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Fallsburg Alumni Association Awards Sscholarships



Shauna Bellacicco

With the help of their guidance counselor, Joe Levner, and modern technology, the FAA Board was able to meet and select the recipients of the scholarships it oversees.

The FAA Awards recognize good citizenship, high academic values, good sportsmanship, creativity and responsibility in his/her

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Cindy Granados

The Jack Leshner Memorial Award pays tribute to Mr. Leshner who, in addition to the FAA requisites, personally impacted the lives of so many of his students. This year's Jack Leshner Recognition Awards go to Sadia (Sabrina) AboHussien and Khadijah Mamburay.

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David Parsons

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Tulsi Patel

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All of the students are very deserving of the awards and



Sadia (Sabrina) AboHussien

the FAA wishes them well in all of their endeavors.

For further information, please contact President Regina McKenny Snead reginal@hvc.rr.com.



Khadijah Mamburay

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OBITUARY



Iris E. Breiner of Claryville, NY, a retired Clinical Social Worker and a longtime area resident, died Monday, June 15, 2020 at the Orange Regional Medical Center in Middletown, NY. She was 75.

The daughter of the late Policarpio and Julia Soto Gonzalez, she was born July 3, 1944 in Patillas, Puerto Rico. Iris had worked at Middletown State Hospital and later for the County of Sullivan as a Mental Health Social Worker. She was an associate member of the Claryville Fire Department, a Life Member of the Maybrook VFW Post #2064 Auxiliary, and a volunteer for Time in the Valley Museum in Grahamsville, NY. She enjoyed gardening, cooking, traveling, and outdoor adventures including 5K runs and sky diving. She met her future husband at Middletown State Hospital where they both worked in September 1968 after he returned from Vietnam. They were married on April 6, 1974.

Survivors include her devoted husband of 46 years, Charles M. Breiner, at home; two daughters, Tina Ramos and Julia Gonzalez, both of Middletown, NY; one sister, three brothers, two grandchildren, Christopher Rivera and his wife Melissa and Brandon Patton; two great grandchildren, Felix and Issac Rivera. She was predeceased by a sister, Irma Heller and two brothers, Nestor and Tony Gonzalez.

Due to the current health crisis, limited visitation will be Friday, June 26, 2020 from 11am to 1pm at the Harris Funeral Home, West St. at Buckley,

Liberty, NY. Social distancing guidelines must be met, a limited number of people at one time will be allowed in the funeral home, facemasks are required.

Graveside Funeral Services and burial will be Friday, June 26, 2020 at 2PM in the Claryville Cemetery, Claryville, NY. The Rev. Ken Tenckinck will officiate.

Memorial contributions in Iris's name may be made to Claryville Fire Department 1500 Denning Road, Claryville, NY 12725, Time in the Valley Museum P. O. Box 254, Grahamsville, NY 12740, Maybrook VFW Post # 2064 209 Main St., Maybrook, NY 12543 or Grahamsville Vol. Ambulance Squad 205 Main St., Grahamsville, NY 12740.

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

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

June 21, 1950

Couples who attended the first Frosh Invitational Hop at Memorial Hall last Saturday evening came away praising the Ninth Grade of the Tri Valley School for their showmanship and excellent musical selection. A highlight of the evening was the election of a King and Queen for the Hop. Ninth grade couples were in the spotlight during the seventh dance set for the onlookers to make their choices. Miss Betty Jane Foster and her escort, Douglas Hasbrouck were selected for the coronation ceremony which followed.

Bids will be accepted on June 29th for building a new fire house on the Grahamsville fire house lot between the diner and Dayton's Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allison have a son named James Elmond, weight 6 lbs. 7 oz., born June 9th at the Hamilton Ave. Hospital. James is their third child.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Hook are parents of a son, born Sunday, June 11th.

Miss Evelyn George, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert L. George of Sundown became the bride of Mr. Roy Kane of Old Greenwich, Conn., son of Mr. W. Kane and the late Mrs. Kane of Portland, Me., before the fireplace in her parent's home on Saturday morning. (Contd. Pg 4)

Tri-Valley Students' Pandemic Story

This week's featured student:

My Lockdown Discoveries

March 13, 2020 was a normal day. We all knew about the pandemic and what could happen if it got worse. The next night we all got a call that school was going to be closed until April 3rd, but none of us thought our whole school year would be gone. After that we had lots of work, but I decided to get a basketball and a basketball hoop because I was bored. While I was waiting on the hoop to come in the mail, I decided to learn how to spin it on my finger, everyday since then I practiced and I started to actually get really good at it. Now I can spin the ball on my finger for a very long time. I'm surprisingly good at basketball, but I'm a cheerleader. During quarantine I haven't been able to do much with cheer except tumbling and stretching which stinks, but it's okay.

Also during this pandemic I have been enjoying a thing called diamond painting. It's just like paint by number but with diamonds. I have done that a lot in my free time. I'll be honest; I don't have much to write about it but I can tell you what else is happening during this quarantine. I haven't seen my friends in 4 months. I'm going crazy. I've been cleaning my room and we just started to clean our pool out so it can be ready soon. We have also been going in our hot tub. Last week we went to the beach and that was really fun and on the 1st we did a drive by for my grandma's aunt's 80th birthday and I made signs for it and almost our whole family came but we stayed 6 feet away!

I can't believe that we were not able to finish our school year but I know that we are ok. I have learned a lot about myself in quarantine, and what I can do to keep myself from not being bored. I have been doing all my work in school and I am proud of my grades this school year. I wish I didn't have to have different teachers because this year was definitely one of my favorites. I will keep discovering more and more about myself during these next couple months in this pandemic.

Dallas LaPolt
7th Grade TVCS

Tri-Valley FFA Marks Year's End Virtually

by Adam Furman, FFA Reporter

With large gatherings still out of the question due to the corona virus, the Tri-Valley FFA held their end-of-the-year ceremony virtually on June 16th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. During the traditional opening, during which the officers present their roles, the scene switched virtually from officer to officer as they spoke their parts. Speeches and awards were presented and received by club members and 2019-2020 officers were thanked looking into a camera. It was a different and a very unique type of ceremony.

New officers for the 2020-2021 year are: President: Alora Carey, V. President: Jacob Lucek, 2nd V. President: Dylan Poley, Secretary: Gail McAndrews, Treasurer: Cathy Flores, Reporter: Adam Furman, Web Master: Erin Duffy, Historian: Keara Stroop, and Senteniel: Louis Bilancione.

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 Versatile Elder Berry

Elder berries are in blossom now. An attractive shrub that you might consider cultivating in your backyard. Not only can you eat the tasty Elder Berries when they are ripe, there are many recipes that call for Elder berry blossoms, too.

You will find the Elder berry growing in moist places, in marshes, along riverbanks, along roadsides, and in moist woods and thickets

Elder berry is a member of the honeysuckle family, (*Sambucus nigra/canadensis*) It is a shrub that grows up to thirteen feet high, with smooth, gray bark. Elder berry is a deciduous multi-stemmed shrub with brittle branches that easily bend under the weight of its fruit clusters. Suckers from the roots that branch from the base of the main stems force the plant to form dense thickets, thus making this shrub ideal for a living fence.

Corky bumps cover the slender branches have a spongy, white pith inside them. This pith can be easily removed. Young folk, years ago would make whistles from the branches. The ancient Greeks used Elder branches and shoots in a similar way to make a musical instrument called a sambuke.

The opposite, feather-compound leaves may be over three feet long. This leaf is divided into 5-11 coarsely toothed, pointed, short-stalked elliptical leaflets, each 3-4" long.

In late spring or early summer, the Elder bears tiny, branched, white, lacy flowers in flat-topped to slightly rounded clusters (panicles) that spread over 6" across.

Flowers may be collected by plucking off the stalk at the base of a cluster. If you do collect the flower clusters, take only a small amount of the flowers from each bush, and collect only where they are abundant or the plant won't produce any tasty berries. Where you find one Elder bush, you usually find many more.

The flowers can be made into some very tasty treats such as Elderblow (Elder berry fritters). They can be made by using your favorite tempura or pancake batter. Elder flowers can also be used to make a pleasant tasting tea, especially with mint.

Once the berries are ripe you will look for the tiny, spherical, juicy, purple-black to black, seedy berries that are hardly more than 1/8" across. They grow in branched clusters, like the flowers, ripening from mid-summer to early fall. Their high quantities commonly weigh down the branches of the shrub.

You should never eat green Elder berries! In fact, some people may not tolerate ripe Elderberries unless they are cooked in pancakes, muffins, pies, jams and jellies or wine. Be sure that you check with someone who can definitely identify a plant before consuming any wild berries or plant parts.

Certainly a versatile shrub, the Elderberry has a long history among the Native Americans and European folk medicine. Elder berry was especially prone to attracting quite the array of mythology. It was sacred in Saxony. In Norse and Teutonic myth, Elderberry was sacred to the goddess Hulda, and in the later period of the Scalds, to Freya who they believed dwelled within the Elder Tree. In some parts of Asia Elder berry was used to keep the evil spirits away. Often you will see illustrations of fairies perched on an Elder berry cluster.

Whether you enjoy the beauty or the taste of the feathery white blossoms this time of the year, collecting the ripened fruit or just watching the many birds that are attracted to the berries, having an Elder tree in your backyard can be delightful.

Then again, after finishing this week's column, I am compelled to add something. I just learned from a neighbor, the bear love Elder berries, too!

Hm-m-m, maybe that is why there are so many mythical interpretations of this versatile plant!

Household Hints:

Clean Your Bread Box and Food Containers

Clean bread box and food containers with vinegar-dampened cloth to keep fresh-smelling and clean.



DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

(From Pg. 1)

June 22, 1960 - After 14 years of work by 70 members of the congregation of the Woodbourne Reformed Church, the church's completed chapel was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, June 12th, at services attended by more than 100 persons.

William H. Grey received his B.S. in Commerce and Economics Sunday afternoon, June 12th at exercises on campus at the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont. On Sunday morning he was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve at ceremonies at the University.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl D. Sheeley attended church in Monticello on Sunday morning when their grandson, James, son of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sheeley was baptized.

