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## Shandeele Music Festival's Second Virtual Concert features Doris and Kevin Lee



*Kevin and Doris Lee will perform a virtual concert for the Shandeele Music Festival on Facebook Live on Sunday, July 19 at 3 p.m.*

Thrilled and encouraged by the positive reaction to their first online concert, the Shandeele Music Festival (SMF), will offer a second one on Sunday, July 19 at 3 p.m.

Continuing the celebration of their 27th season, the SMF's "Afternoon of Piano Masterworks" will feature pianists and SMF alumni Doris and Kevin Lee.

Doris Lee is a top prize winner of numerous competitions for both solo and chamber music including Festival of Musica in Laguna International Competition, MTNA Young Artists Competition, Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey, Young Musicians Competition of NJMTA, and Ithaca Piano Competition. Most recently, Doris performed at the Rose Studio at Lincoln Center, for multiple collaborations between the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and Citigroup. (Contd. Pg. 4)

## USS SLATER Departs for Shipyard



*Photo by Thomas Scian*

A young Sullivan County man, Thomas Scian, was aboard the USS Slater as it departed from Albany and headed down the Hudson River this past Sunday.

The USS SLATER, the last Destroyer Escort afloat in America, departed from Albany via tugboats for her voyage to Staten Island for shipyard repairs. The voyage took approximately 20 hours to reach its destination.

Viewing this WWII warship moving down the Hudson River was a special treat for many New Yorkers especially for those who were on the Walkway Over the Hudson.

According to Scian, "For those of you who are new to the project, we'd like to give you a little background. There were some comments on the WPDH page about the use of "taxpayer funding." The fact is that, except for a few local grants, 95% of the \$400,000 a year it takes to operate the Museum comes from admissions and donations."

"In 1993, the Veterans of the Destroyer Escort Association found the USS SLATER in Greece. She had been sold to the Greek Navy in 1951 and was awaiting scrapping." (Contd. Pg. 8)

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**ON THE FRONT BURNER:** Lying lips are abomination to the Lord; but they that deal truly are his delight.  
Proverbs 12:22

## OBITUARIES

**James Anthony Minarsky**, 79, a lifelong area resident passed away at home, Monday, June 15, 2020, after a long fight with prostate cancer and Parkinson's Disease. Jim graduated from Fallsburg Central School in 1958. He began working for Fallsburg Gas in 1962 as a propane Mechanic and after 41 years he retired. (these years were when the Catskills were in the Heyday of hotels and bungalow colonies) In 1969 Woodstock hired Fallsburg Gas to build the kitchen, called the Hog Farm. Jim when in on Friday to set it up. On Monday he returned to take it down. The sights he saw were unbelievable. He was also at the 25th anniversary to do crowd control as a deputy coordinator. In September 1959 he met Eileen Wallace (it is "Sweetie") and were married in May 1962, and just celebrated 58 years of happy marriage. Jim started his Firematic career in 1958 by joining the Fallsburg Fire Company where his grandfather was a charter member. After moving to Grahamsville in 1967, he joined the Grahamsville Fire Department. He served as Assistant Chief and then was Chief from 1974-1976. He was the first Chief in Sullivan County to have the Jaws of Life. He started the town of Neversink Fire Prevention Program, the Neversink and Grahamsville Pancake Breakfasts and monthly meeting for the Chiefs of the Neversink District. Jim was a charter member of the Sullivan County Chiefs Association and was President from 1977-1981. He was a staunch supporter of the Orange, Sullivan, and Ulster Burn Center, organizing yearly fund raising. In 1980, Jim was appointed Deputy Fire Company Coordinator for District 3. His companies were Grahamsville, Neversink, Claryville, Fallsburg, Woodbourne, Loch Sheldrake, Hurleyville, Mountindale, and Woodridge; for 26 years he was always there for all these guys. Jim was a life member of the Hudson Valley Fireman's Association and served 18 years on the Fireman of the Year Committee. In 1990, he started the Annual Sullivan County Day at the Firemen's Home in Hudson, NY., and did it for 22 years. He was a past member of the Blue Vests, Honorary Chief of Fallsburg and Hurleyville and Grand Marshall of Sullivan County Fireman's Parade in 2005. Jim loved being a Fireman and was always there for his guys. He was a life member of the Buckeroo Lodge Hunting Camp. He served as Treasurer and then President; he also was camp cook. Jim was predeceased by his parents Andrew and Effie

Minarsky. He is survived by his loving wife, Eileen, his son Jimmer and his wife, Sheri and grandchildren, Sadie and Taylor. His brother Stanley A. Minarsky and his wife Barbara, nephew Shane and niece Shannon and a vast fire fighters' family. Thankyou's to Edwin and Stephanie Levy, Cathy Bollin, Ralph and Debbie Burger, Harry and Lorraine Barrett and Donna and Steve Conklin; there aren't enough words of appreciation for these people for the wonderful care they gave both of us. Special thanks to Orange and Sullivan Hospice for the excellent care they gave to Jim and Dr. Kondagunta. Donations in Jim's name can be made to Grahamsville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary PO Box 524, Grahamsville, NY 12740, Grahamsville Fire Department PO Box 331, Grahamsville, NY 12740, Grahamsville First Aid Squad PO Box 125, Grahamsville, NY 12740. A memorial service will be Friday, July 10, 2020 from 3-7:00pm at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52 Woodbourne, NY 12788. Social distancing guidelines set forth by the New York State Department of Health will be in place; a limit of 10 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home and facemasks are required at all times. A Firematic Service will be held at the funeral home at 6:30pm. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 11:00am at Grahamsville Rural Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information please call 845-434-7363 or visit: <http://www.colonial-familyfuneralhomes.com>.

**Erin Brush**, of Loch Sheldrake, passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2020. She was 35. She was the daughter of Jeffrey Brush and Nancy J. Knier, born on August 26, 1984 in Middletown, NY. Erin attended Hamilton Bicentennial Elementary School in Port Jervis, Tri-Valley High School and then later earned her Associate's Degree from SUNY Sullivan. She was most recently employed at Shoprite as a personal shopper. In her younger years, she loved cheerleading which stemmed from her love of dancing and even went on to be a Pop Warner Cheerleading Coach. In her free time she enjoyed being out on the water on the boat. She was a loving companion, mother, daughter sister and friend. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered. She is survived by her fiancé, Justin Nicolai; her children Audrey, Hannah and Justin Nicolai, Jr.; her mother Nancy J. Knier; (Contd. Pg. 3)

**OBITUARIES**(From Pg. 2) **Erin Brush,**

her sisters Kristin Gonzalez and her husband Martin and Chelsea Knier; as well as several aunts, uncles cousins, nieces and nephews. A visitation was held on Sunday, July 5, 2020 at Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, 396 State Route 52, Woodbourne, NY 12788 followed by a funeral service. A graveside service was held on Monday, July 6, 2020 at Calvary Cemetery, New Windsor, NY. Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit:

<http://www.colonialfamilyfuneralhomes.com>.

## A message from the Crowfoot Family

To our friends and family,

We are gathering together to honor a life well lived. Chris's celebration of life will be on Saturday July 11, 2020 from 2-5 at Dawn and Gina's home:

908 Burlingham Rd  
Pine Bush, NY 12566

We will be observing Social Distancing in their large yard. Our family is looking forward to sharing stories with you. Chris was full of them! He would love to see us laughing and remember him in this way.

Covid 19 prevented us from all being together at his graveside service in March and we pray it doesn't interfere with our plans now. If it does, we will spread the word asap.

There will be refreshments, however, feel free to bring a dish to share.

For those who are interested, there is a small motel in Pine Bush, clean and pleasant, called Harvest Inn at \$90 a night. 845.744.5700.

There are motels in Middletown and Newburgh, too.

Bring your stories to share! It is time for us to be together and share the love.

**DAYS OF YORE...****Today's History****July 5, 1950**

Mr. and Mrs. Rubin Steuer of the Bronx, New York, announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine, to Stanley Rubenzahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max Rubenzahl of Neversink.

Last Friday, two men were killed when a huge boulder fell on them while they were working in the shaft of a tunnel at the New York City reservoir project in Neversink. A week ago two men were killed in a similar accident while working on the same project at Lew Beach.

Miss Carol Nielsen of Neversink, daughter of B.W.S. Lieutenant Charles Nielsen, who graduated from Liberty High School last week, was awarded a \$250 prize given by Malvin Heidt in memory of his wife, Ruth, a former school teacher. Miss Nielsen has been accepted at New Paltz State Teachers College.

The neighbors gave Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Van Wagner, newlyweds, a skimmelon at the Van Wagner home on Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Curry are parents of a son born June 28th at Maimonides Hospital. Mrs. Curry is the former Genevieve Everett Stickle. (Contd. Pg. 4)

**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 Secret of a Bright Little Blossom**

Since we have been on the COVID Pause, I have been getting out in the yard a bit more than I have in years! I have discovered three little baby Japanese Red Maple trees thanks to the big old Japanese Red Maple that my Dad planted over 50 years ago. And under the old Red Maple I saw the little patch of Creeping Jenny that I first saw about two years after Hurricane Irene, had spread into a nice sized colony by the Benekill. Seeing it there brought back childhood memories. I remembered our next-door neighbor in West Nyack had Creeping Jenny in his yard. His wife's nickname was 'Jenny'. Perhaps that was why he allowed it to wander throughout his yard, making me believe it was just another wild flower.

