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Fallsburg Parade Celebrates Students

Beginning just after ten AM on the bright Saturday morning of June 13, dozens of cars filled with teachers, staff and their families moved slowly through the hamlets of the Town of Fallsburg. Along the way, students, families and residents of the community



BCES Bus with decorations thanking retiring teacher Leah Exner for 30 years service

greeted the caravan that included Rolling V School Buses brightly decorated with signs from teachers thanking and congratulating students for graduating high school and elementary school, and for making it through a very challenging school year. Rolling V set up the route to pass by as many student residences as possible. Also, part of the parade were several fire trucks and emergency vehicles from different fire districts with lights flashing and sirens



Group of students in Hurleyville

blaring. As the vehicles approached each group of families, a cacophony of the sirens created a symphony with a hundred beeping horns. Passengers waived joyously back and forth with the young and older children waving flags and handmade signs thanking their teachers for coming to their homes. (Contd. Pg. 6)

Thank You Grahamsville FD



How lucky are we to have the best! Not only do our local volunteer fire departments serve to keep our community safe, Grahamsville Fire Department has gone above and beyond the expected with numerous drive-bys, keeping the good spirit alive throughout the neighborhood celebrating and bringing smiles and happiness to many.



This past Sunday - the best! If you ever had their Sausage & Pepper Sandwiches at the fair - then you know all of those who they served (curbside and safe) had a special treat - and it isn't even summer! Hopefully for all of us Sausage & Pepper lovers (and hot dogs, too) they will do this again.

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: And if they draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day.
Isaiah 59:10

OBITUARY

Atanas Raykoff passed away peacefully at the age of 90 on June 8, 2020, at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris, New York.

Born in the village of Jdrebino in southern Bulgaria, he lived in Istanbul, Turkey, as a political refugee for five years before emigrating to the United States in 1955.

He settled in Buffalo, New York, working in construction and for more than 25 years at the Bethlehem Steel Co. In 1966 he married Helle-Mai Halling, and the family later resided in Hamburg and North Collins, New York. He is survived by his three sons Ivan, Taavo, and Erik Raykoff; four grandchildren, Angelia, Ethan, Meghan, and Brendan; and two sisters, nieces, and nephews in Bulgaria.

Atanas was a loving father and a hard-working provider who enjoyed gardening, cooking, coin-collecting, and long walks outdoors with friends or alone right up to his 90th year.

The family will celebrate his life around Father's Day; in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the International Institute of Buffalo, 864 Delaware Ave, Buffalo, NY 14209.

Arrangements under the care of Colonial Memorial Funeral Home, for further information call 845-434-7363 or visit www.colonialfamilyfuneral-homes.com

DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History****June 14, 1950**

Miss Kathyrine Slater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Slater of Unionville, became the bride of Alexander La Hanko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Max La Hanko of Oneonta on Saturday, June 10th at the Reformed Church in Grahamsville. Rev. John Carter performed the ceremony.

With the advent of more clement weather conditions, the construction workers on the new Tri Valley School building have begun to show results. The elementary wing, which must be completed first, is well underway with all of its foundation walls having been formed and with thousands of bricks being laid by the masons.

Miss Evelyn George of Sundown received a B.A. degree from Alfred University on Monday. Before entering Alfred, Miss George had studied at Russell Sage. Miss George will marry

Mr. Roy Kane of Greenwich, Connecticut in the very near future.

The Lows Corners Outlet crew has done an excellent job of surfacing off the road through the outlet and of cleaning up and grassing over the lawns. They are now in the mountain 7,500 feet. Shaft No. 1 at Lew Beach has reached the bottom and will begin digging on the tunnel. Shaft No. 2 will not reach the tunnel level until September.

June 15, 1960

Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will officiate at the dedication of the new Immaculate Conception Church at Woodbourne, Saturday, June 25th

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce A. Clark of Curry, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Frances to Robert H. Torrens Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Torrens Sr. of White Sulphur Springs. A fall wedding is planned. 1

Grahamsville firemen expect to have their new 1960 Ford fire truck repaired and ready to take its place in the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association parade in Monticello on Saturday.

A very pretty wedding took place at the Grahamsville Methodist Church on Sunday, June 12. Miss Wanda Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith of Lackawack Hill and Mr. Donald Terwilliger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Terwilliger, also of Lackawack Hill, were united in marriage by the Rev. Howard West. A reception followed for about ninety guests at the Napanoch Sportsman's Club.

Around one hundred attended the Evening of Fellowship at the Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday honoring Rev. and Mrs. West. Sam Anderson showed movies and slides and Mr. Earl Sheeley gave a talk.

June 17, 1970

June 14th was Confirmation Sunday and another happy occasion in the Grahamsville Reformed Church. Members of the confirmation class were Douglas Denman, Wayne Elberth, Connie Nadekow, John Sawchuck and Elaine Stratton. (Contd. Pg. 3)

On Saturday, June 6th, four local members of the Sullivan County S.P.C.A. spent the day at the Rock Hill site to help with the footings for the new shelter. Theses members who donated their time were: Chris Holmes, Charlie Cross, George Stailing and George Ratner. (Contd. Pg. 3)

Tri-Valley Students' Pandemic Journaling

This week's featured student:

4/7/20 10:30 pm

Today was just another day of quarantine. I'm slowly going insane because it's like I'm being locked away from society. I woke up at 10:59 and realized that I had an online class at 11:00. I went to my online classes of the day, and then I was on Facetime with my friend for a while. After that, my mom and I went to Liberty to go get dinner. The roads were empty, and it felt really strange. It felt as if we were the last people on earth. This feels unreal, like it's just another nightmare. Social media is crazy right now, I honestly cannot tell what's true and what's fake. New York right now has a total 130,689 confirmed cases of COVID-19, 13,000 people recovered, and 4,758 deaths. I'm honestly scared of what might happen...

4/12/20 10:34 pm

Today was Easter! I woke up around 9:30 am and did an Easter egg hunt. I sadly couldn't see my family members because of social distancing. It was kind of a boring Easter, but I still had fun with my sister, mom, and dad. After I was done doing things for Easter, I went on my roof. I brought out my mirror and took mirror pictures outside with the sky in the background. They came out really nice. I also brought chalk outside and colored the walkway to my house because I was bored. When it got dark, I came back inside and straightened my hair and Facetimed my friends to check up on them. I really miss my friends and it stinks that I can't see them.

5/26/20 8:45 pm

Today I woke up earlier than normal. I went to Shoprite at 7 am and it was super hard to walk around for that long in a stupid mask. It was super hot out today, around 80 degrees! I got home from Shoprite, and my mom bought me a lot of gluten free foods. Once I got home I got ready for my cousin's graduation. It was a very unusual graduation. There were only 7 family members allowed into the theater, and there was no music or anything. It was still a lot of fun though. When I went home I went to Cece's house and we went swimming in the river since there are no pools open right now. It was a fun day.

Abigail Ruef, 7th Grade TVCS

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 2) Eric Bernstein of Liberty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bernstein, has been appointed assistant football coach at Admiral Farragut Naval Academy, St. Petersburg, Florida. He is a Tri Valley Central School graduate.

June 19, 1980

Joseph H. Levy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Levy of Grahamsville, graduated from the New York Institute of Technology on June 15, 1980. Joseph graduated with a degree of Bachelor of Architecture, having received a Bachelor of Science degree the previous year.

Boy Scout Troop 187 will hold its twenty-eighth Eagle Court of Honor on Saturday, June 28th. The Scout receiving the award is Tony Lenox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matanis of Grahamsville.2

On Saturday evening several ladies gathered at the home of Don Osterhoudt for a surprise baby shower in honor of Mary Osterhoudt and daughter, Kelly.

On May 17, 1980, Gregory Pond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Pond of Grahamsville was graduated from St. John's University, Jamaica, N.Y. A 1976 graduate of Tri-Valley, Greg received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History.

Ann O'Shaughnessy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph O'Shaughnessy of New Hyde Park, N.Y. was united in marriage to Scott L. Shader, son of Mr. and Mrs. Volney Shader of Grahamsville on June 7, 1980 in Notre Dame Roman Catholic Church in New Hyde Park, N.Y.

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.

Truth or Myth: Daddy Long Legs

Have you ever heard that Daddy-Longlegs are one of the most poisonous spiders, but their fangs are too short to bite humans? I have. A little research revealed some really interesting information.

There are two completely separate groups of animals that are often referred to as Daddy-Longlegs - they are "daddy-longlegs" and "daddy-longlegs spiders". The Order which is known as opilionids arachnids and have pill-shaped bodies and eight long legs are actually not spiders, and they do not have venom. The common names for this Order are daddy-longlegs or harvestmen. They are characterized by having one basic body segment, at most 2 eyes and all 8 legs attach to the pill-like body segment. They are usually found under logs and rocks, prefer moist habitat although they can be found in the desert. Usually in the temperate Northern hemisphere they have long flexible legs but there are also short-legged daddy-longlegs too. They do not produce silk so therefore they are never found in webs unless they are being eaten by spiders. They eat mostly decomposing vegetable and animal matter. So, for these daddy longlegs, the tale is clearly false.

