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To all our Readers; Family and Friends

Not too long ago when we first heard about COVID-19 it was a remote idea in most of our minds that it would have such an impact on our lives and all the things that we are used to doing. This is new to all of us, whether you are over 60 and homebound, have a career and now must work from home, a young college student not able to finish the semester (especially challenging to those who were scheduled to graduate in May), to all the children who are now being homeschooled, and to their parents who may have never given this option any thought, and most of all to all of the people who are on the front line and working ever day: All the healthcare workers – nurses, doctors, physician assistants, office workers at hospitals, security guards and all staff who are needed to work at our hospitals including housecleaning personnel and those preparing meals for patients. And to the police force, firefighters, EMTs, highway crews, CO's, truck drivers, and all those who are still going to work because they need to. They are out there every day fighting this war for us. Please remember them all in your thoughts and prayers.

There is not one of us living in America today that is not affected in some way. There will be many who will be making drastic life changes through this and after. One thing we can count on - we are Americans, we are strong and we are the United States. We will win this war!

With that being said, even our little local newspapers will be making some changes for now. *The Townsman* will be available on-line each week, and continue to bring announcements, and legals. We will continue to provide news and information that we consider important, informative and even a little fun. If you have a story, pictures, a suggestion or something you would like to have published in *The Townsman*, send it along to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com.

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Once this is over, please don't forget our local businesses that have been here for us in the past. They are the backbone of our community. Supporting them all in the future will help to heal our community.

Our lives have changed since last week, let us all make the most of what we have. If we keep hope and love in our hearts, we will see a solution.

And if you have a moment or two, why not pick up your phone and call someone who may be alone and let them know you haven't forgotten them.

Stay safe and stay well,
Linda Comando, Editor

8th Graders Put on a Show at Tri-Valley's Tenth Annual Poetry Slam



All the participating 8th grade students

On March 13, 2020, the tenth annual 8th Grade Poetry Slam took place at Tri-Valley Central School. Fifty-eight 8th grade students took to the stage to compete in the event. The daytime event was watched by a crowd made up of students, teachers, and administrators. (Contd. Pg. 4)

FHS Hosts CCE's Healthy Cooking Again



Left to right are Yenessa Cruz, Mikalah Ballard, Aisha Darboe and Mrs. SueAnn Boyd from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County.

For the past two years, Fallsburg High School's after-school program has held cooking classes given by Ms. SueAnn Boyd of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Sullivan County (CCE). Her purpose has been to introduce healthy foods cooked with healthy recipes. Because of a revised schedule, the class has been reduced to one day a week. But that day is very full for the three girls that are participating. (Contd. Pg. 4)

Have a Dandy Day

The dark cloud of the COVID-19 is hovering over all of us. We have carefully vetted over all of our needs by now and perhaps come up with some ideas and solutions. Some things are within our control, and others let's just say, we just have to wait for the outcome.

We all know we do need to stay vigilant and how important it is right now to follow the rules.

We are so fortunate to live in the country and are looking forward to blue skies and sunshine. By the way, my daughter encouraged me to look up what the skies look like over San Francisco - for the first time in ages, you can see the top of the Golden Gate Bridge and blue skies! One of the smoggiest cities in the country has dramatically improved air quality now that people are staying home. In Italy, the canals are clearing inviting back the swans and fish!

Living in the Catskills we can enjoy all of nature's bounty. Even the weeds! It is not too early to take a walk around your home and see the familiar saw-toothed leaves of dandelion plants here and there. Before getting out that weed killer note, there are a few things you can do with dandelions. (Continued on Page 3)

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ON THE FRONT BURNER: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you; I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid John 14:27

OBITUARIES

John Christopher Crowfoot "Chris" of Fort Lonesome, FL formerly of Sundown, NY a retired master auto technician passed away, Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the Brandon Regional Medical Center. He was 78.

The son of the late John Willie and Eleanor Francis Reid, he was born July 9, 1941 in Bridgeport, CT.

Chris was a Boy Scout, an Army Veteran; a member of the Auxiliary Police of Audubon NJ; and a Little League Coach for many years in both NJ and NY. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Sun City Center and he was supervisor for the Town of Denning as well as board member for many years.

Survivors include his wife Virginia "Ginny" Crowfoot, at home; his children, Dawn Lieberman (Gina Schiaffo), Dan Crowfoot (Rebeca), Christy Bernstein (Lenny), foster daughter Rose Paradise; daughter-in-law, Jeanne Crowfoot; sister, Elizabeth Crowfoot; his grandchildren Anthony, Jessica, Joshua, Stephanie, Jordan, Alexandria, John Christopher, Thomas, John Isaac, Catherine and John Willie; step grandchildren, John Houghton and James, and nine great grandchildren.

Chris was predeceased by his oldest son, John Willie Crowfoot II; his foster daughter, Diana Sambor; and his beloved grandson, Michael Lieberman; and one sister, Eleanor Jensen.

Due to restrictions at this time, we will be holding a Celebration of his life at a later date.

Graveside services with military honors to be announced when available.

Memorial contributions in Chris's name may be made to the Wonder Tribute, 1210 Del Webb West, Sun City Center, FL 33573. This was Chris's favorite program; he would sponsor kids each year to go camp through his Church.

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

DAYS OF YORE...

Today's History

March 22, 1950 - This is Week for "Operation Rain" when Dr. Wallace E. Howell Harvard University Meteorologist hired by New York City, will move into the Catskills with police planes, trucks and radar to launch his experimental campaign to make rain over the 1000 square mile watershed area for the city's thirsty millions.

A combination of a late season and the prospect of lowered prices seem to have discouraged local farmers from tapping sap bush on their usual scale. Price have declined from a war time high of seven or eight dollars a gallon and leveled off at around four dollars.

The Tri Valley School Bears returned from Walden last Wednesday with a double victory. The Jr. High game was a nip and tuck affair until the last quarter. They won by a score of 24- 11. Ernie Slaven led the Bears in scoring with 12 pts. followed by Paul Muthig with 6 and Jimmy Nash with 4. The freshmen won their game 12-11. The Fred Wright's have new television set in their home.

Some local people attended the sale of live-stock and farm equipment at the County Home at Thompsonville last week. About \$7,500 was realized. The sale was held after inmates had been moved to other homes.

March 23, 1960 -

Alberta George of Sundown, nursery school teacher at the State University Agricultural and Technical Institute at Cobleskill, and Sara Brown o Lackawack, senior student in the Nursery Education Department there, were featured on WGY on Friday, March 18th on Don Tuttle's radio program.

At Low's Corners, the steep bank ten to fifteen feet high along the section of the Sundown-Grahamsville road that is being widened an rebuilt by Sullivan County, began to slide down on Friday. Some motorists were obliged to remove large rocks and bulk from the highway before they could go on their way.

Mr. William Rose Sr. a resident of Woodbourne, died on Monday, March 14th at the Monticello Hospital. He as 64 years old. Survivors include his wife, the former Emma Moore.

Peter Varga of Grahamsville died March 17, 1960. He was 67. Mr. Varga is survived b his widow, Anna; a son, Victor Vargyas of NYC, and a granddaughter, Annabelle Varga o Grahamsville.

Dan Masella of Parkchester, the Bronx, comes up each Saturday to supervise the completion of his home on the Woodbourne Rd. Mr. Bruce Fuller and Paul Cypert started work on the house Monday morning.

March 25, 1970 -

David H. and Gary VanValkenburg, both sons of Mr. and Mrs. David VanValkenburg of Sundown, have been named to the Dean's List at Sullivan County Community College for the fall semester. David is majoring in Business Administration and Gary in Construction Technology.

On March 21st a Merit Badge course in Fingerprinting and Identification was given at the Catskill Reformatory by Correction Officer Fred Rich to Boy Scouts of Troop 187 Grahamsville.

Those attending were: Louis Boncek, Dennis Muthig, Karl Shader, Michael Costigan, Dennis McCarthy Tom Marshalek, Barry Low, John Boncek, George Gruner, Mark Boncek, Steve Edison, Clayton Winters, Michael Smith, Michael McNamara, Ricky Smith, David Higgins, Eric Dixon, Timothy George, Tom Arielly, Dan Levy, Michael Semski, Gregory Pond and John Szemplenski.

Not only are the local residents of Claryville somewhat annoyed by the large groups of snowmobilers that whiz across their front lawns, but even local snowmobilers themselves are beginning to grumble. Groups of snowmobile riders from out of the area come here in large numbers and if they find the trail with tracks of a previous snowmobile on it, they unload their machines and off they go.

Now if you take a log road trail thru the woods to visit your neighbor and 50 others pick up the trail, your neighbors may not be so happy to see you - and the 50 others!

March 20, 1980 -

Professor Miles Ellison and Robert Krom presented "An Evening of Irish Songs" at the Sullivan County Community College. But it was more than an evening of song! It was an evening in Ireland, a historical journey, a glimpse into hearts, ambitions, homes, loves and pubs of the old sod generously seasoned with their humor, sorrows and dreams.

The Winter Walk around the photogenic hamlet of Claryville for photographers, conservationists, artists, botanists, writers, historians and anyone interested in these surroundings will be held March 22nd. Catskiller Guide, Bob Dice will point out the homesite of Jim and Clary Curry, pioneer residents of "Upper Neversing." Mrs. Curry gave her name to the community when it applied for a Post Office. The hiking tour will last a maximum of two hours and include examination of the Tannery site, the home of Col. Gideon E. Bushnell, stories of Bunghole Brook and an examination of the priceless Virgin White Pines.

Having a Dandy Day

(From Pg. 1)

Now that we aren't running to the supermarket and have a big stache of the recycable shopping bags, take one outside and look for these little patches of dandelion leaves. For starters, you may want to pick just enough to make a salad. Or you might want to pick a bigger bunch and sautee them with garlic. If you are ambitious, you can dig up a plant that is growing where you don't want it - but don't throw it out! The dried root of dandelion is a great substitute for coffee - and it is caffiene free!

In a few weeks when the leaves are bigger and broader, you can actually make Dandelion Leaf Chips. They will be a little on the bitter side, but quite healthy and different when crushed into flakes and used to top off a bowl of mashed potatoes!

Once the flowers appear, there are many other tasty things you can do with the flowers - all safe and nutritious, and the price is right - FREE for the PICKIN'S!

Whether it is going outside to pick dandelion leaves or flowers, or digging up some roots, it is a proven fact that being out in nature is a natural destressor, which we could all use right now.

Here are a few recipes just for starters. There are many more on the internet, too.

Drying Dandelion Root

After you dig up some root, wash it thoroughly and dry it with a paper towel.