And now, the same type of little plants are doing a great job as a ground cover near the banks of the edge of the Benekill, and putting out a grand display of vibrant yellow blossoms. Thinking we were blessed by Mother Nature bestowing these



little wild plants just where they were needed, but also not wanting to encourage a wild invasive species, I did the usual - I researched - only to find out that Creeping Jenny is now being sold and cultivated for gardening. In fact, there were more sights giving information where and how to plant Creeping Jenny than anything about them growing in the wild. Are they wild, or they a cultivated garden plant?

Mystery solved! Our next-door neighbor in West Nyack was also our next-door neighbor in Sundown. Of course, along with his wife, 'Jenny' I remembered back about 60 years or so to when he brought some of his beloved Creeping Jenny to his summer place. He kept them in flowerpots on his back porch. In all probability, some of the descendants of the original 'Sundown Creeping Jenny' made it down to our yard during the Hurricane Irene Flood! And they grew right where they were happy, near water.

Here are a few other interesting facts about Creeping Jenny. This time of the year they are covered with cheery yellow cup-shaped flowers. Creeping Jenny-Lysimachia nummularia - is a vibrant cultivar with chartreuse leaves and have been used to brighten up the edge of paths or borders. They are so resilient; they can stand a moderate amount of foot traffic. Creeping Jenny, also called Moneywort, is a long, crawling plant that can spread very tenaciously. Only reaching about 2 inches in height, the plant can grow to 2 feet long and has an unusually extensive root system. It is an evergreen perennial plant that can be found in Europe as well as most places in the United States. The plant reproduces by both seeds and rhizomes and can be grown from cuttings.

While seeds and plants are sold at plant nurseries, on Amazon and even on Etsy, Creeping Jenny are considered by some to be a wild plant. Wild or not, the bounty of little yellow flowers are adding a lot of brightness to our yard and the big bonus - where they grow, we don't have to mow!!!

This saga of Creeping Jenny has taught me that even though we are all living in these uncertain and difficult times, taking a walk around the yard and looking a little more closely at Nature provided a great secret - even a little flower can bring a lot of joy and happiness.

This week, while the weather is nice, why not take a walk around your yard and see what you can find, do a little research, and you might just find another one of Nature's treasures.

**Household Hints:****Grow Beautiful Azaleas**

Water plants with a mixture of two tablespoons vinegar to one quart water. Azaleas love acidic soil.

## DAYS OF YORE...

### Today's History

(From Pg. 3)

The Neversink firemen, the Ladies' Auxiliary and their families celebrated the opening of the new Fire House in Neversink on Sunday afternoon and evening, July 2nd

### July 6, 1960

Miss Annabell Varga of Big Hollow Road, Grahamsville, is attending the New York State Music Camp, Inc., which opened for its 14th season on July 3rd, with more than 150 campers and staff enrolled. The camp, operating on the campus of Harwick College, Oneonta, N.Y., presents a 6-week summer program devoted to the fine arts.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ackerley Jr. are p a of a daughter born at Liberty Loomis Hospital on July 5th, weighing 9 lbs. 1 1/2 oz.

Francis X. Distel was presented with an Achievement Award in Rehabilitation by the first lady of the theater, Miss Helen Hayes, at Haverstraw Rehabilitation Center on June 28th.

The electric storm on Sunday evening played a few tricks around here. Some damage was done at the Central Hudson plant on the Woodbourne Road and trees were reported struck near James McCarthy's home, the Wakefield home, Arthur Ackerley's and no doubt other things that we have not heard of.

### July 8, 1970

Albro H. Brown, 68, of Lackawack Road, Napanoch, died Sunday at St. Luke's Hospital, Newburgh after a short illness. A life-long resident of the area, Mr. Brown was born in Ellenville on Feb. 22, 1902. He married Gladys Ross hi Napanoch on Dec. 3, 1927.

Happy 25th wedding anniversary to Doris and Harold VanAken on July 8th, from friends and neighbors.

Mrs. Margaret A. Phelps, 71, of Grahamsville, died June 24th at her home following a long illness. Born in Jamestown, Pa., she was the widow of Anthony W. Phelps. She had been a resident of Grahamsville for 32 years.

The one-room schoolhouse at Claryville, one of Sullivan County's two museums, has a new flagpole and a variety of new exhibits inside, according to curator McCarn. Ft. Delaware at Narrowsburg, which is owned by the county, is the other museum. The new flagpole went up on June 24th where the original one had been. The previous one, erected in the 1930's, had been demolished by a car. The new one has an added touch – a fish tops the ball. It was designed by Bob Dice and made by Nelson Donovan.

### July 10, 1980

On Thursday, July 3rd, several friends and relatives surprised Sonny and Peggy Van Dover on their 30th wedding anniversary.

Over the weekend, the Don Terwilliger family, the Bob Terwilliger family, the Ed Donnelly family and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger, along with Wayne Joray, butchered 20 chickens and froze them. After all that work, everyone enjoyed a barbecue. That's what I call family togetherness!

Inez and Vernon Gridley celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 5th.

On Thursday, July 3rd, the Mets won their fourth consecutive Little League Championship by defeating the Indians, 14-13. The Mets have been undefeated in Little League play for three and a half years (twenty nine consecutive games).

Tri-Valley Cub Scout Pack #87 has been very active over the past month. Nineteen leaders and their spouses attended the Nave-Len District Recognition dinner, where they were awarded the Honor Pack Award by the National Council of B.S.A. and the Summer Pack Award. Lee Gruner was presented with her veteran's pin and Craig Black, Lee Gruner and Tom Miller received Spark Plug awards for their contributions to the Cub Scout Pack during the past year.

## Shandelee Music Festival's Second Virtual Concert features Doris and Kevin Lee

(From Pg. 1) Doris has also performed Beethoven's Concerto No. 2 with a quintet at Bethel Woods Center of the Arts, Shostakovich's Concerto No. 2 with the Plainfield Symphony, and Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 2 with the Sinfonica del Festival di Chioggia.

A first-prize winner of the Festival Musica in Laguna International solo competition, Kevin Lee has established himself as a musician in the United States and abroad. In addition to receiving the Gold Prize of the Young Pianist Competition of New Jersey multiple times, he is also the recipient of the Merit Award for NFAA's YoungArts program and the Grand Prix of the Narnia Arts Academy competition in Narni, Italy. In recent years, Kevin has performed Rachmaninoff's Concerto No. 2 with the Sinfonica del Festival di Chioggia, Prokofiev's Concerto No. 1 with the Plainfield Symphony, and Ravel's G Major Concerto with the Summit Symphony.

On the program for July 19 are Mozart's Sonata in D Major, Schubert's Allegro in A Minor (Lebensstürme) and Fantasie in F Minor, and Lutoslawski's Variations on a Theme of Paganini.

The Lee's virtual concert will be offered through Facebook Live and other platforms, which will be public pages open to everyone, with no subscription required. For more information visit [www.shandelee.org/exciting-upcoming-virtual-concerts](http://www.shandelee.org/exciting-upcoming-virtual-concerts).

The SMF needs your help to continue their mission of bringing you exciting things for the future, including an encore performance by the Young People's Chorus schedule for October at the Bethel Woods Center for the Arts Event Galley. Please make a donation during the concert or at [www.shandelee.org/donate](http://www.shandelee.org/donate). You may also donate by sending a check to Shandelee Music Festival, P.O. Box 1264, Livingston Manor, NY 12758. The SMF is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status.

For more information ∞like± the SMF Facebook page, visit Shandelee.org or call 845-439-3277.

## If You Plan to Visit the Blue Hole...



*Representatives from the Catskill Center Steward Program at the site of the Blue Hole during the 4th of July Weekend.*

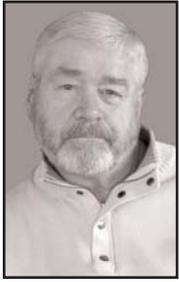
Since 2017 when the Peekamoose Blue Hole was identified as a Leave No Trace Hot Spot, the Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics and the Catskill Center along with the NYSDEC have implemented new strategies and special regulations which include a permit for weekends and holidays during the summer season. If you are planning to go to the Blue Hole over a weekend, you may find these links helpful.

### How to get a permit to visit Peekamoose Blue Hole:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/109922.html>

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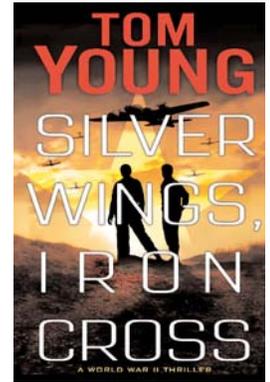
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## Silver Wings, Iron Cross

### Mysterious Book Report No. 409

by John Dwaine McKenna



Whether you're a fan of history, action-adventure stories or hair-raising thrillers-maybe even all three, as I am-an exciting reading treat is in store for all those who get their hands on a copy of a new WWII thriller entitled, *Silver Wings, Iron Cross*, (Kensington Publishing, \$27.00, 376 pages, ISBN 978-1-4967-3040-5) by Tom Young, whose work is drawing rave reviews from all quarters.

*Silver Wings, Iron Cross* begins in the late fall of 1944, D-Day has been successfully pulled off in June, and the Allied Armies are fighting their way across Europe. Large parts of France as well as Belgium and the Low Countries have been liberated. From England, the U.S. Eighth Air Force is bombing the industrial heart of Germany during daylight hours, while the British Royal Air Force bombs most every night in a relentless attack aimed at breaking Hitler's ability and will to continue the fight.

