.

--John Dwaine McKenna
Colorado Springs
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UC Partners with SUNY New Paltz to Produce 3D Printed Face Shields
The partnership between Ulster County Executive Ryan and SUNY New Paltz has provided over 1,000 face shields for regional health care workers and others on the front lines of COVID-19

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan today toured the Hudson Valley Additive Manufacturing Center at SUNY New Paltz where the college and the County have partnered to utilize the center's 3D printers to produce 3D-printed face shields for local health care workers and others at the front lines of the COVID-19 crisis. Since standing up this initiative, 1,000 face shields have been produced and donated to health care facilities and medical personnel at Ulster County drive-through mobile testing sites. Once fully ramped up, the facility has the capacity to produce 500 face shields per day.

"I'm so proud of how our entire community has stepped up and this project exemplifies the resilience that will get us through this crisis," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Seeing the looming shortage of PPE, I put out an urgent call for innovative locally sourced solutions. I can't thank SUNY New Paltz enough for answering that call."

"All the staff at the Hudson Valley Additive Manufacturing Center are very pleased to be able to work with Ulster County to fabricate and distribute face shields to the medical staff and first responders who are the real heroes in this situation," Director of the Hudson Valley Additive Manufacturing Center Dan Freedman said.

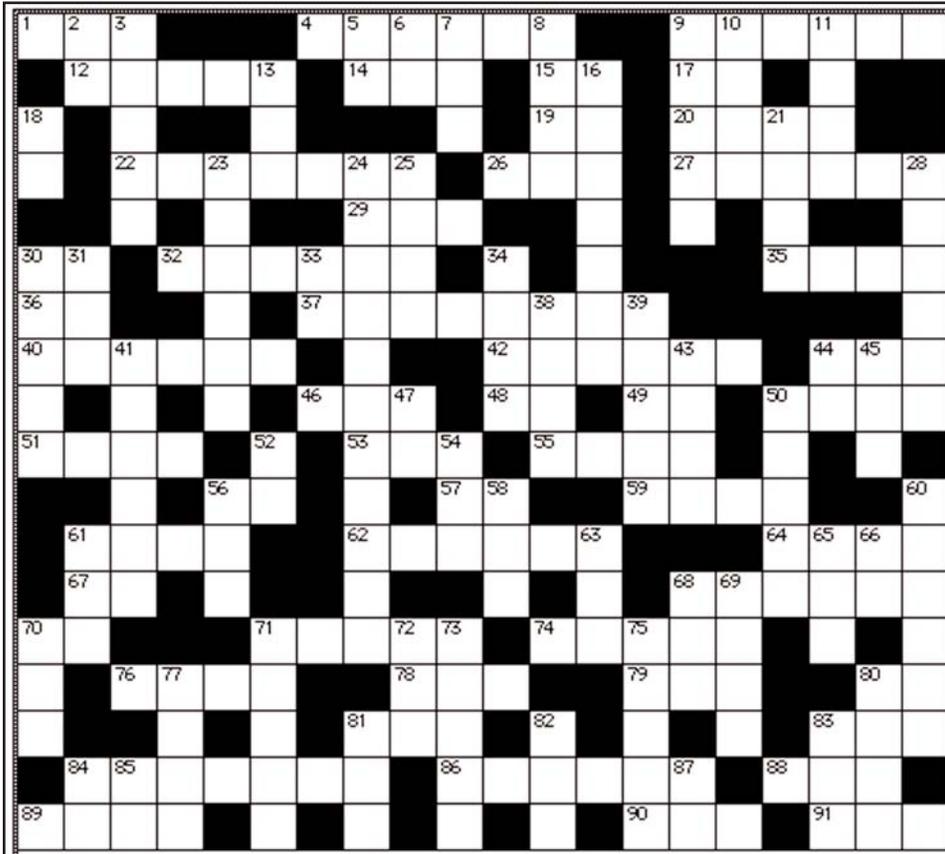
"IBM is using its resources in the Hudson Valley and beyond to support our community, healthcare providers, and local Ulster County government," Vice President, Enterprise Systems and Technology Development, IBM Systems John Acocella said. "We have tremendous expertise in manufacturing and computer hardware and software development and are working at full speed to help, because every moment counts."

Within a week of starting this initiative, it has received broad support including numerous local businesses, school districts, libraries, and universities including Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, SUNY Polytechnic Institute, and Ulster County Community College. IBM is partnering to provide engineering and design work. Significant funding to cover all of manufacturing costs associated in the production of these shields has been provided by the NoVo Foundation and Central Hudson Gas & Electric.

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

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

May the Joy of Easter Be With All - L. Comando



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 9 Evening meal
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 20 Ten cents
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 27 Mass departure
 29 Self-pride
 30 Referring to the man
 32 Employing
 35 Dutch cheese
 36 Extraterrestrial

37 Spring festival commemorating the Israelites from Egyptian bondage
 40 Popular Easter animal
 42 Something done again
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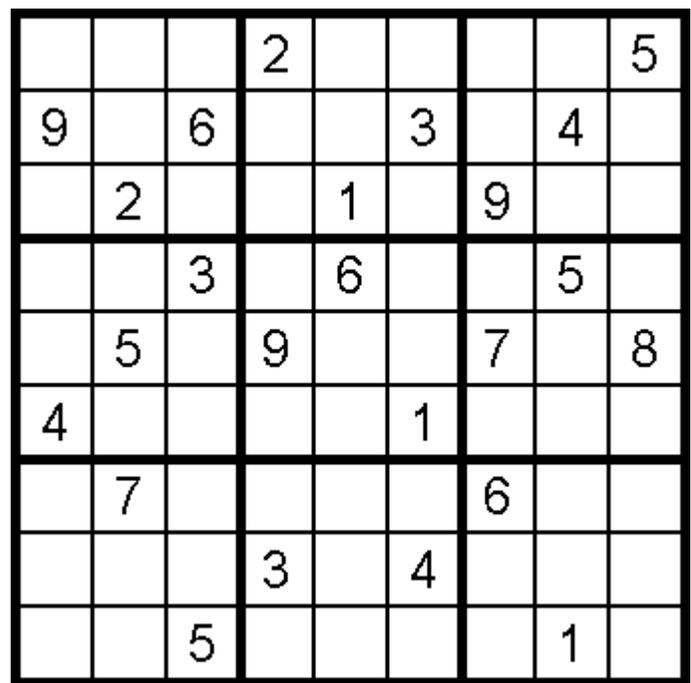
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 62 Collective phenomena of the physical world
 64 Character in *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*
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 68 Full of happiness
 70 After noon
 71 Shout for joy
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 76 Small jumping insect
 78 By way of
 79 Era (abbrev)
 80 Mile (abbrev)
 81 Risk something
 83 Spasmodic contraction of a muscle
 84 A day of festivity