There are several ways to roast the root. Chop up the root and place them pieces in a dehydrator at 95° for about 12 hours or until they are brittle.

If you don't have a dehydrator, you can just place the pieces on a paper towel in a cool dry place, and let them dry out until brittle

And then there is a quick and easy way - place the pieces in a cast iron frying pan. Using medium-high heat, stir the root until the pieces become golden brown and fragrant. That's it!

Dandelion Coffee isn't actually coffee, but it is like someone who reminds you of a friend, and yet you can't quite place your finger on why. Dandelion Coffee is like that - compared to your regular morning brew!

And here is the recipe:

Dandelion Root Coffee

You will need a medium sized pot and a spoon to stir.

- 4 1/2 teaspoons of dried dandelion root along
- 2 cups of water,
- either a tablespoon of butter or some cream.

Optional - Add a cinnamon stick; or a half a teaspoon of dried ginger or a teaspoon of fresh ginger; or vanilla extract to taste. You may add one of these ingredients or all; get creative and try something different each time.

Place the pot over medium heat and place the dried dandelion root in the bottom. Add the butter and the optional choices and bring to a boil. After the water boils, reduce the heat and allow to simmer for 30-40 minutes. Strain and serve.

Adding a dolop of whipped cream sprinkled with a little cinnamon not only makes a delicious healthy brew, but it is appealing and relaxing to the eye, especially if you like whipped cream!

Forsythia and Dandelion Jelly

(Forsythia will be blossoming soon)

A foraged, golden-colored, spring- tonic- jelly for your toast that includes real vanilla and raw honey. Gather the blossoms for this jelly in the morning before the sun is too high and be prepared to make this jelly by afternoon. Wilted blooms are harder to clean and process, Ingredients

- o About 9 cups of blossoms that become 3 cups of tea
- o 3 cups quality honey
- o 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- o 1 Vanilla bean cut open and scraped
- o 1 box regular pectin

Instructions

1. Pick about 8-10 cups of fresh blooms. This isn't an exact science. But typically a good ration is one-part dandelions to two parts forsythia blooms. You can just make this with forsythia blooms, but the pollen and of the dandelions give the jelly a beautiful golden color.
2. You don't have to bother to take the bottoms off the forsythia as they just taste "planty" but do remove the green bottoms of the dandelions since they're bitter. Use a kitchen scissor and cut off the green part and keep the petals and pollen.
3. Pour enough boiling water over the flowers to cover them - at least 4 cups. The more water you add, the weaker the tea will be and, therefore, the less flavor the jelly will have in the end. As you make each new batch, you might want to adjust the recipe a few times until you find what you like.
4. Steep the water and flowers for 4 hours or overnight.
5. Strain through cheesecloth to remove the flower parts, leaving a lovely, golden tea.
6. Put tea, lemon juice and the contents of a box of pectin into a large saucepan. Add vanilla seeds or you can also add a vanilla bean when you are boiling the mixture. If you do that, simply remove the bean before you put the jelly into jars. Or, you can leave the bean in one jar and gift it to someone extra special.
7. Bring the mixture to a boil.
8. Add honey.
9. Bring back to a boil and boil for about 2 minutes. Ladle into hot, prepared jelly jars, leaving 1/4-inch head-space and assemble the lids.
10. Process in a water bath canner for 10 minutes.

Sauteed Dandelion Greens

3 pound dandelion greens with tough lower stems discarded/leaves cut crosswise into 2-inch pieces
 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 5 large garlic cloves, smashed
 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon dried hot red-pepper flakes
 1/2 teaspoon fine sea salt

1. Cook greens in a 10-to 12-quart pot of boiling salted water (3 tablespoons salt for 8 quarts water), uncovered, until ribs are tender, about 10 minutes. Drain in a colander, then rinse under cold water to stop cooking and drain well, gently pressing out excess water.
2. Heat oil in a 12-inch heavy skillet over medium heat until it shimmers, then cook garlic and red-pepper flakes, stirring, until pale golden, about 45 seconds. Increase heat to medium-high, then add greens and sea salt and sauté until coated with oil and heated through, about 4 minutes.

Dandelion greens can be boiled 3 days ahead. Chill, wrapped in paper towels, in a sealed bag and put in the refrigerator.

Dandelion Pesto

Ingredients:

3 cups washed and cleaned dandelion leaves
 3/4 cup olive oil
 3 cloves garlic, peeled
 1/2 cup walnuts, lightly toasted
 1 teaspoon sea salt
 1 cup parmesan cheese
 zest of a lemon
 juice of half a lemon

Instructions

1. Combine all ingredients in a food processor or vitamix and blend until creamy and smooth

You can use this for a pizza sauce, on top of pasta, dressing or marinade.

This pesto has an intense flavor and a little goes a long way.

After you get to know Dandelions a little better, you will see they are a lot more than the not the subject of jokes. They are super greens! They are rich in iron, high in calcium, have more protein than spinach and they are packed with antioxidants, all those things that keep you looking and feeling good.

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.

Don't Underestimate a Dandelion

Whether you love them or hate them, dandelions are among the most familiar plants in the northern hemisphere. Just about anyone can identify a dandelion at a glance. The Dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*) is a hardy perennial that can grow to a height of nearly 12 inches. Each bloom is made up of numerous strap-shaped florets of bright golden yellow. This strap-shaped corolla is notched at the edge into five teeth, each tooth, a petal, narrows down into a claw-like tube, which rests on a single-chambered ovary containing a single ovule where the Dandelion produces considerable quantities of both pollen and nectar in the early spring. No matter how cool the weather may be the Dandelion continues to produce a small succession of flowers until autumn providing pollen and nectar especially for bees.



The Dan-delion has a thick tap root, that is dark brown, almost black on the outside and milky white within. Its long jagged leaves rise directly from a rosette form lying close upon the ground. Each leaf is grooved and created so that falling rain goes straight to the center of the rosette to the root allowing the plant to obtain sufficient moisture.

The leaves are deeply-notched, toothy, spatula-like that are usually shiny and hairless and the edge of each leaf is cut into great jagged teeth. The larger teeth are cut into lesser teeth resembling the teeth of a lion; thus its name. According to the French the name is Dent de Lion. In Latin the name would be *Dens leonis*; and in the Greek *Leontodon*.



Before the invention of lawns, the golden blossoms and lion-toothed leaves were more likely to be praised as a bounty of food, medicine and magic. Gardeners used to weed out the grass to make room for the dandelions. Dandelions were a common and beloved garden flower in Europe, and the subject of many poems. In the terrifying New World, the cheerful face of a Dandelion was a sweet reminder of home.

Dandelions were considered a green and growing first aid kit in olden times, as they were prescribed for every ailment from warts to the plague, dandruff, toothache, sores, fevers, rotting gums, weakness, lethargy and depression. Not until the twentieth century was the underlying cause of many of those symptoms realized as vitamin deficiencies. Dandelions have more vitamin A than spinach, more vitamin C than tomatoes, and are a powerhouse of iron, calcium and potassium.

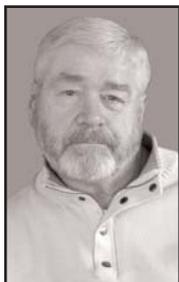
Despite their reputation in most neighborhoods, Dandelions are actually good for your lawn. Their wide-spreading roots loosen hard-packed soil, aerate the earth and help reduce soil erosion. The deep taproot also pulls nutrients from deep in the soil and makes them available to other plants.

Dandelions are hardy, healthy and just plain fun. The Dandelion seems to be the flower earmarked for children. In a park or a garden, it's one of the flowers a child can pick without getting into trouble. A child in a field full of dandelions never ran out of things to do. Blowing on Dandelion puffball can tell you if it's time to go home, how many years until you get married, or how many children you'll have - and of course, if you catch a flying dandelion seed, you can make a wish!

Dandelions are fast growers. The sunny yellow flowers go from bud to seed in just a few days. They are also long-lived. An individual plant can live for years. Just think, the dandelion hidden in a corner of your yard or on the playground might be older than the children running past it.

Household Hints

Now that we are home, we realize one of our cats likes sleeping on the carpeted stairway. Not wanting to step on him, we tried chasing him, carrying him to another cozy place and even yelling at him. But he is a cat!!! After spraying the stairs with vinegar - he now has a different attitude, and rather lay on the piano and look out the window. Put straight vinegar in a spray bottle and spray where you don't want kitty to go. You may want to do a little test so you don't stain any wood, surface, fabric or carpet you spray it on.



The Border

Mysterious Book Report No. 368

by John Dwaine McKenna

Mi-Hi Abrahams is living the American dream. She's the mother of two children; a boy age five and a girl age two and a half, married to a Wall Street lawyer, and living a privileged, wealthy lifestyle on Manhattan's upper east side where she's a doting mommy and actively involved in the PTA and community charity events. But it's all a lie. The woman's real name is Song Sun Young, and she's a spy . . . what's known as a sleeper . . . for the NKPR, the North Korean People's Republic in author John Altman's electrifying new thriller: *The Korean Woman*, (Blackstone Publishing, \$26.99, 261 pages, ISBN 978-1-4708-2697-0).

Song Sun Young barely managed to survive a brutal childhood in North Korea after her parents were killed, by engineering two escapes from the harshest imaginable prison camps before she turned eleven years old. Instead of being shot, the authorities recognized her brains, beauty and talent and decided to utilize her abilities to advance the aims of the state. She was plucked out of prison and began a decade long training course in spycraft. With her younger brother still held by the regime as insurance, Song applied herself with diligence, efficiency and ruthlessness. Showing no remorse after her first kill, she's infiltrated into South Korea with a new identity, then into the United States under still another false identity. There, she settles in, gets married, has kids . . . and waits . . . for the call she hopes never comes. But just six years later, it does. She's tasked with stealing the inner workings of America's financial system.

Unbeknownst to the North Koreans, the NSA, National Security Agency, using newly developed secret computers, has broken into the NKPR's cyber systems. The American CIA has been watching Song Sun Young for two years. The covert team leader calls upon retired Israeli operative Dalia Artzi, (a character introduced in Altman's last thriller, *False Flag*, MBR No. 322), who's a world-class expert in the history and tactics of warfare and a professor at Princeton. Her role is to figure out what the Koreans are attempting, as they observe Song's behavior while she relentlessly goes about her mission. What she sees convinces Dalia that Song is an unwitting dupe in a larger game, watching in horror as the nuclear-armed antagonists start their countdowns to the unthinkable in this teeth-gritting, pulse pounding and searing, all-too-real scenario that will leave you panting for more as Altman shows us once again, why he's fast becoming one of the top thriller writers in the world

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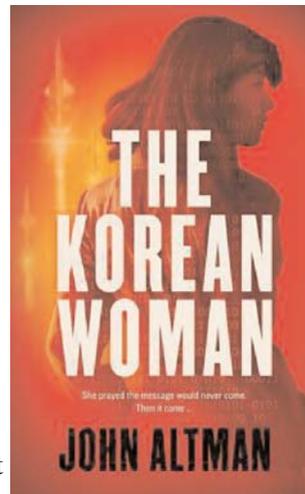
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We hope you enjoy this review of one of our *12 Best books of the Year*. John and Lora are on a short break developing a new series featuring CSPD Detective Jake McKern who first appeared in the *Whim-Wham Man* and *The Mischief of Rats*.