Another creature often called daddy-longlegs is actually a spider. These long-legged spiders are in the family Pholcidae. They



are what we in the Catskills call "Daddy-longlegs spiders". They have 2 body basic body parts (cephalothorax and abdomen), and 8 eyes most often clumped together in the front of the body. They have 8 legs all attached to the front most body part and make webs out of silk. The most common pholcid spiders found in the United States are two European immigrants. Pholcus phalangioides is a uniformly grey spider with rectangular elongate abdomen and Holocnemus pluchei also has a rectangular, elongate abdomen but has a brown stripe on its belly side which covers its sternum and is a stripe on the abdomen. These spiders are very common along the Pacific Coast. and into the southwest deserts. Pholcids do indeed have short fangs called "uncate" which is a secondary tooth that is fang-like resembling the two grabbing parts of a pair of tongs come together.

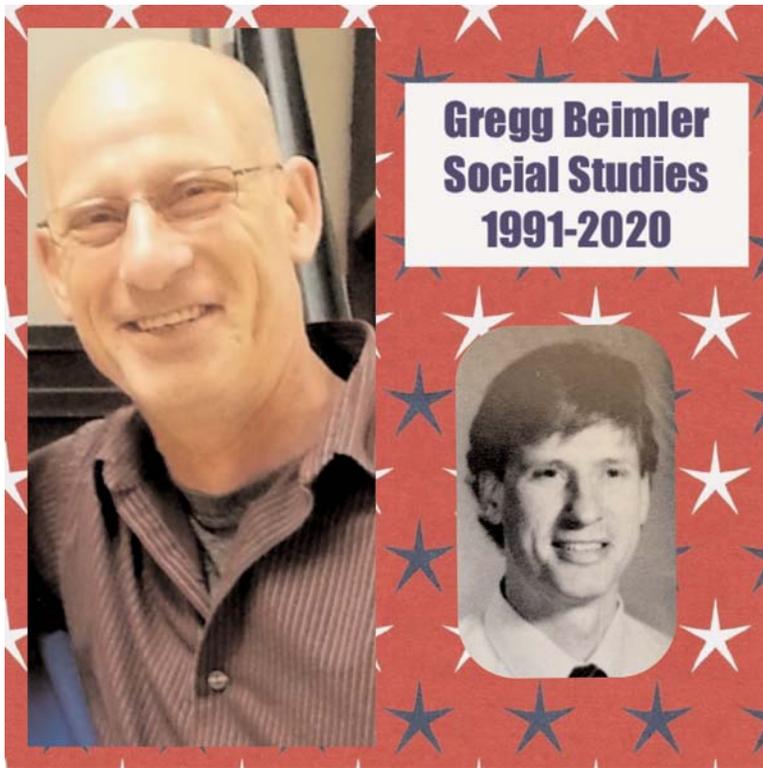
But, regarding the myth, there is no reference to any pholcid spider ever biting a human and causing any detrimental reaction. First, their fangs are too short to penetrate human skin. Pholcid spiders are able to wrap their prey and don't need as strong a fang to kill their prey.

If these spiders were indeed deadly poisonous but as we know, can't bite humans, then the only way we would know that they are poisonous would be by milking them and injecting the venom into humans. For a variety of reasons based on the humanitarian code of ethics, this research has never been done. There are no toxicological studies testing the lethality of pholcid venom on any mammalian system (this is usually done with mice). Therefore, no information is available on the likely toxic effects of their venom in humans, so even that part of the myth that they are extremely poisonous is just that: a myth.

Household Hints:

Stop Food From Sticking in a Frying Pan

Boiling 2 cups vinegar in your frying pan for 10 minutes will help keep food from sticking to it for several months at a time.



Dear Gregg,

On September 1, 1991, you began your teaching career at Tri-Valley. George H.W. Bush and Dan Quayle were in charge of the United States. (We can only imagine how you feel about them!) In January, the United States Congress passed a resolution authorizing the use of military force to liberate Kuwait-Operation Desert Storm began later that month. In March, an amateur video captured the beating of Rodney King by Los Angeles, California police officers. Clarence Thomas was confirmed to the United States Supreme Court amidst the Anita Hill scandal, and in December, the Cold War ended when Mikhail Gorbachev resigned, and the Soviet Union was dissolved. You entered your career at a time youth needed you most, and you never failed to provide them with the safety and security every student deserves to feel in school.

I was in 8th grade social studies with Mr. Beimler on the morning of 9/11. I'll never forget it. The feeling. The confusion. Being forced to go to the next period and just wishing to stay with him. I didn't want to

move from my desk. I felt he could make me understand what was happening. Not sugar coat it, but yet somehow soften the blow. I remember seeing raw emotion from him throughout the day, yet...he was still Beimler. That helped. Forever imprinted I guess as a sort of trauma...like I'm watching it on a video screen, I can pull up the memory of that morning instantly...emotion, fear, shock and yet...safe in my school (before schools became targets for shooting violence), with my teacher...Mr. Beimler.

-Eileen Krom, Class of 2006

Thank you for caring. When in my mind I return to the hallways of Tri-Valley, I can see your face so vividly, and what I remember most is that sparkle in your eyes-the sparkle that always let us know that you wanted to be there; the sparkle that let us know that you saw us as individuals. Thank you for caring enough to notice when we felt excluded or bullied, and thank you for using your presence to reassure us that we belonged there. (It's still hard to convey in words how much that feeling of belonging meant, and how much I appreciated you creating that for me and for so many others.) Thank you for caring enough to challenge the norms when the norms were not just. Thank you for seeing character, not grades. Thank you for giving second chances when we made bad judgement calls. And thank you for choosing to give so much of yourself to us.

With utmost respect and gratitude,
-Olga Romanova, Class of 2001

These are just two of countless stories from alumni for whom you changed not only the trajectory of their school experience, but of their lives as well. Teddy Roosevelt said, "The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future." You have been preparing students for the future by not only arming them with knowledge, but by reminding them that it is their right and obligation to speak up when they see injustice around them. We will be cheering you on at the March on Washington in August, and we hope to continue to inspire students into action as you have.

Thank you for dedicating your career to making Tri-Valley, and the world, a better place for us all. You will be missed, and we hope you enjoy retirement.

With gratitude,

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association



Dear Hallie,

Your every action on behalf of your students over the course of your career is summed up in the lines below:

Do all the good you can,
 By all the means you can,
 In all the ways you can,
 In all the places you can,
 At all the times you can,
 To all the people you can,
 As long as you ever can.
 -John Wesley

Except your generosity and kindness extends to your colleagues as well. You are a teacher, an advocate, a friend, and a tireless professional. The impact you have had on all your students is immeasurable. The depth and breadth of your career have given you the

opportunity to impart meaningful changes to the quality of so many students' lives.

Even on the most challenging days with the most challenging students, you demonstrate caring and compassion. You know that "the little things" done consistently can generate lasting change. The daily gift of your energy, enthusiasm, and respect have touched and shaped the outcomes for every student that had the opportunity to be in your care. In a profession that frequently requires adaptability amid a changing landscape, you model grace under pressure.

As your time in the classroom ends, know you've made a lasting impression. Thank you for sharing, thank you for listening, and thank you for teaching. All of us.

What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments,
 But what is woven into the lives of others.
 -Pericles

With gratitude,

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association



Dear Evi,

It has been said that the best things a special education teacher can bring to work are heart and authenticity. Since 1987, you have been bringing with you not only heart and authenticity, but compassion, an optimistic spirit, and faith in the ability of all students. We know that it takes something extra to help special education students find their power and voice, and you have always been helping them find that strength.

Remember, everyone has a voice here.
-E. Skidmore

Whether you are working with kids in the classroom, sitting with solitary students during your lunch duty, or simply greeting them at the door, your kindness and openhearted spirit are on display. One alumni said of you,

Mrs. Skidmore was always a smiling face that made Tri-Valley feel more like a home for me. That's a blessing these days—a face and personality that can make you feel that!

Your commitment to your students is obvious in everything you do, especially when you are working with the students who struggle the most. All teachers have experienced these kids, but it is a very special teacher who commits her entire career to helping those students succeed in their education, and who makes not only school, but the world, feel accessible to them.

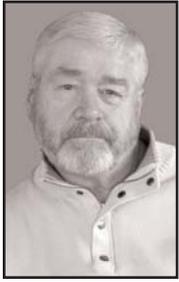
Mrs. Skidmore was really good to my brother, Thor. I had her here and there as a study hall teacher and she was always cool to me, but what I really appreciate is the way she treated my brother and helped him out in his time of need. When he was in school not many teachers were on his side, nor did he like many teachers, but Mrs. Skidmore was always one he enjoyed, and I'd like to praise her for, you know, giving him a fair shake. Please let her know this is from me, but more so,

from Thor.
-Odin Geyer, Class of 2003

Although you may be leaving a profession you love, we all know that you will continue to share your warmth and compassion with everyone around you. Your work in the community and in your congregation will continue, and we know that you will always strive toward making our world a kinder place for all students.

With gratitude,

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association



Dangerous Boys

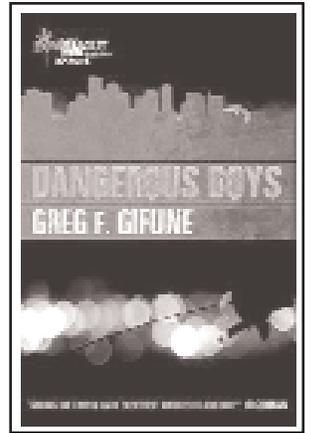
Mysterious Book Report No.

by John Dwaine McKenna

In the summer of 1984, a series of heat waves blasted the northeast United States in rapid succession, one after another. It's particularly hot in the old whaling port of New Bedford, Massachusetts, where the usual cooling ocean breezes have disappeared, leaving the city in a steaming humid mess of baking sidewalks, human sweat and bad tempers. It's where four lifelong friends are coming of age in a gripping new novel by one of the best crime fiction and horror writers in the country.