Ronald VanValkenburg celebrated his birthday with a party on Saturday. Those present besides his brothers were: Johnny and Mickey Higgins, Freddie Van Wagner, Bill and Dick Erland and Greg and Gary Farrow.

Otis G. Bailey died June 8th at Liberty Loomis Hospital. He was born Sept. 20, 1889 in Claryville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bailey. His wife Mary survives, also a niece, Edna Bailey and a nephew, Carl Bailey.

June 24, 1970

The Claryville Fire Department awarded their first scholarship this year. This award went to Caroline Dickerman of Red Hill. A scholarship will be awarded each year to a qualified graduate in the Claryville Fire District.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Anderson of Grahamsville, N.Y. have announced the engagement of their daughter, Theresa Lynn Osterhoudt to James K. Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richardson of Ferndale.

Services will be held Wednesday for Charles J. Matzinger, 74, of Grahamsville who died Sunday at Hamilton Ave. Hospital, Monticello, following a long illness. Surviving are his widow, Katheryn at home; one son, Dr. Norbert Matzinger of Baltimore, Md. And one daughter, Mrs. Mardell Denman of Grahamsville; one brother, Louis Matzinger and seven grandchildren.

Linda Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. French Harris of Neversink, graduated from Sullivan County Community College with high honors. She will enter Cortland State in the fall for a Physical Education course.

Shirley Marie Dean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Dean, Jr. of Neversink, has been notified of her acceptance at LaSalle Extension University of Chicago. Shirley plans to major in accounting.

June 26, 1980

Jacques and Rosemarie Nitschke have returned from a short trip to Florida where they attended daughter Julie's graduation from the University of Central Florida at Orlando. Julie, who received a B.A. degree in Criminal Justice, had been working as a probation officer during her school years.

Katie Sue Booker, infant daughter of Susan and Fred Booker was born on June 16, 1980 in Horton Memorial Hospital, Middletown. Katie weighed in at 9 lbs. and measured 21 1/2 inches in length.

Gustave Lievre, 69 of Saugerties died Monday in Saugerties. Mr. Lievre, a lifetime area resident, was born September 26, 1910 in Sundown to Louis and Carrie Rose Lievre. He was married to Dorothy DePew Lievre.

Tri-Valley Cub Scout Pack #87 will sorely miss the dedi-

cated knowledge and volunteer time that Lee Gruner has given to the Pack for the past 12 years. At the Tri-Valley Cub Scout Picnic last Sunday, Lee was given a beautifully engraved plaque in recognition of her services to the Cubs.

What Could be Better than a Firemen's Parade on Your Birthday?



The family was gathered on Saturday for the celebration of 5 year old Jayce Walter's birthday when in the distance they heard the sound of fire sirens. Along with Jayce, they headed to the front yard where he was greeted by members of the Grahamsville Fire Department and gifted with a Fireman's hat and coloring book.

This was just one of the many Grahamsville Fire Department's drive-bys that have been celebrated with young people in our community during the COVID-Pause. They have celebrated Easter, as well as graduations from pre-K through this year's graduating Class of 2020. People throughout the community celebrated along with those who were being celebrated when they heard the sirens approaching their neighborhoods.

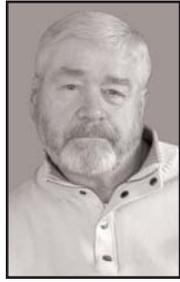
Another big THANK YOU to all the volunteers of the Grahamsville Fire Department for keeping us safe, and making us appreciate that we live in such a great community where so many people really care about each other and especially for our young people who are also experiencing these uncertain times.

While COVID-19 tried taking over center stage, with great imagination and the means to do it, our local fire department has taken center stage, giving new meaning to the sound of the sirens.

Who would have thought three months ago, a fire siren would be so welcomed.

But thanks to the innovation and support of our local fire department, it was just that – a truly welcomed sight!

Yes, Jayce's parents, siblings, cousin and grandparents were just as excited as they watched Jayce celebrate his big day (safe-distancing) with members of the Grahamsville Fire Department.



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.

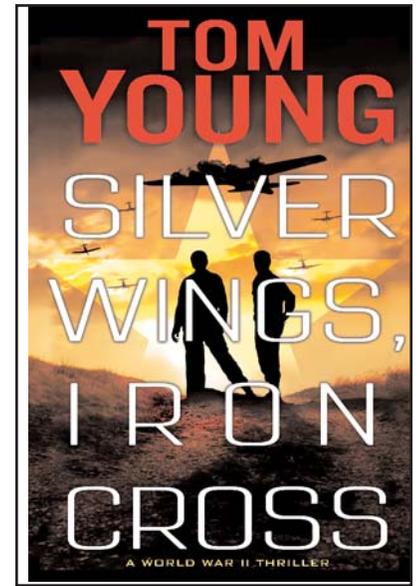
Tom Young has crafted a twisty, kinetic and battle-laden war story that, at the same time, lays open the hearts and minds of the courageous and incredibly young persons who went to war as kids and emerged as the men and women we honor today as *The Greatest Generation*.

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

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Kaaterskill Wild Forest

Wildland Fire: On June 10 t 1:30 p.m., Greene County 911 contacted DEC's Central Dispatch requesting Forest Ranger assistance with a wildfire in Kaaterskill Clove off Route 23a. Two Forest Rangers responded and arrived on scene at approximately 1:50 p.m. The wildfire was suppressed by members of the Haines Falls, Tannersville, and Hunter fire departments. The total estimated size of the fire was .3 acres; the fire may have been caused by a lit cigarette being thrown into the woods from a motor vehicle. Please be responsible and don't throw lit cigarettes on the ground.

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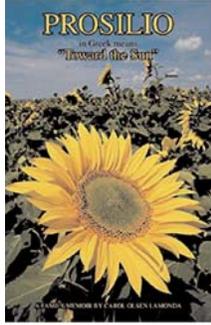



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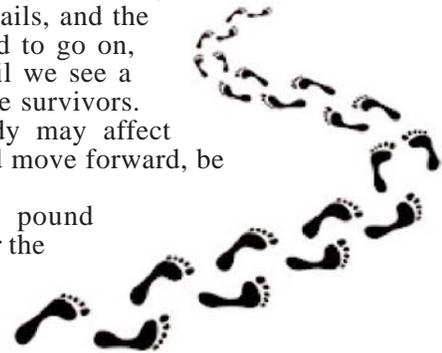
Today marks 111 days of Pandemic Shutdown here in New York State. We have moved from the epicenter with the most number of cases to the state with the lowest infection rate in that time. Looking ahead 111 days from now would bring us to October. Somehow that seems like a long time in the future when the future is so uncertain. Will there be school? Will my husband ever get back to the gym? When can I use

my birthday gift certificates to Stella's and get a facial at the Emerson? Looking back, however, the time seems to have passed by at an unexpected speed.

When one is faced with an obstacle or problem with no solution in sight, what should one do? The answer is really what we have done for the past three or four months and humans have done for the last two dozen centuries. We just do the daily stuff that needs to be done. We make our beds, dust, do dishes, plan meals, call friends, check emails, and the day goes by. We are programmed to go on, one foot in front of the other until we see a destination on our journey. We are survivors. Adversity, disappointment, tragedy may affect us, but we are designed to live and move forward, be it by giant strides or baby steps.

Sometimes the six-hundred pound gorilla in the room named Covid or the two-hundred pound elephant problem (fill in your own blank _____) just cannot be erased or asked to leave. So what to do? Acknowledge the intruder, but decorate around it. Shove it in the corner, throw a doily on it and work around it... fold the laundry, load the dishwasher, browse Amazon, pet the dog, and learn to live with it until a solution can be found.

I used to tell my students, "Do you know how to eat an elephant?" My answer was, "One bite at a time." Know how to survive a pandemic? One step at a time. Step by step. Step by step, but always going forward.



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Signed into Law, Metzger Bill Expands Telehealth Insurance Reimbursements by Authorizing Audio-Only Communication

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY... Today the Governor signed into law Senator Metzger's bill (S8416) to include audio-only services in the definition of telemedicine, allowing New Yorkers without broadband service, a computer, or smartphone to receive affordable healthcare services remotely. Prior to the law's passage, public health law required both audio and video telemedicine services in order to be eligible for reimbursement by Medicaid and the Child Health Insurance Plan. Thanks to the new law, phone calls with medical professionals can also be covered to ensure the widest possible access to healthcare services.

"Telemedicine has not been an option during this pandemic for many people in my rural district, and this legislation will reduce barriers to care for residents who lack broadband or do not own a computer or smartphone," said Senator Metzger (SD-42). "By making audio-only services reimbursable, I expect that many more at-risk people who are worried about exposure to COVID-19 will seek the care they need."

The NYS School Boards Association and NYS Psychological Association both advocated for passage of the bill, which was introduced in the Assembly by Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal (AD-67). In the Senate, support for the bill was nearly unanimous, and it was one of over 30 pieces of legislation passed to help support New Yorkers during the COVID-19 pandemic and better prepare the state for future emergencies.

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Shandelee Music Festival's Virtual Concert by Sara Davis Buechner Brings the Music to You

The 27th season of the Shandelee Music Festival (SMF) will be up close and personal this year to allow for the safety of the artists, staff and community. Two virtual concerts are being offered, the first on Sunday, June 28 and the second on Sunday, July 19.



Sara Davis Buechner will perform a virtual concert for the Shandelee Music Festival on Facebook Live on Sunday, June 28 at 3 p.m.

Sara Davis Buechner, the inaugural performer of Shandelee's popular Sunset Concert Series, will offer an exciting "Afternoon of Piano Masterworks" on Sunday, June 28 at 3 p.m. Her program will include works by Joseph Haydn, Frédéric Chopin, Joaquín Turina and Rube Bloom.

Buechner most recently performed at the SMF in 2018 for the 25th Anniversary Sunset Series Gala.

