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A Very Special Delivery for Thanksgiving in Fallsburg



George Lewis of Rolling V Bus and FCSD cafeteria worker Cynthia May loading one of the buses with food

In the early morning of November 24, 2020, the cafeteria at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) looked like the Mess Hall for a Marine battalion. It was jam packed with breakfast and lunches of food, milk, and juice in boxes, coolers and crates ready for delivery to school children and families.



Cafeteria workers pushing a cartload of food.



FCSD cafeteria worker Rosemary Froehlich in the middle of the BCES cafeteria

Because school was closing for the Thanksgiving break, cafeteria staff, with the help of custodians, had assembled enough food for four days-Tuesday through Friday. Cafeteria workers Cynthia May, Ken Geagley Jr. and Karen Allan were among those wheeling heavy carts of food to several huge tables assembled outside the Cafeteria. Soon each table overflowed with boxes and coolers the labels Dolphins, Squirrel, Danny (names of bus routes or drivers that drove the routes). (Contd. Pg. 4)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER:
for ye know not when the time is.

Take heed, watch and pray:
Mark 13:33

OBITUARY

Frederick "Fred" G. Turner, of Hurleyville, passed away on Sunday, November 29, 2020 at Garnet Medical Center. Fred was born on September 17, 1931 in South Fallsburg, NY to Harry G. Turner and Florence Lee Turner.

As a young man he worked as a farmhand on a dairy farm. He joined the US Army in 1951, and served in Germany during the Korean Conflict. On July 39, 1961, he married the love of his life, Carol and raised a family. Fred was employed as a truck driver for various companies; he initially began his career with Intercounty Feed, and later opened his own business, Fred Turner Sanitation. After closing that company, he worked for Three Guys Cement, and later finished out his driving career with Woodbourne Lawn and Garden. Fred was a lifelong member of the Hurleyville Fire Department, served as Captain, and for his ongoing dedication, he was awarded Fireman of the Year during the construction of the new firehouse. He remained active, always involved with the department's pancake breakfasts and other events. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed camping, fishing, and hunting clubs. In his younger years, he enjoyed bar hopping and socializing with friends. Late in life, he cherished being a grandpa and great-grandpa and was happiest surrounded by family. Fred is survived by his beloved wife, Carol Turner; his children, Craig Turner and his wife, Cris and Glen Turner and his wife, Theresa; his grandchildren, Stacey Turner, Brandi Turner (John), Jacob Turner (Brittney), and Derik Turner; his great-grandchildren Skyler, Shane, Kaitlyn, Khalil, Shahdear, and Aniya; his siblings, Russ Turner, Ginger McCarthy (Victor), Phyllis Fix (Bill), and his sister-in-law Lillian Turner. He is predeceased by his son, Mark Turner, and his brother, Lee Turner.

A visitation will take place on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 12-3 pm, followed by interment at the Sullivan County Veteran's Cemetery in Liberty, NY with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Fred's memory may be made to the Hurleyville Fire Department, 166 Main Street, Hurleyville, NY 12747. Arrangements are under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 in Woodbourne, NY. For

additional information, please visit the funeral home website at www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com or call 434-7363.

DAYS OF YORE...***Today's History*****November 29, 1950**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Distel of Ulster Heights have twin daughters, Kathleen and Karen, born Wednesday at the Veterans Memorial Hospital in Ellenville.

Successful deer hunters in this area include Roger Ackerley, Albert Rose, Ray Krum, Floyd Ackerley, Claude DePew, Theron Hasbrouck, Al Sherman, Walter Oberti; Elwood Velie brought home a bear.

November 23, 1960

A new 50-star flag was presented to the Neversink firemen at their meeting Monday evening. The flag was sent to Archie Dean Sr. with a letter from Congresswoman Katherine St. George. The flag came from Washington and had flown one day at the State Capitol.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas C. Hasbrouck of Troy, N.Y. are the proud parents of a daughter, Janet Lee, born November 16th. She is the second great-granddaughter for Mr. and Mr. John Knight.

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Erath were honored guests at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oland Erath on Thursday evening. After dinner they were very pleasantly surprised when a number of friends and relatives arrive to help them celebrate their 45th Wedding Anniversary.

December 2, 1970

Michael Musso, son of Benjamin and Rita Musso of Big Hollow Road in Grahamsville, has earned the highest award of the Boy Scouts of America - the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Joseph J. Kelly, Regional Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, has announced the opening of an office to serve Sullivan County residents. Mr. Kelly stated the new full-time office is at 10 Prince St. in the Sullivan Professional Building, Monticello.

November 20, 1980

Monday marked the coldest morning temperature this fall. It was 15 degrees at the foot of Lackawack Hill.

Nature Column - Linda Comando

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

The Magic of the Perfect Christmas Tree

Maybe you will be among the many who will head up to the Gotsch Christmas Tree Farm this week and cut your own Christmas Tree (or pick a tree that has already been cut) and get it ready to bring into your home for the holidays.

Our family has many great memories of doing just that - cutting down our very own special Christmas Tree. In the midst of all the beautiful evergreen trees, the frost nipped at our fingers and toes while we went from tree to tree to decide which one was the perfect tree for us.

In reality every evergreen is the perfect Christmas Tree. Just think - as cold and dark as winter might be, a Christmas Tree remains green the year around. - thus they are named, "Evergreens".

Once evergreens covered the whole world. It took millions of years for the evergreen trees to perfect three magic tricks on behalf of all evergreen trees to come.

The first and most important is photosynthesis or transforming sunlight into green chlorophyll.

Think of one sunbeam composed of tiny particles of electromagnetic radiation energy called photons. Each wee little photon has zero rest mass and charge plus spin of one. Sound a little 'out there'? That is how it changes sunlight into chlorophyll - a technology called photonics. Here's what happens:

As a sunbeam shines on a pine needle filled with water, the photons radiant energy splits each molecule of water into hydrogen and oxygen. The oxygen is discarded back into the air. The hydrogen mixes with air inside the needle or leaf and builds a new molecule of chlorophyll, which is a carbohydrate (sugar). The whole process takes thirty seconds!

To split the water molecule requires the color bands of red, orange and blue - from the rainbow light spectrum. Only these colors transform light into chlorophyll or a carbohydrate (sugar). The middle of the rainbow, where green is located is mostly reflected. This is why a pine needle looks green.

Evergreen trees store little packages of carbohydrates as liquid sugar cells everywhere in the tree - needles, limbs, trunk, bark and roots - and in cold weather convert the sugar into an alcoholic substance slow to freeze. Pioneers actually made a tasty drink called Spruce Beer by boiling young twig tips in water and adding molasses and yeast to taste.

The second magic trick performed by evergreens is transporting the alcohol throughout the whole tree in long pipeline cells whose woody sidewalls thicken in winter weather.

The last trick is that all evergreens except tamarack and cypress keep sap flowing through needles year around. Broadleaf trees by contrast make cork cells at the end of the leaf stem, thus blocking water and causing the leaf to drop off in autumn. Not the Evergreen - they simply look elegantly green all year around making them very special this time of the year, especially after a new snowfall.

We are so fortunate living in the Catskills. With so many evergreen trees in our forests and countryside, despite the cold and darkness of winter, we are certain to begin to feel the magic of Christmas knowing that evergreens are just as green now as they were on a sunny day last summer!

May your holidays be a little brighter every time you see and feel the magic of another Christmas Tree whether it is in your home, in a neighbor's window or front yard and don't forget all of those who filled with the same magic, stand tall and green in our forests and countryside!



O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree
How lovely are thy branches
O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree
How lovely are thy branches
Not only green when summer's here
But also when it's cold and drear
O Christmas tree, o Christmas tree
How lovely are thy branches

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
Thou tree most fair and lovely!
O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
Thou tree most fair and lovely!
Thou dost proclaim the Savior's birth,
Good will to men and peace on earth.

O Christmas tree, O Christmas tree!
Thou tree most fair and lovely.
A symbol of goodwill and love
You'll ever be unchanging
Each shining light
Each silver bell
No one alive spreads cheer so well
Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree,

**Household Hints:****Use Vinegar to Make New Christmas Ornaments Look Vintage**

Vintage Christmas decor is very popular this year, so why not make your traditional glass Christmas ornaments look more vintage? Simply make a mixture of half vinegar and half water then put your ornaments in the mixture for about 30 seconds. Rinse afterward and the vinegar should have dissolved some of the ornament's painted surface

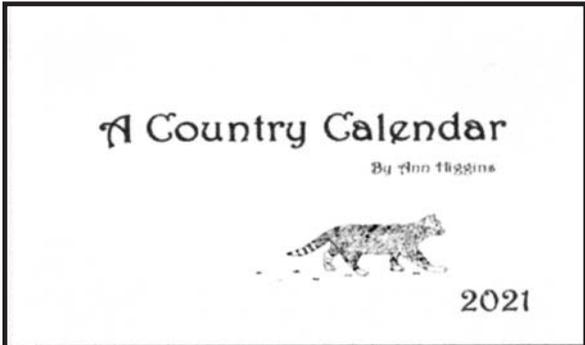
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(From Pg. 1) But that was not all. A Single Bite, the non-profit established by Foster Supply Hospitality, was providing 24 families in FCSD with four days of hot prepared meals. FCSD had chosen the special families through its social workers and guidance department staffs. They were delivered to BCES by driver Alan Smith in a Rolling V Van just prior to the arrival of his co-workers in the dozens of buses that started lining up at 8:30 AM to load up. Among the delicacies were roast turkey breast, sweet potatoes, green beans, corn bread and two different kinds of salsa.

Sims and Kirsten Foster founded A Single Bite "to teach why real food is important and to empower young people to care about food they eat and where it comes from." Through the assistance and coordination of Fallsburg Central Schools, other school districts and service agencies, like Rotary, Elks and Lions, the Fosters reached their milestone of distributing more than 50,000 servings of food to their neighbors in Sullivan County last week.