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 88 In accordance with
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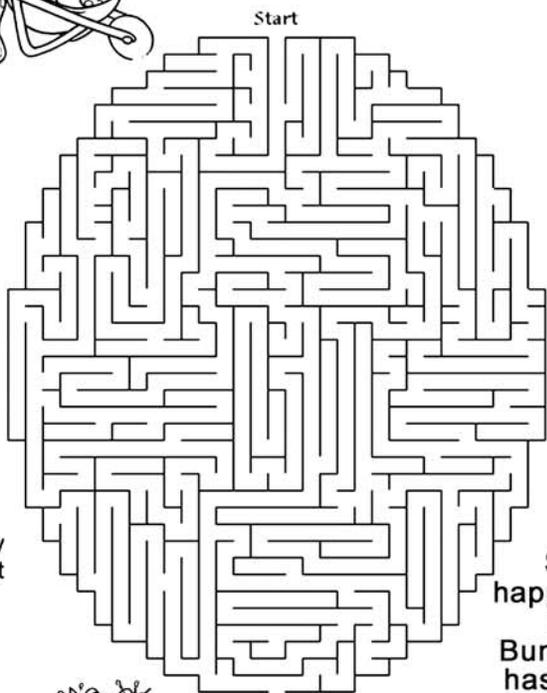
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 50 He hides the Easter eggs
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 54 Feline
 56 Move through the air
 58 An edible kernel
 60 Relating to the universe
 61 Meat traditionally served at Easter dinner
 63 Extrasensory perception
 65 Long period of time
 66 Twelfth star in a constellation
 68 Lively dance
 69 Margarine
 70 Cooking utensil
 71 Sweet sugary food
 72 Night before an event
 73 Solemn acts
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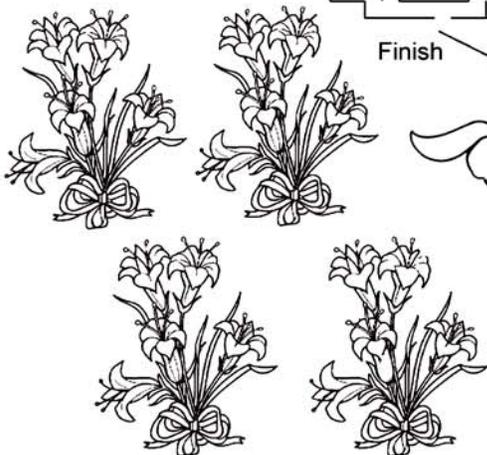
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The Easter Bunny is on his way/ Can you help him get through the maze?



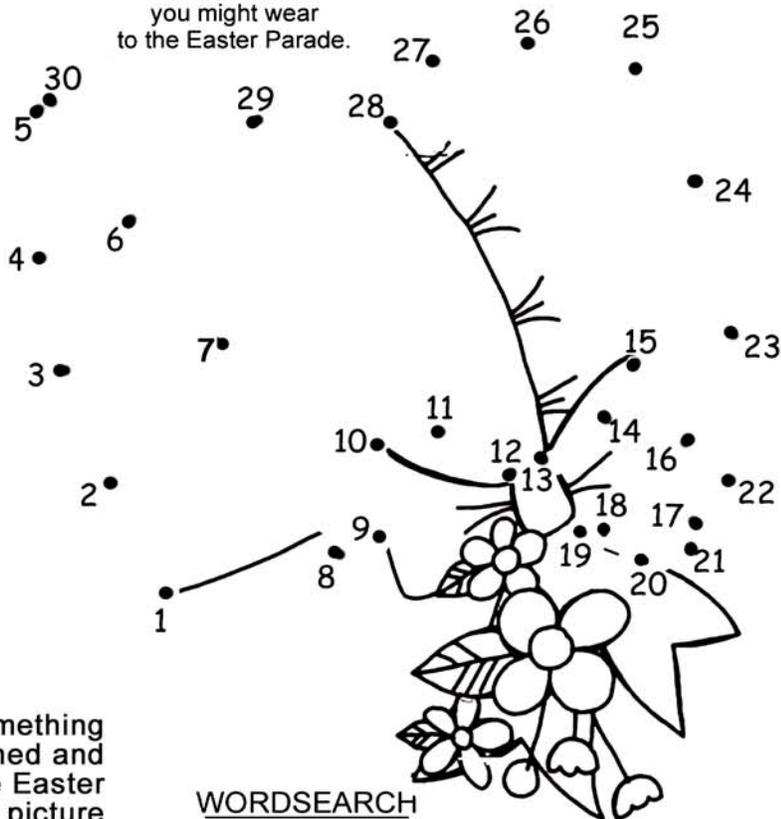
Which Easter Lily is different from the others?



Something happened and the Easter Bunny picture has changed. What are the differences between the two pictures?



Follow the dots to see something you might wear to the Easter Parade.