Dangerous Boys, (Down & Out Books, PB, \$17.95, 308 pages, ISBN 978-1-946502-52-0) by Greg G. Gifune, is so compelling, you won't be able to put it down; so well written, you'll feel the heat and humidity; and so heartbreakingly real that you'll feel sort of sorry for the lost boys at the same time you're disgusted by their behavior, and utterly repulsed by their savagery and criminality.

Aldo, Richie, Dino, Fritz and Petie are young bad-asses on the verge of adulthood: too old to be doing what they're doing, and too young to act like adults. They've known each other since grade school, hung out and raised hell together. Fact is, they're thugs who've been committing petty crimes and getting picked up by the cops ever since they were seven years old. Now it's decision time, but only Richie Lionetti wants out. He wants something better because he knows that they can't continue as they are, and he doesn't want the life of crime, or the dull, back-breaking, life-ending jobs his friends are destined for. Richie dreams of getting out. Out of the gang. Out of his nowhere life. And out of New Bedford, where his mother – his only living relative – is slowly killing herself with booze and heroin. So, Richie agrees when Aldo proposes the heist . . . the really big-time job that'll put them over the top, into the big leagues and a whole new dimension of criminality . . . the job *that can't go wrong if we stick to the plan*. Yeah. Right. This novel transcends time and space. It drops the reader smack dab into the hottest summer imaginable, at the point of no return for the young protagonists in this dark, dark noir thriller that made the MBR an instant fan of the work of Greg G. Gifune!



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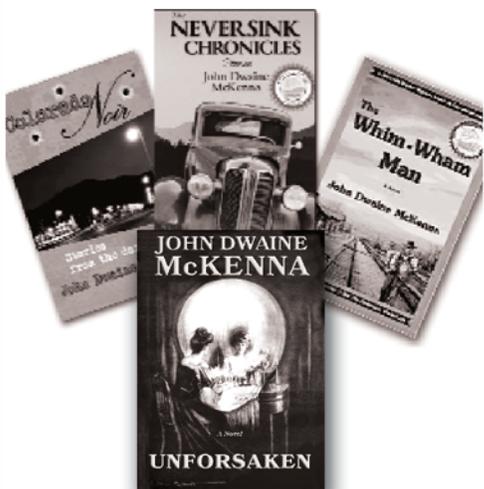
June Art Sale - HELPING HANDS...The Art of Giving...

During this time, we have all been affected, some more than others. If you are looking for a way to offer a helping hand, this is a three way opportunity. The WCAA has created this two week art sale, June 15-30 to help the many artists whose income has been affected, and support two local organizations. Purchase one of these art pieces and a portion of the proceeds will go to the WCAA and to The Cooperage Project's Family Food Relief Box Program.

HOW TO?

View the photos on the artists' posts on facebook at "Wayne County Arts Alliance" and choose the artwork you want. Posts and artwork will be added/updated during the 2 weeks, so check back often.

John Dwaine McKenna's Books
are now available at the
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To Purchase - go to www.waynecountyartsalliance.org and "JUNE ART SALE" on the bottom left of the home page. and click the DONATE button.

Enter the price and in the box "Special Instructions" write the Artist Name and artwork # - from the facebook post; Pay with credit card or paypal. Be sure to include your email address. You will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to contact the artist and arrange for pick up or shipping. (note - shipping/delivery costs are NOT included in the posted prices of the artwork)

In-person voting will be held at the American Legion Hall, Shokan NY

In-person voting will be held at the American Legion Hall at 26-28 Mountain Road, Shokan, NY on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 from 6-9pm for the State/Federal Primary Election. This will be the polling site for all Town of Olive Districts (1-5). Visit the Ulster County Board of Elections website for more information.

Pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order, if you wish to vote in the June 23rd Primary Election by Absentee Ballot you can download applications at and select "Temporary Illness" as the reason to receive an Absentee Ballot during the COVID-19 Health Crisis. For more information, call 845-334-5470.

Fallsburg Parade Celebrates Students

(From Pg. 1)



BCES teacher Barbara Strong with sign congratulating the sixth-grade graduates



Fifth-grade student holding sign thanking his teachers Shari Mednick and David Mellan

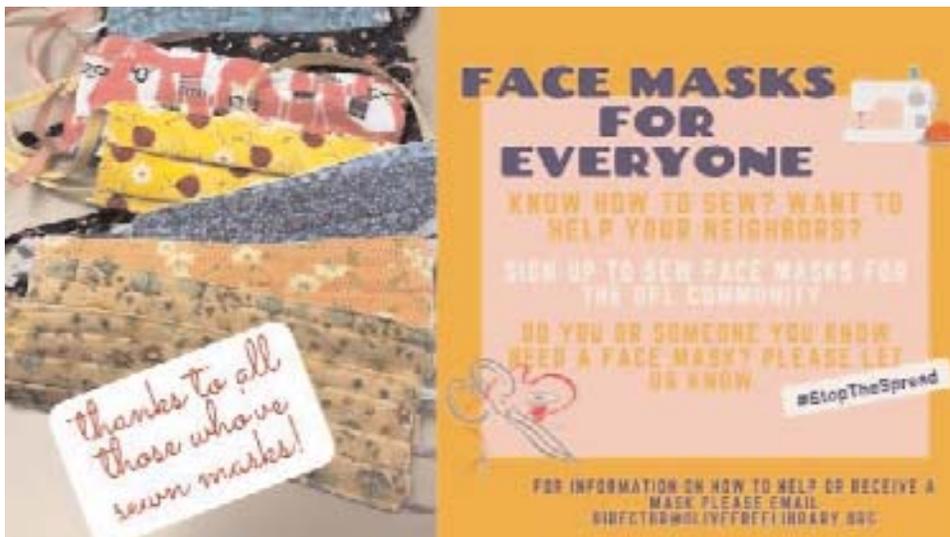
These were their schoolhouse for the past three months. During that time, the main contact each group had with each other was over the computer in the virtual classrooms. The horns, sirens and shouting seemed to release all the pent-up energy and bring some healing happiness with everyone seeing each other after weeks of quarantine.

In what appeared an extremely quick three hours, the parading vehicles returned to home base, at the school buildings. Staff members removed the decorations from the buses. Everyone exchanged smiles, elbow bumps and warm appreciation for what they just offered to the community and for what they received back from the kids, the grateful parents, and, even the barking dogs.



BOE Member and Woodridge Kiwanis President Sean Wall-Carty with his family in line for the parade.

Everything moved very smoothly thanks to the Town of Fallsburg Police Department and the vehicles that welcomed the parade with beeps and waves of their own. With so many police vehicles protecting intersections and directing traffic, it seemed that dozens of new officers were on duty. But no, it was the same group in a well-coordinated effort led by Chief Simmie Williams. When you saw him and his men and women officers in different hamlets at different times during the caravan, you finally realized that they were not extra police. They were great planners and safely made it from one location to the next protecting the FCSD in the vehicles and alongside the roadways. Thank you, Fallsburg Police Department.



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.

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- o Saturday, June 13, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- o Sunday, June 14, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- o Monday, June 15, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- o Tuesday, June 16, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
- o Wednesday, June 17, 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.
- o Thursday, June 18, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- o Friday, June 19, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- o Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- o Sunday, June 21, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

To ensure safe distancing, voters should enter and exit the Government Center Lobby from the North Street side ONLY and wear masks. There is ADA-compliant parking on North Street. Bring an umbrella in case of rain or extreme heat.

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The Board of Elections' office is located on the ground floor of the Sullivan County Government Center, 100 North Street, Monticello. For more information, including sample ballots, visit <http://sullivanny.us/Departments/Elections>. The Board of Elections also welcomes phone calls at 845-807-0400.



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Ulster County Executive Ryan Appoints Lauren Sheeley as Public Defender

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today the



appointment of Lauren Sheeley to be the new Public Defender. Sheeley, who has served as First Assistant County Attorney since September 2019, previously worked as the Attorney in Charge of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley.

Sheeley earned her Juris Doctor from Albany Law School and has a B.S. in Business Administration from Mount Ida College. She is a member of the Ulster County Bar Association and on the Board of Directors of the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Community Center. She