Southern England is where US Army Air Force 1st Lieutenant Karl Hagen and his crew are about to take off on their 35th, and final run in a B-17 bomber nicknamed *Hellstorm*. After the mission is done they'll become members of an exclusive club and be assigned stateside duties back home. Trouble is, the pilot, Karl Hagen, is a second generation German-American . . . and although he hasn't told anyone . . . he has relatives living in Bremen, which is their target for this final mission.

Meanwhile, at sea, *Oberleutnant* Wilhelm Albrecht, the XO, or executive Officer and second in command of German attack submarine U-351, is doing his best to honor his nation and *Kriegsmarine* oath by sinking as much Allied Shipping as possible. But, like Karl Hagen, Wilhelm Albrecht is also conflicted. Poorly supplied and badly equipped, the U-boats are being chased down and sunk by Allied sub hunters in the air and on the sea using new technologies that weren't available earlier in the war, when U-boats, hunting in wolf packs were the terror of all Merchant Mariners.

Now, after a long, exhausting sea patrol and with heavy battle damage, *U-351* is trying to limp home to the submarine base at Bremen. There, it'll be patched back together as best they can with makeshift repairs, rearmed and sent back on patrol . . . where they're ordered to *Sink as many enemy ships as possible*, followed by what amounts to a suicide command. The order causes the submarine warrior to desert, as he tries to save his crew from going back out to sea and certain death.

In the skies over the burning city of Bremen, relentless fighter plane and artillery attacks are decimating the air armada. One of the casualties is the *Hellstorm*, and Karl Hagen is the last man to bailout of the doomed B-17.

Both men are now alone, on the run and hunted by the authorities. They meet in a chance encounter when both of them take refuge in the same burned out building. Running for their lives, the two young officers are at first hostile and suspicious enemies. Later, they become reluctant allies as life on the run forces them to help each other avoid capture and stay alive. In the end, they forge a deep bond of friendship when an act of courage by one of them saves many lives in the face of certain death in this complex, action-filled and well-written WWII drama that will turn every reader into a fan.

Tom Young has crafted a twisty, kinetic and battle-laden war story that, at the same time, lays open the hearts and minds of the courageous and incredibly young persons who went to war as kids and emerged as the men and women we honor today as The Greatest Generation.

Read *Silver Wings, Iron Cross* for yourself and see why it's destined to become a classic!

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\*\*\*THANK YOU VERY MUCH\*\*\*

### Tom Young - Bio

Tom Young served in Afghanistan and Iraq with the Air National Guard. He has also flown combat missions to Bosnia and Kosovo, and additional missions to Latin America, the horn of Africa, and the Far East. In all, Young logged nearly 5,000 hours as a flight engineer on the C-5 Galaxy and the C-130 Hercules, while flying to almost forty countries. Military honors include the Meritorious Service Medal, three Air Medals, three Aerial Achievement Medals, and the Air Force Combat Action Medal. Young retired from the Air Guard in 2013 after more than twenty years of service.



In civilian life he spent ten years as a writer and editor with the broadcast division of the Associated Press, and currently he works as an airline pilot based at Reagan National Airport near Washington, D.C. Young holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in Mass Communication from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Young's well-received military adventure novels include *The Mullah's Storm*, *Silent Enemy*, *The Renegades*, *The Warriors*, and *Sand and Fire*. (Contd. Pg. 7)

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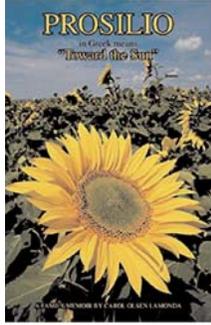
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### The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. **Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cuddled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift!** *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-line as a soft or hard cover or as a downloadable e-book for Nook or Kindle. Go to: <http://amazon.com> or <http://barnesandnoble.com> and type in *Prosilio* in the search to order your copy of *Prosilio*



## The Olive Jar- By Carol Olsen LaMonda Grammar Or the Saga of the Red Pen



Many hours of my teaching work involved a red pen correcting and grading papers. The school-issued one was a long, slender, two-sided pen with red on one end and blue on the other. The red always ran out first.



A teacher cohort, who was a math teacher, was chastised once by a parent who called the red corrections "too aggressive and hurtful." It made me look at a marked composition of a student in a different way. Some papers were literally bleeding from my grammatical assault; however, to just issue a grade was a cop out. Corrections were meant to improve the students' works, so I would limit corrections of red circles to three and write positive comments in pencil.

Years later, I find I have a mental red pen as I read FaceBook, emails, ads and posters or listen to everyday speech. Thank goodness there is an edit button for my own writing, but I cringe at what I cannot correct in speech and prose. Red pen retired, I bite my tongue instead.

The mistakes that are so prevalent are misuses of:  
your and you're

there, their and they're

of and have (as in could-of, should-of, would-of)

to, too and two

it's and its

Quote sqr ”

Whenever you correct someone's grammar just remember that nobody likes you.

- Jim Gaffigan

My red pen is retired, but my tongue now bleeds with unspoken grammatical corrections. Is our language doomed to abbreviations, misused words, and tweets of incomplete sentences? Yes, I am afraid so. I may have to comfort myself by patting myself on the head and repeating the well-known phrase, "There, their, they're. Its OK. This two could of been worse. Your forgiven."

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**Tom Young - Bio**  
 (From Pg. 5) *The Mullah's Storm* was a Book of the Month Club Thriller of the Month and an Indie Next List Selection. Publishers Weekly gave starred reviews to *The Renegades*, *Silent Enemy*, and *The Warriors*. *The Mullah's Storm* earned a starred review from Kirkus Reviews. *The Mullah's Storm*, *Silent Enemy*, and *The Renegades* received Gold Medal awards from the Military Writers Society of America. *Sand and Fire* received a starred review from Booklist.

Young is also the author of the nonfiction book *The Speed of Heat: An Airlift Wing at War in Iraq and Afghanistan*, released in 2008. His narrative, "Night Flight to Baghdad," appeared in the anthology *Operation Homecoming: Iraq, Afghanistan, and the Home Front in the Words of U.S. Troops and Their Families*. The Washington Post listed *Operation Homecoming* among the best books of 2006.

**Interview With The Author: Tom Young**  
 by  
 John Dwaine McKenna

Hey out there to all our friends, fans, writers of all types and avid readers everywhere . . .

Today we have a special item of interest for everyone; an interview with author Tom Young. He's the best novelist of World War II thrillers to cross the MBR's desk since Jeff Shara or the late, great Phillip Kerr, as well as an avid practitioner of the writing craft. It's the longest of our interviewees so far, because Mr. Young's responses are open, honest and reflect his dedication to this business of words that we all love so well. Here's Tom Young:

**When do you write?**

I usually write first thing in the morning, when my mind is the freshest. I like to start the day with strong coffee and a couple of hours in my study at the keyboard. (Contd. Pg. 13)

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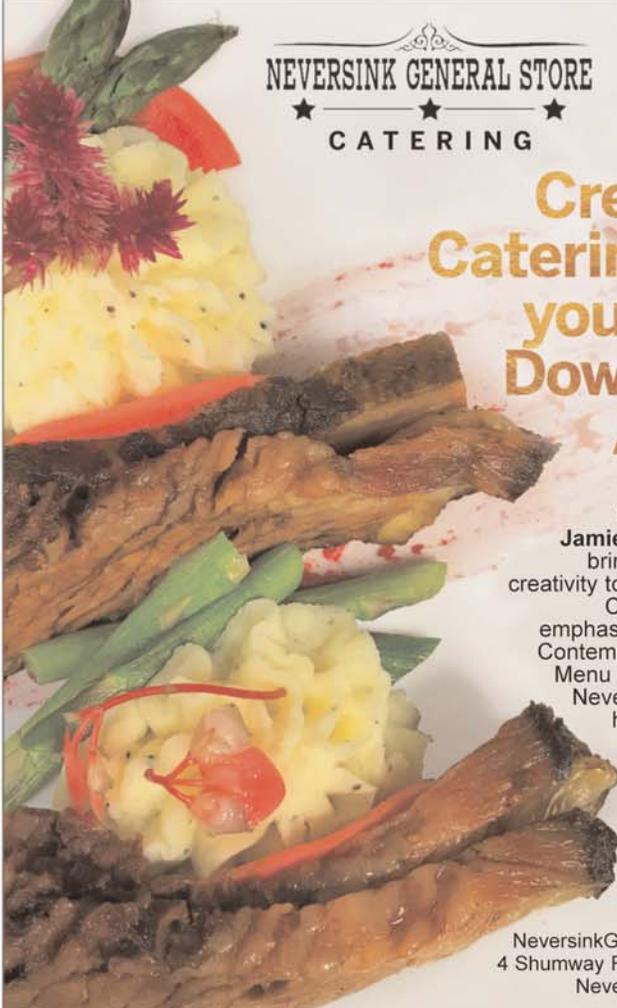
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(From Pg. 1) "The Greek Government agreed to donate the ship to the veterans and prepare it for tow, at no cost. The Veterans raised \$300,000 to have the ship towed back from Greece, and she arrived in New York in 1993. Volunteers began to restore on her, and have continued to work ever since. She is now considered one of the finest examples of Maritime Preservation in the country. That's thanks to our volunteers who give an average of 15,000 hours a year."

"Throughout the history of the project, we have been self-supporting. Half of our income comes from operations, and half from donations from our 2,500 nationwide donor base. All donors received our quarterly print newsletter, "Trim But Deadly," which features historical photos, articles, restoration updates, and donor acknowledgements. A sample edition can be found here: <https://www.ussslater.org/publications/signals/vol-18/TBD2ndQtr2014-32p.pdf>

"It is estimated that the shipyard work and tow will cost \$700,000. The 2017 Maritime Heritage Grant matching grant was the first federal funding we have received. It will cover \$200,000 of this work. Thus far, we have received \$274,000 in matching donations, so we still need to raise \$226,000 to fully fund the overhaul."