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Carol LaMonda's Face Mask Pattern (From Pg. 5)

How to make a Face Mask

What you will need

- Cotton fabric, a pretty print is best.
- Rope Elastic, beading cord elastic will work (you may also use 1/8" flat elastic)
- Cut the elastic 7" long and tie a knot at each end (DO NOT knot the ends of the flat)

You can make two sizes: Adult or Child

1. Put right sides of cotton fabric together
 - o Cut 9x6 (Adult) or 7.5 x 5 (Child)
2. Starting at the center of the bottom edge, sew to the first corner, stop. Sew the elastic with the edge out into the corner. A few stitches forward and back will hold this.
3. Sew to the next corner, stop, and bring the other end of the same elastic to the corner and sew a few stitches forward and back.
4. Now sew across that top of the mask to the next corner. Again put an elastic with the edge out.
5. Sew to the next corner and sew in the other end of the same elastic.
6. Sew across the bottom leaving about 1.5" to 2" open. Stop, cut the thread. Turn inside out.
7. Pin 3 tucks on each side of the mask. Make sure the tucks are the same direction
8. Sew around the edge of the mask twice.

It is so easy to make this.

Be sure any fabric design is placed horizontally.



DEC Encourages New Yorkers to #RecreateLocal and Enjoy Birdwatching While State is on 'Pause' I Bird NY Program Features Online Information and Resources for New Birders

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today reminded New Yorkers across the state to recreate locally (#RecreateLocal) and use DEC's I Bird NY as a resource to enjoy nature and stay connected to the great outdoors.

"While New Yorkers are spending more time close to home during the COVID-19 public health crisis, we can stay healthy by getting outside and enjoying nature," Commissioner Seggos said. "Studies show spending time enjoying the outdoors can significantly reduce stress and anxiety, lower blood pressure, improve mood, energy, and sleep, and boost the immune system. Birding is a fun recreational activity that can be enjoyed by New Yorkers of all ages and abilities from anywhere in the state."

New York State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid said, "Birdwatching can be done in our State Parks and outside facilities, or even in many backyards at home. Our state is home to many migratory birds that are returning for the season and this is good time to

learn to identify them. While our outdoor facilities remain open, we are encouraging people to limit travel and recreate locally, while following social distancing guidelines."

New York's birders are strongly encouraged to practice social distancing and recreate locally while looking for birds. DEC's I Bird NY program provides information and suggestions on how to start birding. Birders can watch from their windows and identify the feathered friends that visit. For an additional challenge, birders can open their windows and listen for bird calls to identify birds by sound and use the Audubon Guide to North American Birds or use the Merlin Bird ID app to help with visual or audio identification. Early spring is the perfect time of year to start birding because it is easier to spot birds in trees with no leaves and the spring migration is accelerating in the northern U.S. To keep up with real-time bird migration forecasts, check out BirdCast from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

Ana Paula Tavares, Executive Director of Audubon New York, said, "There is

really no better time of year to learn about birds. Colorful Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, Indigo Buntings, and Yellow-rumped Warblers are all returning to nest and raise chicks in our state. If you like exploring, if you enjoy scavenger hunts, if you love making lists, you're going to have a great time birding-and if you use eBird, you'll help inform science and conservation. The best part is that you can get started right now, from home."

"I often talk about the power of birds, but this year they take on an even more powerful meaning," said Dr. John W. Fitzpatrick, Director of the Cornell Lab of Ornithology. "They enliven our days, brighten the trees, serenade in our backyards and city parks, and bestow us with so much joy and hope, all bundled together in feathers and lively personalities. And they're accessible, even at a time when we're all sticking close to home."

Birders can start a life list with eBird to keep track of the 450+ different species seen in New York and share discoveries with friends on social media using the hashtags #RecreateLocal and #IBirdNY. Bird watching is one of the fastest growing outdoor recreational activities. The I Bird NY website provides resources to learn what species to look for, and where and when to do so.

In addition, New Yorkers are encouraged to contribute to the third New York State Bird Breeding Atlas. Commissioner Seggos has called for citizen science volunteers to help in the development of a comprehensive, statewide survey that takes place every two decades to detail New York's breeding bird distribution. As New Yorkers are embarking on the 2020 Census to track human population and trends, DEC and its partners track natural populations to evaluate the effectiveness of New York's programs and initiatives to promote diverse and healthy wildlife. The Breeding Bird Atlas provides valuable data that helps determine population trends, climate change impacts, habitat loss and other factors on bird populations. To participate, volunteers can make a free eBird account and submit data online through the atlas website or via the eBird mobile app. Simply record the species and any breeding behaviors observed. All sightings can count. As observations are reported, data can be viewed on the Breeding Bird Atlas website. The last atlas was published in 2008, with information on its results available on DEC's website.

Julie Hart, Breeding Bird Atlas Project Coordinator with the New York Natural Heritage Program, said, "The Breeding Bird Atlas is a great way for bird enthusiasts to stay connected with the birds living in our backyards. Watching the robins and phoebes nesting under our eaves is fun for the whole family and submitting it to the atlas provides important information for conservation."

While enjoying time outdoors, New Yorkers should follow CDC/NYS Department of Health (DOH) guidelines for preventing the spread of disease:

- o Try to keep at least six feet of distance between you and others;
- o Avoid close contact such as shaking hands, hugging, or sharing binoculars;
- o Wash hands often or use hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available; and (Contd Pg. 18)

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(From Pg. 17) o Avoid surfaces that are touched often such as handrails, doorknobs, and playground equipment.

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

News from CFFCM

Dear Friends,

We wanted to give you an update of CFFCM and our plans as we all navigate through the Covid pandemic.

Due to the pandemic, the Center will remain closed until further notice. This means that it's now all the more important to please support us with a membership or donation. Membership Form CFFCM Web Page

Now that fishing season is open, we encourage you all to be safe, practice social distancing yet also suggest you get out on a stream, take a hike, and get some sun and fresh air. With the current gathering restrictions in place we were forced to postpone "First Cast". When you do hit the water for the opening please share your pictures with us on Facebook, Instagram #firstcast-catskills or email them to us.

While we are closed, I encourage you to follow our Facebook, Instagram page, and website for some future special content which will include live-tying videos, casting instruction, and original content from inside the museum.