Should be more news when we get it.

John



8th Graders Put on a Show at Tri-Valley's Tenth Annual Poetry Slam

(From Pg. 1) A large part of a Poetry Slam is the performance aspect and the students certainly didn't disappoint. Each student, or group of students, memorized an originally written poem and then delivered the poem with their best sense of emotion and theatrics. The audience showed their appreciation by responding to several of the poems with applause and laughter. But perhaps the best part of the day was witnessing the kids come together as one to support and encourage each other throughout the event.

Lily Siciliano was crowned Poetry Slam champion for her poem "Because I'm Just a Kid." Payton Huebsch was the runner-up with her poem "What's In Your Mind?" Scott Cole, Craig Costa, and Austin Swett finished in third place with their poem "Sports." Finally, Jorja Kinney and her poem "Who Was She?" and Abbi Mentnech, Belle Mentnech, and Sami Mentnech and their poem "Life as a Triplet: A Poem" shared the Performance Award.



(From left to right): back row: Craig Costa (3rd Place); Austin Swett (3rd Place); Scott Cole (3rd Place); Lily Siciliano (2020 Poetry Slam Champion); Payton Huebsch (2nd Place); front row: Belle Mentnech (Performance Award); Abbi Mentnech (Performance Award); Sami Mentnech (Performance Award); Jorja Kinney (Performance Award)

The event was hosted by 9th grade students Louis Bilancione, Jocelyn Mungeer, and Dylan Poley, last year's Performance Award winners. Mrs. Brenda Sloan-Tri-Valley Spanish teacher-served as the event's guest poet. She performed her poem titled "To My Students." Mrs. Sloan wrote her poem about her love and devotion for all of her "kids" throughout the years. Before her poem, she expressed her admiration for the job the 8th grade students did.

The Tri-Valley Annual Poetry Slam is run by 8th grade ELA teacher Matt Haynes. Mr. Haynes has overseen the Poetry Slam for all ten years of its existence. Deb Swett, middle school special education teacher, also plays a large part in organizing the event.

Overall, the event was a huge success and it couldn't have brought more pride to all of those involved. Congratulations again to all of the participating 8th graders-hopefully it's something they won't soon forget.

FHS Hosts CCE's Healthy Cooking Again

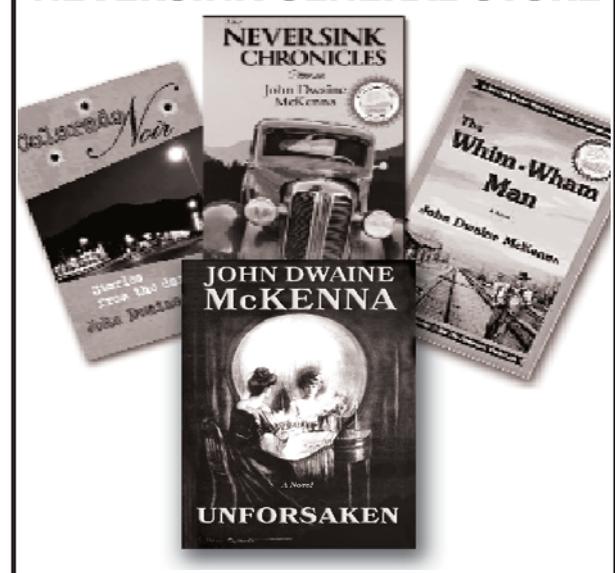
(From Pg. 1) On Monday, March 9, ninth graders Mikalah Ballard and Aisha Darboe, who were cooking last year with Ms. Boyd, and seventh grader Yenessa Cruz, were very involved

Preparing chicken snap wrap, colorful pasta salad and creamy Italian herb dressing. CCE provided the rotisserie chicken breast, with skin, visible fat removed, deboned and meat chopped. The girls then followed the recipe.

The pasta salad was indeed quite colorful, with peas, cucumber, tomatoes, green pepper, red onion, frozen corn kernels, thawed, and green beans. The dressing's ingredients were plain yogurt, non-fat mayonnaise, skim milk, dried Italian seasoning and fresh garlic. All very healthy ingredients in recipes provided by Eat Smart New York and USDA's SNAP program.

SueAnn's husband Richard has been on hand this year to assist her, and he gets to sample the food as well (think official taster!). By four thirty in the afternoon, clean up of the Home and Careers Kitchen was underway as part of the Mikalah, Aisha, and Yenessa's completion of the class. Thanks to CCE and FCSD's Wellness Committee, the lessons they learn about healthy food and preparing it will be brought home to each family by their children.

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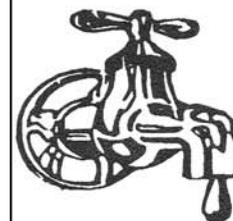
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The New Normal



I feel like I am living in an Episode of THE TWILIGHT ZONE or a novel by Ray Bradbury or Arthur Clarke. Who could ever have imagined that the world would hit the pause button on life as we know it.

Living on some seven acres on a hill in the woods, the world looks pretty much the same except we, like others, are social distancing. Hudson, the lab, loves it since he has our twenty-four hour attention and a supply of liverwurst stuffed marrow bones, at least at the moment.

I am thanking my good fortune to be living in the country close to the new rail trail. It has taken the place of my husband's gym, and he walks each day for hours. The Boiceville end walking toward Shokan is especially spectacular with views of the Ashokan Reservoir and mountain vista every hundred meters or so. Hudson and I tend to do more of a walk, sniff, drag, stop, sniff, greet walk that is less exercise.

Soon I will tackle the leaves I neglected last fall in our few garden spaces. Aside from that, I am un-characteristically cleaning and cooking. Once a day I design a "Mystery Lesson" for my granddaughter to keep in touch. I admire how quickly schools and health institutions are responding to this crisis. I worry about my other grandchildren in the big cities of Brooklyn and Boston. As I watch the stock market tank, I take comfort that I am not alone and that this too shall pass. I am regaining faith in our humanity.

Life has become simpler for me with time to reflect upon what is really important. I plan to watch some movies and read some of my stockpiled books, but the news is like a magnet that keeps me nervously informed. As I social distance from friends and family, I am glued to television and internet, and I feel like I am part a world out there that is suffering together. There is a comfort in acknowledging a common enemy and uniting without labels. Be safe, stay home, and be well.

Ulster County Executive Ryan announces the opening of first COVID-19 testing site at Tech City

Second location planned to open next week in Ellenville

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan today announced information about Ulster County's first drive-through mobile COVID-19 testing site located at Tech City. County Executive Ryan plans for a second site to open in Ellenville next week. The site, operated in partnership with Nuvance Health, will add significant testing capacity and streamline the process for residents to be safely tested. In addition, the mobile site will reduce possible exposure to COVID-19 at hospitals and medical practices, which are preparing to handle an increasing number of patients affected by COVID-19.

Save-On, a local business in Kingston, has donated \$100,000 in tent supplies for the location.

"Adding this mobile testing site will save lives. It will provide a significant surge in testing capacity, which will enable us to better treat those affected and slow the spread of COVID-19," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "I want to thank Nuvance Health and Save-On for stepping up during this critical moment for our community. Our entire team will continue to work around the clock to keep every Ulster County resident safe and healthy."

Individuals seeking a COVID-19 test at the testing site must meet all of the following criteria:



- You called your primary care physician's office and had a phone consultation
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Any individual who does not have a primary care physician, should contact the Ulster County COVID-19 Hotline at 845-443-8888.

Residents permitted by their physician to enter the site will be met by a trained provider who will collect a sample for lab testing. After leaving the test site, residents should drive home and limit interactions with others during this time. Those who are tested should plan to self-quarantine for up to 14 days and will receive self-quarantine guidelines at the collection site. It may take up to six days to receive test results back and individuals who receive tests will be notified by their doctor with the results. Both health-care providers and law enforcement will be on site along with three clinicians from Ellenville Hospital.

Tech City is located at 300 Enterprise Drive, Kingston, NY 12401. The testing site is currently slated to be open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM by appointment only. Traffic message boards have been placed along entry routes (both Enterprise Drive and Boices Lane) to direct individuals.

County Executive Ryan held a virtual Facebook Live Town Hall where he provided additional information about mobile testing sites and taking residents' questions.

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In "The Phantom of the Opera" - Lon Chaney, Mary Philbin and Norman Kerry star in the original silent version of the famous novella about a deformed fiend who haunts the Paris Opera. This *FREE* online presentation was SHADOWLAND's gift to our audience during this difficult time. It's a great classic film, and Ray Faiola, our SHADOWLAND Cinema series producer who has reconstructed the original release version for this presentation was available during the screening to answer your questions via our Facebook page!

We love you - stay at home!
 We know you're wondering how our season at SHADOWLAND STAGES will be impacted by Covid-19. We so appreciate those of you who have reached out to inquire! And we cannot wait to see you again, either. As you may have guessed, our staff is working from home at present. And since our season does not begin until this summer, and given the evolving situation - we cannot share any plans just yet. We are listening to the authorities as the situation unfolds and will update you as soon as we know how we'll move forward. We appreciate your support and patience. The health and safety of our staff, volunteers, and our beloved audience is our first priority. Thank you!

Sullivan County DMV, County Clerk's Office Temporarily Closing Direct Public Access

Drop boxes at Government Center will accept certain documents

Monticello, NY - Commencing Monday, March 23, 2020, the Sullivan County Clerk's Office and Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will be closed to the public until further notice. Drop boxes will be located in the lobby of the Government Center for both the DMV and the Clerk's Office.

The DMV drop box will accept plate surrenders and registration renewals. Driver's license renewals will be accepted in the drop box, as well, with a vision test report that must be attached, available online at www.dmv.ny.gov/forms/mv619.pdf.