Noted for her musical command, cosmopolitan artistry, and visionary independence,

Sara Davis Buechner has been both a teacher and performer at Shandelee. She's been praised for her "intelligence, integrity and all-encompassing

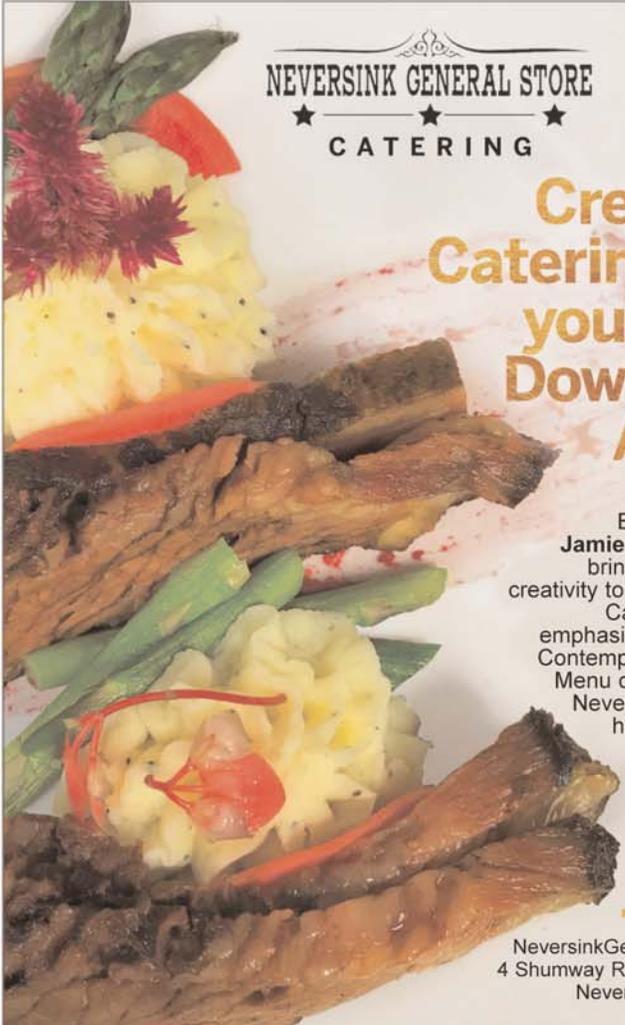
technical prowess" (New York Times), "thoughtful artistry in the full service of music" (Washington Post), and "astounding virtuosity" (Philippine Star). Japan's InTune magazine said, "Buechner has no superior."

She has performed in every state and province of North America as recitalist, chamber musician, and soloist with top orchestras throughout the US, Latin America, and Europe, and enjoys a special following in Asia and the Pacific. Buechner joined the faculty of Temple University's Boyer College of Music and Dance in 2016, after teaching at the Manhattan School of Music, New York University and the University of British Columbia.

Buechner's virtual concert will be offered through Facebook Live and other platforms. The upcoming SMF Facebook Live streams will be public pages and will be open to everyone. You will be able watch both concerts without a Facebook profile (or without logging in to a Facebook account). More information will soon be available at www.shandelee.org/exciting-upcoming-virtual-concerts.

As you know, performing arts programs and venues all over the world are suffering greatly due to the current pandemic, and the SMF needs your help to continue their mission. Your contribution will enable the SMF to bring you their second virtual concert in July and plan exciting things for the future, including an encore performance by the Young People's Chorus in October. Please make a donation during the concert or at 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.

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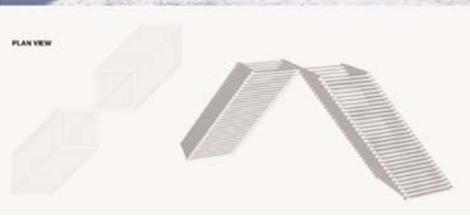
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Catskill Art Society presents Viewing of Matthias Neumann Basics Site-specific Sculpture

LIVINGSTON MANOR, NY Matthias Neumann, Basics a site-specific sculpture commissioned by Catskill Art Society will be on view June 22 - September 7, 2020 at the site of the Livingston Manor farmers' market (24 Main Street beside Chinatown Kitchen).



Matthias Neumann's sculpture is able to be safely experienced outdoors as we grapple with a global pandemic and restricted access to cultural institutions. In these troubling times,

the arts are vital and sadly more scarce than ever. We are leading increasingly disparate lives, and we hope that this commission will allow for artwork to be collectively experienced outdoors. Outdoor sculpture holds significance in its ability to connect art with the natural environment, and it is evident in the positioning of Neumann's installation beside the Willowemoc Creek and site of our community's farmers' market.

Neumann's site-specific installation is a part of his larger series Basics, exploring an abstracted notion of form, space and utility in public sculpture. The work is experienced both as a sculptural gesture in dialogue with its environment and as an interactive spatial installation in the public realm. While the object is unique to its site, the body of work shares not only an attitude towards temporality and public space, but also a democratic and material logic derived from the use of 2' x 4' construction lumber.

Matthias Neumann is a Brooklyn based artist and architect. His projects were presented at venues such as Manifesta 8, Spain, Galeria HIT, Slovakia, National Museum of Contemporary Art, Romania, SITE:Lab, Michigan, Queens Museum, Montalvo Art Center, California, Jule Collins Smith Museum, Alabama, and the Cape Cod Museum of Art, among others, in addition to a significant number of public art installations throughout the US. He is the recipient of the Kaplan Director's Award of the Cape Cod Museum of Art, and his work has been recognized nationally and internationally. He is a fellow at Mac Dowell Colony, MoKS, Estonia, ORTE Lower Austrian Architecture Network, Krems, Austria, I-Park, and Vermont Studio Center. He currently teaches at the Spitzer School of Architecture at City College New York.

About the Catskill Art Society
The Catskill Art Society is a non-profit cultivating public interest, participation, and enjoyment of the arts. Through its multi-arts center, CAS explores contemporary art practices and facilitates creative and professional development for established and emerging artists. Located in Livingston Manor, the renovated 4,500+ square foot facility includes a designated fine arts gallery, a large multi-purpose space, a pottery studio, a painting studio, and a digital arts lab. For more information, please visit www.catskillartsociety.org.

Funding for CAS is provided in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislation.

The site of the installation is generously donated by River & Main LLC.

Two Fallsburg High School Seniors Earn 2020 Salon Memorial Scholarship

Ethan Mednick and Amanda Zeno, graduating seniors at Fallsburg High School, have been named the 2020 recipients of the Marion and Philip Salon Memorial Scholarship Award.

Ethan and Amanda will receive \$1,000 toward their first year of post-secondary studies.

Ethan is the son of Shari and Michael Mednick of Rock Hill.



Michael Mednick

He plans to study this fall at SUNY Potsdam's Crane School of Music. He was selected as a scholarship recipient for his strong academic record (7th in his graduating class) and his commitment to volunteer service as president of LEO Club and in supporting children's music programs at the Nesin Cultural Arts Center in Monticello.

Ethan is the third member of his family to receive the Salon Memorial Scholarship, joining his brothers Logan and Justin.

Amanda is the daughter of Maria and James Zeno of South Fallsburg. She is the valedictorian of her class. She was selected for her persistence in battling a serious personal health issue while continuing her academic studies. Amanda will attend Marist College this fall.



Valedictoria Amanda Zeno

The scholarship, which is named in memory of two lifelong Hurleyville residents, is designated annually for one or more graduating seniors at Fallsburg Central

School who has made a serious commitment to service in ways that benefit the community and its citizens or have overcome a significant personal challenge.

The annual Salon scholarship is funded by the children and relatives of Marion and Phil Salon, whose two children, Shep and Rebecca, graduated from Fallsburg Central High School in the 1960s.

Marion and Phil Salon were the owners and operators of a bungalow colony and Salon's Corners, a convenience store, over a 40-year period. Mr. Salon served for 24 years on the board of education of the Fallsburg Central Schools.



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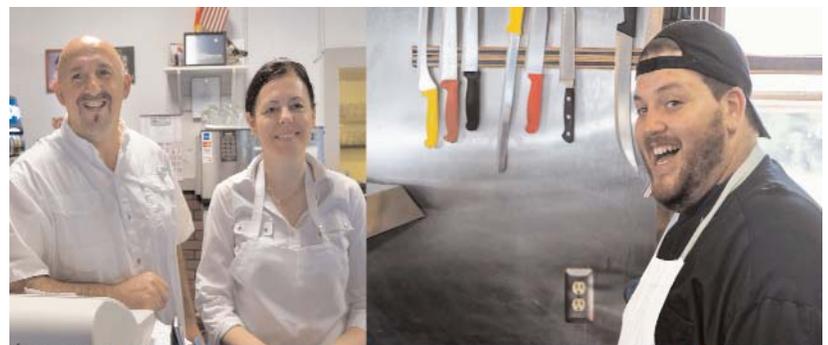
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The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

Wednesday night was the soft opening of HEARTBEAT MUSIC HALL in Grahamsville. I say 'soft opening' because it really wasn't for the public, being an indoor event. The musicians who attended each told me the same thing: they couldn't wait to have somewhere to play, to interact with other musicians. I was very impressed that all had masks, and all kept more than six feet apart, even on stage. No one wanted a crash and burn situation.

The floor was also set up for social distancing, with many of the tables pushed to the side allowing a wide berth

for when indoor events will be opened for the public. This took a lot of work and thought and the Trestyn's really did a good job, taking everything into consideration.

RALPH HOUSEMAN was on when I walked in, with his excellent originals. Followed by PATTY LEGG with guitar player BILL KENNY. DAVE TRESTYN grabbed his bass and NICKY REDD on drums. I've seen this grouping (sans Bill) before, and even though Country is not my thing, it was well done and pleasant. And I don't purport to know anything about microphones, but whether a switch had

been flipped, or a dial inadvertently bumped into and therefore up, her voice was soooo loud that she drowned out all the other musician and forced me to step outside because my ears started to hurt (still do). And I was in the very BACK! This isn't heavy metal, it's Patsy Cline for God sakes! She's been in the business long enough that I'm sure she'll make the adjustments necessary. This was just an unfortunate situation.