Likewise, we'll be kicking off a few raffles soon - the first of which will be a Hardy Cascapedia reel and Hardy Bamboo Rod.

When things get back to normal, we'll host a really exciting opportunity featuring Sweetgrass Rods. Glen and Bruce will be sending us a couple brand new rods to let our members test cast and use. We can't wait to get these rods and share them with you!

We also want to share the sad news of the passing of our dear friend Dave Brandt. Dave was a Catskill Living Legend and was

inducted into the CFFCM Legends in 2017. Known as one of the best Catskill style fly tyers, he was past President of the Catskill Fly Tyers Guild and was always available to share his tips and secrets to anyone interested in tying, casting and fishing. Dave was the head instructor at the renowned Wulff School for many years where he helped introduce and improve the skills of anglers from all over the world. Dave has Trout Unlimited Chapter named for him in honor of his devotion to cold water conservation and trout fisheries. Dave's generosity knew no bounds and was always willing to donate to various charities with a box of his hand tied flies, an outing on the water, or a tying lesson. As a fixture for many years on tyers row at the major Fly Fishing shows Dave was famous for offering "free flies.... tomorrow". Prior to his passing Dave was informed that he had been elected to the CFFCM Hall of Fame which brought about wide eyes and a smile.

Dave Brandt was a true gentleman who touched many lives in the fly fishing community and beyond. He will be missed greatly by so many friends and anglers. Our deepest condolences to his wife and family. You can read Dave's obituary here: David S. Brandt

Two celebrations of David's life are being planned, one locally in Oneonta and the other at the Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum in Livingston Manor. Dates for both celebrations are to be determined. Donations in David's memory may be sent to Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum, P.O. Box 1295, Livingston Manor, NY 12758; www.cffcm.com.

We hope to see you all soon once we get through this.

Be safe and be well.

For more information on the Center please reach out to John Kovach or Rob Ceccarini at Jkovach@cffcm.com RCeccarini@cffcm.com

**UC Executive Ryan
Announces Project Resilience
has Delivered over
1,000 Meals
Nearly \$100,000 have been
raised by small
grassroots donations
Nearly 2,000 residents have
signed up for assistance**

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Since the outbreak of COVID-19, there has been a groundswell of support and outreach from residents looking to help vulnerable members of our community. In response, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan launched Project Resilience last month, a community fund and local food distribution effort to support residents impacted by COVID-19. Since standing up Project Resilience, 1,854 indi-

viduals/households have requested assistance, 13,715 meals have been delivered, 16 local teams have been established to distribute meals serving 22 municipalities, and 128 restaurants have signed up.

The County secured over \$2 million in initial funding within 24 hours of announcing the project and has raised nearly \$100,000 from grassroots donors in the community through GoFundMe. Project Resilience partners with municipalities and non-profits to deliver meals via local distribution teams. Project Resilience helps residents in need and simultaneously provides support to small businesses. Ulster County is partnering with United Way and many other area organizations and businesses to mobilize food and provide other critical services. Residents in need or looking to help out can visit the online portal here.

"With over 10,000 meals served, and hundreds of volunteers and partners, Project Resilience has shown what the wave of goodwill from across Ulster County can do. I want to thank the individuals and organizations who have generously stepped up to contribute to this effort, and I want to assure our residents that we are here for you," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "This is what it looks like when a community comes together. We are creating a model for both our state and nation of how to respond to this crisis. I continue to be tremendously impressed by the resiliency and generosity of the people of Ulster County."

"Project Resilience is a home-run," Woodstock Supervisor Bill McKenna said. "County Executive Ryan has put together the best of County government, Town government, private business and the generosity of Ulster County residents to benefit those in need."

"The Project Resilience Program is a win-win for the community and for businesses," Owner of Maria's Bazaar, Marwan Rzek said. "This effort has allowed us to keep our doors open and help our community. I want to thank County Executive Ryan, Supervisor Bill McKenna, and all of the volunteers who are helping to feed our community."

United Way is currently accepting donations and setting a goal of raising \$5 million dollars. To donate, request meal delivery, assistance, or to sign up as a participating business or service provider visit:

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

For additional information about COVID-19 visit:

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus>

Ulster County COVID-19 Hotline:

845-443-8888

NYS Coronavirus Information Hotline:

888-364-3065

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 Easter Services on-line. Check with your parish to see how they are celebrating Easter.

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5:30 pm

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Statement from SC Sheriff Michael Schiff

The COVID-19 Virus is expected to peak in the next 7 to 21 days. The risk exists that a large portion of our county's law enforcement officers may become ill and be unable to report for work. This could leave our communities without adequate police protection. In order to be prepared for this possibility, I am using my emergency powers as Sheriff to deputize all municipal police officers in Sullivan County as deputy sheriffs. We have prepared inter-municipal agreements with the several towns and villages for this purpose. This will enable a continued response of police resources anywhere in the county should this pandemic strike our law enforcement community. The police officers will be deputized immediately, with the initial term expiring June 30, 2020. If necessary, I will extend that period until December 31, 2020.

SC Update on Coronavirus For daily updates in Sullivan County, please go to: <http://sullivanny.us/Departments/Publichealth/Coronavirus>

As of Friday, April 3, there was a total of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY (230) confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Sullivan County, with 53 no longer in isolation. There have been five (5) deaths recorded thus far. There are 113,704 confirmed cases Statewide.

Sullivan County Manager Joshua Potosek has issued a State of Emergency, the details of which can be found in this press release. All public schools in Sullivan County are closed through April 15, 2020.

The Care Center at Sunset Lake is closed to all visitation. The Government Center in Monticello is closed. Please do not visit any County facilities if you have a fever, are coughing or have shortness of breath.

All events of any size are prohibited for the time being, and restaurants and bars are takeout/drive-thru only, no dine-in. Venues like casinos and movie theaters are currently closed. Unnecessary travel is discouraged.

Sullivan County Public Health is encouraging all residents to follow the CDC recommendation that everyone wear a face covering while in public to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. This is especially important in places where social distancing is difficult to maintain, such as grocery stores and pharmacies.

Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare

workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance

Message from Frost Valley Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope that you and your loved ones remain in good health during these uncertain times.

Although Frost Valley has faced its own challenges, we are earnestly pursuing efforts to respond to this crisis by serving communities. We pledge to continue to do everything we can to minimize the impact of COVID-19.

Few youth development organizations in our state are set up to respond to this crisis in the way that we are, and we feel an obligation to offer what we can to those affected. Thanks to our remote location and incredibly vast property that allows for extensive social distancing, we've started the following efforts to provide aide to those who need it:

- o As you know, many medical professionals, first responders, grocery store employees, and other essential workers are faced with the difficult choice of protecting their communities or caring for their children. For this reason, our small but mighty onsite daycare program, Little Rainbows Daycare, remains open as an emergency childcare option for children of essential workers. For more information about how we are safely conducting this service, visit our Emergency Daycare webpage

- o For several years now, we have partnered with Denning Town Hall to provide around 100 free meals each week that are delivered by volunteers to residents of our town who are unable to prepare or purchase food themselves. Although our kitchen is no longer serving meals to guests or schoolchildren, we are committed to continuing this vital service, and we are in the early stages of partnering with the United Way to expand the program to get food to families beyond our small town.

- o Frost Valley has donated produce from our Educational Farm's greenhouses and hundreds of eggs from our hens to Neversink General Store in support of their efforts to supply daily breakfast for schoolchildren. As outdoor crop production begins to pick up, we expect to provide even more fresh produce for families.

- o We're also in the early stages of working with state and county agencies to understand the feasibility of emergency overnight childcare for children of medical personnel who serving in the epicenter of this crisis in the city. I will update as soon as we know more details, but the hope is that children will be able to safely attend a camp-style program while their parents serve on the frontlines of the crisis.

- o On a lighter note, we're also making sure the children who are home right now have plenty of opportunities for engaging educational and recreational hands-on experiences. We published a few educational videos to various social media channels, and our summer camp staff are now offering "Virtual Camp," which brings camp activities into the

homes of our campers through live video calls. And although children in our after-school program are home right now, every weekday our Director of Community programs emails their families educational resources such as virtual tours of National Parks, at-home scavenger hunts, art programs, read-alongs with authors, and more.

I felt it was important to touch base with you and let you know that although our gates are temporarily closed, Frost Valley is still here, carrying out our mission and values. Everyone in the Frost Valley family is in our hearts, and we look forward to the day that we can see everyone here at camp again.

Sincerely,
Jerry Huncosky CEO

COVID-19: Recent Guidance and Tools for NYS

New Yorkers must stay home as much as possible. If you have mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19, isolate yourself at home immediately. After three to four days, if you still feel sick, contact your health care provider. If you have severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, call 911. New Guidance on Face Coverings

People who do not show symptoms may still be able to spread COVID-19. A face covering can help prevent you from spreading COVID-19 to other people, so you should wear one whenever you leave the home.

A face covering can include anything that covers your nose and mouth, including dust masks, scarves and bandanas. Do not use health care worker masks, as those must be preserved for people in the health care system.

Even if you have a face covering, continue to stay home as much as possible and avoid close contact with other people.

Social Distancing Rules in New York State

An order from the Governor requires every New Yorker to stay at home from work, unless they are an essential worker. All non-essential businesses that are normally open to the public must remain closed. Bars and restaurants may provide takeout. All non-essential gatherings of any size for any reason are banned.

The police may issue fines to anyone they see in public not following these rules.

Coronaviruses are a group of viruses that can cause illnesses ranging from mild diseases, such as a cold, to more serious illnesses, such as pneumonia. Recently, a new coronavirus was detected that had not been previously seen in humans. The disease, called COVID-19, can be spread from person to person.

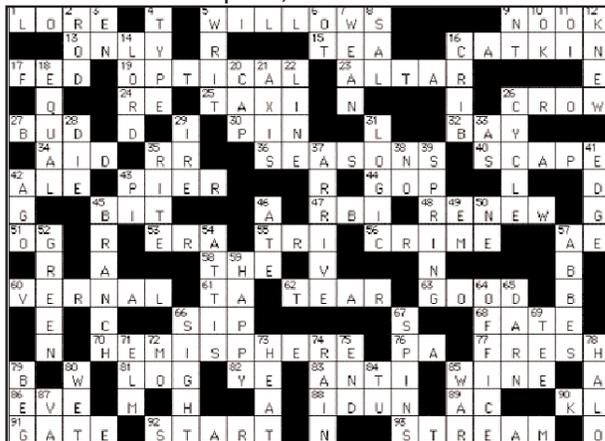
There is widespread community transmission of COVID-19 in New York City, meaning the sources of new infections are unknown. Everyone in New York City should act as if they have been exposed to COVID-19. That means you should monitor your health closely and stay home. Only go out for essential supplies and services, such as groceries or urgent medical care.

Staying home will help slow the spread of COVID-19 and will protect others from becoming critically ill and dying. Staying home also protects essential workers, including health care providers and retail workers, who must continue to work. Essential workers need to stay healthy to continue to provide services, such as caring for the sick and keeping groceries and food available.

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 Apr. 2, 2020 Crossword



All Aboard! Canceled until further notice

Join the Fun!
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in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

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 answer

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

Easter Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

Easter Mass will be shared on Facebook for all. Please visit Immaculate Conception Church Facebook Page if you missed Palm Sunday Mass and for future announcements through Holy Week, and information on Easter Sunday Mass on-line.



Hello from your friends at the Daniel Pierce Library!

We hope you and your family members are doing well. We know this is a difficult time for everyone and we just want to say, stay strong, stay safe, and try to keep your mind busy. We will get through this! As we all know, social distancing measures in New York and the country have been extended. That means that the library will be closed until further notice. We will continue to keep you updated as we know more.

In the meantime, check out our website and our Facebook page for online programming and educational resources. Each week day we will post a video of Storytime with Ms. Deirdre (and her dog Nula). And next Tuesday and Thursday (4/7 & 4/9), we will have an online tutorial for you for A Craft with Miss Geri.