"The COVID-19 Pandemic has eliminated admissions as a source of revenue. For now, we are totally dependent upon donations. So if you are impressed with what you see here, and what the volunteers have accomplished, you can click the donate button at the bottom of our homepage, at [www.ussslater.org](http://www.ussslater.org) or print out a donor form and send a check - <https://www.ussslater.org/Support/donate.php>

"We thank all of you for your enthusiasm and support. To all our new friends, welcome aboard. And a special thank you to 101.5 WPDH for their support!"

It is expected that the ship will return and staff will have the ship open to the public by August 5th, 2020. More specific information will be released as it becomes available. (Contd. Pg. 9)

## USS SLATER Departs for Shipyard



*Photo by Thomas Scian*

*On board the USS Slater as it heads toward Staten Island*

(From Pg. 8) For updates, please visit the website at [www.ussslater.org](http://www.ussslater.org) and our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/USS.Slater](https://www.facebook.com/USS.Slater).

Once open, USS SLATER's hours will be Wednesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., through the end of November. The ship will be located in Downtown Albany at the intersection of Broadway and Quay Street.

USS SLATER is owned, maintained, and operated by the Destroyer Escort Historical Museum, a private, non-profit, charitable organization that receives no regular government support. Donations to the Museum are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

## Sen. Metzger Celebrates Gardiner's New EV Charging Station in Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Ulster County, NY...State Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) today joined local and county government, community, and business leaders to cut the ribbon for the Town of Gardiner's new electric vehicle (EV) charging station, installed in the Gardiner Library parking lot adjacent to the Walkkill Valley Rail Trail. Town Supervisor Marybeth Majestic, Ulster County Legislator Tracey Bartels, and Climate Smart Gardiner Task Force member Holly Shader were among the other speakers at the event, which showcased the Town's efforts to fight climate change.

Senator Metzger has been a leading proponent in the State Senate for shifting to a clean energy economy, and has introduced a package of bills to accelerate adoption of EVs in New York. The transportation sector accounts for the largest share of New York's greenhouse gas emissions, the main cause of climate change. In December, the Governor signed into law Metzger's bill (S5820) directing the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) to identify areas across the state where EV infrastructure is insufficient and develop a plan to close the gaps. The legislation will help New York meet the ambitious goals of the state's Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 40 percent by 2030, and 85 percent by 2050.

Prior to joining the State Senate, Metzger led efforts as a Town Councilwoman to install two public EV charging stations in the Town of Rosendale, and provided guidance to other towns, including Gardiner, to help them do the same. The towns received funding through the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation's Municipal Zero-emission Vehicle (ZEV) Rebate and Infrastructure Grant program, which continues to offer grants to municipalities for EV infrastructure as well as for municipal electric vehicles. (Contd. Pg. 14)



*Senator Metzger and local leaders in the Town of Gardiner celebrate the charging station's installation*



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## University at Albany's AVAIL Laboratory Announces Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Planning Updates to Begin in Sullivan County

(June 30, 2020) Albany, NY- The County of Sullivan, in partnership with New York State's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (NYS DHSES) and the University at Albany's Visualization and Informatics Laboratory (AVAIL), is currently updating their Multi-Jurisdictional Local Hazard Mitigation Plan. This update is part of a state pilot program, funded by FEMA and administered by NYSDHSES. It is tasked with testing web-based software and integrated planning approaches designed for local hazard mitigation planning across New York State. AVAIL, a software laboratory in UAlbany's Geography and Planning Department, is working with Behan Planning and Design to lead Sullivan County through the pilot hazard mitigation planning effort.

As the severity and frequency of natural disasters increase, so does the devastation and exorbitant cost of recovery left in their wake. In recent years, national focus has taken a dramatic shift towards mitigation - sustained actions that reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. Sullivan County recognizes that the time to act is before disaster strikes.

A hazard mitigation plan provides communities with an opportunity to work together to identify risk, evaluate vulnerabilities and develop strategies for risk reduction. Sullivan County's Hazard Mitigation Plan must be updated and approved by FEMA in order for the County and participating jurisdictions to continue to be eligible for FEMA mitigation grant funds. The anticipated completion date for this work is January 2021.

Initial meetings with the Steering Committee and Core Planning Group kicked off in February 2020, and will continue with all participating jurisdictions and stakeholders through the remainder of the year. Later this year, upon completion of the draft plan, a 30-day public comment period will commence. At that time Sullivan County residents will have the opportunity to review and provide feedback to the updated plan before submission to NYSDHSES and FEMA at the end of the year. Following successful submission and subsequent review, municipalities will be asked to formally adopt the Sullivan County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan to be eligible for funding.

If you have expertise to offer to planning process, please reach out to the University at Albany's AVAIL laboratory via email at: [availabs@gmail.com](mailto:availabs@gmail.com)

More information about the 2012 Sullivan County Hazard Mitigation Process may be found online at: <http://sullivanny.us/Departments/PlanningEnvironmental/PlansandStudies/HazardMitigationPlan>

# The Scene Too

By Jane Harrison

I hope everyone had an excellent 4th. It seemed a bit strange to be celebrating this year with all that's going on in the world. And I hope everyone observed the precautions but I guess we'll know in the next two weeks.

Personally, I stayed in. I was a bit concerned as I had heard stories of the sobriety check points where officers without masks were sticking their heads through the open car windows to speak to the driver. I'm all for sobriety checks but not potentially putting the car's occupants at risk. That virus is still here people!

I did check out a new (to me) open mic. This Sunday afternoon event has been going on for one, maybe two years, starting at 3pm. Many of the participants of the DeFillipi's MUSIC WHERE YOU LEAST

EXPECT IT open mics would then travel to RAFTERS TAVERN in Callicoon. I have been quite remiss in not doing the same but with the hourly demands of my former life, I just didn't have the energy to make it out there. But that was then, this is now.

Callicoon is an awfully cute little town and RAFTERS is an awfully cute little place. Naturally there was no entrance to the inside. But you could order drinks and food (I highly recommend their Marsala burger!) at their little window then venture into their backyard where there was a makeshift stage and socially distanced tables.



The array of talent was amazing. The host of this afternoon was a fireball of energy, Elizabeth George, with a voice that was immediately recognizable as trained for Broadway. In fact, in our chat, I discovered we lived in New York City at the same time and that she

had had a one woman show while I was booking the clubs. We probably ran across one another but because what we were doing was so different, 'never the twain shall meet', so they say. It was amusing to both of us. (Contd. Pg 12)



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## 5 COVID-Friendly Summer Shenanigans

In case you didn't realize already, it's summer! I can certainly can, since I'm constantly in a state of sweating and my hair is a rat's nest. Other than that, hooray for summertime!

Besides the sweating and wild hair, I do love this season, especially in New York. However, with these current pandemic situation on our hands, it can feel depressing and isolating that travel just can't happen this summer.

So, what's one to do when he/she is already stir-crazy and itching to get out?! Fear not: there are still options!

### 1. Go kayaking!

I just went kayaking on Saturday for the first time in eons and it was lovely! I was surrounded by glorious nature in the sunshine surrounded by good friends- at a safe distance, of course! Even if you don't own a kayak, you could easily borrow or rent one if you so desired! Try Bashakill Lake or the Neversink River, but do not under any circumstances forget your sunscreen!

### 2. Have a socially distant BBQ/picnic

Why not have an outdoor get-together with family/friends? Everyone can make something for a potluck or, for extreme care, everyone brings they're own food/drinks and just has a good time in each other's company!

### 3. Go swimming in a nearby lake

There are tons of shimmering and inviting lakes in our area! We are truly lucky. So, if you're feeling a bit slimy and hot, check out a lake nearby for some relaxation and much-needed cooling off!

### 4. Get some ice cream to go!

Um, hello? The best time of the year is here so, therefore, the best dessert has arrived, too! Head to your local creamery (mask, hand sanitizer, gloves and so on in hand) and get yourself a tasty cone. You deserve it!

### 5. Go camping

One of my good friend's just told me she went on a camping weekend with a group of friends and they all masterfully maintained social distance the whole time! They all had their own tents, food, drinks, plates, silverware, everything. Why not give it a try? More s'mores for you in that case, right!?

This summer doesn't have to involve being cooped up inside the entire time, but it certainly doesn't have to break social-distancing, either! Enjoy yourselves while staying safe!

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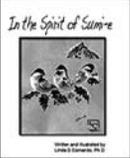
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## The Scene Too

(From Pg. 11) I was surprised how many familiar faces were there to participate, especially when a severe thunderstorm delayed everything for an hour and another threat limited everyone to one song. Along



with favorites DAVID MILNER, C A S W Y N MOON and the wonderful surprise of POISON LOVE out of Pennsylvania were some from C A B E R N E T FRANK'S first-of-the-season open mic: KATHY GEARY, NICK H E A T H E N , E L I Z A B E T H

ROSE, names you'll recognize from my previous column. Along with several new people. Unfortunately, because of the perfect storm of circumstances (severe storm threat, virus distancing, etc) I didn't have a chance to chat or even get last names! There was KEVIN whose roots were in Charleston, South Carolina and that I have on good authority has an operatic voice. There was NICHOLAS who had a great story about NINA SIMONE and a voice that was slightly reminiscent of the late JIM CROCE. JAMIE LILY graced us with one of her bluesy originals. And a gentleman referred to only as BREWSTER who is somehow tied to RAFTERS but is a darned good performer in his own right.