"Presently, per Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order, we are working at 25% staffing," County Clerk Russell Reeves explained. "I ask the public to limit their submissions to the office to essential and time-sensitive business, if at all possible. I'm also asking that most legal documents be e-filed (courts), e-recorded (land records), or submitted by mail. Deeds can be dropped off in the Government Center lobby for recording. Pistol licenses and amendments will continue to be processed through the mail or the Clerk's Office drop box."

Reeves and staff are working on a DMV Remote Access System, which may offer the ability to complete complicated transactions in a safe manner. Plans are to launch this system as soon as possible.

"During this historic time, we continue to make tough decisions while doing our best to keep our public and staff safe in a responsible manner," Reeves remarked. "We appreciate your understanding."

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Outdoor Firematic Service for Grahamsville Fireman Roger G. "Buster" TerBush

Dedicated and beloved Grahamsville Fireman Roger G. "Buster" TerBush, 76, passed away at home on March 6, 2020. He leaves behind to celebrate his life his wife Martha of 46 years, and many other loving relatives.

As owner of Buster's Auto Repair, he kept the Grahamsville fire trucks, ambulance rigs, and many other local fire departments' trucks in perfect maintenance. A firematic service was held at the Colonial Memorial Funeral Home in Woodbourne on March 18th. Although the Coronavirus (COVID-19) scare kept people apart, undaunted, the Grahamsville Fireman in full uniform, and firemen from many other local fire departments held the Firematic service in the funeral home rear parking lot alongside the Fire Department Rescue truck. The speaker, Scott Raymond, spoke on Buster's theme "Can you fix it?" He was also a member of the Neversink Rondout Antique Machinery Association. At the end of the service, the farewell bell mounted on



the back of the engine gonged five times in traditional farewell.

The graveside service was held at 11AM on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery with full military honors. Firemen from the local fire departments in full uniform stood side by side a distance from the ceremony. Across Route 55 in the Tri-Valley Central School parking lot were parked the Grahamsville fire trucks. A special ladder truck, with the ladder fully extended, draped a large American flag over Route 55. Below the flag were firefighters and first aiders in full turnout uniform standing in quiet tribute. Parked on Route 55, on the cemetery service side was Buster's beautifully restored red and white 1951 Dodge Power Wagon fire truck with water pump attached in front.

After the morning service, there was a plentiful spread prepared by the wonderful Ladies Auxiliary and many friends at the Neversink Fire Department Community Hall. But in an abundance of caution, it was only takeout.

We happily remember Buster driving the old Dodge, winning awards and trophies at the Sullivan County Volunteer Fireman's Association annual parade, with his head out the window smiling and waving to the crowd. - Submitted by William Brenner,

Consider Helping to Make Much-Needed Face Masks

A protective mask is a barrier only, a barrier for airborne germs and particles that may be traveling through the air and the mask gives you the jump on staving off any particles flying around if you are out and in contact with the general public. Most masks are usually made from special paper, however, the surgical masks in the Sixties and early Seventies were made of cloth and laundered at high temperatures. So if you are using a mask to just wear to the grocery store or for a small trip out and you want a protection barrier, a cloth mask will work fine for those purposes. In addition to that, you have the prerogative to launder it as you wish, meaning you can take extra precautions like using bleach with your laundry detergent and also hydrogen peroxide can make a great addition to your wash. Both bleach and hydrogen peroxide are excellent disinfectants and can really make your

laundry super bright and fresh. **DO NOT** use them together.

There are a lot of DIY masks on Youtube. We found one that is easy to make and has elastic rings that fit through the mask and lock behind the ears, so you can become custom fit by adjusting the elastic pieces so they fit very snugly, but will still be comfortable. We will be putting it up in a printable pdf document for anyone to use.

There is more than one way to construct a mask.

If you can't get a hold of elastic string, try ponytail bands or simple baker's twine for tying.

Wrapping a bandana or scarf around your face is not the most effective material at blocking virus particles, according to a Cambridge University study on how household materials hold up against micron-size particles and viruses.

To put that into perspective, a virus particle is about one-millionth of an inch, or a thousand times smaller than bacteria, which is already much smaller than most human cells.

Researchers found that surgical face masks, made of a specialized paper that is both strong and breathable, were roughly 89 percent effective at preventing sick individuals from transmitting virus particles that are .02 microns (or micrometers) in size, which is five times smaller than the coronavirus. Meanwhile, particles 1 micron in size, 10 times larger than the coronavirus, were filtered at a rate of 97 percent.

A vacuum cleaner bag was considered the most formidable household material with a rate of nearly 86 percent protection against the smallest particles tested. Falling behind was a standard dish towel at nearly 73 percent; a cotton-blend T-shirt at 70 percent; and an antimicrobial pillowcase at 68 percent.

They also tested how doubling up on the material could help. In the case of dish towels, two layers showed a notable increase in filtration rate - a 14 percent jump for particles of 1 micron in size - although the same level of increased benefits could not be said for cotton shirts or pillowcases. (Contd. Pg. 9)





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(From Pg. 8) Nevertheless, the Cambridge researchers still chose cotton pillowcases and T-shirts as their favorite option in a pinch because of their breathability. While two dish towel layers may be formidable against many micro-particles, they found the construction 138 percent more difficult to breathe through than a typical surgical face mask, whereas a double-layer of pillowcases was just 4 percent less breathable.

While medical-grade face masks were found to be, on average, "three times more effective in blocking transmission [of microorganisms]" compared to their homemade counterparts, they also concluded that makeshift masks are still better than none at all.

Our Healthworkers are in need of these homemade masks right now! They do have some of the high quality masks that are made to protect them from the virus. Covering that mask with one of the homemade cotton masks will add to the life of the more durable mask, protecting it. A healthcare worker can remove the cotton mask after each patient and use another. The used homemade cotton masks will then get washed in bleach and sterilized to be used again.

Once you have made a face mask for yourself or a family member, perhaps you would consider make as many masks as you can and donate them to our health care workers who on the front line fighting the COVID-19 War for us. If you do make some face masks to donate to our Sullivan County Health Nurses, please put them in a plastic bag, and leave them on the porch on the side of the Grahamsville First Aid Building where a Sullivan County Health Nurse will pick them up.

Thank you all who can help - by eitherer contributing face masks, fabric for masks, pony tail rubber bands, thread, elastic string or even an old sewing machine that you are no longer using. Someone may be able to use for this cause. Everyone working together can save lives.

A pattern and directions to make a suitable facemask for our Health Workers to use right now will be posted on our website - thetownsmen.com.

Governor Andrew Cuomo Message to New Yorkers Sunday Night:

I want to take a moment to thank all the New Yorkers on the front lines of the Coronavirus pandemic: the health care workers, the firefighters, the police officers, the public transit workers, the childcare workers, the grocers, the pharmacists, the farmers and so many others. They are all heroes and we owe them our deepest gratitude. They're stepping up for all of us, so when you see them, thank them. Here's what else you need to know as of Sunday night:

1. We have identified four initial sites in New York State for locating temporary hospitals in partnership with the Army Corps of Engineers. The four sites are the Jacob K. Javits Convention Center, SUNY Stony Brook, SUNY Old Westbury and the Westchester Convention Center. The Army Corps is expected to immediately begin work to construct the temporary hospitals. I also requested that FEMA designate four field hospitals with 250 beds each for the state.

2. Mental health is a vital part of public health. To that end, I am calling on psychologists, therapists and other mental health professionals to pitch in and volunteer their services to help with New York's Coronavirus response. To sign up, visit health.ny.gov/assistance.

3. The State has identified 2 million N95 masks for purchase and will send 1 million to New York City and 500,000 to Long Island. New York apparel manufacturers are converting their operations to begin manufacturing masks and other medical equipment. Also, the state purchased 6,000 additional critically needed ventilators. We are literally scouring the globe looking for medical supplies. I put out a plea yesterday asking for help and we've been on the phone with all sorts of companies who are really doing great work - I want to thank them all.

4. The Department of Motor Vehicles is closed for all in-office visits. Today, I signed an Executive Order to temporarily close DMV offices and shift the DMV to online transactions. License and permit expirations will be extended, so if your driver's license is about to expire - don't worry.

5. Young people: Please stay home. There is significant non-compliance of social distancing rules, especially in parks. I went down to Prospect Park in Brooklyn today to see the situation myself. This is a public health issue. Younger people aren't invincible: In fact, 54% of New York State Coronavirus cases are ages 18-49. You shouldn't be endangering your own health, and you certainly have no right to endanger someone else's.

6. Drug therapy trials are on the horizon. NY Health Commissioner Dr. Zucker has recommended trials for new drug therapy to help combat COVID-19. The FDA is acquiring 10,000 doses of Hydroxychloroquine and Zithromax for New York State to use on a trial basis.

Tonight's "Deep Breath Moment": Morning show host Kelly Ripa and her husband, Mark Consuelos, donated \$1 million to help my office purchase additional ventilators and to support WIN, the largest provider of shelter for New York City's homeless families. I can't thank them enough for their generosity.

Ever Upward,
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo

COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Public Health
Building Community
Public Health Services

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

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information, call
The NYS Coronavirus Hotline:
1-888-364-3065

For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19

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Ellenville Regional Hospital