BILL KENNY is a name I've

heard before, but I don't every remember seeing him perform. He stepped up with some pretty fine rocking guitar work to what I believe was a Lou Reed tune. He was joined on stage by "Boo", the soundman for HEARTBEAT's large events, on guitar and Grahamsville's own BILL BRENNER on sax. This, believe it or not, was an amazing mix!

Eventually, things will get back to some sort of normal. Right now, those who regularly go out to see their favorite local artists, are still rather reluctant about coming out myself included. I don't see my nervousness subsiding any time soon but I will continue to get out to let every musician, group and solo performer, that I am still there for them and you, dear readers.

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4 Reasons to Love Prague

Oh, yes- I'm still reminiscing on my travels, since borders have still not opened and we're still in a pandemic. Fun, fun! While thinking about my travels, I also can't help but think about where I've lived and not just traveled. Did you know that I lived in Prague, Czech Republic for a year and a half?

Obviously, it was really a dream come true! I can't help but think about my time there often. Here are my top reasons for loving living there so much!



1. Fairytaleland

When walking around Prague, I was struck by how fairytale-esque it was! Cobblestone streets. Colorful, classic buildings. Medieval steeples. Spires on spires on spires (literally- it's called "City of a Hundred Spires"). A castle, which dates back to 880! Oh, and it's on a gorgeous river, the Vltava River. At sunset, it's an actual scene from a fairytale.

2. Beer is Cheaper Than Water

Fun fact for you: the Czech Republic has the highest beer consumption per person in the world. Why? Because it's delicious, strong, and cheap! There's even a common phrase in the country: "Beer is cheaper than water." And, yes, it's true! Beer is almost always cheaper than bottled water in restaurants, bars, and other establishments. Dangerous information to have, I know! (Contd. Pg 12)

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4 Reasons to

Love Prague (From Pg. 11)

3. Location, Location, Location

Although the country is landlocked with no sea or ocean in sight, it is surrounded by some truly wonderful countries: Germany, Austria, Poland, and Slovakia. Not only is the Czech Republic directly surrounded by these four countries, but it's also geographically convenient in that it's so close to many other countries, like Croatia, Hungary, and Italy!



More close by places means more travels!

4. Cheap, Cheap, Cheap!

While living in Prague, I marveled at how cheap everything was! The beer (duh), food, groceries, going out, everything! Granted, the rent

was expensive, especially if you're in the city center (but, then again, still cheaper than most cities in America!), but it evened out with the other cheap expenses!

One caveat for my beloved Czech Republic: the people are far from friendly. Honestly, they might have been the coldest and most unwelcoming people I've ever encountered! However, I will say that, once you get to know some Czech people, they can actually be quite generous, friendly, and fun!



Prague Castle



Charles Castle

All in all, Prague was simply a glorious place to live and I do hope that you get to experience the city and country (there are more places in it worth seeing!), one way or another...whenever this pandemic lifts!

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(From Pg. 3) "This summer, we continue to offer our community members with the opportunity to merge themselves in the pages of a book or the sound of a new novel," says Grace Riario, Executive Director of the Ramapo Catskill Library System. "Who knows, you may acquire a new hobby this summer, learn a new language or visit a mystical world."

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ferent software to hold their summer reading programs online. To learn more about summer reading programs, communities are encouraged to check visit the web sites of their local library, or social media sites.

"Take your summer reading program with you," Riario says. "Enjoy sharing your adventures from the palm of your hand by joining your library's summer program."

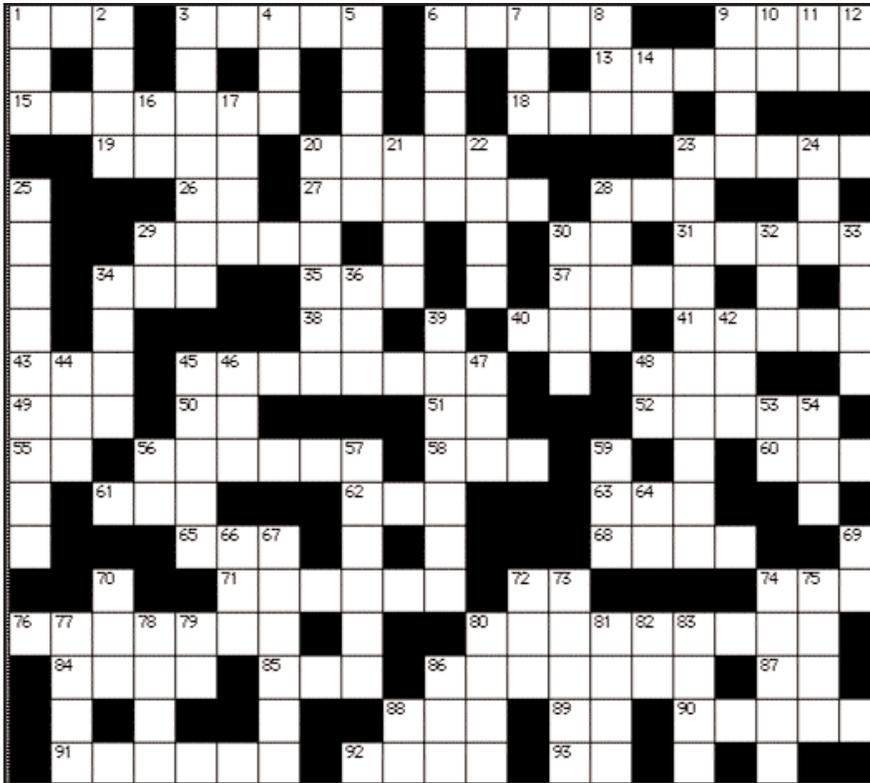
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GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME FUN - L. Comando



ACROSS
 1 Used to play a violin
 3 Irregular surface
 6 Make fabric on a loom
 9 Cultivate the land
 13 Grant an official pardon
 15 Continue to exist
 18 Makes lace
 19 Product of three and three
 20 Used for draining waste material
 23 Light meal
 26 Combining form; having two
 27 A red wine
 28 19th century Gothic poet and critic
 29 Pigment
 30 To such a great extent
 31 Have a particular idea

34 Pull along with a rope
 35 Upper limb
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 43 Irish Republican Army
 45 Medieval military expeditions
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 49 Automobile
 50 Used to draw attention to an amazing event
 51 Associated Press
 52 A mental interpretation of an idea
 55 Indefinite article

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 65 Fasten with stitches
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 74 An object used for play
 76 More easily understood
 80 Composed of different elements
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 85 Family fabric
 86 Woven fabric
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 20 Small pieces of leftovers
 21 Comfortably high summer temperature
 22 Slender leaved grass plant
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 25 Violent summertime storm
 28 Rhyme
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 30 Whirl around quickly
 32 Guest house
 33 Group of things with similar characteristics
 34 Rip
 36 Long narrow inlet

39 Rich
 42 Independent Grocers' Association
 44 Move faster than a walk
 45 A group of students
 46 Steal
 47 Secret agent
 48 Long Island
 53 General Practitioner
 54 Snake-like fish
 56 4th note of the major scale
 57 Soft white fibrous substance
 59 Hot brewed beverage
 64 Not off
 66 Female sheep
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 70 Large fast-running bird
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find an old quilt
 74 Mythical creature
 75 Used in gumbo or to thicken soups
 77 Old-time TV show, "My Friend _____"
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Summer Tortellini Salad

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- 1/4 c. vinegar
- 3 tbsp. fresh lemon juice
- 4 cloves of garlic
- 1/2 c. sugar
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 4 tbsp. olive oil
- Hand full of fresh basil

Salad

- 1 package of frozen tortellini
- 1/2 lb. fresh broccoli
- 1 cup cherry tomatoes
- 1 can black olives (drained)
- 2 tbsp. fresh Parmesan cheese

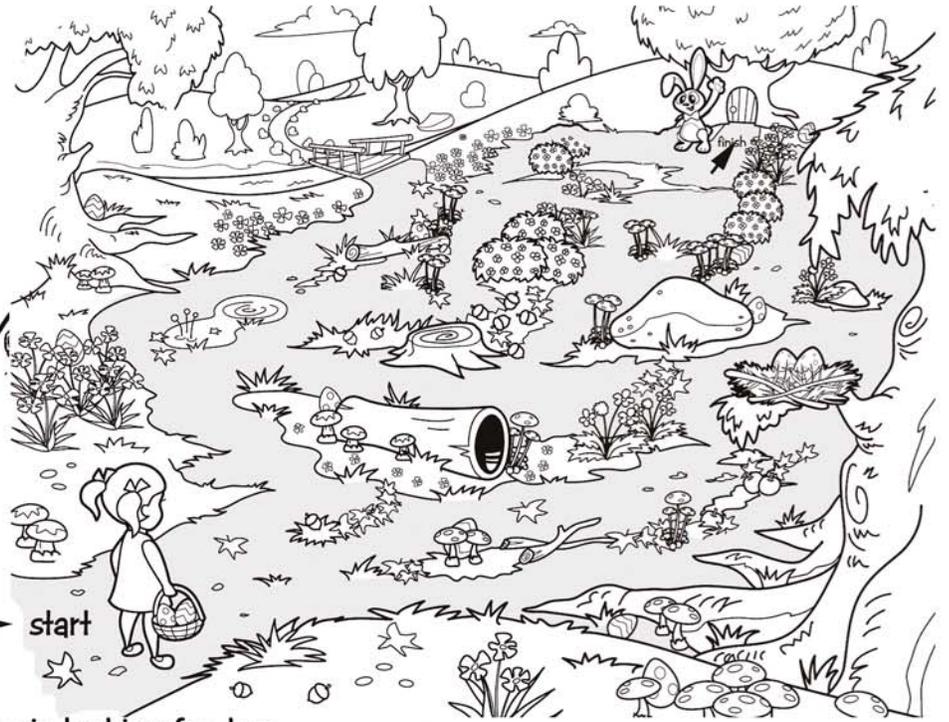
In a blender combine all salad dressing ingredients and blend well. Chill. Cook and cool tortellini. Cook and cool broccoli.. Half tomatoes unless very small. When all ingredients are cool, combine all and serve.