Not a ringer in the bunch. An amazing afternoon of one fantastic talent after another. NOW I know why some travel sometimes 60 miles to be part of this, not just to perform at a time where this has become an anomaly and not the norm, but for the chance to perform WITH other incredibly talents folks.

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### Interview With The Author: Tom Young

(From Pg. 7) However, when I need to, I can write pretty much anywhere, whenever I have time. I've written in the bunk room of a C-5 Galaxy, and in a tent in Afghanistan.

#### *Are any of your characters autobiographical?*

Yes and no. There's a part of me in all of my main characters, but none of them are purely autobiographical. If I tried to write a character based solely on myself, I'd get bored with it.

#### *Why do you write?*

I can't NOT write. It's almost an addiction. I've known I wanted to write ever since I learned to read. I just like hanging around words.

#### *Who inspired you to write?*

I've been inspired and influenced by MANY writers. But if I had to pick one, I'd say it's the French aviator and author Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. When I was a kid, I discovered his books in the Oxford, NC public library. Saint-Ex flew air mail back in the days when airplanes were made of cloth and pilots were made of steel. His books include WIND, SAND AND STARS; NIGHT FLIGHT; and FLIGHT TO ARRAS. After the fall of France during World War II, he could have avoided combat due to his age. But he returned to the fight with the Free French Air Force, and he disappeared on a recon mission in 1944.

#### *How do you deal with a negative review?*

If it makes a good point, I learn from it.

#### *What's the most important element for writing success?*

To simply keep writing. Keep improving your craft. Keep on keeping on.

#### *Do you plot-outline or wing it?*

I do very little outlining. When I begin writing a novel, I'll start with a good idea of what the conflict will be, and how the story will open. I'll have a vague idea of how the story will end. And I won't have ANY idea what will happen in the middle. I just start writing and let the characters talk to me. If I get stuck, I just ask myself what I would do in that particular scene.

#### *What makes a character despicable?*

I once heard someone say the ultimate definition of evil is the assertion of self-interest over the greater good. So, for me, that's what makes a villain despicable—placing one's self over others. But at the same time, the best villains are relatable, not purely evil. They're more interesting if you can ALMOST understand how they got to be evil – if you can see what made them that way. For example, if there is some hurt in their past, and they've overreacted to that hurt.

#### *Do you use humor in your work?*

I try to. Most of my novels are set in combat environments. With a setting that heavy, you need to break the tension with humor from time to time. And, believe me, most deployed military personnel have a very creative sense of humor.

#### *Does your style make heavy use of adjectives and adverbs?*

I try to use few adjectives and adverbs. Mark Twain said, "When you catch an adjective, kill it." As far as adverbs are concerned, if you're using an adverb, you've probably chosen the wrong verb. For example, let's take this sentence: "Joe ran quick-

ly across the parking lot." Technically, there's nothing wrong with that sentence. But if we kill the adverb and change the verb, we get something like this: "Joe sprinted across the parking lot." Much stronger.

#### *Do you use long, detailed and in-depth descriptions of your characters and their environs?*

I like to write descriptions, but never much at a time. Description works best when used in light brush strokes. Just two or three sentences here, then two or three sentences there. Understatement is a strength of the English language.

#### *What's your next project?*

I'm working on another WWII novel, tentatively titled THE MAGNIFICENT RESCUE. It's based on the real-world rescue of more than 500 downed Allied airmen in German-occupied Yugoslavia. The downed airmen, along with villagers and Yugoslav guerrillas, built a dirt landing strip with hand tools. Crews flew in with C-47s and recovered all the airmen, right out from under the noses of the Germans.

#### *Bonus questions, and your last chance for brilliance . . .*

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

My advice to would-be novelists is that there's nothing mystical about writing. It's a learned skill, just like anything else. If you work at it long enough, you'll get good at it. It might take a while; it took me years. But if I can do it, you can do it.

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*Senator Metzger and local leaders in the Town of Gardiner celebrate the charging station's installation*

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Holly Shader, member of the Climate Smart Gardiner Task Force said, "I would not have even thought about writing the grant for the charging station had Senator Metzger not generously shared her application with Climate Smart Gardiner. She is such a hard working champion for the people of New York and for the environment!"

Marybeth Majestic, Gardiner Town Supervisor said, "Although it was over two years in the making, it was well worth the wait. We couldn't have done it without the Climate Smart Task Force."

Tracey Bartels, Deputy Chair of the Ulster County Legislature said, "Ulster County has long been a leader in environmental issues. Ulster County was the first county to achieve Silver Climate Smart Community certification a full two years before any other county. Goals set by the state require participation at the local level. Local infrastructure adds to state infrastructure. People make travel decisions based on charging options. As more charging options become available, more people will be encouraged to consider EV purchases."

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Jay Brooks (2017, 2018, 2019 Cape Ann Plein Air and Plein Air Easton 2018, 2019, 2020) is a member of the Salmagundi Club/NYC where he recently won the Tuttle Memorial Award for his cityscape, "Brooklyn Navy Yard." Although Brooks main interest is the rural NY landscape where he lives, he has painted in the American West, Puerto Rico, the Austrian and German Alps, Northern Italy, Ireland and the Australian outback and rain forests.

Brooks began painting at age 14, under the classical apprenticeship of John Piesley and the plein air instruction of Charles Movalli, a disciple of the late Emile Gruppe where he was introduced to the pre-impressionist styles of Corot, George Inness and Asher B. Durand.

The Catskill Fly Fishing Center and Museum  
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### Sen. Metzger Celebrates Gardiner's New EV Charging Station in Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

(From Pg. 9) "I am thrilled to see this project come to fruition, and I encourage other towns and villages in our region to take advantage of this grant program and install public EV chargers in their communities," said Senator Metzger, who drives a fully electric Chevy Bolt. "It makes good climate sense and it makes good economic sense, because EV drivers will choose towns to visit and vacation that have the necessary infrastructure."

Gardiner's charging station will be free to the public for the first two years, thanks to sponsorship of the electricity by local businesses, including SkyDive the Ranch, Gardiner Liquid Mercantile, Majestic's Hardware, and Cafe Mio.

## **RISE (Rape Intervention Services and Education) and SCDW (Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop) Present *Locked Away***

RISE (Rape Intervention Services and Education) and SCDW (Sullivan County Dramatic Workshop) have collaborated to offer a free Facebook presentation of “Locked Away” – a poignant and dramatic play in which three old teammates reunite at a Catskills hotel to honor the coach of their state championship football team from their high school days. As they reminisce about the “good old days”, one of them reveals the abuse he suffered at the hands of the coach as well as a teammate who was tragically affected by the same abuse. The discussion becomes highly personal as the three of them try to decide what to do and say at the dinner.

“Locked Away” is an original play written by Peter Nastasi of Rock Hill, NY. This performance is produced and directed by Harold Tighe. The show is free to view on Facebook, but donations will support both RISE and SCDW. A donation of \$10 is recommended. Donations can be made by going to [www.scdw.net](http://www.scdw.net) and clicking on the “Locked Away Donations” button at the top left of the page.

The very talented cast consists of Peter Nastasi of Rock Hill, Shawn Bailey of Cochection Center, Josh Rosengrant of Loch Sheldrake and Jim Fedroff of Grahamsville. Stage managers are Ethan King of Kerhonkson and Hannah Veety of Forestburgh. Jim Schmidt of Hurleyville is Technical Director. Director Harold Tighe of Swan Lake is excited to present this drama about such an important and relevant topic.

This show is not recommended for children due to the topic and strong language used. For further information, please contact Harold at (845) 807-7212.

## **UC Executive Pat Ryan Announces Covid-19 Rapid Response Plan**

*Ulster County has implemented a rapid response plan in anticipation of a potential surge in cases*

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County has developed and implemented a COVID-19 Rapid Response plan in order to stay ahead of reports across the nation indicating an increase of COVID-19 cases. On Wednesday, County Executive Ryan spoke to all of the Town Supervisors and Mayors to discuss the County's plan.

The five-step plan works to identify, investigate, isolate, communicate, and enforce in anticipation of potential cases. The plan will focus on identifying cases through robust testing capacity, investigation through contact tracing, isolation through issuing quarantine, communication through keeping the public informed, and continued enforcement of the PAUSE order.

“With cases surging across the country, it is important we are prepared in order to avoid a second wave here in Ulster County and ensure the health and safety of our residents,” said Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan. “We must all continue to follow critical safety precautions to combat COVID-19 including socially distancing, wearing masks, and washing our hands. Each of us has a responsibility and a role to play in keeping our community safe.”

Earlier this week, County Executive Ryan in partnership with leadership from over a dozen agencies including the Health

Department, Sheriff's Office, and Emergency Management, convened Health Emergency Management Exercises at the Ulster County Emergency Operations Center. The exercises included a run-through of numerous potential public health scenarios in order to better prepare for a potential resurgence of COVID-19.

Since Ulster County's first case of COVID-19 emerged in early March, Ulster County has taken a proactive response to control and counter the pandemic. On March 13, Ulster County was the first County to close schools ahead of the statewide decision to do so. Additionally, Ulster County is believed to be the first County to set up a fully staffed COVID-19 hotline when the first case appeared. To prepare for increased demand, the County also opened a “step-down” care center with 100 beds at the Kingston High School Kate Walton Field House staffed by Nuvance Health.

There are currently 119 active cases of COVID-19 and 86 fatalities in Ulster County.

For additional information about COVID-19 visit:

<https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus>

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

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## **Sullivan County, State Prevail in Jail COVID-19 Case**

Monticello, NY - A NYS Supreme Court judge has dismissed a case brought by the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) against the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office and the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision.