Keeping our Community Safe

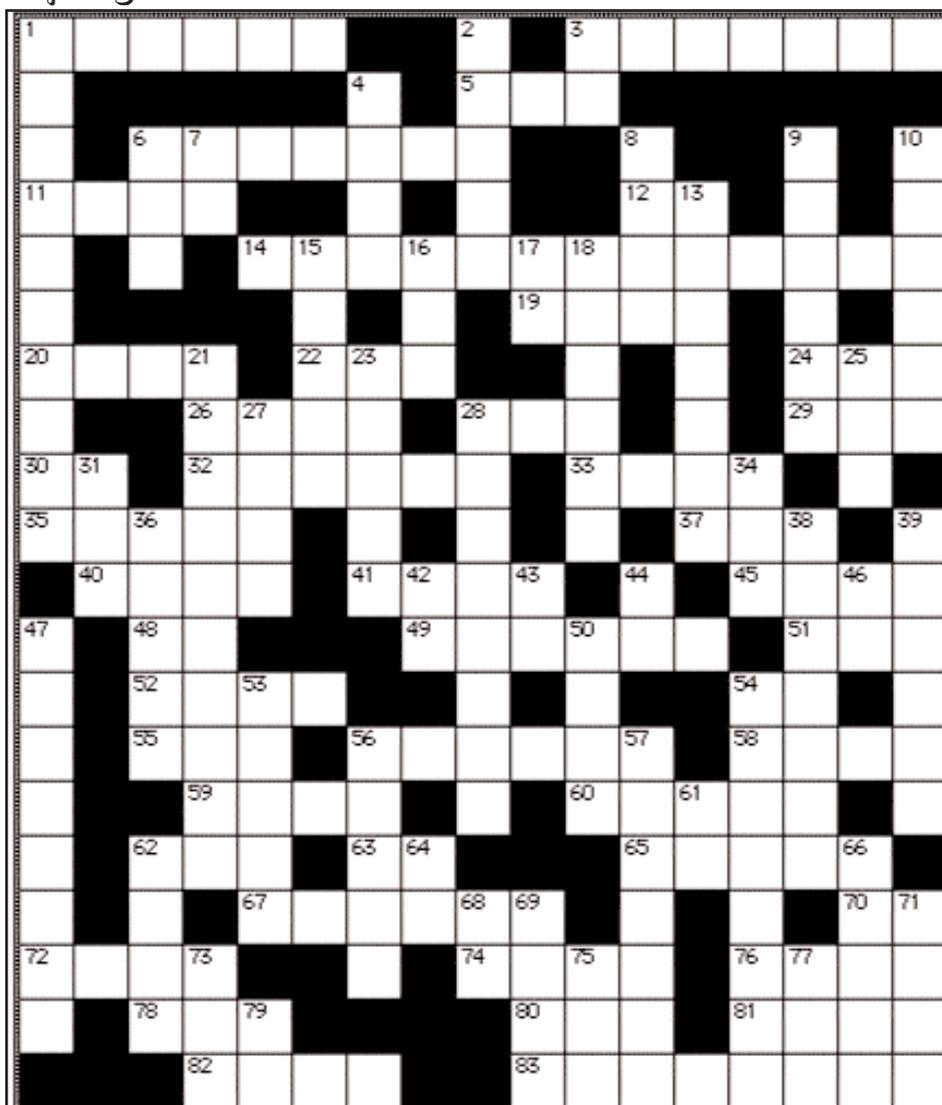
Ellenville Regional Hospital takes the health and safety of our patients, staff and community seriously. As such, we have instituted protocols to protect you. Our clinical team has actively coordinating with the Ulster County and NYS Departments of Health. Here are some of our current protocols:

- We are no longer allowing visitors in any department**
- Those entering our building will be required to wash their hands at stations set up in the entranceways
- Emergency Department patients will be triaged in a tent before being allowed to enter the building
- Only 3 entrances are open for patients:
 - Rehab entrance for Rehab patients
 - Specialty Services entrance for Specialty Services patients
 - ER entrance for all other patients

Coronavirus Hotline information:
ULSTER COUNTY COVID-19 HOTLINE: 845-443-8888
NYS CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION HOTLINE: 888-364-3065

If you are experiencing symptoms, call 911.
 Before coming to the hospital, please **CALL OUR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FIRST** at 845 647-6400 ext. 264.

Spring Stars! - L. Comando



ACROSS

- 1 Creator
- 3 Mona Lisa's creator
- 5 Frozen water
- 6 Rapidly moving downward
- 11 Wander
- 12 Chemical element Iridium
- 14 A recognizable pattern of a group of stars
- 19 Require
- 20 Large black and white whale
- 22 Male child
- 24 Scorching
- 26 Journey
- 28 Amusement
- 29 Fasten
- 30 Right-angle addition
- 32 Shooting star
- 33 Electronically charged atoms
- 35 Radioactive gas
- 37 Twitch
- 40 Fine powder
- 41 Of the type previously mentioned
- 45 Sound quality
- 48 Township (abbrev)
- 49 Long thin line
- 51 Insane
- 42 Masticate
- 54 Starting Price
- 55 Bewitch
- 56 Barrage
- 58 Powder
- 59 Uproar
- 60 Relating to the sun
- 62 Wager
- 63 Expressing the object of an action
- 65 Celestial object with a nucleus of ice and dust
- 67 A continuous flow
- 70 European Union
- 72 In the same source
- 74 Break bread
- 76 Hotels
- 78 Place
- 80 Take home
- 81 Muzzle
- 82 Captain of a sloop named Columbia
- 83 Inventor

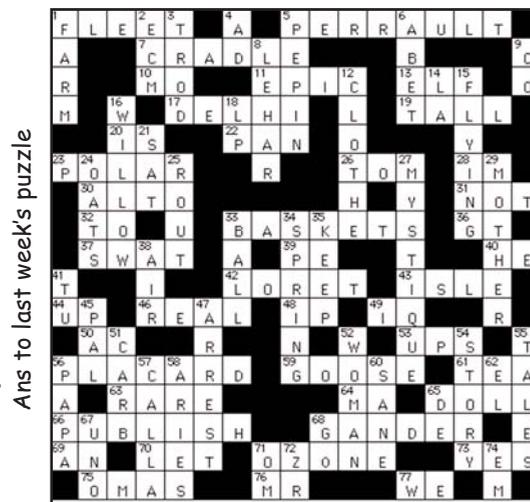
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- 7 Exists
- 8 Heap

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- 10 Combust
- 13 Glowing
- 15 Trajectory
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- 17 Half an em
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- 21 Gases surrounding the Earth
- 23 Freeing from obstructions
- 25 Petroleum
- 27 Lease
- 28 Resistance

- 31 Young boy
- 34 Perch
- 36 Early
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- 38 Measure
- 39 Embellish
- 42 You and I
- 43 Hour
- 44 Mother
- 46 North America
- 47 First USA space shuttle
- 50 Belonging to Adam's wife
- 53 Leaves
- 54 Impressing a mark on

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- 56 Heavenly bodies
- 57 Missiles
- 61 Used to draw attention to an amazing event
- 62 Brief segment
- 64 Chem element Tellurium
- 66 Taut
- 68 Advertisement
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- 79 Trust (abbrev)



Ans to last week's puzzle

Kids' Spring Fun Page - L. Comando

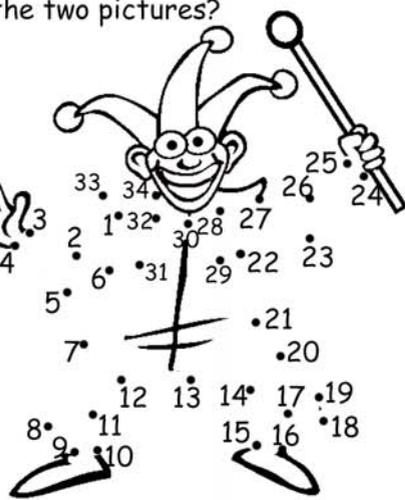


It's April Fool's Day! What are the differences between the two pictures?



Joe the Elf is on his way to the Gnome Home. April showers have begun and it is raining 'cats and dogs.' How many cats and dogs can you find in the picture?

- APRIL
- FOOL
- PRANK
- JOKE
- HOAX
- FLOWERS
- SHOWERS
- UMBRELLAS



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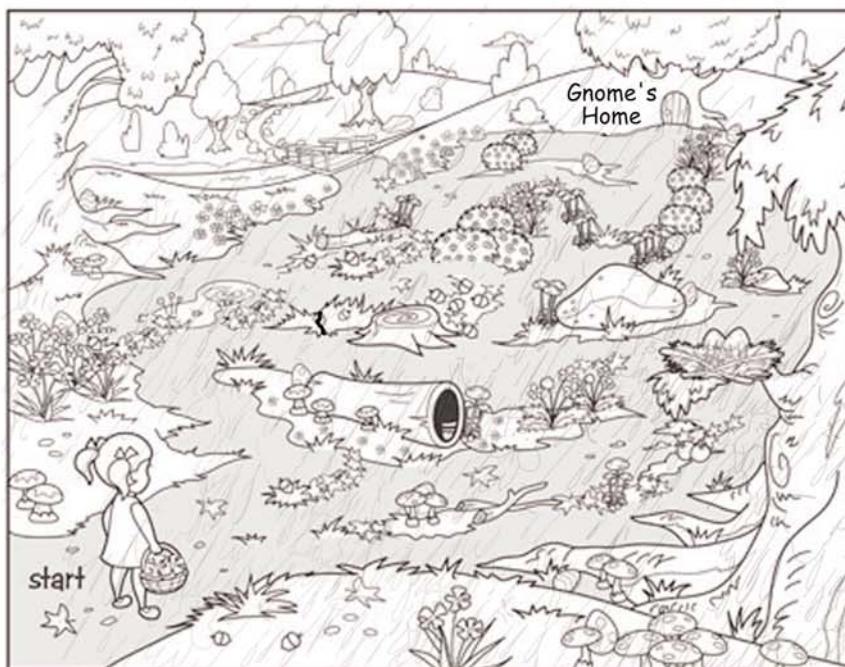
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April Fool's Cryptogram

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-Japanese Proverb



Little Alexandria was out picking spring flowers and got caught in the April showers. She needs to find her way to the Gnome's Home where she can get out of the rain. Can you help her through the maze?

Cryptogram Answer

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The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

I've resigned myself to remaining in for the duration, but I'm viewing this as a really interesting time. Some of this is being open to self awareness and part of this is physically doing things that I haven't had time for.

Things I've learned being home this week:

Exactly how much (actually how little) dry food the cats eat in a day

They have self chosen their 'feeding spots'

Certain people call to check on you, followed by "Now that you have the time, can you.....?"

I automatically pick up the TV remote when I go to another room, even if the TV isn't on

Then I have to search for the remote

I haven't lost the ability to cook from scratch

I really enjoy knitting and crocheting, even though I've been using these as stress reducers for years

Sitting outside in the sun is comforting

And watching only 15 minutes of news is good for my mental health.

I've made a conscious decision to remain positive.



The picture is of the back of a sweater I started a while back. I usually do the front and back at the same time on a circular needle, but after starting it, I realized this is one of those "no rhyme or reason" patterns so common with those patterns that are offered free. And I can tell you as an experienced knitter, I've unraveled and re knit parts of this more times than I like. It is stunning, though, don't you think? With any luck, I'll have it finished in a week or so and show you the finished piece.

This is also going to be a good time for me to learn the ins and outs of my new-to-me camera. You know how sometimes you have something that just 'feels right'? It was purchased from a photojournalist friend and I've played with it a little but now I have the time. I'm excited!!

All venues have shuttered for the duration. Please stay safe.

Until next time....