Dr. Aleta Lymon, Family & Community Liaison from FCSD, was the point person supervising the November 24 herculean effort. A Single Bite thanked Executive Chef Peter Yurosits, Executive Director Audrey Gorro, Program Manager Anastasia Ocheretina and the dozens of volunteers and donors that made their efforts possible.

Many people were tired by mid-morning as they cleaned up the BCES Cafeteria and removed all the pallets and debris from the loading area. And they were smiling because they were grateful for all the work that would bring a lot of smiles to faces of the children they serve.



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Senator Jen Metzger Concedes in Race for the 42nd District

Hudson Valley and Catskills...Three weeks after Election Day, most of approximately 30,000 absentee and affidavit ballots have been counted in the contest for New York's 42nd State Senate District, and Senator Jen Metzger has conceded the race. Metzger picked up a majority of the votes counted after election day, and the final margin will be less than one percentage point when the remaining ballots are counted.

Senator Metzger has issued the following statement:

"Serving the people of the Hudson Valley and Catskills as State Senator these past two years has been the great honor of my life. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to bring about positive change that improves people's lives in this unique place we all love. I want to thank my dedicated and hardworking staff, as well as my campaign team and the hundreds of volunteers who made our people-powered campaign a purposeful and steady force down to the very end.

"In January, Mike Martucci will take this seat in the State Senate, and I wish him the best in his new position, because we all deserve good representation, regardless of our political point of view. Until then, I will serve the remainder of my time in office with the same energy and commitment I've given this job for the last two years. We cannot stop fighting for the dignity and well-being of all people in our communities. Whatever positive change we make in the world, we make together."

Jen Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District, which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. www.jenmetzger.com

Senator-Elect Mike Martucci Clinches Victory Over Incumbent State Senator Jen Metzger

Martucci's Families First Agenda and Fight Against Radical Bail Elimination Resonates With Voters Who Demand Change and a Restoration of Balance to Albany

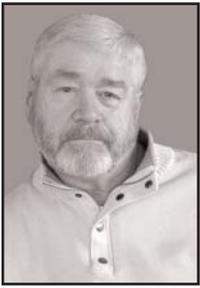
Goshen, NY (November 24, 2020) - Sealing the deal on an overwhelming election night dominance, Mike Martucci's lead held through three weeks of mail-in voting and court challenges to become the next State Senator for the 42nd District.

Senator-Elect Martucci overcame a significant democrat enrollment advantage, as well as being drastically outspent by almost 3 to 1 by the democrat establishment and special interest dark money that fought tooth and nail to retain the seat. In the end, Martucci's Families First Agenda, and opposition to the senate democrats' radical agenda that included disastrous bail elimination, raising taxes on the middle-class and ignoring the needs of our farmers drew the support of voters from across the aisle and propelled his victory in what many believed to be the most contested state legislative race this election cycle. (Contd. Pg. 10)

The Man In Milan

Mysterious Book Report No. 422

by John Dwaine McKenna



An execution-style murder of an Italian air force officer and diplomat on Sutton Place – in one of New York City's most expensive mid-Manhattan neighborhoods-begins author Vito Rancanelli's electrifying new thriller entitled, *The Man in Milan*, (Polis Books, \$26.99, 336 pages, ISBN 978-1-951709-11-1).

As NYPD Detective Paul Rossi and his partner, Detective Hamilton P. Turner investigate however, they're pulled ever-deeper into an intriguing and sinister plot with political overtones and roots that go back decades . . . to the worst air disaster in Italian history. Eighty-one souls were lost when an airline crashed on the island of Ustica, between the shin of Italy and the island of Sicily, in June of 1980. The cause of the crash has never been determined, but foul play may have occurred, because Russian-backed Libyan MiG fighters, French Mirages, as well as NATO and Italian warplanes were all in the same airspace at the time. It's suspected that a crime may have been committed and covered up . . . but no one knows for certain . . . because the Italian Government continues to investigate but still hasn't determined a cause, more than twenty years after the crash. And the man who was assassinated in NYC? His name was Gaetano Muro, and he was flying an Italian fighter jet in the melee where the ill-fated airliner went down.

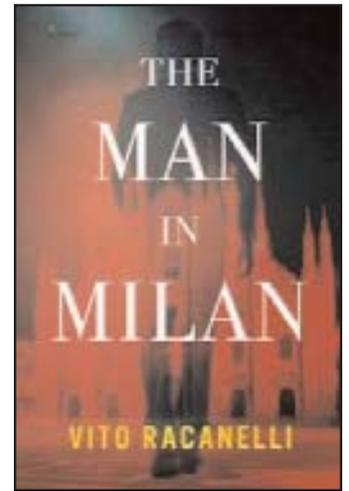
Trying to fit together the pieces of an insanely complex puzzle Rossi and Turner are thwarted by the NYPD bureaucracy and stonewalled, obfuscated and misled by the Italian Consulate in New York City. The two detectives are joined by Gaetano Muro's sister Laura, a policewoman from Italy who comes to America to claim her brother's body and return it to the old country for burial. And that's when another element known as the Gladio, a powerful and shadowy Italian political cabal whose tentacles extend all the way across the Atlantic Ocean to the innermost circles of New York's political, social and ruling classes steps in to try and prevent the Sutton Place murder from ever being solved.

Based in part on actual events, *The Man in Milan* is stuffed full of action, intrigue and enough plot twists to satisfy Niccolo Machiavelli himself, and announces the arrival of a major new talent in thriller fiction. Read it for yourself and see why the MBR is calling it one of the best first novels we've seen in quite some time!

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Interview With The Author: Vito Rancanelli

by John Dwaine McKenna

Today's guest is a newsman, foreign correspondent and bureau chief turned thriller writer named Vito Rancanelli, whose new novel, *The Man in Milan*, is reviewed in Mysterious Book Report No. 422. His insights reflect his vast work experience and a continental point-of-view that will present our fans and MBR readers with a refreshing new perspective on the writer's craft. With many thanks for joining us today . . . here's Vito Rancanelli. Our first question is:

Take us through The Man in Milan's publishing journey. How long did it take?

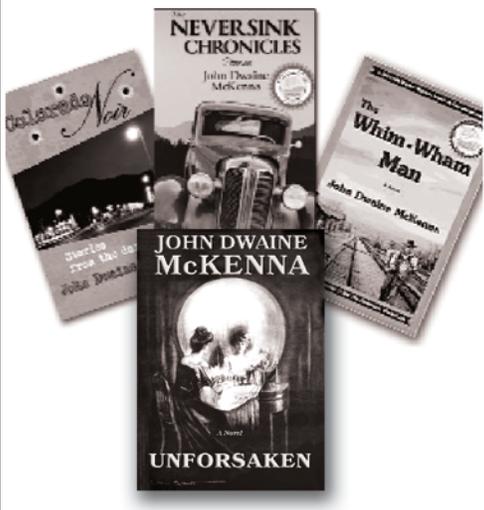
The actual writing took about a year including a six-month sabbatical from work, and not counting the publisher/agent suggested changes, which took another few months. Then it took a few years for a publisher to bite.

Where do you get most, some, or any of your story ideas from? What inspired *The Man in Milan*?

I have many short stories published (you can find them on my website, vitorancanelli.com). Some are ripped from the headlines but many just come to me, often inspired by things I observe.

In the case of *The Man in Milan*, the kernel of the story is based on a real event, the downing of an airliner in Italy in 1980. This period was called *Gli Anni di Piombino*, or the Years of Lead (the 1970-80s saw a great deal of terrorism in Italy). The investigation dragged on and on and it seemed that the authorities didn't want it solved. That intrigued me. The rest is in the novel. (Contd. Pg. 13)

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Dec 4 Saugerties First Friday: Every month in the village of Saugerties, businesses stay open late and offer special activities and discounts to visitors. 5-8 p.m. Partition, Market and Main streets, Saugerties; facebook.com/saugertiesscene

Dec. 5 Fifth Annual Fire Truck Parade Hosted by The Wawarsing Wassail, Ellenville, Napanoch and Wawarsing: Joshua R. Peters Memorial Electric Fire Truck Parade. All fire/rescue groups, businesses, organizations, families and individuals are encouraged to participate. Participants must be on vehicles. Decorate apparatus, fleet vehicles, flatbeds, pickup trucks, cars – whatever you have with holiday lights (required). There will be a longer route to encourage social distancing. A great family event. 5 p.m. Email ewycny@yahoo.com or info@ewcoc.com. 845- 647-4620; ewcoc.com. For map and details visit: facebook.com/The-Wawarsing-Wassail-260700854771745

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Dec. 5 and 19 at the Kingston Outdoor Farmer's Market at County Courthouse parking lot. Entrance on John and Wall Street, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. madeinkingstonny.com; facebook.com/madeinkingston

Dec. 2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 23, 26, 27 The Dorsky Museum in December: Visit the Dorsky's website for a complete list of exhibitions and online lectures. Now open: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art, SUNY New Paltz, 1 Hawk Drive, New Paltz. 845-257-3844; newpaltz.edu/museum

Dec 4-6, 11-13, 18-20, 26, 27 A Frosty Fest - a family-fun holiday light spectacular featuring over one million lights, as well as Meet & Greet with Dasher the Reindeer, Frosty's Musical Light Show, Candy Cane Lane, Frosty's Enchanted Forest (Drive Thru), Glistening Gardens, Magical Mansion, Frosty's Magical 3D Adventure, Outdoor Photos with Santa (subject to weather), Blizzard the Polar Bear, gift shops and tasty treats. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, including December 26 and 27. Closed Christmas Day. Visit website for hours. afrostyfest.com Reservations required. Magic Moon Farm Inc. dba A Frosty Fest, 778 Broadway (Route 9W), Ulster Park. 845- 339-2666; afrostyfest.com

Dec 4-6, 11-13, 18- 20, 26, 27 Hudson River Maritime Museum: "Rescuing the River: 50 Years of Environmental Activism on the Hudson," highlights the growth of an environmental consciousness in the Hudson River Valley and chronicles the rise of organizations dedicated to environmental stewardship. Hours: noon-5 p.m., Fri.-Sun. Check website for closures. 50 Rondout Landing, Kingston. 845-338-0071; hrrmm.org

Dec 5 Winter Wonderland Parade, Port Ewen, Town of Esopus – CANCELED.