“As Judge Stephan Schick noted in granting our motion to dismiss, the County Jail, its corrections officers and its medical personnel did not disregard, at any point, the health and safety of our inmates,” County Attorney Michael F. McGuire stated. “I am gratified at his decision, rendered before we even needed to state our side of the case. Obviously the Court agreed that the NYCLU's petition was without merit and unfounded.”

The NYCLU filed suit on behalf of five inmates (eventually extended via class action to the entire jail population), claiming that insufficient medical care was provided during the COVID-19 outbreak and that prisoners were subject to dangerous, life-threatening conditions. A visit by Judge Schick to the old Jail on Bushnell Avenue in Monticello proved otherwise, but the case continued, even as inmates and staff were transferred to the brand new County Jail near Route 17's Exit 104.

“Like many other facilities housing groups of people, we endured one outbreak of coronavirus with 33 inmates, but our aggressive measures completely controlled it,” Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty explained. “Our medical staff at the Jail have worked just as diligently as our Public Health team to corral and eradicate COVID-19, and proof is in the fact that since May 14, we have had just one case of coronavirus in the Jail.”

The Sheriff's Office, which operates the Jail, continues to provide masks and education to inmates and staff, with State guidelines on social distancing, mask-wearing and hand-washing rigorously enforced. Temperatures are taken daily, and nursing staff see inmates twice a day. The new Jail also has specially-built quarantine facilities and does not house inmates in the dormitory style that challenged COVID containment efforts in the old Jail.

“We have been handling this unprecedented pandemic appropriately in both our old and current Jail facilities, of that the public can be assured,” McGuire remarked. “I thank the District Attorney's Office and the NYS Attorney General's Office for their collaboration in this case to ensure that point was made absolutely clear in Court.”



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### DEC Launches New Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping Licensing System • Improved DECALS Includes User-Friendly Features to Help Hunters Find License Sales Outlets, Keep Track of Licenses, and Harvest Information

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the launch of the State's new system for the sale of fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses. The new DEC Automated Licensing System (DECALS) includes user-friendly information to help users locate vendors, receive instant copies of a license, enter and view harvest information, and more.

Commissioner Seggos said, "The new automated DECALS licensing system makes it simpler than ever before for New Yorkers to purchase fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses from the comfort of their homes, either over the phone or online. We're committed to improving outdoor enthusiasts' experiences from start to finish, and the new DECALS is one of the many ways New York will continue to meet the needs of our sporting community so they can focus on enjoying the abundant fishing, hunting, and trapping opportunities available throughout the state."

As the system's new features are updated, additional functionality launching on DECALS will include:

- o Events calendar with upcoming season dates, youth hunts, free fishing days and clinics, and more;
- o Full integration with DEC's Hunter Education Program enabling users to more easily register for courses and automatically update certifications; and
- o Auto-renewal options for all annual licenses.

Users can access DECALS by phone and online. New York State's 1,100 license issuing agents are expected to be up and running on the new DECALS system soon, so contact local agents before heading out to purchase licenses in person. Call DEC's customer service hotline (866-933-2257) Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., or go to the DECALS website and buy licenses online.

Please note that previous DECALS logins will not work in the new system. To access current accounts, click on the 'Sign Up' link on the new DECALS website and use date of birth and DEC customer ID number or a driver's license number to locate existing files and create a new login. Please call DEC's customer service line at 866-933-2257 with any questions.

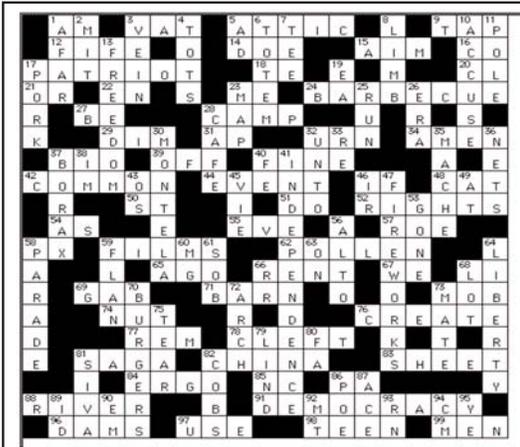
The new system is developed and supported by Kalkomey, a company that specializes in outdoor recreation and education web applications. Kalkomey currently provides hunter education classes for 46 states, including New York, as well as in Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. DEC recently announced the success of Kalkomey's online hunter and bowhunter safety courses for New York State, which allow new hunters to take classes online during the State's response to COVID-19. Nearly 28,000 men, women, and children have taken the course to date, which was extended through Aug. 31, 2020.

Students who successfully complete the online courses and pass the final exam will receive their hunter education certificate or bowhunter education certificate. The courses are available to individuals 11 and older, but only those 12 or older may purchase a hunting license. Students can complete the courses from a computer, tablet, or smart phone at any time. Visit DEC's Hunter Education Program page to learn more or to sign up.

To take and receive a hunter education certificate or bowhunter education certificate through the online course, participants must be New York State residents. The cost of the hunter education course is \$19.95 and the cost for the bowhunter education course is \$30. Both courses can be accessed at DEC's website. The online courses will be available through Aug. 31, 2020.

For more information on recreational opportunities available in New York State visit DEC's website. New Yorkers are encouraged to engage in responsible recreation close to home during the State's ongoing response to COVID-19. DEC 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, show respect, and use common sense to protect themselves and others. For more information, go to DEC's website.

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**DEC Announces Addition of 241 Acres to Catskill Forest Preserve • Acquisitions Create New Recreational Opportunities, Trails to Connect Existing Public Lands, and Access to Renowned Trout Fishery • DEC and State Parks Launch 'Play Smart \* Play Safe \* Play Local' Campaign to Encourage New Yorkers to Recreate Responsibly during State's Ongoing Response to COVID-19**

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced the acquisition of 241 acres in the Catskills, including 208 acres adjoining existing Forest Preserve lands in the Bluestone Wild Forest that will preserve critical open space and expand recreational opportunities to support the local economy. The purchases of the two properties were made possible through a partnership with the Open Space Institute (OSI) and \$758,000 from New York's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF).

"New Yorkers will have new opportunities for outdoor recreation in the Catskills thanks to these significant acquisitions, which will expand our trail network to connect the Jockey Hill and Onteora Lake properties in the Bluestone Wild Forest and protect critical habitat in the town of Warwarsing," Commissioner Seggos said. "We are grateful to our partners at the Open Space Institute and the Woodstock Land Conservancy, and for Governor Andrew Cuomo's continued commitment to the Environmental Protection Fund and other significant investments in forest conservation and preservation."

In addition, DEC and the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) today launched the PLAY SMART \* PLAY SAFE \* PLAY LOCAL Campaign to encourage all New Yorkers to recreate safely, responsibly, and locally this summer and to always treat fellow outdoor adventurers with respect. The campaign invites people to take the PLAY SMART \* PLAY SAFE \* PLAY LOCAL pledge, and promise to use common sense to protect themselves and others when enjoying the outdoors. During the State's ongoing response to COVID-19, New Yorkers across the state want and need to get outside for a nature break, which is good for physical and mental health. See a video message from DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos and State Parks Commissioner Erik Kulleseid.

"During the State's ongoing response to the COVID-19 public health crisis, DEC is working with our partners at State Parks to encourage all New Yorkers to PLAY SMART \* PLAY SAFE \* PLAY LOCAL when visiting public lands and parks. Getting outside can serve as a much-needed getaway from the stresses and fears of everyday life. So get outside, but #PlaySmartPlaySafePlayLocal, and remember to treat the outdoor adventurers you encounter with respect," DEC Commissioner Seggos said.

State Parks Commissioner Kulleseid said, "Governor Cuomo understands how important it has been for New Yorkers to have their State Parks open for healthy, safe recreation during the COVID-19 pandemic. We strongly support his call for people to show their support for our Parks and our dedicated staff by taking this pledge to recreate responsibly this summer. These common-sense guidelines will help protect us all and help keep our parks open."

DEC and State Parks are promoting the campaign on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram by partnering with stakeholders including state and local environmental organizations, hunting and fishing groups, and community and public health groups. The campaign and pledge include common sense guidelines for smart and safe recreation, including incorporating social distancing and wearing a face mask, planning trips ahead, choosing a destination close to home because public restrooms and restaurants may not be open, and visiting at off hours. The agencies are also encouraging New Yorkers to take the pledge and use the hashtag #PlaySmartPlaySafePlayLocal when sharing their outdoor adventures on social media.

Take the Pledge to PLAY SMART \* PLAY SAFE \* PLAY LOCAL: Enjoy the Outdoors Safely and Responsibly

1. I pledge to respect the rules and do my part to keep parks, beaches, trails, boat launches, and other public spaces safe for everyone.
2. I will stay local and close to home.
3. I will maintain a safe distance from others outside of my household.
4. I will wear a mask when I cannot maintain social distancing.
5. I accept that this summer, I may have to adjust how I enjoy the outdoors to help keep myself and others healthy and safe, even if it means changing my plans to visit a public space. (Contd. Pg 23)

## #AdventureAtHome Week 6: Archery

#AdventureAtHome Week 6 is all about archery! Archery is a



fun, recreational sport for all ages and abilities that has many health benefits. It can help build strength and confidence in a calm and focused way while being safe. There are many different types of archery including indoor, field, 3D, as well as bowhunting and bowfishing. For archery, you

will need a bow, arrows, a quiver or place to put your arrows, a target, and a backstop. With a bow and arrow, it is important to make sure that the arrows spine strength matches the weight of the bow.