We have also extended due dates on any materials that are checked out. All RCLS member library materials are now due back on June 1, 2020. This does not mean that we expect to be closed that long, no one really knows, but we do not want to take a chance with anything accruing fines.

We wish you well. Please stay safe and remember if you need anything related to library services we are checking voicemail daily. We miss you all!!

Message from Olive Free Library

It has been a hard few weeks, and although the library doors are closed, we are still here for you! We are working on moving as many in-person events to virtual events and staying connected on social media. Every day we check phone messages and email, so make sure to reach out, even if it's just to say hi!

We have set up online library registration for people who would like to start using our online resources but don't have a library card. Online yoga classes will begin Monday, April 13, with Kathy Carey. There will be more details about the class on our website soon. Also, we are working on getting Hoopla for our patrons. Hoopla provides access to almost 900,000 titles that are always available. Hoopla's content is available in six formats: ebook, audiobook, music, movies, t.v., and comics.

For now, the Library building will remain closed to the public. We will reevaluate at our Board Meeting on April 15, whether the Library will remain closed or can reopen the next week. The Board Meeting will be open to the public via Zoom. Please check our website for details.

If you have questions or need help, please feel free to reach out to us!
 We miss you!
 Stay well!

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

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

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

Send your information to: tvtownsm@yahoo.com.

Town of Denning - www.denning.us

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

4/15/2020 Neverink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm

4/18/2020 Grahamsville Reformed Church **Roast Pork Dinner** 4:0 -7:00 pm Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall

4/21/2020 Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals - 7:30 pm (*App. Submission Date - 4/7/2020*)

Save the Date!

May 9th 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm **Boy Scout Troop Fish Fry** - Neversink Fire House. Please purchase your tickets in advance from Neil Terwilliger (845) 798-3328 or Bernie Lange (845) 532-7607

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

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.



**Message from
The Daniel Pierce Library**

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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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!

4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sales!

May 22- 25, 2020

While cleaning out the kitchen drawers or closets and you are wondering what to do with all those extra gadgets, pie tins, pots or pans, don't forget this year's **4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!** It will be here before you know it!! Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2020 is **only 7 weeks away!**

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



Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia

TCM Starting At 5:00 AM
EASTER SUNDAY MORNING
APRIL 12, 2020 WE HONOR THE JUDAEO - CHRISTIAN CELEBRATION OF THE RITE OF RESURRECTION, OF JESUS THE CHRIST

"THE SILVER CHALICE"

(epic, 1954)A silversmith is charged with engraving the Holy Grail. **D: Victor Saville. Virginia Mayo, Pier Angeli, Jack Palance, Paul Newman, Walter Hampden, Joseph Wiseman, Alexander Scourby, Lorne Greene, E. G. Marshall, Natalie Wood.** Newman's screen debut is undistinguished in story of Greek who designs framework for cup used at Last Supper. This is the film Newman once apologized for in a famous Hollywood trade ad. From the Thomas Contain novel; Greene's first film, too. CinemaScope. C - 135 m, TV-G Widescreen, Closed Captions

AND AT • 7:30 AM THIS EASTER SUNDAY THE STORY OF BARABBAS (Drama 1962) (Drama, 1962) A thief is pardoned so Jesus can be crucified in his place. **Dir: Richard Fleischer Starring: Anthony Quinn, Silvana Mangano, Arthur Kennedy. Barabbas Anthony Quinn, Silvana Mangano, Ernest Borgnine.** Richard Fleischer's inspirational tale of the vicious murderer that Pontius Pilate spared so that Jesus could be crucified in his C - 138 M Closed Captions.

• 10:00 AM, **"BEYOND A REASONABLE DOUBT"** (suspense, 1956) **SHOWING ALL SINS DIDN'T JUST OCCUR IN BIBLICAL TIMES** A novelist frames himself for murder to prove the fallibility of circumstantial evidence. **D: Fritz Lang. Starring Dana Andrews, Joan Fontaine, Sidney Blackmer, Philip Bourneuf, Barbara Nichols.** Far-fetched tale of man who pretends to be guilty of murder to get first-hand view of justice system, unable to prove himself inno-

cent later on. Pale production values. Intriguing idea doesn't hold up. B/W - 80 M TV-PG Widescreen Closed Captions

• 12:00 PM **BEN-HUR (EPIC, 1959)** While seeking revenge, a rebellious Israelite prince crosses paths with Jesus Christ. **D: William Wyler. Charlton Heston, Jack Hawkins, Stephen Boyd, Haya Harareet, Hugh Griffith, Martha Scott, Sam Jaffe, Cathy O'Donnell, Finlay Currie.** (Contd. Pg. 24)

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(From Pg. 23) Epic-scale rendering of Gen. Lew Wallace's "tale of the Christ." Heston and Boyd are well matched as the proud Jew Ben-Hur and his boyhood friend Messala, whose blind allegiance to Rome turns him into a bitter enemy. Poky at times, but redeemed by the strength of its convictions. Some of the special effects show their age, though the galley-slave sequence and climactic chariot race (directed by Andrew Marton and staged by the legendary stunt expert Yakima Canutt) are still great. Won a record 11 Oscars for Best Picture, Director, Actor (Heston), Supporting Actor (Griffith), Cinematography (Robert L. Surtees), Music Score (Miklos Rozsa), Art Direction, Film Editing, Sound, Costume Design, and Special Effects. MGM Camera 65. C - 222 mTV-PG Widescreen Closed Captions

• 4:00 PM

"THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD" (EPIC, 1965) All-star epic retelling of Christ's life.

Dir: George Stevens Cast: Max von Sydow, Dorothy McGuire, Robert Loggia Nominated for 5 Oscars, and starring Charlton Heston, Max Von Sydow, John Wayne and more, this magnificent film recreates the life of Jesus from His humble birth to His ultimate. C - 199 M TV-G Widescreen Closed Captions.