Dec 5 High Falls Tree and Menorah Lighting: Sponsored by the High Falls Civic Association. A program of holiday songs, poetry and readings. Tree and menorah lighting at 5:30 p.m. Santa will help usher in the season. Route 213 and Second Street, High Falls. Check to confirm event: facebook.com/highfallscivicasociation (Contd. Pg. 18)



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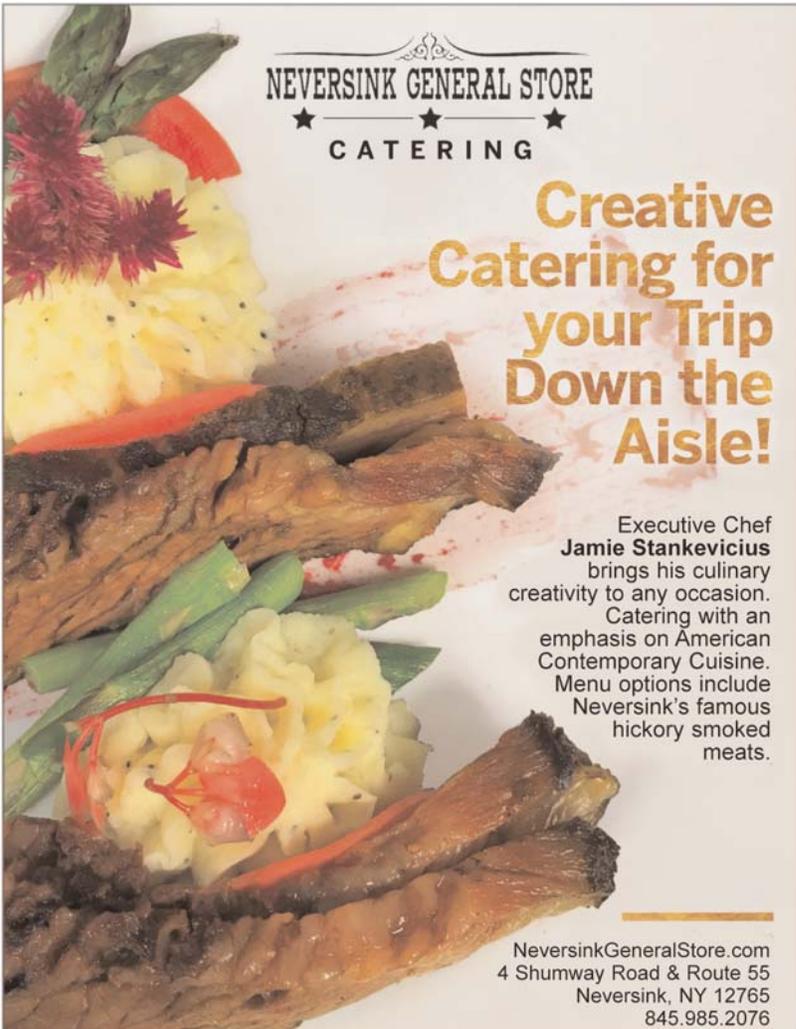
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In keeping with COVID precautions and regulations, this will be a virtual production

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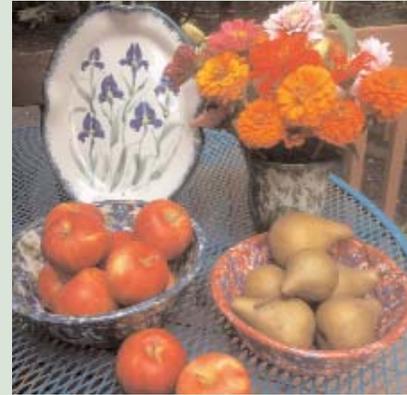
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Senator-Elect Mike Martucci Clinches Victory Over Incumbent State Senator Jen Metzger

(From Pg. 4)

“I am honored and humbled by the support and trust given to me by the voters of the district,” Martucci said. “We built a multi-party coalition of families and community advocates, farmers and law enforcement, laborers and business owners, who recognized that Albany must change its practices and priorities to better meet the needs of New Yorkers during these most challenging times. It’s time to harness the resources of Albany to help forgotten upstate communities and rebuild the Empire State. There is much more to New York state than New York City and I plan on making sure Albany is made aware of it.”

Martucci added, “I would also like to thank Senator Metzger for a spirited campaign and for her years of service. My staff and I look forward to working with Senator Metzger and her team as we facilitate a transition focused on the needs of the 42nd state senate district.”

About Mike Martucci: Mike is a small businessman who employed hundreds of people locally at his former company, Quality Bus Service, which was responsible for safely transporting thousands of school children each day in and near the 42nd senate district. Mike and his wife Erin own a small family-farm in the Town of Westtown, so he understands the importance of supporting local farmers, and protecting our environment. Mike and Erin established a family foundation to support local women and children in need, educational opportunities, job creation, and agriculture initiatives. Mike and Erin have three children and live in the Town of Wawayanda. Mike earned his MBA and BS at Marist College and graduated with honors from SUNY Orange, he is also a Board member of the SUNY Orange Foundation which provides college scholarships for students. The 42nd state senate district comprises Sullivan county, and parts of Orange, Ulster, and Delaware counties. Click for full bio: www.Martucci4Senate.com

SC Legislature News from Robert A. Doherty, Chairman SC Legislature We Don't Budget by a Crystal Ball

- Robert A. Doherty, Chairman Sullivan County Legislature

Losing upwards of \$2 million in originally anticipated sales tax revenue Setting aside \$2.5 million in anticipation of a 20% drop in State aid across the board Collecting \$2.5 million from the Energy Tax

Incorrect.

Despite the author's insistence that this cannot be blamed on COVID-19, I can say - with certainty - that coronavirus dealt us a hard blow.

Yes, things are not as bad as they could have been, but this virus has had an undeniable fiscal impact, one that will continue long after a vaccine has been developed and distributed.

Hey, it closed the casino for almost half the year, leading to a projected loss of \$1.5 million otherwise due us in gaming revenue. If anyone tells you we should have figured that in to our 2020 Budget, ask them for their crystal ball.

The proposed 2021 Sullivan County budget does rely on projected gaming revenue of \$1.5 million. It also takes into account these significant projections:

Will all this ultimately happen? I have no idea.

None of us do, to be honest.

Budgets are tricky - you have to guess even when you'd rather not. But I trust our County Manager and Budget Office team when they give me their best guess . . . because it's an educated one.



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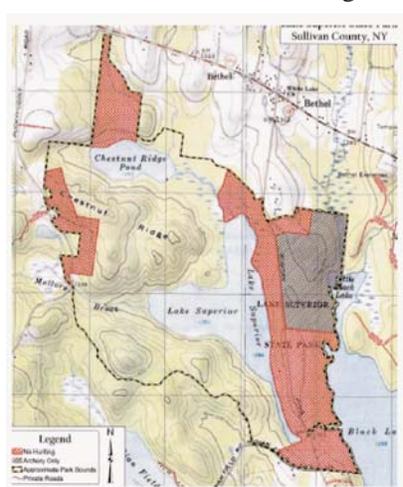
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lake, Chestnut Ridge Pond, easily accessible.

The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

So why are you seeing a picture of aluminum foil, you ask. At the beginning of November, I remarked to a friend that I was having a tough time finding aluminum foil, so they got this great 200 ft roll for me. Somewhere. I didn't ask. They were coming up from Florida, camping in the woods for 2 weeks as quarantine before coming into New York. This a brand I didn't recognize and after some recent research, I couldn't find it anywhere around here. So that's the back story.



Bottom line is alert everyone you know. I used it for the first time to line a baking sheet to bake chicken thighs. I thought it was weird that I had to wash the pan...isn't that why one lines them? But I didn't think much about it, thinking maybe I'd torn it flipping the chicken.

BUT then I used it to cover a plate of Thanksgiving leftovers...you know, that plate that you make for later so you don't have to go into six different storage dishes. So around 7, I took the plate out of the fridge, uncovered it...and found gray gooey splotches on my food. Holding up the sheet of foil, it had all these holes in it. It seemed it had MELTED anywhere it touched food! But just to make sure, I wrapped part of a heel of bread over night in the fridge. Same thing.

I spoke to customer service, gave them the bar code numbers but they had me searching the entire box for a lot number. THERE WASN'T ONE. This is billed as an 'economy' foil. It's very thin. And the fact there is no lot number (a number assigned to a manufacturing batch) makes me think whoever makes this, scrimped on materials to cash in on the pandemic buying panic. Food is hard to come by for the many Americans who have lost their jobs, and it's unconscionable that these same people used this to wrap whatever food they had purchased with whatever little money they had!!!!...A fact that I conveyed strongly to customer service.



They offered to send me a coupon for my 'trouble'. Really?

I haven't had a lot of time to work on my projects since I'm doing another deep clean and clean out of my apartment....a project of another kind. As you can see, I HAVE made some progress. (No, my legs are not swollen, just a really bad camera angle). Missy Mags has claimed the Penance coverlet. It's too big to work on comfortably anywhere other than its designated home on the bed. (Contd. Pg. 12)

Her Quirky Journey

-Marilyn Borth

<http://www.herquirkyjourney.com>



5 Best Cities to Move to in the US (During the Pandemic)

I've noticed recently that in our area of New York State, a lot of people are getting up and out. This phenomenon could be due to a number of reasons. People are tired of the ever-rising cost of living, they're retiring and want to go somewhere warm, they fear LEGOLand and what it may bring, and/or real estate is a-booming right now. Honestly, there are heaps of reasons for people to be leaving New York State.