Stay tuned for our Facebook Live on Thursday July 9 at 10 a.m. to learn more about archery in your backyard.

For those who do not have a bow and arrow, there are resources that you can utilize to help practice archery skills.

In archery, safety comes first. There are a few guidelines to always follow:

- o Inspect your equipment prior to use.
- o Only point a bow and arrow in a safe direction toward your target.
- o Be sure to know what's in front, immediately behind, and beyond the target.
- o Only shoot a bow when you have a safe shooting area and a safe backstop.

Before you start, it is important to check with your local town or city ordinances to make sure shooting a bow is legal. Also, it is illegal to discharge a bow within 150 feet of a school, playground, or house. If you are not sure if your backyard is a good location, there are other places you can consider, including a local archery shop or a club with a range, as well as some state lands and town parks. If you aren't sure, contact your local DEC office.

For youth that are looking for more, or may be unable to shoot in their backyards, check to see if your school has an Archery in the School's program. Check out some photos of previous tournaments.

Watch our YouTube playlist for how-tos and inspiration.

For previous #AdventureAtHome weeks, head to our website.

### PLAY SMART \* PLAY SAFE \* PLAY LOCAL

Summer's here and it's time to get outside safely and responsibly. During the COVID-19 public health crisis, take the #PlaySmartPlaySafePlayLocal pledge.

**PLAY SMART \* PLAY SAFE** - Practice social distancing, wash your hands, wear a mask to protect yourself and others. If it's crowded, find somewhere else to go.

**PLAY LOCAL** - Stay close to home and #RecreateLocal in your region - amenities like restrooms and restaurants may not be open.

**PLAY SMART** - plan ahead. Make a list of alternate destinations and places to visit.

**PLAY SAFE** - stay home if you're sick or if you're part of a vulnerable population.

Check DEC's website to see the current status of DEC campgrounds

**DEC Announces Addition of 241 Acres to Catskill Forest Preserve • Acquisitions Create New Recreational Opportunities, Trails to Connect Existing Public Lands, and Access to Renowned Trout Fishery • DEC and State Parks Launch 'Play Smart \* Play Safe \* Play Local' Campaign to Encourage New Yorkers to Recreate Responsibly during State's Ongoing Response to COVID-19**

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6. I will be respectful of others by letting them pass by me if needed on a trail and keeping my blanket ten feet apart from others on the beach.

7. I will move quickly through shared areas like parking lots, trailheads, and scenic areas to avoid crowding.

8. If I'm not feeling well, I will stay home.

New Yorkers are strongly advised to plan their outdoor adventures ahead of time and choose alternate destinations if their first choice is closed or crowded. Check the State Parks website and 511ny website for park capacity closure alerts and visit the DECinfo locator to find the nearest DEC-managed lands. DEC and State Parks websites also feature guidelines to help New Yorkers safely engage in outdoor activities including swimming, hunting, fishing, boating, golf, and hiking. Indoor spaces and restrooms at State Parks and DEC public facilities may remain closed out of an abundance of caution to prevent community spread of COVID-19, so New Yorkers are encouraged to stay local, within their region.

DEC acquired the former Aldulaimi property with \$675,000 EPF funds from the Open Space Institute Land Trust, Inc. This acquisition will link two previously disconnected sections in the state's Bluestone Wild Forest—the Onteora Lake and Jockey Hill parcels. Prior to DEC acquiring the property, OSI and partners constructed a new connector trail suitable for use by hikers, runners, and mountain bikers. The trail improvement plan sets the stage for creating regional connectivity of protected lands and permanently protecting a scenic, forested parcel for public enjoyment and recreation.

"This project underscores the power of partnerships," said Kim Elliman, OSI's president and CEO. "From the time OSI originally secured this connector property, the vision was to create a new trail amenity. Being able to construct it before transferring the property to the Department of Environmental Conservation greatly accelerated the timing for the trail - which was made possible by the support and partnership of the Woodstock Land Conservancy and Fats in the Cats."

"Whether hiking, mountain biking, trail running, skiing, birding or just the quiet enjoyment of nature, the property and its new trails have become a valued resource for people in the neighborhoods and communities surrounding Bluestone," said Maxanne Resnick, Executive Director of Woodstock Land Conservancy. "Destination-quality trail systems are important components of sustainable, economic development and promote healthy, active lifestyles and communities. We have successfully collaborated with DEC and OSI on several area projects and are greatly appreciative of their passion for and recognition of the Catskills extraordinary beauty as well as its importance to locals and tourists alike. In the future we envision linking these trails to the Ashokan Rail Trail, enhancing further this multi-use trail system for many."

We applaud Governor Cuomo for his continued support of

the Catskill Park, as well as the Open Space Institute that worked hard to conserve these critical lands and established a recreational trail link across the property before the sale," said Catskill Center Executive Director Jeff Senterman. "By adding to the public lands of the Catskill Park, we protect water quality, provide diverse habitats and provide outstanding recreational opportunities in the Catskills. Having quality, safe access to public lands is especially important in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and we look forward to working with the NYSDEC to encourage all New Yorkers to PLAY SMART \* PLAY SAFE \* PLAY LOCAL when visiting the Catskill Park through our programs like the Catskills Visitor Center and the Catskill Stewards Program where we are able to connect with tens of thousands of visitors to the Park annually."

"This year, as New Yorkers get out to celebrate the Fourth of July in the Catskill Park, we have even more to celebrate," said Ramsay Adams, Catskill Mountainkeeper's Executive Director. "New York State's acquisition of land connecting Onteora Lake and Jockey Hill in the Bluestone Wild Forest will allow even more visitors and local residents to access the Park and Forest, and enhances this state treasure. Catskill Mountainkeeper is excited to Play Smart\*Play Safe\*Play Local at Bluestone Wild Forest and we applaud the Department of Environmental Conservation and The Open Space Institute for all of their work to add 241 beautiful and critically important acres to the Park."

Located in Ulster County in proximity to Route 28 and the New York State Thruway, the Bluestone Wild Forest is a primary gateway to the Catskill Park that conserves important natural resources and provides diverse outdoor recreational opportunities. Its lake, ponds, trails, old quarries, hemlock and oak forests on gently rolling hills—and an occasional cliff—are ideal for hiking, mountain biking, fishing, hunting, and cross-country skiing. There is developed access to Onteora Lake off State Route 28, one of the few publicly accessible lakes in the Catskills. The topography, terrain, and historic bluestone mining lend this area to more intensive recreational use, including a robust mountain biking trail system enhanced with the Aldulaimi purchase. For more information about the Bluestone Wild Forest, visit DEC's website.

In addition to the Bluestone Wild Forest acquisition, DEC recently acquired another parcel in Ulster County from the Open Space Institute using EPF resources. The former Peckham property, a 33-acre addition to the Vernoo Kill State Forest in the town of Wawarsing, was purchased for \$83,000 and will provide access to the Vernoo Kill Stream, a trout stream of regional importance.

Governor Cuomo's 2020-21 enacted State Budget sustains EPF funding at \$300 million, the highest level of funding in the program's 25-year history. In addition, this year's Budget added \$500 million to the State's already historic \$3 billion commitment to water quality improvements. The Budget also creates the Restore Mother Nature Environmental Bond Act. If approved by voters in November, the Bond Act would fund critical environmental restoration and climate mitigation projects in every corner of the state to ensure New York is able to adapt to the intensifying impacts of climate change, and reduce emissions, while creating jobs and local economic development.

**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 do so and to submit their contact information (URL) and we will post the information on our Calendar of Events.

Send your information to: [tvtownsmen@yahoo.com](mailto:tvtownsmen@yahoo.com)

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

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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

8/16/2020 Claryville Fire Department **\*\* All You can Eat Pancake Breakfast** 7am -12 noon

8/29/2020 Claryville Fire Department **\*\* Annual Craft and Vendor Fair** 10 am- 4 pm

**\*\* We will be following the CDC guidelines for Covid-19! Please remember that we will be doing everything possible to keep all of our members and customers safe and healthy**

**Save the Date!**

Due to the COVID 19 restrictions and concerns we had to make the difficult decision to postpone Matthew Bertholf's **Memorial Horseshoe Tournament** until next year. It has been **rescheduled for Sunday, July 11, 2021** and will be held at the Neversink Fire Department's Pavilion. Next year will the **10th anniversary** of this tournament. Looking forward to seeing you then!!! Our 2020 scholarship recipients are Logan Cossack and Michael Babcock.

**2020 Virtual Catskills Youth Climate Summit** Thursdays, **Oct. 1, 15, 29; Nov. 12, 2020** via Zoom 3:30-5:00 pm Free for students grades 7-12 + advisor. If you have further questions or want to sign up, please contact Jeanne Darling ([jmd30@cornell.edu](mailto:jmd30@cornell.edu)) or call 607-865-6531.

**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.

**COVID-19 ONLINE BEREAVEMENT GROUP**

This on-line support group is new and is for those who have lost a loved one to Covid-19.

The link below goes to our page with all information.

Go to:

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

**Tri-Valley Elementary School**

**WANTED:**

**Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork**

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or [pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org](mailto:pennyhennessey@trivalleycsd.org).

All artwork and frames will be provided by the District and refreshed bi-annually.

**Time and the Valleys Museum  
Searching for a Picture**

The Time and the Valleys Museum exhibit committee is searching for a photo of Helen Aldrich. If anyone has one please contact Phyllis Coombe at: [phyllisncoombe@hvc.rr.com](mailto:phyllisncoombe@hvc.rr.com) or 845-985-7530 and she will help to arrange to get the pictures.