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The tents are up and ready for camping. What are 5 differences between the two pictures?

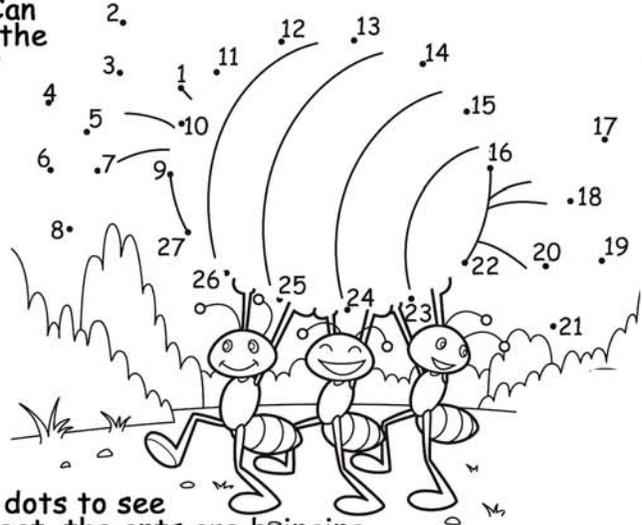


Aurora is looking for her friend, the rabbit. Can you help her through the mushroom meadow maze to find him?

WORDSEARCH

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- MOUNTAINS



Follow the dots to see a sweet treat the ants are bringing to the picnic

Cryptogram

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How many words can you make from the word **MARSHMALLOW?**

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Cryptogram Key

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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 started 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.

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.

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Phase 3 Reopening Will Still Require Appointments

Monticello, NY - With the region's entrance into Phase 3 started on Tuesday, Sullivan County government offices will reopen to walk-ins by appointment only.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, County facilities have mostly been closed to the public, with phone calls, online transactions and drop boxes taking the place of in-person visits.

"Tomorrow will be a step toward a full reopening, but it will not be business as usual, and the public is encouraged to continue using the above-mentioned alternative methods," said County Manager Josh Potosek. "We will be limiting both the staff on hand and public access so as to maintain safe, COVID-free operations."

The walk-in protocol will be different for various County office buildings:

- o Government Center, Sullivan County Courthouse, Public Health Services in Liberty - Buildings open, but walk-ins must have an appointment to visit a specific office.
- o Department of Family Services (Travis Building) - Walk-ins will be limited to safe capacity in the waiting room. Appointments highly preferred.
- o Department of Community Services, District Attorney's Office - Buildings closed, prior appointment required.
- o Transfer Stations (Countywide), Airport - Open as usual.
- o Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty, Career Center in Monticello - Closed to in-person visitation at this time.

Proper facial coverings and social distancing will be required at ALL facilities.

Local Clergy to Speak Next at Town Hall

Monticello, NY -On Thursday, June 25, four area religious leaders - Rabbi Lawrence Zierler, Father Edward Bader, Imam Samuel Encarnacion and Pastor David Coon - will talk about coronavirus' impact on their missions, their congregations, their services and their everyday activities.

"Always a well-received speaker at our Town Halls, Meagan will discuss the latest about enforcement of the rules regarding COVID-19, along with the current status of the court system," Doherty stated. "I also look forward to Thursday's panel of clergymen, who will shed light on something we haven't yet talked about at a Town Hall: the impact of the pandemic on people's spiritual lives."

Questions for any of the presenters can be submitted via either email at sctownhall@co.sullivan.ny.us or private message to www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov and are due by 7 a.m. the day of the respective Town Hall. They should be related to COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) concerns and issues, phrased respectfully and apolitically.

Each Town Hall will begin at 1 p.m. at www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov. The videos will also be made available to view afterwards on the Coronavirus info page on the County's website, www.sullivan.ny.us.

DEC Issues Guidance to Reduce Bear Conflicts – New Yorkers Encouraged to Reduce Bears' Access to Attractants Such as Food and Garbage

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos are encouraging New Yorkers to reduce the potential for conflicts with bears in communities across the state.



Photo by NYS DEC

A bear destroyed this garage door because it had learned that food can be found around humans.

"We have recently begun to see a rise in reported sightings of black bears in suburban and urban areas," Commissioner Seggos said. "While seeing a bear is an exciting experience for many New Yorkers, bears that are inadvertently fed by humans exhibit unnatural behaviors and can become a nuisance. DEC encourages homeowners, property managers, and outdoor enthusiasts to follow guidance to reduce bears' access to attractants like garbage, birdseed, and pet food to discourage nuisance bears."

In June, black bear movement increases as the breeding season begins and yearling (one-year-old) bears disperse to find their own space. Inevitably some of these bears, particularly yearlings, wander through places these animals would not normally inhabit, like suburban or urban neighborhoods. Bears have an acute sense of smell and may attempt to consume anything they perceive as edible, including improperly stored garbage, birdseed, livestock, pet food, and barbecue grill grease traps. Once a bear has discovered a food source, it may return or seek similar foods at neighboring properties, learning bad behavior that can damage human property and may lead to the death of the bear.

Bears that frequent developed areas are more likely to be hit by vehicles, illegally killed by people who perceive them as a threat, or euthanized for dangerous behavior. New Yorkers can live responsibly with bears by taking down bird feeders, storing garbage containers and pet/livestock feed securely indoors, cleaning grill grease traps, and asking neighbors to do the same. A bear passing through a developed area in search of suitable natural habitat may investigate human food sources, but if it cannot obtain anything to eat, it will continue on its way.

If a bear is seen in an unexpected location, residents should simply be aware of the bear's presence and observe the bear without attempting to interact with it. If left alone and given the opportunity, nearly all bears that wander into urban and suburban areas will leave as quickly and quietly as they appear, without serious conflict or need for physical removal.

Follow the tips below to live responsibly with New York black bears:

- Do not feed bears intentionally. Feeding bears intentionally is

illegal and a ticketable offense. Bears that obtain food from humans will continue to seek food from humans and become nuisance bears, which can pose a threat to humans.

Around dwellings, the public is encouraged to:

- Remove all bird feeders;
 - Keep garbage, grills, pet food, and bird seed inside a solid, secure structure such as a house, shed, or garage;
 - If grills cannot be secured, clean grills, move them away from houses, and remove grease traps after each use;
 - Put garbage on the curb the morning of collection, not the night before, and use bear-resistant trash containers; and
 - Close garage doors and ground-floor windows/doors at night.
- Campgrounds visitors should follow the following guidance to reduce potential bear conflicts:

- Keep campsites as clean as possible;
- Clean up after all meals immediately. Keep grills, pots, pans, cooking utensils, and wash basins clean when not in use;
- Leave coolers and food inside car trunks or truck cabs;
- Store food and coolers in food lockers when available;
- NEVER keep food, coolers, or scented items in tents when camping. Store toiletries securely with coolers and food;
- Do not put grease, garbage, plastic diapers, cans, bottles, or other refuse in the fireplace; and
- Dispose of garbage in the campground's dumpsters every evening.

Visitors to the backcountry are encouraged to:

- Pack a minimal amount of food. Use lightweight and dehydrated foods. Plan all meals to avoid leftovers;
- Use bear-resistant food canisters, which are required in the Eastern High Peaks Wilderness of the Adirondack Park;
- Cook and eat before dark and cook away from campsites;
- Avoid spills and drippings while cooking and do not pour grease into fire pits; and
- Never leave food unattended.

If you encounter a bear:

- Don't panic. Most bears are as afraid of people as people are of bears;
- Never approach, surround, or corner a bear;
- Back away slowly-do not run;
- Do not throw backpacks or food at bears. If bears are rewarded with food, they will continue to seek food from people; and
- If feeling threatened by a bear, raise your arms over your head to look bigger and yell loudly at the bear while slowly backing away.

When to report a nuisance bear:

- When a nuisance bear presents an immediate danger to public safety, call 911;
- If a bear is damaging property or is reluctant to leave the area, but the situation is not an emergency, call the regional wildlife office during business hours, or call the DEC Law Enforcement Dispatch Center at 1-844-DEC-ECOs (1-844-332-3267); and
- If bear cubs are known to be orphaned in the spring or summer (before July), call DEC. After that time, cubs generally survive on their own.

For more information, visit DEC webpages on black bears and reducing bear-human conflicts.

Follow @NYSDEC on social media for details about an upcoming Facebook Live about living with bears, hosted by a DEC wildlife expert. Bears are just some of the exciting wildlife found in natural communities across the state. This week, anyone can be a nature detective and participate in DEC's #AdventureAtHome series by taking a closer look at the natural world right around their home. Visit DEC's website starting Monday, June 15, for a week of discovering nature nearby, whether it be in the city, suburbs, or the country.

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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.

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e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

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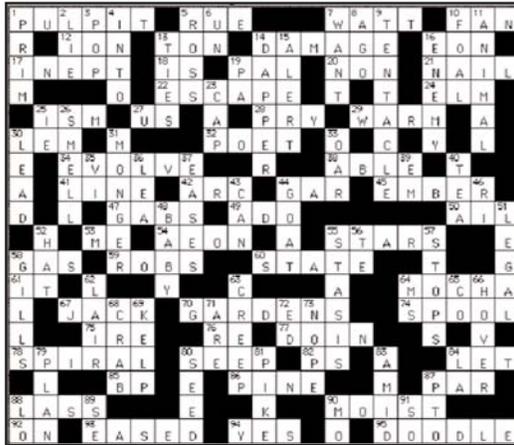
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VETERANS always **Free** search of the Archives for family or history of Sullivan County at the **Sullivan County Museum**, 265 Main St., Hurleyville, NY. For information call 845-434-8044.

Ans to last week's Crossword



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DEC Announces 20 Campgrounds and Day Use Areas to Open June 19 • Additional DEC Campground Openings to be Announced Soon for Summer 2020 Season Campers Encouraged to Follow Guidelines to Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 While Enjoying Beauty of the Catskills

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) today announced that 20 of DEC's campgrounds in the Catskill parks will open on June 19 for the 2020 season. Three additional campgrounds are slated to open June 26, and additional DEC campgrounds and day use areas will open in the coming weeks as DEC works to safely reopen these facilities to meet guidelines in place to protect staff and visitors from the spread of COVID-19. To maintain social distancing and reduce the density of facilities and protect visitors, DEC is not accepting additional reservations or walk-in camping for the 2020 season at this time. Existing reservations will be honored for the DEC campgrounds listed below.