SC Chamber of Commerce Announces Centralized Information Page on Website

Monticello, New York March 18, 2020 - Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce & Industry, announced they have put up a centralized web page for information in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic. <https://www.catskills.com/covid-19/>

Earlier last week the Chamber sent out a survey to the business community. Jaime Schmeiser, President and CEO of the Sullivan County Chamber of Commerce stated that "What we have found is most businesses are choosing to remain open with normal operating hours. Also, they are paying close meticulous attention to keeping surfaces clean and safe for their customers. Restaurants are offering take-out, curbside service and most are offering their full menus and specials. We also found the need for up to date information critical"

"This page has been created for the express purpose of sharing important updates, guidelines, and information that we know our members and communities will need going forward and "we plan on updates on a daily basis and minute by minute basis if needs be. We encourage everyone to share this information with others", Jaime said.

The Chamber is asking everyone to send them their thoughts, ideas and best practices and continue to share the information that they are putting out there. The Chamber knows there are still many questions, and today's news and answers may be different tomorrow. The Chamber will be continually updating their website, newsletters and emails to stay as current as possible.

Info for the General Public on COVID-19

In roughly 80% of those who become infected with COVID-19, symptoms will be mild and resolve without hospitalization. Those most at risk are folks over the age of 80 and/or with weak immune systems. It is urged that they refrain from participating in events or going to locations where there is a potential for coronavirus exposure.

If you are not ill with fever, cough and/or shortness of breath, you do not have need of COVID-19 testing and WILL NOT be tested for coronavirus, either at our local hospitals or healthcare providers. DO NOT overwhelm already busy health workers with non-essential demands. Only individuals with symptoms who have an underlying health issue or immune system disorder need to be tested. A reminder that with this outbreak, 80% of individuals who test positive will self-resolve and get better at home without needing medical attention.

- Frequently Asked Questions
- CDC COVID-19 Website
- NYSDOH COVID-19 Website
- US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) COVID-19 website
- NYSDOH COVID-19 Hotline: 1-888-364-3065

Update on the COVID-19 / Coronavirus Pandemic from Steven Vegliante, Supervisor of the Town of Fallsburg

I will keep it brief. There are now 15 known cases of Coronavirus in our County and there are now over 15000 cases within New York State. The known case numbers are surging due to increased testing. The County has issued guidance discouraging those who are not full-time residents of our County from coming here. I join in that guidance.

We remain under a local and statewide state of emergency. I have prohibited the operation and occupancy of seasonal camps and residences, and we will

Her Quirky Journey:

-Marilyn Borth
herquirkyjourney.com

Excerpts from a note from the Quirky Traveler.

"It has been a HECTIC few days. I was planning on flying to Colombia, then the borders were shut there hours before my flight. I then had a flight to Peru, which I couldn't take because only 4 hours before my flight was due to depart, the borders were closed.



So, I ultimately decided to come home. I am now self-quarantining with my friend in her house in Cape Cod."

"I'm so sorry I didn't get an article to you last week!"

"Thank you and I hope you guys are well and staying safe and healthy at home!!!"

Best,
Marilyn Borth

ED NOTES: We are so happy to know Marilyn is back in the states. Welcome home **Quirky Traveler!**

be diligently monitoring our entire township. These measures are being taken as medical facilities and available services are being marshaled to respond to increased caseloads which we expect in the next days and weeks.

The Governor holds a press briefing at 11:00 a.m. each day. I encourage you, to either watch it on local news stations, or to go to the Governor's website. There you will find resources and press releases giving up to date information.

If you have any further questions or concerns, The toll free number for the Department of Health is 1-888-364-3065.

The website is <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

Our office will continue to coordinate efforts with the County of Sullivan Department of Emergency Management and Sullivan County Public Health as necessary, and will remain in contact with the NYS Department of Health and the Governor's office.

Once again, I urge you to not panic, but to be prepared and responsible.

We have an opportunity to show each other the best in each of us. Let's not show the worst. Help your friends and neighbors that need it. Offer a smile, phone a friend, and let those around you know you are there for them.

if you need help, reach out to your friends and neighbors. If you need, you may reach out to our offices and we will do our best to find the resources you need.

Thank you. Be Kind and Be Safe.
Steven Vegliante,
Supervisor of the Town of Fallsburg,

Town of Denning - Corona Virus Pandemic

Due to the Corona-virus Pandemic And Executive Order 202.4 in effect until April 15th, 2020.

Governor Cuomo has decreed that all local municipalities limit exposure, and non essential employees, work remotely, if possible. Therefore, the Town Hall will be open from 8:30 am to 11:00 am, until April 15th, 2020.

Please note the Governor has closed courts for 45 days, until May 1st, 2020.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

David Brooks
Supervisor
March 17th, 2020

Sullivan County Confirms Six New Cases of COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus)

Monticello, NY - March 20 - Sullivan County Public Health Director Nancy McGraw announced today that more cases of COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) have been confirmed in the County.

"Six people in Sullivan County tested positive today, bringing our confirmed-case total to 12," said McGraw. "Per protocol, they are isolating, and our staff are in the process of determining if there were any additional exposures."

"We do expect cases to increase due to further testing," she added. "But you can help keep yourself safe by following the guidance issued by our office, the State and the Federal government."

Please remember to actively protect yourself against COVID-19 transmission via social distancing and frequent handwashing with soap and water. For more information on the virus and local updates, visit www.sullivanny.us/departments/publichealth/coronavirus.

Update on Sullivan County Corona Virus 3/23/2020 - 7:00 pm

As of March 23, 2020 there are now 25 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Sullivan County

Message to Health Professionals

Dear Health Professional:

In the event that the novel coronavirus crisis worsens, we need the help of additional qualified health professionals and related professionals to supplement our hospital capacity on a temporary basis to treat seriously ill coronavirus patients including those that may need to be intubated. If you are available, we need the following information immediately:

- Your specific qualifications and experience
- Date of last certification and license
- Last date of practice
- Role in last practice
- Contact information including location
- Current age
- Would you be willing to work in other parts of New York State?
- Describe your interest and ability to be able to provide your services to treat patients if the need should arise in the future.

Please provide these responses within 36 hours using this survey: www.health.ny.gov/assistance. If you have any questions please contact workforce@exec.ny.gov. Your immediate attention is necessary and appreciated.

With your help, New York State is working to protect our residents and strengthen our public health system to deal. We appreciate your commitment to the health and safety of all New Yorkers and look forward to building on our partnership.

Sullivan County Opening Emergency Assistance Center County Government Reducing On-Site Staff Per Governor's Orders

Monticello, NY - In an effort to aid the most vulnerable populations, Sullivan County is opening an Emergency Community Assistance Center tomorrow, Friday, March 20.

"Our Public Health Services call line has been inundated with requests for help and information, and this new Assistance Center will ensure those who are unable to leave their homes can receive the assistance they need," explained County Manager Joshua Potosek. "At the same time, the Center will field calls from those seeking to offer help and connect them with the right people and locations."

At 8 a.m. tomorrow (March 21), staff and volunteers - led by Community Resources Commissioner Laura Quigley - will begin accepting calls at 845-807-0925. Assistance will be prioritized to senior citizens, the physically disabled, and others unable to shop for food, medicine and other necessities. (Callers with health questions or other concerns should continue to dial Public Health Services' hotline at 845-292-5910.)

The Assistance Center operators will also welcome those who are seeking to offer time, money, goods or services to people and organizations in need.

County Government Reducing On-Site Staffing

In order to comply with Governor Andrew Cuomo's directive that on-site staffing be reduced to 25% of normal, the following Sullivan County government offices will be

closed, with staff working from home: Assigned Counsel; Family Services Legal; Parks, Recreation & Beautification; and the Youth Bureau. Calls and emails will continue to be taken, however.

The Department of Community Services in Liberty will be providing some on-site services by appointment only for assessments and medication administration, in order to aid social distancing. Beginning March 23, hours of operation will be Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. They will be conducting individual therapy sessions via phone and all groups through a teleconference process. They will be calling in medications for persons as needed. Questions welcomed at 845-292-8770. The Division of Public Works will take advantage of the empty offices to undertake cleaning and disinfecting.

Office for the Aging Temporarily Limiting Services

The Sullivan County Office for the Aging has implemented the following measures to help control the spread of coronavirus:

- o Congregate nutrition sites that have been currently providing pick-up only meals are to be closed as of Friday. Those who need meals delivered are being identified and contacted.

- o The Office itself is closed to walk-in appointments, with limited staff available to help by appointment only. Phone calls are encouraged: 845-807-0241.

- o The Shopping Bus will be ending this week until further notice. Those individuals who use the bus will be contacted for other arrangements to make sure that everyone gets what they need.

"While we are always here to help, we strongly encourage people to reach out to their family, friends and neighbors to see how they can help our most vulnerable seniors, who are strongly advised to stay home to limit exposure," said Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul. "We want to encourage individuals that have informal supports in place to utilize those to enable our resources to be used by those who need them most."

Legislature Approves Epidemiologist and Community Health Coordinator

The Sullivan County Legislature met in emergency session today to allow Public Health Director Nancy McGraw to immediately search for and hire an epidemiologist and a community health coordinator.

"These positions, when filled, will allow us to more nimbly respond to the many demands being placed on us in the midst of this pandemic," McGraw stated. "I thank the Legislature for their nimble response, as well!"

County Museum Closed, But You Can Still Peek Inside

In order to protect staff, volunteers and the public, the Sullivan County Museum and Cultural Center in Hurleyville is currently closed.

However, the Sullivan County Historical Society has made available online photos from the current BOCES Elementary School Art Exhibit. You can view it by visiting www.facebook.com/scnyhistory.

Postponements and Cancellations
The March 31 informational session for first-time homebuyer assistance, scheduled by the Sullivan County Division of Planning and RUPCO, Inc., has been cancelled. A new date will be announced in the future.

The Civil Service examinations scheduled for March 28 have been postponed. All candidates will be notified of an alternate test date.

Updates and Closings in Ulster County

For current information on **Ulster County**: <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov>

For current information on **Town of Denning**: <http://denning.us>

For current information on **Town of Wawarsing**: In an effort to curb the spread of Coronavirus, effective immediately the Town Hall building is closed to the public until further notice. For information contact the Supervisor at 845-647-7800x6

For current information on **Town of Olive**: For information Email: olivesupervisor@hvc.rr.com

The Town of Olive offices for the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Assessor, Building Department, Highway Department, and Transfer Station will remain open for essential business only until further notice. Please visit the town facilities only if necessary. Please avoid contact as much as possible with the town personnel and follow the safety precautions described below. The

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Have you made a "Simple Will"?

1) Spouse with children or
2) Couples living together
3) Second marriages

[must personally meet and discuss your ideas, plans & options]

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Insurance Claims
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845.985.7411

Email: williamabrenner@hotmail.com Fax: 845.985.0274 NYC call Toll Free: 877.638.6011

town employees are working to serve you under difficult conditions and we hope to keep them, and the public, safe and healthy.