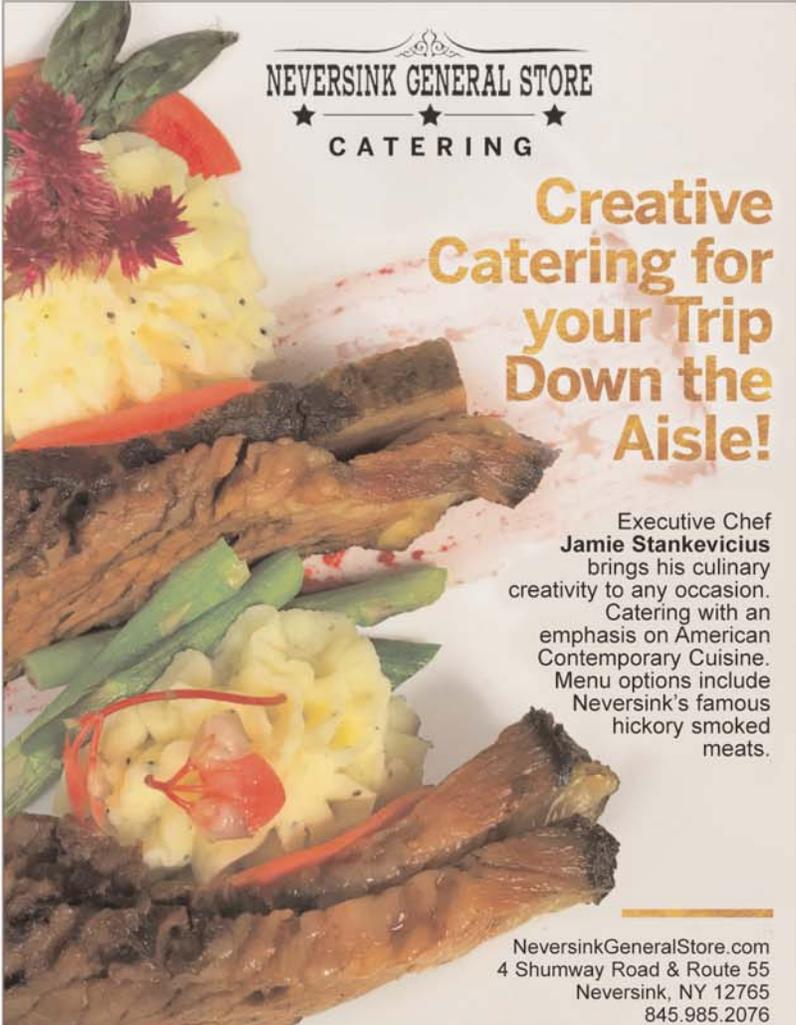
currently resides in Red Hook, NY and will be relocating to Ulster County upon confirmation.

"I am excited to announce the appointment of Lauren Sheeley to be our new Ulster County Public Defender," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "Lauren has dedicated her career to successfully protecting our most vulnerable residents. Her work with Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Center, and in the Ulster County Attorney's office has shown her commitment and dedication to our community. I am looking forward to working with Lauren to ensure justice for the residents of Ulster County."

"Having dedicated most of my career to fighting for the rights of impoverished and marginalized people, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to provide high quality legal counsel and effective representation as the Ulster County Public Defender," First Assistant County Attorney Lauren Sheeley said. "I want to thank County Executive Pat Ryan for selecting me for this position as it would be a true honor to provide public defense services to indigent clients in Ulster County."

"When you see Lauren with clients or in meetings, her passion for justice is obvious," Chief Program Officer of Legals Services of the Hudson Valley Rachel Chazin Halperin said. "She is fearless in the face of opposition and believes to her core that all people - regardless of their income, race, gender, sexual orientation and disability should have equal access to justice. Lauren is kind, strong, professional, and dedicated to her community and helping indigent clients."

"I was impressed with Ms. Sheeley from the moment that I met her. Her commitment to advocating and protecting indigent individuals and families was apparent at the first meeting and continued through many programs we worked on together," Executive Director of the Hudson Valley LGBTQ Center Jeff Rindler said. "You would be hard pressed to find someone more committed to individuals and families in Ulster County, and someone who is as bright, hardworking, and a pleasure to work with." (Contd. Pg. 18)



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Grave Encounters: Hudson Valley Headstone Design Virtual Program Hosted by the Time and the Valleys Museum



[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Join the Time and the Valleys Museum for a virtual program on ZOOM: Grave Encounters: Hudson Valley Headstone Design on Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m. by researcher Marisa Hayes. Ms. Hayes will present some of her

research on headstone design in the Hudson Valley historic cemeteries, focusing on headstone styles from the Colonial Period through the Civil War.

Headstones reflect the social identities and views of death held by historical peoples of the Hudson Valley. Ms. Hayes compares



Hudson Valley headstone patterns to the gravestone studies of Archaeologist James Deetz in New England, and discovers patterns that reveal culture, language, and heritage of the people who are buried in the Hudson Valley's oldest cemeteries.

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

About Marisa Hayes:

Marisa Hayes is a history undergraduate student at the University at Albany. She will complete her studies next May.

Hayes is a lifelong Hudson Valley resident. She enjoys exploring the area through hiking, visiting local historic sites, and visiting local cemeteries. She has created a Facebook page called Hudson Valley Headstones & Cemetery



Research in an effort to bring awareness to historic cemeteries in the Hudson Valley and all that we can learn from studying and protecting them.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum:

Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed - but hopes to open soon! Current exhibitions when reopening:

- o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
- o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.
- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm
- o NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School Opening summer, 2020.

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

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Greetings from your friends at the Daniel Pierce Library!

We are so excited to announce that staff are back in the building! It's only at a limited capacity right now, but it's still progress!

There's even more great news - curbside pick up will be starting soon!

On June 22nd we will start offering curbside pick up. We are in the building now preparing for curbside services. What does that mean? It means that we are working on checking in all of the items that were returned to us during the closure. We are also working with RCLS to ensure that all items are returned to their home libraries, including our own materials. It may take up to 2-3 weeks for this to be completed. We are making sure everything that is returned sits in "quarantine" for seven (7) days before we touch it or allow it to be checked out.

While we know it's hard to wait until June 22nd, we appreciate your understanding while we make sure that we are ready to go! During the first step of our re-opening there will be no inter-library loan services. This means that you will only be able to check out materials that we have in our collection. This applies to all RCLS libraries.

In the coming weeks, we will announce when local loans will begin. Then, eventually inter-library loans will begin throughout the whole library system. We appreciate your understanding while we continue to keep your safety as our top priority.

Once curbside pick up begins we will have posted hours in which you can pick up your items. You will need to call ahead to request your items and to schedule a time to pick them up. We miss you dearly and would love to come out and see you but for our first stage we are starting with contact-less pick up. This means that we will put your item(s) in a bag with your name on it and set it on the table outside the front entrance of the library 5 minutes prior to your scheduled pick up time. We look forward to being able to see you in person and catch up with you in the coming stages of our re-opening. Please practice social distancing when picking up your item. If someone else is picking up their item, please wait in your car until they have left.

The Daniel Pierce Library has gone fine free through September 7, 2020. Any overdue items will not accrue fines at this time. All items currently checked out are due back by June 22nd. (Contd. Pg. 13)

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The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

Last week, I made mention that my column was super short. Hahaha~making up for it this week.

Last Saturday I was jolted out of my work-at-home mode by the wail of a fire truck, then another and another. The last time I'd heard this was when the old Browns was burning. This, however, was a more heartening demonstration. The fire trucks from four towns, fire and rescue trucks, police and a cacophony of personal auto horns were in celebration of graduating classes, including kindergartners, of 2020 amid this Pandemic. As the parade moved down Main Street, turned and came back up I'm sure it hit more than one of us watching how much this virus has changed the world we took for granted.

Still, there are those among us with different ideas. This last week, I overheard a non masked woman chatting with two others about how there IS no CoVid 19. That it's just the flu, maybe °∞that swine or that bird one.± She has the right to express her opinions without a mask. This is a Democracy. But I also have the right not to step into that business ever again.

THE NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE, with the help of your donations of over \$12,000 so far, has been delivering meals to the frontline workers at CATSKILL REGIONAL HOSPITAL, sandwiches to school aged children and to food pantries since this craziness all started. It just goes to show what we can do when we all work together to take care of those in need. And a big thank you to all store and kitchen employees who have kept us, we the customers, in coffee and groceries, and food at a time when going into the larger stores can be panic provoking! RAFTER'S TAVERN in Callicoon has a YouTube channel (now THAT'S innovative!) and a Saturday night offering called HANGING FROM THE RAFTERS which features a musician in a format that is a combination of music and question and answer. This last Saturday night featured CASWYN MOON. Last year, with all the events around the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock (seems like a lifetime ago), I never once made it out to RAFTERS. Hopefully, I can rectify that.

Cautiously reopening are the music venues, and boy do we need to be able to go somewhere for live music. HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL OF GRAHAMSVILLE starts it's 2020 season this Wednesday, June 17th at 7pm with an Open Mic for all those musicians who have been itching to play on a stage again. Owners Dave and Theresa Trestyn are asking everyone observe social distancing to keep themselves and the others safe. Please also be aware there may be a limit on the number of people admitted for safety.

When I last spoke to Wade and R.J., owners of CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville, they were unsure of when or how they would open for the live music events. Then I stopped in on Friday (their food is extremely good and I was tired of cooking), the good weather had encouraged a few impromptu gigs. The first was going to be that night, featuring CASWYN MOON. Saturday, it was JEROME BREWSTER and Sunday afternoon, the first SCHEDULED gig to my knowledge in Sullivan County were my good friends, THE JOHNNY JULES BAND.

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**Going Out Safely
during COVID:
Lessons from NOLA**

As I'm meandering around the South of the US, I can't help but notice the safety measures put in place at places I'm visiting. At the moment, I'm in New Orleans, Louisiana. On Saturday, which was the first evening I spent here, it was coincidentally the first night the bars reopened. Fortunately, it was a fine example of how to be cautious while going out after things start reopening from COVID.

Here are a few tips that I picked up from both customers and employees for going out safely.

1. Wear a mask!

Obviously, right?! Just wear a mask while going into an establishment and talking with the employees. It's for your safety and theirs!

2. Visit places with outdoor seating

If you're nervous about going into indoor places, head to a restaurant, cafe, bar, or even brewery/distillery/winery that has outdoor seating! That way, you're not feeling claustrophobic with germs!

3. Keep that six-feet-apart rule going

Be sure to sit at least 6 feet from other patrons and also stay that same distance from employees.

4. Take Out Food and Eat it Outside!

If you're still a bit wary about eating food at a physical restaurant/cafe, why not pick up the food and take it to a nearby park to eat? I've been all about that picnic life lately!