However, my favorite reason has to be that so many people are making their living digitally. Considering I've been a digital nomad for a while now, you know I'm all sorts of excited about this reason alone!

Therefore, people are picking up their stuff and moving to all ends of the country! So, what are the best places for Americans to move to right now? Here are the top five places for those who want to move somewhere else in the US:

5. Raleigh and Durham, North Carolina

While spending about a week in these two cities, I could see what all the fuss was about! Both are widespread, yet welcoming and close knit cities. The job market is high in both, weather is near perfect, and cost of living is definitely lower than here!

4. Portland, Oregon

A charming city with manageable public transportation, unique food, excellent coffee (you know I'm interested!), international cuisine, and safety. Need I say more?

3. Nashville, Tennessee

Nashville is home to legendary musical artists of all genres. That, and it has some outstanding cafes and one of the best nightlife scenes in the US. Oh, and a great cost of living.

2. Denver, Colorado

Denver offers more than just the Rockies and skiing. It has a low unemployment rate, thriving restaurant and music scenes, great schools, a low crime rate, and wonderful weather. What else could you ask for?

1. Austin, Texas

I have my eye on you, Austin. Recently, I stopped here during my road trip a few months ago and fell in love! The nature, relaxed atmosphere, food, diverse people, cost of living, weather... It really cannot be beat!

There are tons of alluring places to move to in the US, but these are just the top 5 cities the US is offering right now. So, if you're planning on moving, definitely give these places a lot of consideration!

The Scene Too

(From Pg. 11)



I hope you all had a good Thanksgiving. Mine was quiet too. But I did do a lot of reflective thinking on what I have to be thankful for. Here's just a few..

I'm grateful I didn't have to worry about keeping Uncle 'CoVid is a Hoax' Jeff and Cousin 'Dancing in the Street after Election Results' Jessie separate. I'm speaking metaphorically, but I know people who were worrying about this in July.

I'm grateful I could afford to make a tiny feast to share with my neighbor, and by 'share' I mean make a heaping plate, leave it by the door and text I had done this.

I'm grateful that I have an abundance of yarn to make things and fingers that work and eyesight to see what I'm doing.

I'm grateful that I have really good friends and a really close, no drama family.

And I'm grateful for all of you. Thank you for letting me a part of your day.

There's a craft show out in Narrowsburg if you're up for a ride or just want to get out of the house. It will be in the gymnasium so plenty of space to social distance.

Narrowsburg Union Craft Show, 7 Erie Ave, Narrowsburg
Phone: 845-252-3100

Masks are required.

Friday, Dec 4 and Saturday Dec 5 from 12pm to 7
Sunday Dec 6 from 12pm to 4

Oh, and I'd better say I'm grateful for the cats. If I don't, they will know. They WILL know.

Stay safe, stay strong.

Until next time.....



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Interview With The Author: Vito Racanelli

by John Dwaine McKenna

(From Pg. 5)

Who inspired you to write?

Technically my 7th grade teacher, Mrs. Hogan. But actually, it was my parents, who both came from immigrant backgrounds. They instilled in me a heavy desire to read and write.

What makes a character compelling?

Character flaws, as they help readers feel for and even identify with the character, and grit.

What makes a character despicable?

An evil nature, or doing bad things, but I think a lack of passion and compassion are at the top, because it makes the character less human.

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

Frankly, sex scenes.

What's your next project?

A sequel to *The Man in Milan*. I've already got the basic challenge/premise for Paul and Hamilton to work out, and chapter 1, but I'm also working on a novel about an Italian soldier's journey home during WW2.

Bonus questions

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

This might sound hackneyed, but never give up if you want to be a writer. It is already hard enough to be a writer. I have seen many good writers give up. I believe there are three factors to success in the arts: talent, persistence and luck. Any two will do.

Where can you be reached on the World Wide Web?

Through my website vitoracanelli.com.

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About the Author

Vito Racanelli's short stories have appeared in numerous publications, including the Akashic Books' "Mondays Are Murder" series; the Boiler; the Literarian; Newtown Literary;

KGB Bar Lit Magazine; Brilliantflashfiction.com; Dark Corners; a "great weather for Media" short story collection, and River and South Review. His works have also been performed at Liar's League NYC and broadcast by BBC4, as part of its Sunday afternoon story series.

His "A Trip to the Trees Place," was nominated for a Pushcart Prize. He was a 2013 and 2018 Fish Publishing Flash Fiction Story Prize finalist, placed a "notable" story in the Gemini 2016 Short Story contest, and was a participant in the 2013 Pen World Festival.

Vito's non-fiction has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Newark Star Ledger*, and *San Francisco Chronicle*, and the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, among other newspapers. He is a *Barron's* Staff Writer, and is regularly interviewed by U.S. and European TV and radio programs such as WABC, BBC, and CNBC. He was the Associated Press-Dow Jones News Bureau Chief, in Italy 2/94-10/9, and led the bureau's wide range of coverage of Italian financial markets and news. Visit his website at: <http://vitoracanelli.com>.

Town of Shandaken, Ulster County Wilderness Search

On Nov. 15 at 11:30 a.m., Forest Ranger Martin was flagged down by a member of the Shandaken Police Department reporting a search for an overdue hiker. At 12 p.m., Ranger Martin arrived at the parking area used to enter the Slide Mountain Wilderness Area where the hiker's vehicle had been located.

Shandaken Police reported that the 47-year-old hiker from Chichester had entered the woods on Nov. 14 for a day hike, but later notified his landlord he would be forced to spend the night.

At 12:10 p.m. on Nov. 15, the missing hiker sent another set of coordinates to his landlord, plotting him within one-quarter mile from the original coordinates.

Forest Rangers Martin and Rusher entered the woods at 12:15 p.m., and at 1:50 p.m., located the hiker at 2,200 feet elevation on the eastern shoulder of Cornell Mountain.

The hiker indicated he attempted to bushwhack up to the Wittenberg/Cornell/Slide trail after arriving at the trailhead late and failing to meet up with a hiking group traversing Moon Haw to Woodland Valley. His bushwhack short-cut took him into the cliffs of Cornell, preventing him from reaching the designated trail. With light fading, the hiker found his headlamp batteries corroded and noticed he had lost his GPS while hiking. Utilizing a space blanket, he spent the night under a rock ledge in below-freezing temperatures.

By 2 p.m., the hiker was warmed enough to continue hiking. All units were out of the woods by 3:20 p.m.

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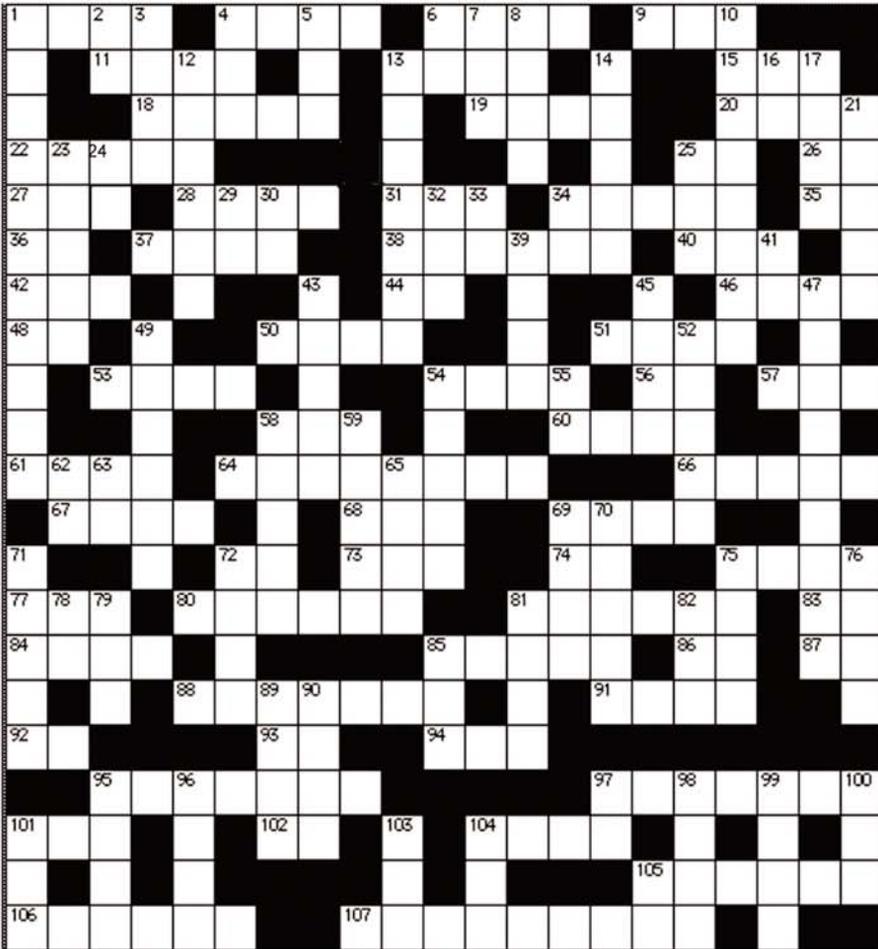
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Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree - L. Comando



ACROSS

- 1 To cry out
- 4 Corona
- 6 To keep out of sight
- 9 Color of our contemporary Santa suit
- 11 Use the teeth to cut into something
- 13 Walking stick
- 15 Gnomish creature
- 18 Type of Christmas pie
- 19 Wine-making valley in California
- 20 Applaud
- 22 Frequently
- 24 Supported by
- 25 Archaic exclamation
- 26 Railroad
- 27 Egyptian sun god
- 28 Frozen water vapor
- 31 Rondout or Neversink