• 8:00 PM EASTER PARADE (MUSICAL, 1948)

When his partner leaves him, a vaudeville star trains an untried performer to take her place, finding love in the process. D: Charles Walters. Judy Garland, Fred Astaire, Peter Lawford, Ann Miller, Jules Munshin. Delightful Irving Berlin musical about Astaire trying to forget ex-dance partner Miller while rising to stardom with Garland. Too good to watch just at Eastertime. Musical highlights include Astaire's solo "Steppin' Out With My Baby," Miller's "Shaking the Blues Away," Fred and Judy's "A Couple of Swells," and the Fifth Avenue finale with Berlin's title song. Oscar winner for musical scoring (Johnny Green and Roger Edens). Story by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett; they also scripted with Sidney Sheldon.

• 10:00 PM KING OF KINGS (Epic, 1961) Epic retelling of Christ's

life and the effects of his teachings on those around him. **Dir: Nicholas Ray Cast: Jeffrey Hunter, Siobhan McKenna, Robert Ryan.** The life of powerfull impact of Jesus the Christ is chronicled in this intelligent, gripping epic. From the producer of the epic spectacular El Cid and the Fall of the Roman Empire.

• 1:00 AM THE SINGER, (MUSICAL, 1927)

The Jazz Singer (Musical, 1927) A cantor's son breaks with family tradition to go into show business. Dir: Alan Crosland Cast: Al Jolson, May McAvoy, Warner Oland. D: Alan Crosland. Al Jolson, May McAvoy, Warner Oland, Eugenie Besserer, Otto Lederer, William Demarest, Roscoe Karns. Legendary first talkie is actually silent with several sound musical and talking sequences. Story of Cantor Oland's son (Jolson) going into show business is creaky, but this movie milestone should be seen once. Songs: "My Mammy," "Toot Toot Tootsie Goodbye," "Blue Skies," etc. Look fast for Myrna Loy as a chorus girl. Remade twice (so far!). B/W - 96 m TV-G Closed Captions The first feature film to utilize Synchronous Sound. The story is about Cantor Oland's son who goes into show business over his objections. Tunes include "Mammy," "Toot, Toot,...

**On TCM Starting At 6:00 am
WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2020
A day of Music, Dance, and
Happiness.**

**WE HONOR
FRED ASTAIRE &
GINGER ROGERS
AT 6:00 AM**

TOP HAT (Musical, 1935) A woman thinks the man who loves her is her best friend's husband. **D: Mark Sandrich. Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Edward Everett Horton, Helen Broderick, Eric Blore, Erik Rhodes.** What can we say? Merely a knock-out of a musical with Astaire and Rogers at their brightest doing "Cheek to Cheek," "Isn't This a Lovely Day to Be Caught in the Rain," "Top Hat, White Tie, and Tails," and the epic "Piccolino," and other Irving Berlin songs, as the duo goes through typical mistaken-identity plot. Wonderful support from rest of cast; **that's Lucille Ball as the flower shop clerk.** Scripted by Dwight Taylor and Allan Scott, from a play by Alexander Farago and Aladar Laszlo. Originally

101m.; some prints are 93m.B/W - 100 m TV-G Closed Captions.

Quiz, In the film "TOP HAT"

1. Who played Dale Tremont?
2. Who played Horace Hardwick?

Starting at • 6:00 AM **ROBERTA (Musical, 1935)** The story of this famous Jerome Kern-Otto Harbach musical maybe, is as some say, not so special. But Astaire and Rogers make it very special. Don't miss this superb offering to the Goddess Terpsikhore. **D: William A. Seiter. Starring Irene Dunne, Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Randolph Scott, Helen Westley, Claire Dodd, Victor Varconi, Candy Candido.** However, supporting characters Astaire and Rogers are exuberant in their song & dance numbers. Scott says "swell," too many times. Try to spot young "Lucille Ball" in fashion-show sequence. **Songs include "I Won't Dance," "Lovely to Look At," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," and "Yesterdays."** Based on the Alice Duer Miller novel Gowns by Roberta. Remade as LOVELY TO LOOK AT. • 8:00 AM **FOLLOW THE FLEET (Musical, 1936)** (Musical, 1936) Two sailors on leave romance **D: Mark Sandrich. Starring Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Randolph Scott, Harriet Hilliard (Nelson), Astrid Allwyn, Betty Grable.** Delightful musical with sailors wrongly thinking they are seducing a dance-hall hostess and her prim sister. but nievety of the two causes them to be seduced by the dance-hall hostess and her prim sister. Astaire and Scott romancing sisters Rogers and Hilliard. *Irving Berlin songs include "Let's Face the Music and Dance," "We Saw the Sea," "Let Yourself Go,"* A reworking of *SHORE LEAVE*, a 1925 Richard Barthelmess silent, and the 1930 musical HIT THE DECK. That's **Lucille Ball as Kitty.** B/W - 110 m TV-G Closed Captions • 10:00 AM **SHALL WE DANCE (Musical, 1937)** • A showgirl and a ballet dancer fake a marriage for publicity purposes. Result? They fall in love. **Dir: Mark Sandrich Cast: Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Edward Everett Horton. D: Mark Sandrich. Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Eric Blore, Edward Everett Horton, Ann Shoemaker, Jerome Cowan, Harriet Hocter.** (Contd. Pg 25)