5. Hand sanitizer at the hip!

I hope you've already been doing this, but you could definitely just keep your hand sanitizer at the ready and use it at any point you need it!

6. Wear plastic gloves!

I've seen mainly employees wearing gloves, but some customers do, too!

As things start reopening, enjoy yourself while simultaneously keeping yourself and those around you safe!

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The Scene Too

(From Pg. 11) CABERNET FRANK'S has the ideal outdoor set up, complete with stage and plenty of lawn space for social distancing. The interior, like that of HEARTBEAT, is quite spacious, making social distancing possible. That's what I look at these days. How things have changed!

Sunday afternoon was beautiful. Cool with bright sun. But not without bizarre happenings. Without skipping a beat, within minutes the tail piece of BOBBY D's signature Dobro snapped in two. But the angels were watching and a gentleman by the name of Billy took that piece down to his home and welded the piece together. When the piece was fitted back on, it fit perfect, and if one didn't know the story, one would not have even imagined that this happened. Having done stained glass, I know how insanely difficult, not the weld itself but having it fit back perfectly, without having the actual Dobro to measure against, is.



This band itself was amazingly tight musically, like it had never missed a beat. After everyone hiding in their own spaces for months, this was most impressive. As was the addition of the harp (harmonica) playing and back-up vocals of JIMMY SWEETWATER out of New Orleans. In case you missed it out of NEW ORLEANS. Jimmy came up before everything went haywire. He had other work here and had planned to do several gigs with Johnny then BAM, so here he still is. My good fortune though, since I am now able to put a face and musical ability to a name that I've heard mentioned by stage hands and other musicians for two years now.

And they drew a crowd! I got there shortly after they started at 2pm and when I left a little after 3, there was a steady stream of people trickling in. I'm so happy for both THE JOHNNY JULES BAND and CABERNET FRANK'S. As Johnny said when I asked him how he was coping with everything shut down, he said "I go fishing. It's normal. We all need a little normal". Seeing my friend(s) again, on stage, is normal. Being at Cabernet Frank's again for live music is normal. I do have to say though, what I did miss more than anything were the big hugs. It kind of hammered home, yet again, how things have changed. *sigh*

Coming up this week (Wow, what a long time it has been since I could write those words!)

Wednesday, June 17th: THE FIRST SCHEDULED Open Mic in Sullivan County (to my knowledge) at HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL, Grahamsville; 7pm. See you there!

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Greetings from your friends at the Daniel Pierce Library!

(From Pg. 10) Please know that any material that you take out from the library has been wiped down on the outside and has been sitting in quarantine for at least seven days to prevent the spread of germs. This practice is being applied at all RCLS libraries, not just ours.

Our Summer Reading programs will all be virtual this year. Please be on the look out for our summer reading program announcement at the end of this month. Unfortunately, due to Covid-

19, we have cancelled all in person programs. This includes our beloved Entertainment Night.

Please tune in to our Facebook page each week to catch Crafts with Miss Geri at 2:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Cathy's Family Favorites every Wednesday at 2:00 pm.

Helena Claire Pittman is continuing to work with the DPL Painters online. If you would like to join the group email: jdymond@rcls.org. You can see all of their work through the link available on the Adult page of our website

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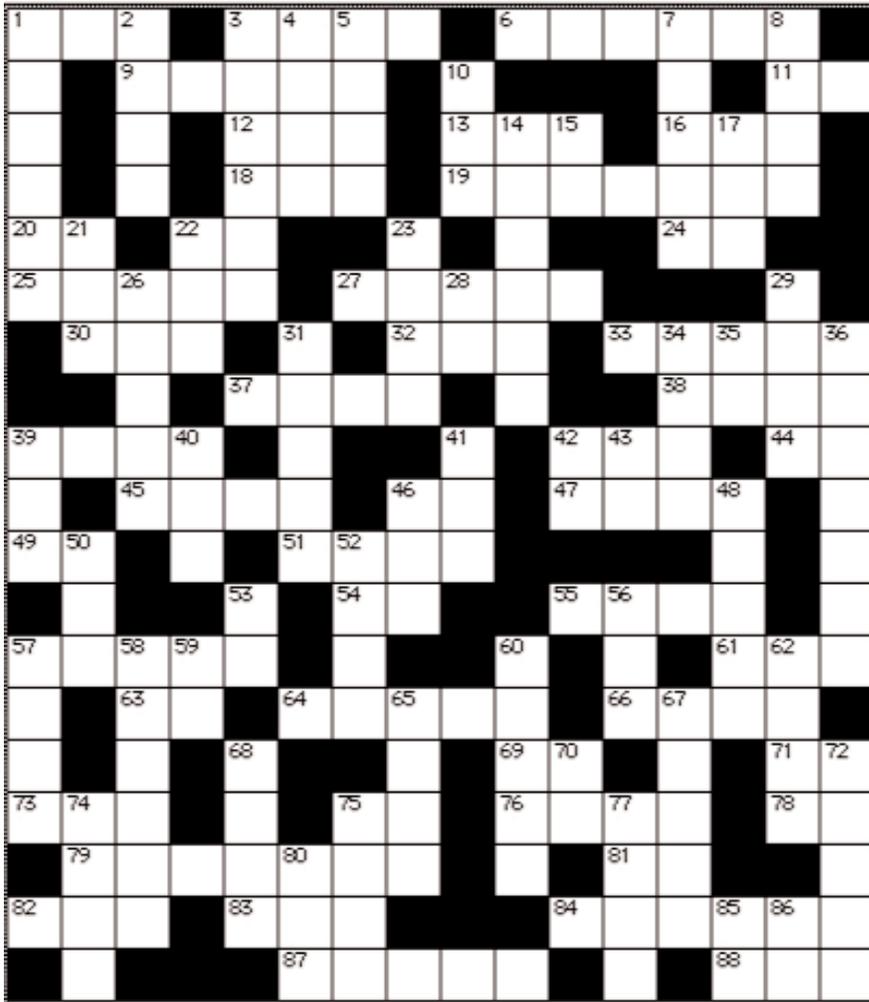
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Jay Brooks (2017, 2018, 2019 Cape Ann Plein Air and Plein Air Easton 2018, 2019, 2020) is a member of the Salmagundi Club/NYC where he recently won the Tuttle Memorial Award for his cityscape, "Brooklyn Navy Yard." Although Brooks main interest is 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.

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BBQ Shrimp Scampi for Father's Day

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- ground black pepper to taste
- crushed red pepper flakes to taste (optional)
- 1 1/2 pounds medium shrimp, peeled and deveined

In a large, non-reactive bowl, stir together the olive oil, lemon juice, parsley, garlic, and black pepper. Season with crushed red pepper, if desired. Add shrimp, and toss to coat. Marinate in the refrigerator for 30 minutes.

Preheat grill for high heat. Thread shrimp onto skewers, piercing once near the tail and once near the head. Discard any remaining marinade.

Lightly oil grill grate. Grill for 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until opaque.

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LEGALS/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Town of Neversink ZBA REGULAR MEETING:
6/16/20 AT 7:30 PM

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Please be advised:

On Monday, June 15th, 2020 at 8:30am the Village of Monticello re-opened its doors to the Public. EVERYONE entering the building MUST always wear a face mask and there will not be more than two (2) individuals in the lobby at one time; SOCIAL DISTANCING rules will be enforced.

All Village Board of Trustee Meetings and Planning Board Meetings will continue to be held via Zoom App until further notice.

SC Legislature Meetings Reopening to Public

Monticello, NY - Legislature Chairman Robert A. Doherty today issued the following statement:

“Starting this Thursday, June 18, 2020 at the 9 a.m. Executive Committee meeting, the Sullivan County Legislature will welcome back a limited number of in-person audience members inside the Hearing Room in the Government Center in Monticello. Due to coronavirus-related restrictions, seating will be limited to 50 individuals, and half of that (25) will be reserved for the public, while the other half (25) will be for government officials. All members of the public are required to wear masks and properly social distance.

As part of this gradual reopening, public comment will no longer be read aloud at Full Board meetings of the Legislature, but audience members will be welcome - when they arrive at the meeting - to sign up to speak during the public comment portion of the Full Board session. However, comments about non-elected County personnel will not be permitted. Written comments can continue to be submitted to Clerk of the Legislature Annmarie Martin at Annmarie.martin@co.sullivan.ny.us or 100 North Street, Monticello, NY 12701.”

UC Executive Ryan Announces Formation of Housing Advisory Committee

The committee will address affordable housing needs and recommend strategies that the County can respond with, in conjunction with municipal, business, and community partners

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Recognizing the current shortage of housing across a wide range of affordability levels and housing needs, the impact this shortage has on the Ulster County economy and communities, and the potential for COVID-19 to exacerbate our housing affordability challenges, County Executive Ryan announced the formation of a Housing Advisory Committee in partnership with the Ulster County Legislature. The Housing Advisory Committee will assess the causes and drivers of this shortage and recommend strategies that the County can pursue to alleviate it, in conjunction with municipal, business, and community partners.

“Housing has long been a concern for far too many Ulster County individuals and families,” Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. “The Housing Advisory Committee will serve as a way for us to

have direct input from leaders across sectors from business, local government, and community organizations working to better understand affordable housing needs in our County. I look forward to continuing to partner with the Ulster County Legislature and the committee members to ensure all residents have access to decent affordable housing.”

“The Housing Advisory Committee will provide crucial insights to ensure all Ulster County residents have access to affordable, safe living conditions,” Ulster County Legislative Chairman Dave Donaldson said. “This is a top priority of the Legislature. I am thankful to County Executive Ryan for his partnership on addressing this critical issue and look forward to working closely with the committee.”