- 34 Excellent
- 35 Missouri
- 36 Author of "The Greatest Miracle in the World"
- 37 Adorn festively
- 38 Decorative illuminations
- 40 Father
- 42 Prisoner of War
- 44 Elevated railway
- 46 Type of book
- 48 High tension
- 50 Therefore
- 51 Not naughty
- 53 In accordance with fact
- 54 Baton
- 56 Los Angeles
- 57 What metal is extracted from
- 58 Make a first time acquaintance

- 60 Friends
- 61 Money-lending
- 64 England's first Christmas trees were centered around this play
- 66 Hacks
- 67 Contest
- 68 Trench
- 69 Distinct periods of history
- 72 Numerical ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter
- 73 The night before Christmas
- 74 Mother
- 75 Ale
- 77 Take action
- 80 Decipher
- 81 Symbolic color of tinkling bells
- 83 Negative response

- 84 Loud ringing of a bell
- 85 Home
- 86 Rhode Island
- 87 Expressing location
- 88 One of Santa's reindeer
- 91 Male parent of an animal
- 92 Pseudo-archaic form of 'the'
- 93 __, la, la, la, la, la, la, la
- 94 Foot digit
- 95 Larger than a hamlet but smaller than a town
- 97 A day of festivity
- 101 A single thing
- 102 Royal Scots
- 104 Quintet
- 105 Popular 19th century Lady's magazine that promoted decorating Christmas trees

- 106 To recur of after a period of absence
 - 107 A Christmas Tree
- DOWN**
- 1 Green pigment in pine needles
 - 2 Pound
 - 3 Citrus fruit
 - 4 What one may have received on the third day of Christmas
 - 5 Untruth
 - 6 Used to express triumph
 - 7 Public house
 - 8 Bargain
 - 10 Make attractive by adding ornaments
 - 12 Thin strips of shiny metal foil used for decorating
 - 13 Cylinder of wax with a wick
 - 14 Roman mythology's

- guardian of doorways
- 16 Lines (abbrev)
- 17 Area of land where Christmas trees may be one of the crops
- 21 Type of written or spoken language
- 23 Bundle of sticks bound as fuel
- 25 Showed the way
- 29 North Carolina
- 30 Satisfactory, but not exceptional
- 32 Trouble
- 33 Morrison's Garage
- 34 Saint
- 39 German chemist and co-founder of nuclear fission
- 41 Perform
- 43 Shout of joy
- 45 To make full
- 47 Gaiety and fun
- 49 Part of a tree
- 52 Assigns a part in a play
- 54 Color of Snow
- 55 Displaced Person
- 58 Sorcery
- 59 Recorded
- 62 Used to link alternatives
- 63 Alcoholics Anonymous
- 65 Plummet
- 69 Amongst
- 70 Heavy winds
- 71 Joyous

- 72 The tree where the partridge was
- 75 Soft, mild creamy cheese
- 76 Tuber
- 78 Common Era
- 79 Spout
- 81 One and only
- 82 Make a mistake
- 85 Expression of human creativity
- 89 At a distance
- 90 Annoy with persistent fault-finding
- 95 Close fitting waist-length garment worn by elves and gnomes

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- 96 Shakes peare's legendary King
- 97 Masculine pronoun
- 98 Large tawny cat
- 99 Having drawn
- 100 Affirmative
- 101 Possessive adjective
- 103 Revolutions of an engine per minute
- 104 Evergreen coniferous trees
- 105 General Electric

Spritz Christmas Tree Cookies

- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 2 2/3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 drops green food coloring

In a large bowl, cream together the butter and white sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg, then stir in the vanilla and food coloring. Combine the flour and salt; stir into the sugar mixture. Cover dough, and chill for at least one hour. Chill cookie sheets. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Press dough out of cookie press using Christmas tree attachment onto ungreased, chilled cookie sheets. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until lightly golden at the edges. Remove from cookie sheets to cool on wire racks.

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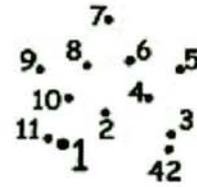
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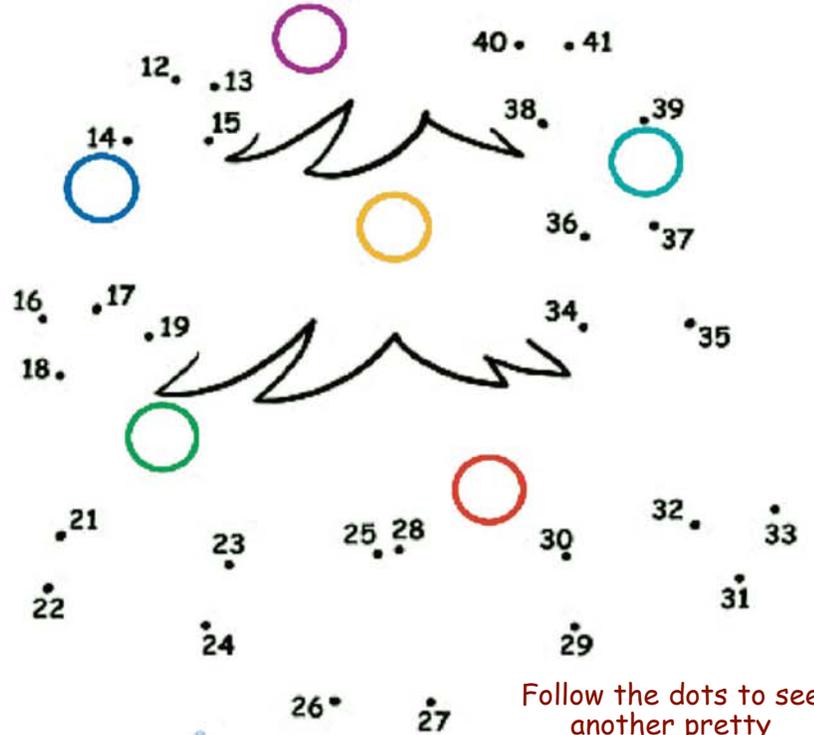
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What are five differences between the two pictures?



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2020 HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST



The COVID Pandemic has put a damper on many of our activities this year. BUT IT CANNOT STOP US FROM DECORATING OUR HOUSES TO THE HILT FOR THE 2020 HOLIDAY!

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Judging will occur on Dec 10th & 11th with prizes given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. All prizes this year are donated by our local businesses and artists.

As we will not be having the tree lighting celebration this year, winners will be contacted by Parks & Rec and will also be announced via social media.



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TRENDING in Ulster County December 2020

(From Pg. 8)

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Dec. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20 The Catskill Christmas Express will take passengers on a wondrous trip through the Catskill Forest to Santa's Workshop at the North Pole. (**Polar Express CANCELED for 2020**) See website for details. Westbrook Lane Station, 55 Plaza Road, Kingston. 845-332- 4854; catskillmountainrailroad.com

Dec. 6 Saugerties Holiday in the Village: Community Holiday Celebration throughout the Village. Market, Main and Partition streets.

Noon-5 p.m. 119 Main St., Saugerties. 845-246-1337; info@discoversaugerties.com; discoversaugerties.com

Dec 6, 31 ONLINE EVENTS – Ars Choralis Annual Holiday Concert: Dec. 6 - 4 p.m. Through the magic of audio and video editing, the full complement of singers – united in song from their homes – will bring the concert to an appropriate close singing Barbara Pickhardt's and Johanna Hall's Peace on Earth. New Year's Eve Concert:

Dec. 31, 6 p.m. In the tradition of Ars Choralis's New Year's Eve concerts of unity and compassion, this year we explore the centuries-long struggles of marginalized Americans by interweaving words of hope and resolution from multi-cultural civil rights leaders with images and music. 845-679-8172; arschoralis.org

Dec. 11-12 Mendelssohn Club Christmas Concerts – CANCELED

Dec 12 Photos With Santa: Have your pet's photo taken with Santa Claus by a professional photographer for a \$5 donation to the Ulster County SPCA. Reservation required. Visit our Facebook page to select a time slot for your 15 minute photo session (15 minutes per pet). Facebook: /ulstercountyspca/events/ 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Ulster County SPCA, 20 Wiedy Road, Kingston. 845-331-5377; ucspca.org

Dec 11-13 Holiday Lane: Join us for a socially distanced holiday shopping event in Saugerties. Shop clothing, jewelry, gifts, accessories, home products. Enjoy drinks and food from The Dutch. Fri. Dec. 11th: 2-7 p.m.; Sat. Dec.

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meeting

December 3, 2020

December 17, 2020.

Tri-Valley CSD Board Meetings are going to be on YouTube Live. Here is the link:

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Dec. 12 "The Winter Hunt: Bears, Stars and Snow:" Join Historic Huguenot Street for a walk with guide Justin Wexler to learn all about local native people and their relationship with the environment. Historic Huguenot Street, 81 Huguenot St., New Paltz. 845-255- 1889; info@huguenotstreet.org; huguenotstreet.org

Dec 13 Annual Holiday Food & Toy Drive: Hot cocoa, coffee and fresh baked cookies to go. Donate new unwrapped toys, food items, personal health and beauty items or monetary donations to benefit The Rondout Valley Food Pantry. 1-4 p.m. **Dec. 12:** Santa will tour the High Falls Fire District, 9 a.m.-noon. High Falls Firehouse, 1 Firehouse Road, High Falls. 845-687-0435

Dec. 19, 20 Uptown EVERY Weekend: Give a gift from Kingston. Sponsored by Kingston Uptown Business Association. kuba.network

Dec. 18-19 71st Annual Living Nativity at the Old Dutch Church, Kingston – CANCELED

Dec. 20 Frozendale in Rosendale, Rosendale – CANCELED
Ongoing ONLINE EVENTS - Pine Hill Community Center: Sign up for virtual yoga, learn to speak Spanish, watercolor, pilates and more. 845- 254-5469; pinehillcommunitycenter.org

Dec 20 Frozendale in Rosendale – CANCELED.