DEC Campgrounds to Open June 19:

Catskill Park Campgrounds and Day Use Areas

- o Bear Spring Mountain Campground and Day Use Area
- o Little Pond Campground and Day Use Area
- o North-South Lake Campground and Day Use Area
- o Woodland Valley Campground

Campgrounds to Open June 26:

- o Limekiln Lake Campground and Day Use Area
- o Luzerne Campground and Day Use Area
- o Nicks Lake Campground & Day Use Area

For information about campgrounds operated by the State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation visit NYS Parks camping webpage. Campground Safety

According to the NYForward guidance (leaves DEC's website) for the reopening of New York State, campgrounds must take precautions to ensure campers maintain appropriate social distancing and adhere to proper cleaning and disinfecting protocols, including but not limited to maintaining six feet of distance between campers, unless wearing an acceptable face covering, and excluding persons from the same household who are camping together. Visit Reserve America for details.

DEC has temporarily stopped issuing permits for backcountry camping for groups of 10 or more. As of June 11, DEC resumed issuing permits for groups of fewer than 10 people who would like to stay for more than three nights at one location on state lands. DEC is also temporarily restricting lean-to use to members of a single household at a time.

Visiting New York State's Public Lands during the COVID-19 Response

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.

While enjoying outdoor spaces, please continue to follow the CDC/NYSDOH's guidelines for preventing the spread of colds, flu, and COVID-19:

- o Stay home if you are sick, or showing or feeling any COVID-19 symptoms, such as fever, coughing, and/or troubled breathing;
 - o Practice social distancing. Keep at least six (6) feet of distance between you and others even when outdoors;
 - o Wear a mask when you cannot maintain social distancing;
 - o Avoid close contact, such as shaking hands, hugging, and high-fives;
 - o Wash hands often or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol when soap and water are not available; and
 - o Avoid unnecessary contact with surfaces that are often touched, such as doorknobs and handrails.
- DEC and State Parks also encourage visitors to state parks and state lands, and other parks to:
- o Use common sense when visiting the outdoors. Stay local within your region because some amenities like public restrooms and restaurants may not be open.
 - o Visit in small groups limited to family members and members of your own household. Maintain a distance from others while in places where people tend to congregate, such as parking lots, trailheads, and scenic overlooks.
 - o Know before you go. Plan ahead and make a list of alternate destinations. Beaches and trailheads will be busy. Many state beaches and parks will quickly reach capacity limits on nice weather days. Check parks.ny.gov, and 511.org for park capacity closure alerts.
 - o Choose a time to visit when beaches, trails, and parks are likely to be less crowded, such as a weekday or earlier in the day.
 - o Park responsibly in designated areas only.
 - o Avoid games and activities that require close contact, such as basketball, football, or soccer. (Contd Pg. 22)

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(From Pg. 21)

- o Do not share equipment, such as bicycles, helmets, binoculars, balls, or Frisbees.
- o If parking lots are full, please do not park along roadsides or other undesignated areas. To protect your safety and that of others, please choose a different area to visit, or return another time or day when parking is available.
- o Practice 'Leave No Trace.' Respect parks and state lands and take out whatever you bring in, including disposable gloves, wipes, masks, and toilet paper.
- o Stay home if you're sick or if part of a vulnerable population.
- o Be patient. Accept that this summer, you may have to adjust how you enjoy the outdoors to help keep yourself and others healthy and safe, even if it means changing your plans to visit a public space.
- o New Yorkers over 70 years old or with a compromised immune system should not visit public spaces, including those outdoors. These New Yorkers should remain indoors or spend time in the backyard or other personal outdoor space, pre-screen visitors by taking their temperature, and require visitors to wear masks.
- o Visitors to the Adirondack and Catskill Parks are reminded to always follow the Hiker Responsibility Code and avoid busy trailheads. Find trails less traveled and visit when trails may not be as busy during daylight hours. DEC also encourages New Yorkers to be safe and sustainable when recreating outdoors. Learn more about how you can protect natural spaces when exploring outdoors by following the seven principles of Leave No Trace (leaves DEC website). Additional information is available on the DEC website.

DEC Hiring Campground Staff

DEC is seeking seasonal campground staff with all levels of experience and skill sets, including supervisors, security, maintenance, and cleaning staff, and booth workers. If interested, please send an email to campinfo@dec.ny.gov.

Senators Jen Metzger and James Skoufis Welcome In-Person Appointments in Their District Offices

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...New York State Senators Jen Metzger (SD-42) and James Skoufis (SD-39) are once again offering in-person meetings by appointment at their district offices, beginning on Tuesday, June 23, as the Mid-Hudson Region enters Phase Three of reopening. Both offices will also continue to be available to constituents remotely by phone, email, and through virtual appointments as they have been since the start of the pandemic.

Throughout the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, Senator Metzger, Senator Skoufis and staff in their respective offices worked remotely to provide continuous service to constituents via phone and email during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Both Senate offices also worked around the clock to help thousands of constituents navigate the Department of Labor's Unemployment Insurance system, and provided other forms of needed assistance during this public health crisis.

"Working remotely didn't slow our office down one bit, but I very much miss meeting with constituents to discuss their ideas and concerns, and I am glad to get back to in-person office appointments," said Senator Jen Metzger. "We will closely follow all health protocols to ensure everyone's safety as we continue our efforts to slow the transmission of COVID-19 and protect public health."

"I'm proud of our team which hasn't missed a beat during the past three months and now, as the Mid-Hudson region enters phase three, we look forward to resuming in-person appointments for our constituents who require a face-to-face meeting," said Senator Skoufis. "These past several months, our office has helped nearly 4,000 people get their unemployment benefits and countless others navigate through this turbulent time. While we will certainly continue to offer assistance online or by phone, I'm glad that our region is on the right

track and we can begin to again meet constituents in our physical offices."

To request an appointment with Senator Metzger, you can fill out a meeting request form at <http://bitly.com/senatormetzger> or call her Middletown office at (845) 344-3311, or her Liberty office at (845) 292-0215.

To request an appointment with Senator Skoufis please email skoufis@nysenate.gov or call his office at (845) 567-1270. Appointments will be available in both his Newburgh and North Rockland offices.

All visitors and staff will be required to wear face coverings and both offices will follow social-distancing protocols during appointments. Face coverings will be provided if individuals do not have them. Hand sanitizer will be available and offices will regularly disinfect between appointments.

Senator Jen Metzger's constituent services staff is also reinstating their 2020 mobile office hours on Tuesday, June 30, by appointment in Delhi, continuing the Senator's initiative to bring her office's services directly to the communities she serves. To reserve time with the Senator's district director, email Max Cordella at cordella@nysenate.gov.

In 2019, Metzger's constituent services staff held mobile office hours in 50 different locations, in addition to the daily business hours of her district offices in Middletown in Orange County, and in Liberty in Sullivan County.

Ulster County Motor Vehicles to Reopen for Limited Transactions

Kingston, NY - Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack has announced that the Ulster County Department of Motor Vehicles reopened on Monday, June 22, 2020. The Motor Vehicle office will be open for limited transactions by appointment only at the 244 Fair Street, Kingston location.

An appointment at the Department of Motor Vehicles can be made online by visiting ulstercountyny.gov/countyclerk/dmv.html and clicking the "Make an Appointment" button. Appointments can be made for the following transactions only:

- o Enforcement Processing;
- o Reciprocity Transactions (License Reciprocity from out of state);
- o Standard & Enhanced Driver's License and Real ID Processing;
- o Permit Transactions for Class D, M, CDL and Standard Permits; and
- o New Vehicle Registrations.

The County Clerk encourages residents to continue to mail routine transactions to the Ulster County Clerk's Office, PO Box 1800, Kingston, NY 12402. In addition, the Department of Motor Vehicles will have a drop-box outside the back-door of the County Office Building for plate surrenders, duplicate title requests and registration renewals.

"I'm so happy to be able to bring these important services back to the community," stated County Clerk Nina Postupack. "Proper safety precautions, including plexiglass dividers, have been put into effect in and around the DMV to ensure the health and safety of all visitors and employees. We look forward to the day that we can once again offer full service to our residents."

When arriving at the Ulster County Office Building for your appointment, please enter through the front door only. Masks are required. Entry into the Motor Vehicle office is limited to individuals completing DMV transactions, unless accompanying a minor or if an additional person is needed to complete the transaction. While in the building, please follow proper social distancing protocols, remaining 6 feet (or 3 seats) from others.

For further information, please contact Ulster County Clerk Nina Postupack at (845) 340-3040.

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>

7/15/2020 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

WANTED:

Local establishments to display student KINDNESS artwork

Contact Penny Hennessey in the Main Office at 985-2296 ext. 5306 or 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 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 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.

Legislature Approves Reorganization of County Government Offices Projected Savings Will Exceed \$1.2 Million Net

Monticello, NY - Sullivan County legislators today approved County Manager Josh Potosek's proposed restructuring of County government.

"Coronavirus has instituted a harsh reality: we are losing millions of dollars in revenue every month," Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty stated. "The only responsible option is to seek cost savings wherever and whenever we can, and this reorganization - plus a range of expense reductions - will save County taxpayers more than \$1.2 million (net) every year."

"I worked very hard to avoid deep program and personnel cuts in this proposal, and I'm grateful the Legislature recognized that through its approval," Potosek remarked. "We have to seek operational efficiencies like never before, providing services with far less resources."