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

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

Please contact Jean Keesler at [jkeesler1@yahoo.com](mailto:jkeesler1@yahoo.com) or 845-985-7879.

**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.

## DEC Announces Falconry, Wildlife Rehabilitator, and Leashed Tracking Dog Examinations Registration Deadline July 24, for August Exams

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that exams for individuals seeking a license to practice falconry, become a wildlife rehabilitator, or use leashed tracking dogs to find wounded or injured big game animals are scheduled for Aug. 7 and Aug. 14, depending on location. The deadline to register is July 24.

This year, following Governor Andrew M. Cuomo's NY Forward guidelines and in order to maintain safe social distancing, DEC will be offering the exam from 10 a.m. to noon and again from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 14, at most DEC Regional Offices across the state.

Due to the anticipated number of exam registrants, DEC Region 1 (Long Island) is holding the exams from 10 a.m. to noon on Aug. 7 and Aug. 14. DEC Region 3 (New Paltz) is offering the exams on Aug. 7 and Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. to noon, and 2 to 4 p.m. both days. A list of DEC Regional Offices can be found on the DEC website. Those interested in taking any of these free exams must register by the June 24 deadline. Exam registration forms can be found at DEC's website.

### Apprentice Falconry License

Falconry has a rich history and tradition throughout the world and requires a significant commitment of time and effort. Apprentices are limited to possessing one bird, either an American kestrel or a red-tailed hawk. A falconry study guide and examination manual are available at no cost from DEC. The cost of a five-year falconry license is \$40.

To qualify for the Apprentice Falconry license, applicants must:

- o score 80 percent or higher on the written exam;
- o be at least 14 years of age;
- o possess a valid New York State hunting license; and
- o maintain DEC-approved facilities for housing falconry raptors.

### Wildlife Rehabilitator License

Wildlife rehabilitators provide for the care of injured, sick and orphaned wild animals for the purpose of returning rehabilitated animals to the wild. Prospective applicants are encouraged to gain experience by serving as an assistant to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator. A wildlife rehabilitator study guide and examination manual are available at no cost from DEC. There is no cost for the license, which is good for five years.

To qualify for the Wildlife Rehabilitator License, applicants must:

- o score 80 percent or higher on the written exam;
- o be at least 16 years of age; and
- o be interviewed by DEC regional wildlife staff.

### Leashed Tracking Dog Handler

Leashed tracking dog handlers use their dogs to track and recover dead, wounded or injured big game. Leashed tracking dog handlers provide a valuable service by aiding hunters in locating wounded big game that otherwise may go unrecovered. A leashed tracking dog study guide is available at no cost from DEC. There is a \$50 license fee for the five-year license and a \$25 non-refundable application fee.

To qualify for a Leashed Tracking Dog Handler License, applicants must:

- o score 80 percent or higher on the written exam; and
- o possess a valid New York State hunting license.

To apply for any of these exams, visit the NYSDEC Special Licenses Unit webpage and fill out an exam registration form. You can mail, fax or email the completed form to: NYS DEC Special Licenses Unit, 625 Broadway, Albany, NY, 12233-4752; Phone: 518-402-8985; Fax: 518-402-8925; Email: SpecialLicenses@dec.ny.gov.

## A Moment to Move Forward

By Robert A. Doherty, Chairman Sullivan County Legislature

I was deeply gratified to welcome Fallsburg Police Chief Simmie Williams to our June 16 Facebook Town Hall, and I was just as deeply moved by his wise, caring words.

Fair or not, Simmie has always had to choose his words carefully, having been held to a higher standard for his entire life - by his family, who raised him to do right; by his community, whom he serves as chief of law enforcement; and by society, which continues to view African-Americans, particularly black men, differently than others.

was fortunate to be raised in the most diverse corner of America - the Bronx. I'm also fortunate to have a man aren't necessarily desired or appreciated right now. But it is important for me, as your Legislature Chairman, to say that I stand with those who are calling for a different, better way of interacting with one another. I stand with those who seek to look beyond skin color & identity politics and instead judge each other on what we say and how we act. I stand with those who know most of our police are good. I stand with those who look to eradicate racism without losing our collective memory of it. And I stand with Simmie Williams, indeed, all those who share his commitment to do the right thing.

If you missed Simmie Williams' Town Hall comments, you can find the entire broadcast at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPAKxNDDeD4>

## Welcome Back...to the New Normal

County government is open again, but it's not business as usual.



All of us (except people like me, who have a lung condition) are wearing masks and social distancing.

I've been eager to welcome people back to our offices and meetings, but expect a few changes.

Take a look at the picture at right.

Those are chairs that used to be next to each other, now spaced six feet apart. And if you want to sit in one of them, you'll need to be

in the first group of people who show up, as no more than 25 members of public can be in attendance.

But we are live-streaming every meeting now, so tune in to <http://sullivancountyny.iqm2.com/Citizens/Default.aspx> to watch!

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WEDNESDAY JULY 15, 2020
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EARNST BORGNINE IN "MARTY"
6:00 PM "Marty" (Romance, Jun 10, 1955) Winner of 4 Academy Awards - another 15 wins & 6 nominations.

Marty, stuck at home as the last of six children, with an

overoverbearing Italian mother, is the only child still unmarried. A thirty-four year old socially awkward Bronx butcher, Marty looks at middle age with no prospects of marriage and faces permanent bachelorhood. This tender romp into the idiosyncrasies of love, and romance, from motherly



Delbert Mann for direction and best picture.

love, to the inevitable passion between men, and women getting more involved in intimate relationships, while sailing the rough seas, of the delicate truths of the soul's wisdom, to know when love is real by understanding the mind heart connection. Directed by Delbert Mann; Starring Earnst Borgnine. Oscar for the great Paddy Chayefsky for his wonderfully deeply warming and tender script. Oscar's for Earnst Borgnine best actor;

8:00 PM AUNTIE MAME (Comedy, 1958) SIX ACADEMY AWARDS, 4 GOLDEN GLOBES - Mame is an unconventional individualist socialite from the roaring 20's. When her brother dies, she is forced to raise her nephew Patrick. However, Patrick's father has designated an executor to his



rather zany adventures. (Contd. Pg. 27)

will to protect the boy from absorbing too much of Mame's rather unconventional perspective. Patrick and Mame become devoted to each other in spite of this restriction, and together journey through Patrick's childhood and the great depression, amidst some

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**Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia**  
 (From Pg. 26)  
**(Mame)** – Directed by Morton DaCosta, starring Rosalind Russell, Forrest Tucker, Carol Browne, Roger Smith, Jan Handzlik, Fred Clark, Peggy Cass. Oscars: Best Picture, Jack L. Warner; Best Actress in a Leading Role Rosalind Russell; Best Actress in a Supporting Role Peggy Cass; Best Cinematography, Color Harry Stradling Sr.; Best Art Direction-Set Decoration, Black-and-White or Color Malcolm C. Bert; George James Hopkins Best Film Editing.

10:30 PM “MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS” (Musical, 1944)  
**NOMINATED FOR 4 ACADEMY AWARDS. AND ANOTHER 6 WINS & 1 NOMINATION.**



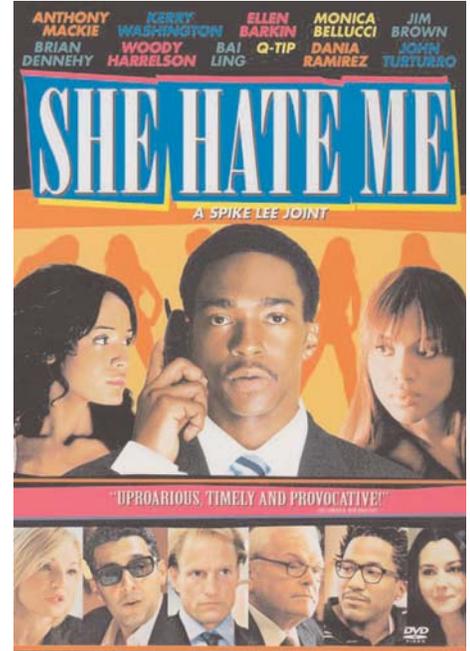
In the year leading up to the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, the four Smith daughters learn lessons of life and love, even as they prepare for a reluctant move to New York.  
**Director:** Vincente Minnelli  
**Writers:** Irving Brecher; **Screen play:** Fred F. Finklehoffe. **Stars:** Judy Garland, Margaret O'Brien, Mary Astor, Lucille Bremer, Rose Smith, Leon Ames, Tom Drake, Marjorie Main, Harry Davenport and June Lockhart.

**NOW ON AMAZON PRIME**

**SHE HATE ME**

(Drama, 2004, Rated “R” 2:18 minutes.)

This film is about the **DEEP STATE** and the **FOGGY BOTTOM** IN UNITED STATES POLITICS AND THE DESTRUCTION OF AMERICAN DEMOCRACY AND THE AMERICAN DREAM and what it does to individual human beings that do the right thing, when political corruption rules a country. Fired from his job for exposing corrupt business practices, a former biotech executive turns to alternative radical methods to survive in a corrupt society.



**Brilliantly Directed by Spike Lee.** Screen play by Michael Genet. **Stars:** Anthony Mackie, Kerry Washington, Monica Bellucci, John Turturro, Jim Brown, Ossie Davis, Jamel Debbouze, Brian Dennehy, Woody Harrelson, Lonette McKee, Paula Jai Parker, Dania Ramirez  
 One of my favorites.



Stay safe and stay well,  
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