The committee members were selected jointly with the legislature to bring a broad range of perspectives on the county's housing challenges and potential strategies to address them. The Ulster County Housing Advisory Committee is made up of the following appointees:

Kathy Germain, Vice President of Housing Services, RUPCO
Rick Alfandre, CEO, Alfandre Architecture
Hayes Clement, Real Estate Broker, Berkshire Hathaway
Tom Smiley, CEO, Mohonk Mountain House
Richard Parete, Supervisor, Town of Marbletown
Laura Petit, Ulster County Legislator
Deb Dewan, Woodstock Housing Committee
Erica Brown, Community Outreach Coordinator, Radio Kingston
Debbie Briggs, VP, Human Resources and Community Relations, Ellenville Regional Hospital

The Housing Advisory Committee will undertake the following:

- Review and evaluate the findings of a study of County housing trends, needs, and strategy options, to be conducted by the Department of Planning;
- Conduct public outreach and stakeholder interviews on housing needs and current obstacles to increasing housing supply and decreasing housing costs;
- Define and evaluate strategies to increase the County's supply of housing across housing needs, including a range of affordable housing inclusive of young families, seniors and the workforce; and
- Make recommendations on County housing policies and strategies and updates to the County's Comprehensive Plan with regard to housing.

The Ulster County Department of Planning will staff the committee and initiate an Ulster County housing affordability study and action plan. The Housing Advisory Committee will periodically advise on study scope and review and evaluate findings. The study's contents will include:

Key drivers of the housing affordability crisis in Ulster county, including analysis of changes in regional housing patterns, trends in rents and home sale prices, and growth in short term rentals and second home ownership;

The impact of COVID-19 on County housing supply, demand, wages and income, and housing affordability;

Assessment of the distribution and diversity of housing affordability challenges across the county, including municipal-level data on the housing affordability gap and the share of households that are cost burdened;

Assessment of the implementation and impacts of the County's housing strategy adopted in 2008; and

Recommendations for County housing strategies, including innovative approaches being used successfully elsewhere and use of new tools that weren't available in 2008, and taking into account the impacts of COVID-19.

The Housing Advisory Committee will design a series of public meetings to elicit stakeholder input and review study findings and recommendations and will communicate its findings to the Ulster County Legislature and Executive.

The committee will hold its kickoff meeting next week with Pattern for Progress, who will be conducting the study. A final report with recommended strategies is expected at the end of 2020. (Contd. Pg. 18)

Ulster County Executive Ryan Appoints Lauren Sheeley as Public Defender

(From Pg. 8)

"I have come to know Ms. Sheeley to be a great leader and tenacious advocator. I believe she has a strong dedication to both Ulster County and to low-income individuals and families to hold in this position and serve the community," City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble said. "With the help of Ms. Sheeley's legal work, the City of Kingston funded eviction prevention assistance at the Kingston City Court. Ms. Sheeley worked extremely hard to secure that funding and delivered an excellent program that helped keep community members in their homes.

"Over the years I have had the opportunity to observe Ms. Sheeley representing individuals pro bono in the courts," Acting-President of the Ulster County Bar Association Al Mainetti said. "I have also had the pleasure of sitting with Ms. Sheeley on the Board of the Ulster County Bar Association of which I am acting President. I find Ms. Sheeley to be highly professional, intelligent, and confident both in and outside of the courtroom. Ms. Sheeley has also dedicated many years of her career towards helping low-income individuals living and families living in Ulster County working for Legal Services of the Hudson Valley."

"I have worked with Lauren for the last seven years on the Ulster County Department of Social Services Advisory Board, the Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Council, and the Ulster County Continuum of Care (CoC)," Executive Director of Family of Woodstock/New Paltz Michael Berg. "In her position as Vice Chair of CoC, I worked very closely with her and am aware of her commitment to Ulster County and those most vulnerable."

The Public Defender's Office provides legal representation to indigent clients in the criminal courts and Family Court in Ulster County. It also provides representation at the Appellate level for criminal and family court cases.

This appointment is subject to confirmation by the Ulster County Legislature.

UC Executive Ryan Announces Formation of Housing Advisory Committee

(From Pg. 17) This committee is a part of new housing initiatives County Executive Ryan announced as a part of the Ulster County Recovery Task Force. Back in April, County Executive Ryan established the group to ensure a coordinated and compassionate response to the devastating socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on county residents. The Task Force specifically highlighted the need for housing for frontline workers fighting COVID-19.

There are currently 1,765 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 83 fatalities in Ulster County.

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

Metzger COVID-19 Online Series

State Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) will host the next episode of her COVID-19 Community Conversations series. Livestreamed on Senator Metzger's Facebook page Thursday at 5:00 pm.

Senator Metzger's Community Conversations series features weekly digital episodes with local experts knowledgeable on selected topics important to Hudson Valley and Catskill communities. All episodes will be livestreamed on the Senator's Facebook page on Thursdays at 5:00 PM.

Jen Metzger represents the 42nd Senate District, which includes all of Sullivan County and parts of Delaware, Orange, and Ulster Counties. Senator Metzger serves as Chair of the Agriculture Committee and sits on the Environmental Conservation, Education, Health, Energy and Telecommunications, Local Government, Women's Issues, Domestic Animal Welfare, and Legislative Commission on Rural Resources Committees.

Senator Metzger Introduces Bill to Double Investment in State's Farm to Food Bank Initiative, Using CARES Act Funds

Albany, NY...State Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) has introduced a bill (S8504) that would double funding for the state's farm to food bank program, Nourish NY, using \$25 million of unallocated funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 or other future federal stimulus funding. The Nourish NY Initiative, created in response to the growing problem of food insecurity during the COVID-19 pandemic, provides funding to food banks throughout the state to purchase New York-produced fruits, vegetables, and dairy products for distribution to local food pantries and community groups serving food insecure households..

As Chair of the Senate's Agriculture Committee, Senator Metzger has been working closely with New York farms and the Department of Agriculture and Markets during the COVID-19 crisis to make sure that farm-fresh products in the region can be purchased by food banks to serve food-insecure communities in need. The initial \$25 million for the program came from supplemental funding provided in the 2020-2021 state budget in anticipation of emergency needs during this difficult time. Senator Metzger's bill would enable the program to be expanded as the need continues to grow, allocating an additional \$25 million of federal stimulus monies to the program.

"As a result of the disruptions and financial hardships caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, New Yorkers are experiencing real food insecurity while many farmers and processors throughout the state are struggling with significant market uncertainty," said Senator Metzger. "Increasing funding for this state program is a great way to support our farms while also addressing the growing problem of food insecurity during this difficult time."

Dan Egan, Executive Director of Feeding New York State said, "Feeding New York applauds Senator Metzger's leadership in seeking additional funding for Nourish New York. Our food banks have been able to feed more New Yorkers while strengthening our relationships with New York's farmers. Expanding this program will provide the help farmers and our hungry neighbors so badly need."

Nick Cipollone, Owner and Grower at Barthel's Farm Market said, "This bill and the additional funding it provides really addresses two important needs during this challenging time. Bridge funding for farms that are struggling as many of their normal sales outlets were shut down and increased access to local food for many of our most underserved communities. It is a win win and we appreciate the hard work of Senator Metzger in continuing to go to bat for our farms and find creative ways to support us."

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Sullivan Improves National Health Ranking

Partners Vow to Continue Efforts to Sustain, Increase That Figure

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services is pleased to announce that the County improved its overall level in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's County Health Rankings and Roadmap report for 2020.

"The report was initially released in March, at almost the same time as COVID-19 exploded nationally and globally," Public Health Director Nancy McGraw said. "The timing would have been awkward, and the messages would have conflicted at a time when so many people were becoming ill, so we chose to wait until now to share this very welcome news."

On a practical note, McGraw added, "The pandemic has had serious economic impacts on everyone, and it is likely that the long-term social and health consequences may not be realized for some time to come for New York. Nevertheless, it is an encouraging bit of news to know that the collective community's hard work of improving the economy and the social determinants of health over the past few years has revealed an improvement in some of our health indicators."

Sullivan moved up to #60 in overall NYS rankings. The #61 spot it previously held is now occupied by Chautauqua County, while Bronx County continues to remain at #62, the lowest of all counties in New York

However, Sullivan moved down in Health Factors to #51 from 50 in 2019. This can be attributed partially to an increase in sexually transmitted infections and a slight increase in adult obesity.

Still, prior to the pandemic, much progress was being made in communities collaboratively with a variety of initiatives.

"Those initiatives will continue as soon as we are all able to get back to normal," said McGraw.

Areas of strength noted in the report included the then-low unemployment rate; better flu vaccination rates; low number of uninsured; stable graduation rates; and better health behaviors, notably declining adult smoking rates

"While these figures represent data collected prior to coronavirus, they show we've been moving in the right direction," added Division of Health & Family Services Commissioner Stephanie Brown. "We have worked diligently to raise these rankings, and that's beginning to show."

"This is a great sign that Sullivan can achieve change in the right direction." Division of Planning Commissioner Freda Eisenberg noted. "The health factor related to Physical Environment is where we made the largest gains, moving from a County ranking of #51 to #26, owing to improvements in water quality and housing."

"This good news has been a long time in coming, and I thank our Public Health team and our partners for literally raising us up," affirmed District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajasz, chair of the Legislature's Health & Family Services Committee. "However, these figures simply make it all the more important to keep working cooperatively with all of our partners to increase our upward movement. This Legislature, this County and its partners are not giving up. We have work to do."