All non-essential business of the town will be canceled or postponed until further notice. There will be no committee meetings, senior activities, or recreational activities sponsored by the town until further notice. We will assess the situation and update the public regarding the scheduling of Town Board, Planning Board, and ZBA meetings in the next few weeks. This is an ongoing situation we hope will be alleviated soon with the cooperation of the public.

The American Legion Hall on Mountain Road will be closed until March 31, 2020. This will allow us time to enhance our maintenance and cleaning procedures in the other town facilities during this time.

The Town Justice Court will be closed until further notice. All pending civil matters will be adjourned for at least 45 days. All pending criminal matters wherein a defendant is not incarcerated will be adjourned for at least 45 days. Any matter where a defendant is in custody will be adjourned for 30 days.

For current information on **Town of Shandaken**: For information: supervisor@shandaken.us

Town of Liberty Town Hall Closed to Public Through April 6

Closure includes additional postponements of Parks & Recreation events and activities.

The Town of Liberty is using an abundance of caution as concerns related to the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) continue to evolve. The Town has announced that Town Hall and all Town offices are closed to the public, effective immediately and continuing through April 6. At that time, Town officials will reassess the situation and decide on a continued course of action.

Please note that this closure also includes the cancellation of the Town Board meeting scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020.

The Town intends to maintain essential functions and services at full capacity. Town employees will continue to report to work, and departments will remain open so that the public may contact all departments by phone and e-mail.

The Town requests that residents and other individuals seeking to tend to Town-related business do so remotely when possible - online, by phone or through the mail. Please postpone any business that requires in-person interaction with employees until a future date. Individuals encountering urgent, time-sensitive situations requiring the attention of Town staff are advised to contact the appropriate department to determine if an accommodation can be made.

Please refer to the following list of phone numbers when contacting the Town of Liberty for your questions during this closure:

Town Supervisor: 292-5111; Town Clerk: 292-5110; Assessor: 292-4843; Building Department: 292-8511; Town Court: 292-6980; Dog Control: 866-3366; Parks & Recreation: 292-7690; Highway Department: 292-4172; Water & Sewer: 292-5620; and Planning & Zoning: 292-8511

In the interest of public health, the Town is also cancelling its scheduled events through April 6. This includes the annual Easter Egg Hunt and the Indoor Youth Baseball Program.

These measures are precautionary, and intended to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus locally and avoid further disruptions to Town services and activities. The Town will be closely monitoring the status of coronavirus locally to determine when buildings can safely reopen to the public.

The Town of Liberty is committed to providing timely and up-to-date information to residents regarding coronavirus locally, including precautionary measures being suggested by the Sullivan County Department of Public Health. Residents are encouraged to follow the link at the top of our website, www.townofliberty.org, for the latest information.

Any questions can be directed to Town of Liberty Clerk, Laurie Dutcher, at (845) 292-5110, or to Town Supervisor, Frank DeMayo, at (845) 292-5111. For questions regarding Parks & Recreation programming, please contact James Guara at (845) 292-7690.



ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL MISSION

The Little Church with the Big Heart

Sunday, 8 am Service of Holy Communion, except: Second Saturday of each month, 12:00 noon

Music by Fred VanWagner
Coffee hour follows service
All are welcome!

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845-436-7539
www.standrewsepiscopalmission.org



Sundown United Methodist Church

Peekamoose Rd., Sundown
Sunday Worship Service - 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study - 6:45 p.m.
Pastor Seung Jin Hong
845-985-2283
e-mail: Sundownumc@gmail.com

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Rte. 55, Grahamsville
Sunday Worship Service - 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School for grades k-7 - 10:30 a.m.
Mid-week Bible Study opportunities available!

Regular Office Hours
Wednesday 9 am - Noon
Friday 3 pm to 6 pm

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

For all other information contact Pastor Seung Jin Hong.
845-985-2283 • e-mail: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

St. Augustine's Chapel

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Holy Days 5:30 pm

Penance 9:00 am, 2nd Sunday of the month
Rev. Thomas P. Kiely, Pastor

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NOTE FROM GRAHAMSVILLE UMC and SUNDOWN UMC

Grahamsville and Sundown United Methodist Church will **not be holding church for next Sunday.**

The **Thrift Sale** has been **postponed.**

The Church will **have the Food Pantry on March 27th** and will prepare the food like an emergency bag to be handed out to the people -drive thru style - to the people who need it.

If someone who is not able to go to a grocery store to buy food, our members of the church are willing to help and deliver the food.

They may call 985-2283 or email: Grahamsvilleumc@gmail.com

Please be well and love your neighbor as yourself.

Claryville Reformed Church

Claryville Road
Claryville, NY 12725
845-985-2041



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Church Hall available for rent
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Saturday afternoon: 4:30 pm
Sunday morning: 9:00 am and 11:30 am

Daily Mass Schedule: Monday morning 8:50 am; Tuesday morning 8:50 am; Wednesday morning No Mass; Thursday afternoon 5:45 pm; Friday morning 8:50 am and Saturday morning 8:50 am.

Saturday afternoon confessions: 3:45 to 4:15 pm

Rev. Ignas Dhas MMI, Administrator
(845) 434-7643

Grahamsville Reformed Church

The Church with a friendly welcome

Pastor Kenneth Ronk
Sunday School 9:30 am
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P O Box 238 - Route 55
Grahamsville, NY 12740
845-985-7480

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Yard and Clothing Sale

TEMPORARY CLOSED Until Further Notice

We are sorry for any inconvenience and hope to reopen April 3

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Sundown United Methodist Church

Covered Dish Supper
April 4, 2020
5:30 pm

Easter Breakfast
Apr 12 • 9:30 am

Sundown United Methodist Church Hall

Grahamsville United Methodist Church

Saturday Thrift Sale
April 25, 2020
9:00 am to 12 noon

April 7, 2020 Thrift Sale
9am-12 noon
Luncheon
11 am - 12:30 pm

Please check for updates and closures

We will try to keep you informed and up-to-date, but we still feel that it is better for you to check with any church, organization or business to check their current status

We the hope that it won't be long before we can resume our normal activities, and for now we are leaving the information for our local churches in *The Townsman* as they offer contact information.

We will post any announcements from churches, municipalities, organization or any businesses that we receive.

Please stay safe and stay well.



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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District of the Town of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York, held on March 19, 2020, a resolution was adopted, an abstract of which is as follows:
RESOLVED that the Treasurer of the Fire District be authorized to withdraw the sum of up to TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 (\$235,000.00) DOLLARS from the Capital Reserve Fund heretofore established for Firefighting Equipment, Vehicles and Apparatus for the purchase of a new ambulance,, Bryan Delaney and equipment appurtenant thereto.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the adoption of this resolution is subject to permissive referendum and shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption, unless there shall be filed in the interim with the Fire District Secretary a petition signed and acknowledged or approved in the same manner as a deed to be recorded by resident taxpayers of the Neversink Fire District owning taxable real property aggregating at least one-quarter of the assessed valuation of all taxable real property of the Fire District, as such valuations appear on the latest completed assessment rolls of the Town of Neversink, protesting against such resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the Fire District for their approval.

TAWNY SHAMRO
NEVERSINK FIRE DISTRICT

KORNFELD, REW, NEWMAN & SIMEONE
Attorneys for the Fire District
139 Lafayette Avenue
P.O. Box 177
Suffern, New York 10901
(845) 357-2660

I, Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor for the Town of Neversink have completed the assessment inventory and valuation data on which the tentative assessment roll will be based. It is available for public inspection Monday through Friday 8:30 am until 4:30 pm at Toen Hall, 273 Main Street, Grahamsville, New York. Appointments can also be made for Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor on Tuesday and Thursday evenings by calling (845) 985-2262 Ext. 323.

Bryan Delaney, Sole Assessor

Town of Neversink SPRING CLEANUP 2020

Spring Cleanup will be held on April 25 & 29 AND May 2 & 6, 2020. The Transfer Station will be open during normal business hours. Residents with BLUE 2020 permits will be allowed 2 loads which must be brought during the Spring Cleanup dates. Permit cards will be punched for each load.

TVs and other electronic items can be disposed of with payment being made by SW coupons. Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners require a Freon removal fee of \$15.00 per item. Each permit holder is entitled to four free car tires. Scrap metal can be taken anytime throughout the year without charge. Due to the high volume of traffic during spring cleanup, residents are asked NOT TO bring any of these items during Spring Cleanup. Please bring these items at a later date. The Town of Neversink Transfer Station is open only to those persons who have their household and generate their waste material in the Town of Neversink. Ownership of vacant land does not qualify for use of the facility. The Municipal Cleanup Initiative Program is made possible by the Sullivan County Legislature.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

In an effort to keep our firefighters healthy and therefore our community safe, the Commissioners of the Neversink Fire District have decided to suspend all outside use of the community hall and fire district facilities.

The community hall and pavilion will therefore be closed until further notice.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,
Neversink Board of Fire Commissioners



Town of Wawarsing
Attention

In an effort to curb the spread of Coronavirus, effective immediately the Town Hall building is closed to the public until further notice.

We are available by phone or email for your daily needs. Please call the following departments at the numbers listed below:

Assessor	(845) 647-7800 x4
Building Department	(845) 647-7800 x5
Highway Department	(845) 647-6890
Justice Court	(845) 647-7800 x1
Planning/Zoning Secretary	(845) 647-7800 x5
Supervisor	(845) 647-7800 x6
Tax Collector	(845) 647-7800 x235
Town Clerk	(845) 647-7800 x2
Accounting	(845) 647-7800 x3

We will be happy to help you with your needs and will direct you in how to accomplish this.

*****All vendors making deliveries, please call the appropriate number for access to the building.*****

TOWN OF NEVERSINK TOWN HALL CLOSED TO PUBLIC THROUGH APRIL 6th

Regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Sullivan County Manager has issued a State of Emergency in Sullivan County.

The Town of Neversink, in keeping with the protocol of minimizing exposure and the spread of the virus, has announced that effective Wednesday, March 18th, the town hall and all town offices will be closed to the public through April 6th. At that time, Town officials will reassess the situation and decide on a continued course of action. Please be advised that the **TRANSFER STATION WILL REMAIN OPEN**. Transfer Station coupons and permit renewals, purchased by check only, continue to be available at the transfer station.

The Town intends to maintain essential functions and services at full capacity. Town employees will continue to report to work, and departments will remain open so that the public may contact all departments by phone and e-mail.