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(From Pg. 24) Lesser *Astaire-Rogers offerings are the masters of dance and are still in top musical form. Add Gershwin's "Let's Call the Whole Thing Off," "They All Laughed," and "They Can't Take That Away from Me,"* that kind of energy can hold any show together. A light plot about a dance team pretending to be wed. • 12:00 PM **THE GAY DIVORCEE**, (Musical, 1934) A married woman, in the throws of divorce, mistakes a suitor for the gigolo hired to end her marriage. **D: Mark Sandrich starring, Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Alice Brady, Edward Everett Horton, Erik Rhodes, Eric Blore, Betty Grable.** Top Astaire-Rogers are cream on the pudding with the usual useless plot, and musical numbers that made that era wonderful. Include the **Oscar-winning song "The Continental" and Cole Porter's "Night and Day,"** the surperbness dosen't end. Tune in, and ride the rollorcoaster of love, and passion. Rhodes is memorable as would-be correspondent in a divorce case. Incidentally, the Broadway hit on which this was based was called **The Gay Divorce**, but the Hollywood Production Code disapproved. • 2:00 PM **THE BAND WAGON**, (Musical, 1953) A film star's comeback vehicle is turned into an artsy flop, by a genius but unbalanced Broadway entrepreneur. **D: Vincente Minnelli. Starring, Fred Astaire, Cyd Charisse, Oscar Levant, Nanette Fabray, Jack Buchanan.** Sophisticated backstage musical gets better every time we see it. Astaire plays a "washed-up" movie star who tries his luck on Broadway. The play is under the direction of maniacal genius Buchanan. Musical highlights include **"Dancing in the Dark," "Shine on Your Shoes," and "That's Entertainment"** (all by Dietz & Schwartz) and Astaire's Mickey Spillane spoof "The Girl Hunt." C - 112 m TV-G Closed Captions • 4:00 PM **SWING TIME** (Musical, 1936) To prove himself worthy of his fiancée, a dancer tries to make it big, only to fall for his dancing partner. **D: George Stevens. Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers, Victor Moore, Helen Broderick, Eric Blore, Betty Furness.** One of the best Astaire-Rogers films, with stars as dance team whose romance is hampered by Fred's engagement to girl back home (Furness). Fine support by Moore and Broderick, unforgettable Jerome Kern Dorothy Fields songs **"A Fine Romance," "Pick Yourself Up," Oscar-winning "The Way You Look Tonight."** Astaire's Bojangles production number is a screen classic. TV-G B/W - 104 m Closed Captions

• 6:00 PM **"TOP HAT" SEE 6 A.M.**

FRED ASTAIRE, was born Frederick Austerlitz on May 10, 1899 in Omaha, Nebraska, the son of Johanna "Ann" (née Geilus; 1878–1975)[6] and Frederic "Fritz" Austerlitz (1868-1923).[1][7][8] Astaire's mother was born in the United States, to Lutheran German emigrants from East Prussia and Alsace. Astaire's father was born in Linz, Austria, to Jewish parents who had converted to Roman Catholicism. His stage and subsequent film and television careers spanned a total of 76 years. He starred in more than 10 Broadway and West End musicals, made 31 musical films, four television specials, and issued numerous recordings. As a dancer, his most outstanding traits were his uncanny sense of rhythm, his perfectionism, and his innovation. His most memorable dancing partnership was with Ginger Rogers, with whom he co-starred in a series of ten Hollywood musicals. The American Film Institute named Astaire the fifth greatest male star of Classic Hollywood cinema in 100 Years... 100 Stars.

Gene Kelly, another renowned star of filmed dance, said that "the history of dance on film begins with Astaire." Later, he asserted that Astaire was "the only one of today's dancers who will be remembered." Beyond film and television, many dancers and choreographers, including Rudolf Nureyev, Sammy Davis Jr., Michael Jackson, Gregory Hines, Mikhail Baryshnikov, George Balanchine, Jerome Robbins, Madhuri Dixit, and Bob Fosse, who called Astaire his "idol", also acknowledged his influence.

GINGER ROGERS - (born Virginia Katherine McMath; July 16, 1911 – April 25, 1995) was an American actress, dancer, and singer. She won an Academy Award for her starring role in *Kitty Foyle* (1940), but is best remembered for performing during the 1930s in RKO's musical films (partnered with Fred Astaire). Her career continued on stage, radio, and television throughout much of the 20th century. Born in Independence, Missouri, and raised in Kansas City, Rogers and her family moved to Fort Worth, Texas, when she was nine years old. After winning a 1925 Charleston dance contest[1] that launched a successful vaudeville career, she gained recognition as a Broadway actress for her debut stage role in *Girl Crazy*. This led to a contract with Paramount Pictures, which ended after five films. Rogers had her first successful film role as a supporting actress in *42nd Street* (1933). Rogers made nine films in the 1930s with Astaire, which were some of her biggest successes such as *Swing Time* (1936) and *Top Hat* (1935). After

two commercial failures with Astaire, Rogers began to branch out into dramatic and comedy films. Her acting was well received by critics and audiences as she became one of the biggest box-office draws and highest paid actresses of the 1940s. Her performance in *Kitty Foyle* (1940) won her the Academy Award for Best Actress.[1]

Rogers' popularity had peaked by the end of the decade. She reunited with Astaire in 1949 in the commercially successful *The Barkleys of Broadway*. After an unsuccessful period in the 1950s, Rogers returned to Broadway in 1965, playing the lead role in *Hello, Dolly!* More lead roles on Broadway followed, along with her stage directorial debut in 1985 on an off-Broadway production of *Babes in Arms*. Rogers also made television acting appearances until 1987. In 1992, Rogers was recognized at the Kennedy Center Honors. She died of a heart attack in 1995, at the age of 83.

Rogers is associated with the phrase "backwards and in high heels", which is attributed to Bob Thaves' Frank and Ernest 1982 cartoon with the caption "Sure he [Astaire] was great, but don't forget that Ginger Rogers did everything he did...backwards and in high heels". This phrase is sometimes incorrectly attributed to Ann Richards, who used it in her keynote address to the 1988 Democratic National Convention.[2]

A Republican and a devout Christian Scientist, Rogers married five times with all of them ending in divorce, and having no children. During her long career, Rogers made 73 films, and her musical films with Fred Astaire are credited with revolutionizing the genre. Rogers was a major movie star during the Golden Age of Hollywood, and is often considered an American icon. She ranks number 14 on the AFI's 100 Years...100 Stars list of female stars of classic American cinema. Rogers' autobiography *Ginger: My Story* was published in 1991.

Ans.

1. Ginger Rogers
2. Edward Everett Horton

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