"At Sullivan 180, we look at our County health rankings as both an individual and a collective call to action," remarked Sandi Rowland, executive director of Sullivan 180, a local nonprofit focused on building a healthy and vibrant County. "Collectively, we need to look for ways we can ensure everyone in Sullivan County has access to healthy food, safe recreation opportunities, access to health care and education, and well-paying jobs with appropriate benefits. There are many ways that we can work to make this happen through advocacy, awareness and support and through working with local government, schools and our local nonprofits. A simple action, such as volunteering to tutor a young person, can have tremendous benefits in the long term towards building a healthier community."

"Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) Sullivan County is proud to work alongside the community and Sullivan County's service agencies to cultivate a pathway to wellness by increasing access to fruit and veggies, and safe places to exercise," stated CCE Executive Director Colleen Monaghan. "This announcement is proof that collaboration works, and that we need to sustain these efforts."

As New York begins to open allowing churches to once again open, 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
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**Covered Dish
Supper**

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Pastor Seung Jin Hong
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

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Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30 a.m.
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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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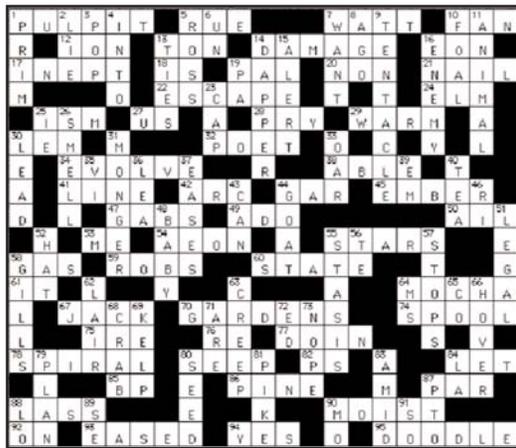
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 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

Ans to last week's Crossword



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Welcome to the Catskills

The Welcome to the Catskills webpage is the place to go if you are interested in learning more about the Catskills. It provides information about the Forest Preserve and conservation easement lands, outdoor recreation opportunities, and Leave No Trace. Be sure to check out the links to additional information and tips for recreating safely and minimizing your impacts on natural resources, recreational infrastructure, and other backcountry users in the Catskill Mountains.

Social Distancing Guidelines

Follow DEC's guidelines for social distancing while recreating outdoors:

- o **Stay Local:** Stay close to home. Keep visits short. Avoid high-traffic destinations.
 - o **Be Safe:** Avoid crowds and groups. Recreate only with members of your immediate household. Keep a distance of 6 feet or more from others. Alert others as you're about to pass or step aside to let people pass. Wear a mask when you cannot maintain social distancing.
 - o **Pack A Mask:** New Yorkers are required to wear masks in public when appropriate social distancing cannot be maintained, including on trails, on summits, in parking lots and in the backcountry.
 - o **Be Ready:** Move quickly through parking lots, trailheads, and scenic areas. If crowded, choose a different park, trail, or time to visit.
 - o **Stay Home:** If you're not feeling well, stay home. Anyone 70 and older or with a compromised immune system should postpone their visit.
- Additional Guidance is available for boating/paddling, anglers, and hunters.
 #RecreateLocal

New York State is encouraging people to engage in responsible recreation during the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. New York State DEC and State Parks recommendations for getting outside safely 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.

To support this effort, DEC and State Parks are encouraging visitors to New York's great outdoors and to use the hashtags #RecreateResponsibly and #RecreateLocal on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to share their visit and encourage others to get outside safely, responsibly, and locally, too. Use the DECinfo Locator to find a DEC-managed resource near you and visit the State Parks website for information about parks and park closures.

What's local? New York is a large and geographically diverse state. Consistent with the NYForward phased reopening plan, DEC and State Parks are encouraging New Yorkers to recreate locally in their region. Each of the state's 10 REDC regions have a wide variety of recreational opportunities available within them for the public to explore and enjoy. New Yorkers getting outdoors should use common sense in planning outdoor activities because public facilities like restrooms or other amenities may not be available. Use the DECinfo Locator to find the DEC-managed resource near you or visit State Parks' website for information about State Parks.

DEC Temporarily Reducing Permits to Visit Peekamoose Blue Hole: During the State's ongoing response to COVID-19, DEC is temporarily reducing by half (from 50 to 25) the number of permits issued per day to visit the Peekamoose Blue Hole in the town of Denning. DEC permits are required to visit this site on weekends and holidays from May 15 - October 15. Permits are available as late as one day in advance, but more no more than seven days in advance. Permits can be acquired from Reserve America at: <https://newyork-stateparks.reserveamerica.com/>

DEC Fire Towers are temporarily closed to the public. Trails and the summits to the towers remain open, but the towers themselves present a potential risk with multiple people climbing the stairs, in close quarters, unable to appropriately socially distance, and using the same handrails.

Limiting parking: The number of available parking spaces may be reduced on high visitation days. Please avoid visiting crowded areas. For visitor safety and the safety of others, do not park on roadsides and only park in designated parking areas.

Join Us As We Go Virtual!

Join DEC and State Parks by taking an #AdventureAtHome. Over the next few weeks, DEC will be sharing ways for you to enjoy the outdoors close to home. Follow along on DEC's website, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube on how to enjoy some of your favorite outdoor recreation activities while you #RecreateLocal and even how to pick up a new activity.

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

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

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

Send your information to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com.

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

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

6/17/2020 Neverink-Rondout Antique Machinery Association Meeting - 7:30 pm

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

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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 or 845-985-7530 and she will help to arrange to get the pictures.

**Claryville Volunteer Fire Department
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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 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.

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Senator Metzger Praises Food Security Innovators, Talks Food Access and Ongoing Community Initiatives amid the COVID-19 Pandemic



Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...State Senator Jen Metzger yesterday led a Facebook livestream discussion on food insecurity and the different community-based initiatives working to enhance food access in the 42nd Senate district. Senator Metzger was joined by food security innovators, Amanda LaValle, director of Ulster County Department of the Environment and facilitator of Project Resilience, and Sims Foster, co-founder of Foster Supply Hospitality and the A Single Bite Project in what was the eleventh episode of her Community Conversations online series.

Project Resilience was initiated by Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan to address the twin needs of feeding the hungry and helping local restaurants survive during the pandemic. With funds raised by the County through private donations, local restaurants prepared meals that were then delivered by volunteers to food insecure households in their communities. Over 160 local restaurants prepared more than 200,000 meals in the first phase of the program. Senator Metzger spoke with LaValle about how the innovative local food distribution effort has now pivoted to grocery deliveries for residents most in need, using existing models from programs like SNAP, WIC, and various charity networks.

In Sullivan County, a different model was created by Sims Foster and Kirsten Harlow Foster, co-owners of Foster Supply and Hospitality, who shifted the focus of their non-profit organization during the pandemic from a school-based educational program for children about food and nutrition to a philanthropic food production operation that has, to date, prepared over 20,000 meals for food insecure families in the county. The Fosters have teamed up with local Rotary and Lions Clubs in this effort, known as Operation Feed Phase 2. Foster spoke with Senator Metzger about his efforts to source ingredients for the meals from local farms, and the importance of providing accompanying information about the meals in both Spanish and English to serve the diverse community members in need.

"We've seen incredibly innovative, home-grown initiatives developed at the county and community levels during this pandemic to put food on the tables of those in need, and both Ulster Resilience and A Single Bite exemplify the creative use of local resources and assets to respond to a real community need," said Senator Metzger.

Amanda LaValle, director of Ulster County Department of the Environment and facilitator of Project Resilience said, "I was happy to join Senator Metzger's Community Conversation



to share more about Ulster County's Project Resilience community feeding effort during the COVID-19 crisis. We have served over 200,000 meals, none of which would be possible without our municipal partners, participating restaurants, local non-profits, hundreds of volunteers, and the thousands of people who have financially supported the effort. It is an amazing project and a true reflection of our community."



Sims Foster, co-founder of Foster Supply Hospitality and the A Single Bite Project said, "Thank you to Senator Metzger for inviting me to participate in this forum to discuss what is a critical need in our County and our District. The Senator's commitment to community and service is core to her leadership and we appreciated greatly the opportunity to talk about our not for profit project that is feeding our neighbors most in need during the crisis and beyond, A Single Bite."

As Chair of the Senate's Agriculture Committee, Senator Metzger has been working closely with New York farms and the Department of Agriculture and Markets during the COVID-19 crisis to make sure that farm-fresh products in the region can be purchased by food banks to serve food-insecure communities in need. She recently introduced a bill (S8504) that would double funding for the state's farm to food bank program, Nourish NY, using \$25 million of unallocated funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 or other future federal stimulus funding.

The Senator's Community Conversations series streams live on Thursdays at 5:00 PM on her Facebook page, engaging local experts in discussions on COVID-19 topics important to Hudson Valley and Catskill communities. Next Thursday's episode will host Chief of New Paltz Rescue Squad, Matt Goodnow, and President & CEO of Mobile Life Support Services, Scott Wobse, to discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our local EMS system and first responders.

UC Executive Ryan Announced on Monday Ulster County has Zero New COVID-19 Cases

Today marks the first time since mid-March the County had no new cases in a 24-hour period

512 residents tested in last 24 hours, with zero positive for COVID-19

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan announced today that Ulster County had zero new cases of COVID-19 over the last 24-hour period. This marks the first time this has occurred in Ulster County since the outbreak began in mid-March. 512 people were tested yesterday, with none of them testing positive for COVID-19. Since the pandemic began, 25,910 total Ulster County residents have been tested with 1,781 confirmed cases, 1,354 recovered and 344 currently active cases.