In the days and weeks ahead, the restructuring plan will:

- o Put the Real Property Tax Services Department under the Office of the County Treasurer
- o Transfer the GIS Coordinator position to the Division of Information Technology Services (ITS)
- β Saves nearly \$313,000
- o Put the Risk Management Department and the Human Rights Commission Executive Director position under the Division of Human Resources
- o The Human Rights Commission is being reorganized under a separate local law next month, and until its structure is settled, the Executive Director position will remain vacant
- β Saves nearly \$426,000
- o Abolish the Division of Management & Budget
- o Transfer Payroll Coordinator/Software Support Tech to Division of ITS as Client Support Tech II
- o Shift Payroll Clerks to newly formed Office of Budget
- o Move Purchasing Department under County Manager's Office
- β Saves more than \$172,000
- o Abolish full-time Deputy County Manager position
- o Deputy County Manager will become statutorily-required Social Services Commissioner
- o Deputy County Manager position will be active only when County Manager is unable or unavailable to serve
- β Saves nearly \$122,000

The County has also identified approximately \$400,000 in savings unrelated to the restructuring. For example, trainings and conferences that require travel are cancelled for the time being, and some training is being done online at no cost to participants. Contracts for psychological services, resident assistant services, summer camp transportation, afterschool programs and more have been reduced, and the Center for Workforce Development is realigning its funding to maximize State and Federal reimbursements. Additionally, the Department of Family Services has realigned certain funding streams, and veterans outreach (marketing and home visits, for example) has been reduced, along with mileage, uniforms, training and supplies for the Bureau of EMS.

Also, management staff making over \$100,000 a year will see a mandatory 4% pay cut through the end of 2020, with the County Manager taking an 8% cut. Staff making less than \$100,000 annually can volunteer to take a 4% pay cut as well. The salary reductions will save at least \$50,000, and every elected County official - including all nine legislators - is voluntarily taking the pay cut.

"Lean times require lean operations," explained Potosek, "and taxpayers should anticipate further cost-saving measures in the weeks to come."

Sullivan County DMV Continues Partial Reopening Office to Take In-Person Visits by Appointment Only

Monticello, NY - Starting Tuesday, June 23, as part of the Phase 3 reopening authorized by the State, the Sullivan County DMV (Department of Motor Vehicles) will begin handling in-person transactions at the office in the Government Center in Monticello. Due to extremely limited staffing, these visits will be limited to Sullivan County residents only and must be by appointment.

"I strongly encourage only those with the most pressing need for an in-person visit - for example, renewal of an expired driver's license - to attempt to set up an appointment and come to the office," said County Clerk Russell Reeves, who oversees the local DMV operations. "While some of our laid-off staff members will be returning soon, they will not be back immediately, so we simply will not have the capacity to handle our usual large crowds."

Priority will be given to those County residents needing a NYS photo ID to begin their military service.

To set up an appointment, call 845-794-3872. Messages cannot be left at this number - only appointments made with a live operator will be accepted. Walk-ins CANNOT be serviced at DMV during this time.

While the Government Center is anticipated to be open to the public on Tuesday and thereafter, the public will continue to be expected to wear a facial covering and maintain social distancing.

Drop boxes remain located at the Government Center's entrance vestibules, where Sullivan County residents can place their paperwork for processing. Even with the building's reopening, customers must use a face covering, maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet, and limit vestibule capacity to two individuals.

Mail-in transactions are also allowed, including all vehicle registration activity, renewals, license plate transfers, license plate surrenders, and sales tax transactions. The DMV will mail back completed transactions, and some may require an additional mailing fee. If residents need a more timely return, then expedited mail is available at an additional cost.

Reeves highly recommends that customers use the new SC DMV Remote Transaction System for transaction assistance. Residents can email their completed paperwork directly to the DMV for review at SCNYDMV1@co.sullivan.ny.us. Once the paperwork is approved, residents can put it in the DMV drop box for processing with the appropriate fee paid by cash, check or credit card (with a credit card authorization form completed), thereby avoiding in-person contact and lengthy lines in the future. Please be aware that response times will vary with staff levels.

"I would like to remind County residents to use the local DMV, as Sullivan County retains 12.7% of all revenue from transactions performed in-County versus 3.25% from online State DMV transactions (after meeting a \$1 million threshold)," he said. "In addition, most transactions mailed to the Albany and Utica State DMV offices generate 0% revenue for the County."

"We fully understand how important your DMV transactions are, and we are working hard to meet the needs of our residents," he added. "We truly appreciate your patience."

UC Executive Ryan Announces Plans for the Ulster County Justice and Reform Commission

County Executive Ryan to convene a commission focused on advancing criminal justice and police reform

The Commission will review existing County policies and develop a plan outlining needed criminal justice reforms

KINGSTON, N.Y. - Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan today announced the formation of a commission to reform policing practices and promote criminal justice in Ulster County. The Ulster County Justice and Reform Commission will convene by the end of June and will focus on critical issues to ensure justice for all residents of Ulster County, including ending mass incarceration, police oversight and accountability, addressing systemic racial bias, and healing divisions between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

The mission of the group will be to lay out a specific set of policy and legislative changes in Ulster County that will ensure justice for every resident and drive needed reforms in the criminal justice system. The commission will meet regularly over the coming weeks and months, and include a series of public forums to ensure all voices are heard in a transparent fashion. The group will consist of relevant stakeholders including religious leaders, law enforcement, community activists, and others.

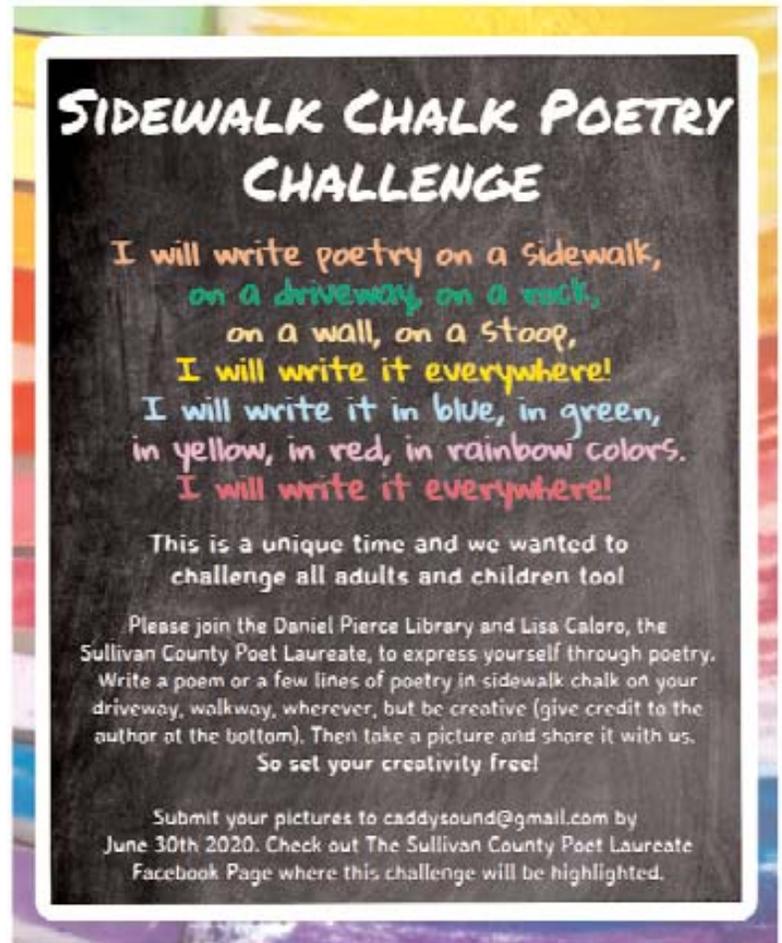
“At every level of government we must commit to meaningful, systemic reform and ensure that we provide equal justice for all of our residents,” County Executive Pat Ryan said. “In the weeks and months to follow we will listen to our community and develop a plan to create meaningful change. The Ulster County Justice and Reform Commission will provide a voice for so many in our community who have marched, written letters, and demanded reforms.”

Temple Sholom to Host Zoom Concert-From Stage to Piano Bar

On Saturday, July 11, Temple Sholom is hosting a musical benefit concert featuring tenor Isaac and flautist Caroline Sonett-Assor. Starting at 7:30 pm via Zoom, the concert will span the history of American songs, with selections from the Golden Age of Broadway as well as modern classics by Stephen Sondheim, Jason Robert Brown, and Lin Manuel



Baritone Isaac Sonett-Assor and flautist Caroline Sonett-Assor to be featured on Zoom in benefit concert]



Miranda. The talented duo will also sing favorites from the Great American Songbook and the Beatles, Elton John, and Carole King. The program will honor this pivotal moment for social justice by showcasing Black composers whose music has influenced, shaped, and inspired the sounds of Broadway, Jazz, Rock and Roll, and Pop.

A series of fortunate coincidences came together to make this event possible. Five years ago, Rabbi Michele Medwin invited then 23-year-old Isaac Assor to be guest cantor at Temple Sholom's High Holy Day services. The congregation was blown away by his beautiful baritone voice and his sweet smile. Assor returned to sing at Temple Sholom several times since then, and a warm relationship developed between him and the temple. He met his wife, the flautist Caroline Sonett, when both were students at Columbia University. Assor invited Rabbi Medwin to officiate at their wedding last year.

After completing his master's degree at the Eastman School of Music, Isaac Sonett-Assor became a cantorial student at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. His wife, Caroline, who received a doctoral degree in flute performance and literature from the Eastman School of Music, is currently an adviser for undergraduates at the New School's Mannes School of Music in New York.

This benefit concert is open to the community. Tickets to get the unique zoom link to the concert are \$18.00 per person. For questions, contact Sue Kantor at 845-798-0578 or Paula Schroeder at 561-302-6797.

Checks can be mailed to Temple Sholom, P.O. Box 664, Monticello, NY 12701

Forms to purchase tickets are available at www.templesholomny.org. Only people who have purchased a ticket will be admitted to the Zoom concert.

Ulster County Legislature Calling for the Return and Enhancement of Mental Health Services

KINGSTON, NY—Ulster County Legislators passed a memorializing resolution calling for the return and enhancement of mental health services that were displaced by the County's response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

In response to a request by Ulster County Executive Patrick Ryan and New York State that Westchester Medical Center/ Health Alliance of Hudson Valley provide surge space for potential COVID-19 patients at their Mary's Avenue campus, the medical center moved their entire mental inpatient care to Dutchess County, displacing both patients and providers. It appears that Health Alliance does not intend to re-establish mental inpatient care in Ulster County.