Dec/ 31 Third Annual New Year's Eve Event: The Haunted Shanley Hotel invites you to celebrate the New Year with our kind of spirits. Visit website for details. The Haunted Shanley Hotel, 56 Main St., Napanoch. 845-2107-3112; thehauntedshanleyhotel.com

COVID-19 Cases at Lake Huntington Business, With More Exposures Possible

Lake Huntington, NY - An event at The Nutshell, a bar at 6692 Route 52 in Lake Huntington, has resulted in at least six COVID-19-positive infections since the middle of this month. Sullivan County Public Health Services determined that an individual, who subsequently tested positive for coronavirus, attended the gathering during their infectious period.

Public Health Services is advising anyone who was at that location on the following dates that they may have been exposed to coronavirus:

- Evening of November 14 into the morning of November 15

“Reports indicate few to no attendees were wearing masks, so many people may have been exposed,” said Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. “If someone thinks they have been exposed and develops symptoms, they should self-quarantine for 14 days and call their healthcare provider if symptoms develop, or call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845-292-5910.”

The NYS Department of Health has been told by The Nutshell’s owner that the business is now closed and will remain so for at least the rest of the year.

Contact investigations are ongoing; anyone who tests positive will go into mandatory isolation, and as close contacts are identified, they are encouraged to seek a test and ordered into mandatory quarantine. For an updated list of testing locations, visit www.sullivanyny.us.

COVID-19 Cases at Walmart, With More Exposures Possible

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services has confirmed that two Town of Thompson Walmart employees have tested positive for COVID-19 and may have exposed others while working.

Public Health Services is advising anyone who was at Walmart, 41 Anawana Lake Road, Monticello during the following dates and times that they may have been exposed to coronavirus:

- November 16 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- November 17 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- November 18 from 4 a.m.-4 p.m.
- November 19 from 4 a.m.-4 p.m.
- November 20 from 4 a.m.-4 p.m.

“It is possible that a significant number of people have been exposed, due to the busyness of that store,” said Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. “If someone thinks they have been exposed and develops symptoms, they should self-quarantine for 14 days and call their healthcare provider, or call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845-292-5910.”

Multiple COVID-19 Cases at Callicoon Restaurant

Callicoon, NY - At least four COVID-19 cases at Peppino’s Restaurant in Callicoon have been confirmed by Sullivan County Public Health Services.

Public Health is advising anyone who was at the restaurant, located at 31 Lower Main Street in Callicoon, during business



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hours on the following dates that they may have been exposed to coronavirus:

- November 14
- November 15
- November 16
- November 17

“Four employees have tested positive thus far, and we anticipate there will be more cases,” said Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. “If someone thinks they have been exposed and develops symptoms, they should self-quarantine for 14 days and call their healthcare provider, or call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845-292-5910.”

Contact investigations are ongoing; anyone who tests positive will go into mandatory isolation, and as close contacts are identified, they are encouraged to seek a test and ordered into mandatory quarantine. For an updated list of testing locations, visit www.sullivanyny.us.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Possible symptoms of COVID-19 include one or more of the following:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Bluish lips or face

For more information on coronavirus, go to <https://sullivanyny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus> or <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>.

If you wish to download this week's Church bulletin from St. Peter's, Libert, NY please go to: stpeters/bulletin

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once have services, we encourage our readers to contact their individual church or parish for updated information.

St. Mark's UM Church
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Sundown United Methodist Church

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5:30 pm

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Sundown United Methodist Church Hall



Grahamsville United Methodist Church

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Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm
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Sundown United Methodist Church
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Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor Seung Jin Hong
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church
Rte. 55, Grahamsville
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Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30 a.m.
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Wednesday 9 am - Noon
Friday 3 pm to 6 pm

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

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.
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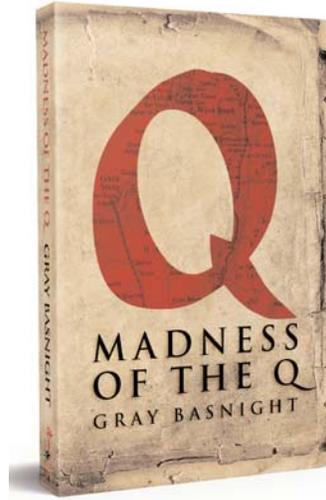
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Madness of the Q Virtual Booksigning on Thursday

Hi all - in this topsy turvy pandemic world, why not have a book launch about fictional global madness? That's exactly what we're doing with Gray's new thriller *Madness of the Q* and we hope you can join us virtually!

When: Thursday, 12/3 - 3:30-4:30 pm (ET)
Where: Zoom (Gray will be at Liberty Public Library, NY)
Register: Email lib@rcls.org, ask for the link to Gray's Book Launch



Pre-sales available at Amazon.com, Barnes&Noble.com. Signed copies available directly from Gray or if you're nearby, at the Liberty Public Library. Hope to see you online on 12/3 - and do spread the word!

Early Praise:

o "Madness of the Q is a wild and breathless pursuit with Sam Teagarden on the run, desperate to connect with the right people and evade the wrong ones from New York to Israel to Italy to Germany in a non-stop plot that reminds us of Dan Brown, Ludlum, Fleming, and maybe even a bit of Umberto Eco." - Best-selling author Thomas Perry, [The Butcher's Boy, The

Burglar, A Small Town]

o "This would make for an exciting movie in the Dan Brown genre. It's a thrilling story that you'll be glued to from start to finish!" - Eyes on World Cultures

More About Madness of the Q

o Everyman hero and math professor Sam Teagarden returns for another breath-taking escapade. He debuted in *Flight of the Fox*, a political thriller where an encoded document risked changing American history. Now, Professor Teagarden is recruited into explosive mayhem, sparked when an ancient biblical parchment is unearthed at a middle-Eastern archeological dig.

o When news of the Q Document's discovery leaks, Jonestown-style suicides erupt across the globe among two fervent groups who alternately fear or cheer that it may repudiate the foundations of Christianity.

o Professor Teagarden is recruited to decode the Q Doc, and finds his life threatened by the competing parties. Worse yet, government protection falls apart, leaving him alone and on a mad chase to outsmart sectarians and their opposing atheist cult.

Stay well everyone,
Gray and Lisa

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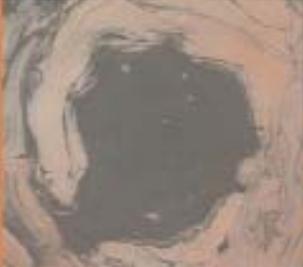
PS Here's the zoom link - just click on the link on Thursday at 3:30 pm (ET):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89606363751?pwd=WjhaYzF5NEtNSVVFp3Y0ZMdHA1VWp0QT09> [Meeting ID: 896 0636 3751, Passcode: 577867]

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Government Center Access Will Now Require Screening Office Operations, Meetings Will Continue

Monticello, NY - Effective Monday, November 30, all visitors to the Sullivan County Government Center in Monticello will be screened for COVID-19 exposure prior to conducting business in the building. Except for public meetings, all visits must be by appointment.

“This is a precautionary step,” explained County Manager Josh Potossek. “Sullivan County is seeing a steady increase in coronavirus cases, which I anticipate will continue and possibly accelerate during and after the holidays. We cannot afford to have this virus spread unchecked through our government facilities, so we’re remaining vigilant.”

Anyone coming to the Government Center must be there for an office appointment, to buy Move Sullivan bus tickets, or to attend a meeting. No loitering will be allowed, and all visitors must wear masks and appropriately social distance, unless medical conditions require otherwise. **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO VISIT IF YOU HAVE A FEVER OR OTHERWISE DO NOT FEEL WELL.**

Upon arrival in an office or at a meeting, visitors will be asked a series of screening questions and will be required to provide their name and a phone number or email address by which they can be reached by Public Health in case of COVID-19 exposure. This information will be kept strictly confidential.

“Our other County facilities already operate in this manner or are closed to the public,” noted Potossek. “By taking this action, I hope to avoid repeating the kind of shutdown we experienced at the outbreak of this pandemic. We want to continue welcoming the public in as safe and convenient a manner as possible.”

Screening questions are below and may be published/shared freely:

	YES	NO
Have you experienced any of the following symptoms in the past 48 hours:		
<input type="checkbox"/> fever or chills		
<input type="checkbox"/> cough		
<input type="checkbox"/> shortness of breath or difficulty breathing		
<input type="checkbox"/> fatigue		
<input type="checkbox"/> muscle or body aches		
<input type="checkbox"/> headache		
<input type="checkbox"/> new loss of taste or smell		
<input type="checkbox"/> sore throat		
<input type="checkbox"/> congestion or runny nose		
<input type="checkbox"/> nausea or vomiting		
<input type="checkbox"/> diarrhea		
Within the past 14 days, have you been in close physical contact (6 feet or closer for a cumulative total of 15 minutes) with:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Anyone who is known to have laboratory-confirmed COVID-19? OR		
<input type="checkbox"/> Anyone who has any symptoms consistent with COVID-19?		
Are you isolating or quarantining because you may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 or are worried that you may be sick with COVID-19?		
Are you currently waiting on the results of a COVID-19 test?		
Have you been to one of the states that are under the Governor's quarantine order in the last 14 days?		
https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory If yes: do you have proof of your 2 negative Covid screens?		

Did you answer NO to ALL QUESTIONS?
Access to Sullivan County Government facilities APPROVED.

Thank you for helping us protect you and others during this time.



Why wear a mask?

- Out of respect.
When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect my neighbors.
- When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect nurses and doctors.
- When you wear a mask you are saying,
I respect other people.

We all need to show respect to one another in difficult times.