"This is a major milestone for Ulster County," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I want to be very clear: while this is encouraging news, it does not mean we can ignore the important safety precautions we must all follow to combat COVID-19. This good news is the direct result of our residents being careful -- socially distancing, wearing masks, and washing their hands. It is absolutely critical that we all continue to do these things in order to avoid a second wave."

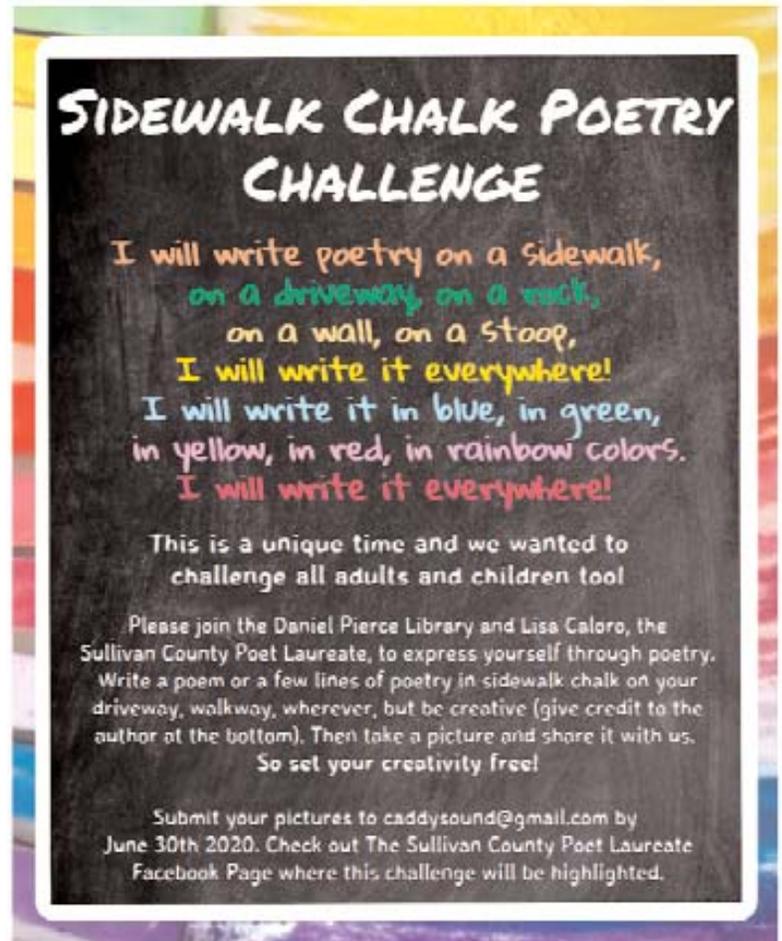
Since Ulster County's first case of COVID-19 emerged in early March, Ulster County has taken a proactive response to control and counter the pandemic. On March 13, Ulster County was the first County to close schools ahead of the statewide decision to do so. Additionally, Ulster County is believed to 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.

Ulster County also worked proactively to get testing running up and early. Ulster was the first County to, on its own, set up a mobile drive-through testing site at Tech City. The County now has two other mobile drive-through testing sites in the County including the Midtown Kingston site that offers both walk-in's and drive-through to expand accessibility.

Additionally, Ulster County laid out an aggressive plan to protect seniors who are vulnerable to COVID-19. On April 21, County Executive Ryan directed the Health Department to put extra emphasis on protecting senior living facilities and established a rapid response team. The rapid response team supported these facilities with testing, PPE, and setting up health protocols. Testing has now been completed in 13 of 13 facilities, with 1,233 residents tested.

There are currently 1781 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 83 fatalities in Ulster County.

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



When is the Olive Free Library going to reopen?

We hope to be able to offer curbside service at the end of June. The director, staff, and board are all currently working on written plans, policies, and procedures that must meet state and insurance requirements to do this safely. We are addressing new safety and cleaning procedures, rules on everything from sick leave to daily health screenings, obtaining required disinfectants and PPE, and, most of all, starting staff training on this entirely novel way of doing library business.

When we do reopen, things will be a bit different. We will offer contactless curbside service. The service will be available Monday, Wednesday, Friday, from 11am-3pm, and Tuesday, Thursday, 2pm-6pm. We may add Saturday service hours if necessary. Patrons will be able to order books online or by phone and come pick them up at the library. You will find detailed instructions about our curbside service on our website in the coming weeks. Patrons will not be allowed in the building during this phase. The staff is also looking at home delivery options for vulnerable patrons.

We are looking forward to providing this service to you but want to make sure we do it safely, for our patrons and our staff. Part of the rush to reopen broadly has been to stimulate the nose-diving economy. The library, as a service non-profit, doesn't stimulate the economy as a restaurant or shop might, so the economic rush to throw open our doors is not there. Each library in the state has different demographics and vulnerabilities, and each community will reopen according to that.

The library staff and board members thank you for your continued support, and all the kind words of appreciation we have received during this difficult time. We can't wait to hear from you!

Stay well!
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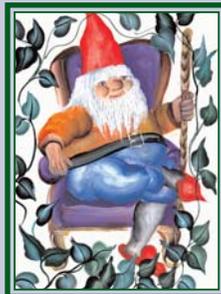
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TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2020 FATHERS DAY
 WE HONOR A BEVY OF FATHERS DAY DELIGHTS, STARTING WITH AT

• **6:45 AM "FIDDLER ON THE ROOF"** (Musical, 1971) One of my favorite stories, with songs that please the Heart, winner of three Academy Awards. *starring Chaim Topal, Norma Crane.*



• **12:00 PM "A FAMILY AFFAIR"** (Comedy, 1936) This film is the first of sixteen films about the very successful "Andy Hardy" film series, **Director Francis Ford Coppola, and starring legendary actors, Lionel Barrymore, Lewis Stone, Mickey Rooney, Spring Byington, Fay Holden.**

• **1:30 PM "OUR VINES HAVE TENDER GRAPES"** (Drama, 1945) A Norwegian Wisconsin farmer, Martinius Jacobson wanders through the troubles and rewards of rural life *starring, Edward G. Robinson, Agnes Moorehead, Margaret O'Brien.*

• **5:30 PM "THE COURTSHIP OF EDDIE'S FATHER,"** (Comedy, 1963) Young Eddie Corbett (*Ron Howard*) tries his best to be a matchmaker for his widowed father, Tom (*Glenn Ford*). At first, sexy Dollye Daly (*Stella Stevens*) seems promising, but she falls in love with Norman (Jerry Vandyke)



• **8:00 PM "LIFE WITH FATHER"** (Comedy, 1947) Based on the 1939 play of the same name. It tells the *true story of Clarence Day*, Who wants to be master of his house, he finds his wife, his children are ignoring him, until they start making demands for him to change the attitudes of his own life.

• **10:15 PM "FATHER OF THE BRIDE"** (Comedy, 1950) An American comedy film directed by Vincente Minnelli, about a man trying to cope with preparations for his daughter's upcoming wedding. The film *stars Spencer Tracy* in the title role, *Joan Bennett, Elizabeth Taylor, Don Taylor, Billie Burke, and Leo G. Carroll.* Father of the Bride was nominated for Academy Awards for Best Actor in a Leading Role, Best Picture and Best Writing, Screenplay.

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WE HONOR CARY GRANT IN
“I WAS A MALE WAR BRIDE”**

I Was a Male War Bride is a 1949 comedy film directed by **Howard Hawks** and starring **Cary Grant** and **Ann Sheridan**. The film was based on I Was an Alien Spouse of Female Military Personnel Enroute to the



United States Under Public Law 271 of the Congress, a biography of Henry Rochard, a Belgian who married an American nurse.

The film is about French Army officer Henry Rochard (Grant) who must pass as a war bride in order to go back to the United States with Women's Army Corps officer Catherine Gates (Sheridan). It is noted as being a low key screwball comedy with a famous final sequence featuring Cary Grant impersonating a female Army nurse.



CARY GRANT (born Archibald Alec Leach; January 18, 1904 -passed – November 29, 1986) was an English-born American actor, who was one of classic Hollywood's definitive leading men. He is known for his transatlantic accent, debonair demeanor, light-hearted approach to acting, and sense of comic timing.

Cary Grant, and Barbara Harris, his fifth wife.

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**THIS WEEK STREAMING ON AMAZON PRIME
IN HONOR OF JAYCE WALTER
GRADUATING PRE-SCHOOL, HIS BUDDY
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**

After discovering a small, blue, fast hedgehog, a small-town police officer must help him defeat an evil genius who wants to do experiments on him.

Sonic is based on the global blockbuster vid-eogame franchise from Sega, **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**. It tells the story of the world's speediest hedgehog as he embraces his new home on Earth. In this live-action ad-venture comedy, Sonic and his new best friend Tom (**James Marsden**) team up to defend the planet from the evil genius Dr. Robotnik (**Jim Carrey**) and his plans for world domination. The family-friendly film also stars **Tika Sumpter** and **Ben Schwartz** as the voice of **Sonic**. Wonderful example of educational video video games, children can build their own creative three dimensional structures.



Hi guys – Just finished my Grahamsville Fire Department Hot and Sweet Sausage and Peppers – there is none better. Don't be sad bought more for tomorrow. Yummy....

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