"Moving inpatient care out of Ulster County is hugely problematic, having no clear, public plan to allow our county to prepare is unethical," said Legislator Eve Walter (D-New Paltz), Chairwoman of Law Enforcement, Public Safety Committee and co-sponsor of the resolution.

"When an individual is in crisis, it impacts their family, friends and community," said Legislator Peter Criswell (D-Kingston), Deputy Chair of Public Health and Social Services Committee. "Against the backdrop of the current pandemic, social injustice and the opioid crisis, this is a vital service for our most vulnerable population. These comprehensive mental health services need to be locally accessible within Ulster County." Majori Leader Ken Ronk, Jr. (R-Shawangunk) feels Westchester Medical Center/Health Alliance has an obligation to bring services back. "We want to see a clear and timely plan to return inpatient mental health services to Ulster County, or inform the County, in writing, of the inability to do so providing fact-based justification."

The resolution also calls upon the County Executive Ryan to consult with other private and non-profit mental and behavioral health providers, to explore options to expand mental health services and care in Ulster County.

"Inpatient care is critical, but we need mental health services outside the hospitals as well," said David Donaldson, Chairman of the Legislature. "Ulster County once had the most comprehensive mental health services in the State of New York. I would like to see Ulster County return to a model where this most vulnerable population has access to preventative and outpatient services as well."

Walter agreed "This problem is symptomatic of the mental health privatization done poorly in our County. We must commit to fixing this and better serve our residents in need."

SBA and Treasury Announce New PPP EZ forgiveness Application Revised Full Forgiveness Applications Also Available

WASHINGTON—Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration, in consultation with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, posted a revised, user-friendly Paycheck Protection Program loan forgiveness application implementing the PPP Flexibility Act of 2020. In addition to revising the full forgiveness application, the SBA also published a new "EZ" version of the forgiveness application applying to borrowers who: Are self-employed and have no employees; OR

- o Did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%, and did not reduce the number or hours of their employees; OR
- o Experienced reductions in business activity as a result of health directives related to COVID-19 and did not reduce the salaries or wages of their employees by more than 25%

"This is great news for small businesses," said SBA Regional Administrator Steve Bulger, who oversees agency operations in the Atlantic and Mid-Atlantic regions. "The EZ application requires fewer calculations and less documentation, which makes the process much less intimidating. I'm sure this will go a long way

toward improving access and helping us distribute the remaining PPP appropriations to support small business owners and their employees."

Details regarding the applicability of these provisions are available in the instructions to the new EZ application form. Both applications give borrowers the option of using the original 8-week covered period (if their loan was made before June 5, 2020) or an extended 24-week covered period. These changes will result in a more efficient process and make it easier for businesses to realize full forgiveness of their PPP loan.

DEC Announces June 27-28 is Free Fishing Weekend in NYS All New Yorkers Encouraged to Explore Local Fishing Opportunities

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced a Free Fishing Weekend for June 27 - 28. The event is the second of six Free Fishing Days offered in New York State every year.

"This free fishing weekend could not have come at a better time," Commissioner Seggos said. "Amid the uncertainty of these challenging times, being home together has allowed many families to get outdoors and experience new activities. Free fishing days provide the perfect opportunity for all New Yorkers—from Brooklyn to Buffalo and from Montauk to Mt. Marcy—to try fishing for the first time and encourage those who have fished before to dust off their fishing rods and get outside."

DEC encourages all anglers, new and experienced, to recreate locally and seek out fishing opportunities close to home. DEC's Places to Fish webpages are a reliable source for those ready to plan their next fishing trip. For beginning anglers interested in getting started, the I FISH NY Beginners' Guide to Freshwater Fishing provides information on everything from rigging up a fishing rod, to identifying your catch, and understanding fishing regulations.

Additional Free Fishing Days in 2020/2021 include: National Hunting and Fishing Day (Sept. 26); Veterans Day (Nov. 11); and President's Day Weekend (Feb. 13-14). During these designated free fishing days, New York residents and non-residents are permitted to fish for free without a fishing license. Free fishing day participants are reminded that although the requirement for a fishing license is waived during free fishing days, all other fishing regulations remain in effect.

New York State is encouraging people to engage in responsible recreation during the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. 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. 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. For more information about engaging in responsible recreation this summer, visit DEC's website.

DEC reminds anglers to maintain safe social distancing while fishing (PDF) this year to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Guidelines to protect yourself and others include:

- o Fish local: Stay close to home. Keep your fishing trip short. Avoid high-traffic destinations.
- o Be safe: Avoid crowds and groups. Keep a distance of six feet or more from others. When fishing from a boat, make sure it's large enough so persons on board are at least six feet from one another.
- o Stay home: If you're not feeling well, stay home. Anyone 70 and older or with a compromised immune system should postpone their trip.
- o Be adaptive: Move quickly through parking lots and paths. If crowded, choose a different fishing location, or time to visit.

Anglers fishing from boats should be able to maintain at least six feet of distance between one another. For more information on boating guidelines and safety, go to State Parks website and DEC's website.

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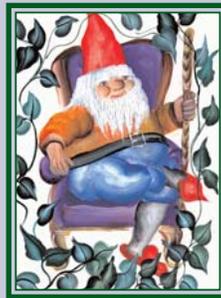
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"INTO THE VALLEY OF DEATH RODE THE SIX HUNDRED,"

Poem by Lord Alfred Tennyson

(Adventure, Oct 20, 1936) A dramatized version

of a major historical event. A major conflict of the 19th century, starring, David Nivin, Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havillan, Patric Knowles, Henry Stephenson; directed by Michael Curtiz. A Major countermands orders and attacks to avenge a previous massacre of men, women, and children. the Crimean War claimed at least 500,000 lives, more than even the American Civil War, and had a profound impact on such **renowned personalities** as **British nurse Florence Nightingale** and **Russian author Leo Tolstoy**. The War, got its start in and around Jerusalem, then part of the



Ottoman Empire, where **Orthodox Christian** and **Catholic monks** had been engaging in fierce, sometimes deadly brawls for years over

who would control various holy sites.

8:00 PM SINGIN' IN THE RAIN (musical, 1952) is a 1952 American musical romantic comedy film directed and choreographed by Gene Kelly and Stanley Donen, starring Gene Kelly, Donald P' Connor, Stanley Donen and Debbie Reynolds. It offers a lighthearted depiction of Hollywood in the late 1920s, with the three stars portraying performers caught up in the transition from silent films to "talkies."

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The film was only a modest hit when it was first released. O'Connor won the Golden Globe Award for Best Actor – Motion Picture Musical or Comedy, and Betty Comden and Adolph Green won the Writers Guild of America Award for their screenplay, while Jean Hagen was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress. However, it has since been accorded legendary status by contemporary critics, and is often regarded as the greatest musical film ever made, and the greatest film ever made in the "Freed Unit" at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. It topped the AFI's Greatest Movie Musicals list and is ranked as the fifth-greatest American motion picture of all time in its updated list of the greatest American films in 2007.

12:15 AM “TOP HAT” (Musical, 1935) The genius of Fred Astaire & Rogers the smoothest, coolest, most popular dancers ever. Release date, Sep 06, 1935 **'Top Hat'** is a classic 1930s



dance musical. The film positively reeks with class, and the winning partnership of **Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers**, impossible to overlook. Director Mark Sandrich knew this was a dancing match made in Heaven



**THIS WEEK STREAMING ON AMAZON PRIME
IN THE INTEREST OF UNDERSTANDING
PREJUDICE WE PRESENT
THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN**

In honor of the The Tuskegee Airmen, a group of American's of African decent, and Caribbean-born military pilots (fighter and bomber) who fought in World War II.



They formed the 332nd Fighter Group and the 477th Bombardment Group of the United States Army Air Forces. The name also applies to the navigators, bombardiers, mechanics, instructors, crew chiefs, nurses, cooks and other support personnel. All black military pilots who trained in the United States trained at Griel Field, Kennedy Field, Moton Field, Shorter Field and the Tuskegee Army Air Fields.[2] They were educated at Tuskegee University (formerly Tuskegee Institute), located near Tuskegee, Alabama. The group included five Haitians from the Haitian Air Force, and one pilot from Trinidad. It also included a Hispanic or Latino airman born in the Dominican Republic. Although the 477th Bombardment Group trained with North American B-25 Mitchell bombers, they never served in combat. The 99th Pursuit Squadron (later, 99th Fighter Squadron) was the first black flying squadron, and the first to deploy overseas (to North Africa in April 1943, and later to Sicily and Italy). The 332nd Fighter Group, which originally included the 100th, 301st and 302nd Fighter Squadrons, was the first black flying group. It deployed to Italy in early 1944. In June 1944, the 332nd Fighter Group began flying heavy bomber escort missions and, in July 1944, with the addition of the 99th Fighter Squadron, it had four fighter squadrons. The 99th Fighter Squadron was initially equipped with Curtiss P-40 Warhawk fighter-bomber aircraft. The 332nd Fighter Group and its 100th, 301st and 302nd Fighter Squadrons were equipped for initial combat missions with Bell P-39 Airacobras (March 1944), later with Republic P-47 Thunderbolts (June July 1944) and finally with the aircraft with which they became most commonly associated, the North American P-51 Mustang (July 1944). When the pilots of the 332nd Fighter Group painted the tails of their P-47s red, the nickname "Red Tails" was coined. The red markings that distinguished the Tuskegee Airmen included red bands on the noses of P-51s as well as a red rudder; the P-51B and D Mustangs flew with similar color schemes, with red propeller spinners, yellow wing bands and all-red tail surfaces. The Tuskegee Airmen were the first African-American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces. During World War II, black Americans in many U.S. states were still subject to the Jim Crow laws and the American military was racially segregated, as was much of the federal government. The Tuskegee Airmen were subjected to discrimination, both within and outside the army.

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