Wearing a face covering is a small inconvenience to protect others. We have gotten through this crisis by standing together and doing the right thing. The right thing - the respectful thing - is to wear a mask.

PLEASE CONTACT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION FOR UPDATES ON OPENINGS

Town of Denning - <http://www.denning.us>

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

12/8 Town of Denning Board/Business Meeting 6 pm Denning Town Hall

Save the Date!

Matthew Bertholf's 10th Anniversary Memorial Horseshoe Tournament Sunday, July 11, 2021
Neversink Fire Department Pavilion.

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.

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News from Olive Free Library

Thursday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. Join Cynthia Nikitin, co-Founder of the Friends of the Emile Brunel Studio and Sculpture Garden, on a journey through the life and times of our Town's most remarkable, yet least well-known, early 20th century resident and uncover the history behind the remarkable statuary and artworks installed in this unique setting. Zoom link to register for this event.

Gentle Yoga with Kathy Mondays at 7 p.m. Wednesdays at 9 a.m.

Suggested donation of \$4 per class. You can make your donation by PayPal or by check mailed to the library (PO Box 59, West Shokan, NY 12494). We understand that this is a difficult time for people, and you may not be able to pay, but we would still like you to join the class. Any donations will be very much appreciated to keep the class going.

You are welcome to do both classes but you will need to register for each day separately. The links will remain the same for all the classes in May.

Monday Yoga Class: (Zoom)

Wednesday Yoga Class: (Zoom)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the class.

Online Singing Circle (Zoom)

Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m.

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While the library's in-person programs are on hold, we're reaching out to our OFL community to see what kinds of virtual programs our patrons might like to offer. If you have an idea for a program, please fill out this short online Program Proposal form at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScc8A950YZhk_g6to0GqwURZ2uQzwPRaSAo3bo2XFZvnOCNC1g/view-form

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DEC Releases Final Statewide Trout Stream Management Plan

Science-Based Plan with Angler Input will Improve Management of Wild and Stocked Trout

Draft Regulations Proposed to Implement Key Plan Provisions Including Year-Round Catch-and-Release Season and Revising Regulations to Make Them Easier to Understand

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today released the State's final Trout Stream Management Plan that will improve the management of trout streams across the state. The final plan is the product of extensive public engagement and sound science that embraces simplicity, encourages angler participation, and recognizes the value of managing trout streams for self-sustaining populations of wild trout. In addition, to support the implementation of the Trout Stream Management Plan, today DEC issued proposed regulations that are available for public comment until Jan. 25, 2021.

"DEC has reimagined the management of one of New York's most prized and renowned natural resources to ensure our trout streams continue to be healthy and provide excellent fishing opportunities for years to come," Commissioner Seggos said. "For the best possible management plan, DEC sought out the input of anglers, biologists, and other fisheries experts. The result is a balanced approach to manage these varied resources in accordance with their biological and recreational potential to meet the desired outcomes of a broad and diverse trout stream angling public. DEC looks forward to implementing the new Trout Stream Management Plan to enhance wild and stocked trout management and the habitats that support them to benefit current and future anglers."

Significant aspects of the plan are the result of more than 20 public meetings held with anglers in 2017 to identify desired outcomes for the state's numerous and diverse trout streams. The plan covers a broad spectrum of management areas and angler interests associated with trout stream management in New York. To view the plan and the categorization of managed trout stream reaches visit DEC's website.

The management plan draws a distinct line between stocked and wild trout management and prioritizes habitat management as the primary tool to improve and restore wild populations of trout. It also creates the foundation to learn and build upon for continuous improvement of the State's trout stream fisheries resources, solidifying DEC's commitment to protecting and promoting the health of wild trout fisheries.

The plan also takes into consideration the hundreds of thousands of New York anglers who enjoy the State's ongoing stocking efforts and balances protecting natural populations while supporting a robust hatchery network and partnerships that expand recreational opportunities and meet anglers' diverse needs. The plan extends the duration of stocking on select stream reaches, increases the size of stocked fish, and ensures

that each stocking contains some fish that are 12 inches or larger. It also seeks to improve the vigor of hatchery brown trout for increased survival.

Anglers would also be provided with the ability to fish year-round through the creation of a statewide catch-and-release season. DEC has preliminarily concluded that fishing during the spawning season will not result in negative fishery impacts, and DEC will evaluate the potential impact of the catch-and-release season with a study on select streams.

Joe Fisher, Chairman of the New York State Conservation Council (NYSCC), said, "The NYSCC and the NYSCC fish committee applaud DEC's Trout Stream Management Plan and the regulations proposal. It is an excellent plan and will make New York State one of the leaders in trout management in North America for years to come!"

Chris Wood, President and CEO of Trout Unlimited, said, "Trout Unlimited welcomes and commends the DEC's Trout Management Plan as a new approach to trout management. Trout Unlimited is committed to achieving healthy, self-sustaining trout populations, and we fully support the guiding principles of the Plan to strive for naturally reproducing populations of wild and native trout while providing diverse fishing opportunities. The elimination of stocking over wild populations of trout in many streams and the focus on habitat restoration as a result of the Plan is a significant step for coldwater conservation. Trout Unlimited shares the DEC's interest in basing management decisions on sound science, and we look forward to working together to restore New York trout streams and to assist in the assessment of trout populations to ensure that management changes are having a positive effect on wild trout recovery."

DEC seeks continued angler engagement to support efforts moving forward, including developing a new angler-friendly interactive map for information on stream reach management and fishing access locations. DEC will also expand public outreach about the significance of wild trout populations and the water they inhabit.

The proposed regulations are published in the State Register today and are available on DEC's website. DEC is accepting public comments on the proposed rule changes from Nov. 25, 2020, to Jan. 25, 2021, by emailing: regulations.fish@dec.ny.gov.

Mystery Donation of Ivory

On Nov. 7, ECOs Lovgren and Michalet responded to a call from a thrift store in Manhattan that received several bags of what appeared to be carvings made from ivory from an anonymous donor. The manager of the thrift store took to social media to find out who would be best to contact about inspecting the suspected ivory and that led her to DEC. ECOs Lovgren and Michalet inspected the contents of the donation and confirmed it to be genuine ivory. All ECOs are trained to identify ivory and other items from endangered species. Of the 500 pieces donated, the majority were found to be imported from India and Hong Kong. The sale of ivory is prohibited by law, except with a permit from DEC in very limited circumstances and the donation of ivory is severely restricted except under a permit from DEC. DEC's Division of Law Enforcement, along with Federal Agents, have hosted Ivory Crush events in Times Square and Central Park over the years to bring awareness and deter the illegal commercialization of ivory. Though many protections are in place globally, the fight against the illegal commercialization of ivory continues and New York City is one of the main hubs for the sale of ivory in North America. For more information on the illegal sale of ivory and frequently asked questions visit DEC's website.



DPL Family Tree Ornament Event

**Celebrate the most wonderful time of year...
decorate your own family ornaments for
our DPL Tree at the Town Square!**

- We will supply the wood slice ornament with ribbon and permanent marker, YOU supply your creativity with your name! 1 ornament per child.
- When decorating, please remember these ornaments will be outside.
- Ornament pick up will be at the library on Tuesday, December 1st from 11-4 p.m.
- ALL completed ornaments MUST be returned to the library no later than Wednesday, December 9th.
- Registration is open to Tri-Valley residents.
Please register online at www.danielpiercelibrary.org

Happy Holidays!

To register your child go to:
<https://danielpiercelibrary.org/dpl-family-tree-ornament-event/>

Note from Governor Cuomo

Dear Townsman Readers,

I hope you had a nice Thanksgiving weekend. We are entering a new phase in the war against COVID, and therefore a new strategy is required. We need to ensure that hospitals have enough capacity and enough staff to deal with the fall and winter surge that is upon us. Tonight's update will be longer than usual, so bear with us, as the details are significant.

The Winter Plan to combat the COVID surge is multi-tiered and puts to good use the hard-won lessons we learned from the spring. First, we will manage hospital capacity to enhance and equalize care. Second, we will increase and balance testing resources and availability. Third, we will keep schools open safely. Fourth, we will try to prevent viral spread that stems from small gatherings. And fifth and finally, we will operationalize an equitable and safe vaccination program. (You can read more about the plan here, but many key aspects of it are included below.)

A vaccine is coming and this crisis will end. But until that happens, we must not overstress our hospital systems so we can save lives. That is the point of the Winter Plan, but it's also a mission we all must get behind. We've been through the worst but we're not done yet.

Charts of the Day: The rise in COVID hospitalizations is not limited to one area of New York. In fact, we can see it in every region of the state.

Here's what else you need to know about the Winter Plan:

1. The State Department of Health is implementing new emergency hospital measures to manage capacity. Hospitals are directed to identify retired medical staff, prepare to add 50 percent bed capacity, and confirm they have the mandatory 90-day stockpile of PPE, among other measures.
2. The State will refine the criteria for Yellow, Orange and Red Zones. The refinement will take into account important factors including the rate of hospitalizations, available hospital and ICU beds, and hospital staffing, and is part of our larger strategy of protecting hospital capacity. These changes will be implemented after experts evaluate any "post-Thanksgiving effect" in the COVID numbers.
3. If a hospital system is overwhelmed, we can pull an "Emergency Stop." In addition to the three existing micro-cluster zone levels (Yellow, Orange and Red), New York will add a new "Emergency Stop" level, which will effectively put that area under the NY on PAUSE guidelines from the spring. This new level would be used if a hospital system in that area was at serious risk of becoming overwhelmed.
4. The State will encourage school districts to keep schools open, particularly K-8 schools. Our efforts will be focused on keeping K-8 and Special Education open as long as it can be done safely-using sustainable, ongoing testing. While local school districts are able to close at levels under the State's mandatory closure rule, they are urged to keep K-8 schools open whenever it is safe.
5. Small gatherings have now been identified as the number one spread of COVID-19. At least 65 percent of all cases come from these

settings and sixteen states, including New York, have already limited gatherings to no more than 10 people. While the government's ability to monitor small gatherings is limited, public education on the safety concerns of small gatherings is crucial. Help us spread the word on the danger these gatherings pose.

6. It will likely be months before a critical mass of vaccinations becomes available. Even though a vaccine is expected to be released in the coming weeks, we're still a while away from having a vaccine that is widely available. As the State operationalizes vaccine distribution, we continue to base our plan on three pillars: Fairness, Equity and Safety.

Here's what else you need to know tonight:

1. The statewide positivity rate was 4.57 percent yesterday. There were 6,819 positive cases from 148,974 tests reported yesterday. The positivity rate in the micro-cluster focus areas was 6.22 percent. Excluding these areas, it was 4.02 percent.
 2. Total hospitalizations rose to 3,532. There were 681 patients in ICU Sunday, up 14 from the previous day. Of them, 325 are intubated. Sadly, we lost 54 New Yorkers to the virus.
 3. Elective surgeries in Erie County will be temporarily halted on Friday. Currently, the region has the most critical hospital situation in the state. Stopping elective surgeries will free up hospital beds. Elective surgeries consist of surgeries that are scheduled in advance.
 4. Contact tracers allow people to know if they've been exposed. This is important for the safety of the individual and the greater community. If you are contacted by a NYS contact tracer, please pick up the phone-if you have caller ID, it will read "NYS Contact Tracing." Help them do their jobs and keep all of us safer.
- "Deep Breath Moment": Iron Chef winner Peter Kelly cooked up gourmet Thanksgiving meals for seniors living in public housing in Yonkers, NY. On Thanksgiving, Chef Kelly delivered 300 to-go meals, full of Thanksgiving favorites, to residents who were homebound and unable to see their families over the holidays. Chef Kelly, who owns the restaurant X20 in Yonkers, wanted to give back to the community where his culinary journey began.

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As Record Numbers of New Yorkers Face Food Insecurity, Gillibrand Urges Congress to Invest \$6 Billion to Meet Growing Nutrition Needs

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a video press conference to urge Congress to invest \$6 billion in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) in the Fiscal Year 2021 Agriculture Appropriations bill. Nationwide, 1 in 5 parents do not have enough to feed their children. Millions of Americans, especially women, continue to be affected by widespread business closures and subsequent job loss and more low income households are relying on social safety nets to feed themselves and their families. WIC providers have reported increased need due to the pandemic and economic crisis, including in New York, where they have experienced a 3% increase in cases since February. With a resurgence of COVID-19 cases across the country threatening public health and economic recovery, ensuring that WIC is fully funded is more critical than ever to keep low-income women, infants, and children fed.

DEC Releases Draft Statewide Deer Management Plan *Plan Would Help Guide Current and Future State Deer Management Using Science and Public Input* *Public Comments Accepted until Dec. 28*

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the release of a draft Deer Management Plan for New York State for public review and comment. The plan builds upon the progress made by DEC's first deer management plan, released in 2011, and will guide DEC's deer management actions to balance natural resource protection, public safety, and recreational and economic interests for the next 10 years. The draft plan is available on DEC's website and public comments will be accepted through Dec. 28, 2020.

"With this draft management plan, DEC is taking innovative steps to improve deer management for the benefit of deer, deer habitat, and New Yorkers," Commissioner Seggos said. "We are seeking new ways to address overabundant deer in urban and suburban areas, provide relief to farmers and forest owners experiencing deer damage, protect New York's deer from the potential devastation of Chronic Wasting Disease, and enhance our great deer hunting traditions."

The draft plan details a new method for setting deer population objectives that integrates an assessment of deer impacts on forests with public preferences for deer population changes. It emphasizes new and adaptive approaches for harvesting antlerless deer by recommending strategic hunting season and tag changes in rural landscapes where additional harvest is needed and developing new opportunities for community-based deer management in suburban and urban landscapes.

A summary of the accomplishments from the first plan, many of which have become integrated into DEC's deer management program, is also included. In addition, the plan provides greater transparency into the processes behind deer management including the methodology for setting Deer Management Permit (DMP, antlerless tag) quotas and the calculations for estimating annual deer harvest totals. Finally, this plan identifies a series of statutory recommendations that would improve deer management capacity throughout New York.

Significant elements of the Draft Plan include:

- o Establishing desired deer population trajectories (more deer, fewer deer, stay the same) for 23 regions of the state by aggregating existing deer management units, including deer impacts on forest regeneration with new tools like AVID (see below), and considering public preferences for deer population change;
- o Monitoring deer populations for diseases such as Chronic Wasting Disease and taking steps to reduce disease risk;
- o Recommending several hunting-related changes to provide additional hunter opportunity such as a Southern Zone holiday hunt, special seasons to meet local objectives, and increasing antlerless harvest where deer population reduction is warranted;
- o Maintaining a voluntary approach for letting young bucks go and re-evaluating the existing mandatory antler restriction program for consistency with hunter values and management objectives;
- o Encouraging voluntary use of non-lead ammunition (such as copper) by deer hunters to reduce human and wildlife exposure to lead by ingestion;
- o Pursuing regulatory mechanisms to improve the Deer Management Assistance Program and Deer Damage Permit program so landowners and municipalities can reduce deer damage and deer-human conflicts;
- o Providing technical assistance for community-based deer management including local hunting programs, suburban/urban hunter-training workshops, and other management tools;
- o Exploring the potential for a small grants program to assist communities in developing local deer management plans and implementing actions from those plans;
- o Promoting the Assessing Vegetation Impacts of Deer (AVID) protocol for citizen science monitoring of deer browse impacts on forests; and
- o Better understanding and addressing public values and interests regarding deer populations, impacts, and deer management decisions.

Comments on the draft plan should be sent to wildlife@dec.ny.gov (using "Deer Plan" in the subject line) or by mail to: DEC Deer Management Plan, NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY 12233-4754. The public comment period closes on Dec. 28, 2020. After reviewing public comments on this draft, DEC will amend the plan before adopting and publishing a final version. Some recommendations will require new or amended state regulations and these regulatory proposals will be subject to an additional public comment period during the formal rulemaking process.

As noted, the draft plan contains a proposed regulation change to extend the late bow and muzzleloader season in the Southern Zone to include the period from December 26 to January 1. DEC received several thousand comments through Nov. 8, 2020 on this proposed regulation, and those comments are presently under review as part of that public regulatory process.

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Public Health Advisory Individual Tests Positive for COVID-19; Possible Exposures at Liberty Diner

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services has confirmed that a patron at the Liberty Diner tested positive for COVID-19 and may have exposed others while visiting during their infectious period.

Public Health Services is advising anyone who was at the diner, located at 30 Sullivan Avenue in Liberty, during the following dates and times that they may have been exposed to coronavirus:

- o November 21 from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- o November 22 from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- o November 23 from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- o November 24 from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.
- o November 25 from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m.

“The restaurant has been and is following appropriate coronavirus protocols, including frequent sanitizing, distancing of tables, dividers between tables, and mask-wearing of staff as well as customers when entering and leaving the diner. However, due to the need to remove masks to consume food, it is possible that others may have been exposed,” said Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. “If someone thinks they have been exposed and develops symptoms, they should self-quarantine for 14 days and call their healthcare provider, or call Sullivan County Public Health Services at 845-292-5910.”

The virus that causes COVID-19 most commonly spreads between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet, or 2 arm-lengths). It spreads through respiratory droplets or small particles, such as those in aerosols, produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, sings, talks, or breathes. These particles can be inhaled into the nose, mouth, airways, and lungs and cause infection. This is thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily and sustainably throughout communities in many affected geographic areas of the county. Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected. (CDC, Nov. 2020).

Contact investigations are ongoing; anyone who tests positive will go into mandatory isolation, and as close contacts are identified, they are encouraged to seek a test and ordered into mandatory quarantine. For an updated list of testing locations, visit www.sullivanyny.us.

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Possible symptoms of COVID-19 include one or more of the following:

- o Fever or chills
- o Cough
- o Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- o Fatigue
- o Muscle or body aches
- o Headache
- o New loss of taste or smell
- o Sore throat
- o Congestion or runny nose
- o Nausea or vomiting
- o Diarrhea

If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- o Trouble breathing
- o Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- o New confusion
- o Inability to wake or stay awake
- o Bluish lips or face

For more information on coronavirus, go to:

<https://sullivanyny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus>

or

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/home>.

COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS DISEASE **STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS** Sullivan County Public Health Services

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

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
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*(From Pg. 31)***KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE #2****The Christmas Chronicles**

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musical performances are a pleasant surprise in conveying the love of the soul, as the energy of the soul creates the feeling of **"THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS,"** called **CHRISTMAS.** We honor the celebration of Christ's birthday, bringing love to



humanity for over two thousand years giving us hope to face our realities. The film shows the value of fairytales in creating a positive impression when making children laugh and understand the material, and spiritual aspects of their reality. The film is spreading love and Christmas cheer.



Entertaining, with a comical bucket of monkey's fun-attitude of enjoying the human spirit. Not one boring moment in delivering the "fun," of love, to humanity. Don't miss the fun of two adolescents catching Santa, by surprise on video. **Directed by Clay Kaytis, derived from a screenplay by Matt Lieberman. Starring, Kurt Russell as Santa Claus, Judah Lewis as Teddy, Darby Camp as Kate, Lamorne Morris as Officer Jameson,**

KNARF'S CLASSIC MOVIE #3**The Christmas Chronicles II**

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The Christmas Chronicles: Part Two. Unhappy over her mom's new relationship, a now-teenage Kate runs away and lands at the North Pole, where a naughty elf is plotting to cancel Christmas. Written and directed by Chris Columbus (*Home Alone, Harry Potter*) and co-starring Goldie Hawn, **THE CHRISTMAS**



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