The Town requests that residents and other individuals seeking to tend to Town-related business do so remotely when possible – online, by phone or through the mail. Please postpone any business that requires in-person interaction with employees until a future date. Individuals encountering urgent, time-sensitive situations requiring the attention of town staff are advised to contact the appropriate department to determine if an accommodation can be made.

PLEASE NOTE: All Tax Payments Will Be Accepted By Mail Only.

COURT AND COURT HOURS – CLOSED UNTIL MAY 1ST.
Please refer to the following list of phone numbers when contacting the Town of Neversink for your questions during this closure:

Town Supervisor: 985-2262 ext. 301; 845-866-6035 (cell)	Assessor: 985-2262 ext. 319
Town Clerk: 985-2262 ext. 307	Building Department: 985-2262 ext. 302
Building Department: 985-2262 ext. 302	Town Court: 985-2262 ext. 311
Dog Control: 985-7281	Highway Department: 985-2281
Planning & Zoning: 985-2262 ext. 319	

These measures are precautionary, and intended to help reduce the risk of spreading the virus locally and avoid further disruptions to town services and activities. The Town will be closely monitoring the status of coronavirus locally to determine when buildings can safely reopen to the public.

The Town urges everyone not to panic but to be prepared and responsible. If together we as a nation follow the protocols and recommendations that have been put in place by our public health officials, we will combat this deadly and serious virus. Stay healthy and safe; and thank you for your cooperation during this extraordinary time.

From the Sullivan County website:
Facts About the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19):
COVID-19 is a disease caused by new respiratory virus first identified in China and is now spreading worldwide. This disease can lead to fever, cough and shortness of breath. There are thousands of confirmed cases in a growing number of countries internationally and the virus is now spreading in the United States, including New York State. There are ongoing investigations to learn more about this virus.

Individuals who are experiencing symptoms and may have traveled to areas of concern, or have been in contact with somebody who has traveled to these areas, should call ahead to their health care provider before seeking treatment in person. This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation. For the latest information, go to the CDC COVID-19 website. An up-to-date state-by-state listing of cases can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

There are currently 38 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ulster County. To watch the Facebook Live Town Hall, please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/UlsterCountyExecutive/videos/2793370960700136/> For additional information about COVID-19 and the mobile testing process, please visit: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus>
Ulster County COVID-19 Hotline: 845-443-8888
NYS Coronavirus Information Hotline: 888-364-3065

ULSTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE RYAN HOLDS LIVE FACEBOOK TOWN HALL ON COVID-19

County Executive Ryan holds his fifth virtual town hall to update residents on the County's response to COVID-19

County Executive Ryan shares information about the opening of first COVID-19 testing site at Tech City and the second location planned to open in Ellenville on March 31st KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan held his fifth Facebook Live Town Hall today to update residents on Ulster County's response to COVID-19. County Executive Ryan received nearly 500 questions and directly answered residents' questions ranging from the testing process to supporting workers at the front lines of this crisis. This was his first Town Hall that was also simultaneously broadcasted in Spanish.

"Our new mobile testing site will save lives. I am very proud of all of our partners who have stepped up and made our first day of mobile testing a huge success," County Executive Pat Ryan said. "My team will not rest, we are going to continue to gather resources, share information, and do everything in our power to guarantee the health and safety of the residents of Ulster County."

Additionally, County Executive Pat Ryan shared additional information about Ulster County's first drive-through mobile COVID-19 testing site located at Tech City. County Executive Ryan plans for a second site to open in Ellenville by March 31st. The site, operated in partnership with NuVance Health, will add significant testing capacity and streamline the process for residents to be safely tested. County Executive Ryan said that the new site will allow for up to 200 tests per day. In addition, the mobile site will reduce possible exposure to COVID-19 at hospitals and medical practices, which are preparing to handle an increasing number of patients affected by COVID-19.

Individuals seeking a COVID-19 test at the testing site must meet all of the following criteria:

- You called your primary care physician's office and had a phone consultation

- Based on your symptoms and other information you provided, your physician determined that you

meet criteria for COVID-19 testing, and ordered a test for you

- You have a scheduled appointment at the collection site. Scheduling information will be provided by your physician. Any individual who does not have a primary care physician, should contact the Ulster County COVID-19 Hotline at 845-443-8888.

Residents permitted by their physician to enter the site will be met by a trained provider who will collect a sample for lab testing. After leaving the test site, residents should drive home and limit interactions with others during this time. Those who are tested should plan to self-quarantine for up to 14 days and will receive self-quarantine guidelines at the collection site. It may take up to six days to receive test results back and individuals who receive tests will be notified by their doctor with the results. Both healthcare providers and law enforcement will be on site along with three clinicians from Ellenville Hospital.

Tech City is located at 300 Enterprise Drive, Kingston, NY 12401. The testing site is currently slated to be open Monday through Saturday, 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM by appointment only. Traffic message boards have been placed along entry routes (both Enterprise Drive and Boices Lane) to direct individuals.



Daniel Pierce Library

hours of operation

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday and Monday: Closed
 If you have any questions,
 please call the library at 985-7233.

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month. On occasion, a meeting date is changed. Please call ahead to confirm.

DPL Painters 2nd Thursday of every month
7:00 - 9:00 pm

Studio Art Group every Wednesday
9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Come & Go Play Group second Tuesday of each month
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Junior Book Club 2nd Friday of each month
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

First Friday Readers Group first Friday of every month
1:00 pm

Alchemy Poets 3rd Thursday of each month
1:00 pm

Homeschooling Group 4th Tuesday of each month
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
 • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex,
 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
 N. Main Street, Liberty

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

2020
 Dept. of Motor Vehicles Schedule
 Neversink Town Hall

10:00 am - 2:30 pm

April 16, 2020

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 at the Neversink Town Hall

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

The Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club Meeting scheduled for April 2, 2020 has been cancelled.

- 4/4/2020 **Covered Dish Supper** - Sundown Methodist Church Hall 5:30 pm
- 4/7/2020 **Grahamsville UMC Thrift Sale** 9 am - 12 Noon & **Luncheon** 11 am - 12:30 pm
- 4/7/2020 **Town of Denning Board Meeting** - 6 pm Sundown Church Hall
- 4/8/2020 **Town of Neversink Board Meeting**
- 4/10/2020 **Town of Neversink Holiday - GOOD FRIDAY**
- 4/12/2020 **Easter Breakfast** Sundown Methodist Church Hall 9:30 am
- 4/14/2020 **Town of Denning Business Meeting** - 6 pm Denning Town Hall
- 4/18/2020 **Grahamsville Reformed Church Roast Pork Dinner** 4:0 -7:00 pm Grahamsville Reformed Church Hall
- 4/21/2020 **Town of Neversink Zoning Board of Appeals** - 7:30 pm (App. Submission Date - 4/7/2020)

Save the Date!

May 9th 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm **Boy Scout Troop Fish Fry** - Neversink Fire House. Please purchase your tickets in advance from Neil Terwilliger (845) 798-3328 or Bernie Lange (845) 532-7607
 Saturday, May 2, 2020 **Tri-Valley Lions Journey for Sight Walk** • Registration 8:30 am • Walk 9:00 am

TRI-VALLEY AREA
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 EWCOG
 ELLENVILLE CITGO
 ELLENVILLE REG HOSPITAL
 SHOPRITE

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.

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

Question??

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

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

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

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

Please contact Jean Keesler at jkeesler1@yahoo.com or 845-985-7879.

**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.

ROAD CLOSURE

The Sullivan County Division of Public Works is closing a portion of **County Road 26 (Crystal Lake Road), in the Town of Tusten, to replace County Bridge 471**. County Bridge 471 is located approximately 1.6 miles northeast of the intersection of County Road 26 (Crystal Lake Road) and County Road 23 (Lumberland Mt. Hope). This section of County Road 26 is scheduled to be closed to all traffic starting 8:00AM April 1st, 2020, and will remain closed for approximately 4 weeks.

Handwritten Documents Needed for Transcribing Volunteers at the Time and the Valleys Museum

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Many volunteers from all over the country and Canada are working on transcribing handwritten documents for the Time and the Valleys Museum, to make them more accessible, easier to read and searchable. Currently there are more volunteers than handwritten materials! If anyone in the community has handwritten materials such as diaries, documents, ledger books, stories or memories from the Tri-Valley area or surrounding Catskills, they are urged to please consider lending them to the Museum for a transcribing project.

Loaned materials can be copied or scanned while you wait, and do not need to be left at the Museum, if desired. Individuals who lend materials for this purpose will receive a transcribed copy and digital copy of their loaned materials upon completion. For more information, or to set up a day and time to visit the Museum with handwritten materials, please contact the Time and the Valleys Museum at 845 985-7700 or info@timeandthevalleymuseum.org.

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is open from Memorial Day to Labor Day, Thursday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. and weekends in September.

Current exhibitions:
 o Water and the Valleys, an exhibit on the history of the Rondout and Neversink watershed area from early geological times to the 20th century. This newly renovated exhibition includes interactives such as a Native American artifact guessing game, grinding corn with a mortar and pestle, videos and more.
 o Tunnels, Toil and Trouble: New York City's Quest for Water and the Rondout-

Neversink Story, an interactive exhibit on NYC water supply system and the towns that were removed to build the system, which includes computer interactives, games, puzzles, videos and building a dam and tunnel.

- o 1930s Lost Catskill Farm
- o NEW! Once Upon a Time: One Teacher, 8 Grades, One Room School Opening May, 2020.

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

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Part-time Help needed for **Special Events at the beautiful Claryville Event Center.** Experience in restaurant service helpful. Ideal for teachers or college students. Call 845-985-0247.

Grahamsville Deli - Help Wanted - Experienced Only
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Help Wanted: Light Maintenance. Part time. Teen or adult. Call 985-2900

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YOGA CLASSES

GENTLE YOGA

For **seniors** and/or **beginners** of all ages. Mon & Wed a.m., Thur p.m., Sat .a.m. Near Neversink Reservoir Call Joy 845 292 7870

Enjoy a Cold Beer from the Grahamsville Deli!

Beer is now available for sale at the Grahamsville Deli located at the corner of Rt 42 & Rt 55 in Grahamsville. Hope to see you soon!
Campers and Hunters are always welcome!

4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sales! May 22- 25, 2020

While cleaning out the kitchen drawers or closets and you are wondering what to do with all those extra gadgets, pie tins, pots or pans, don't forget this year's **4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale!** It will be here before you know it!! Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2020 is **only 9 weeks away!**

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

SAVE A LIFE! DONATE! SHARE OUR STORY!



NICK NEEDS A KIDNEY TYPE O OR A(2)

Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) progresses in stages and, if untreated, can lead to complete loss of kidney function. At CKD stage 5, when both kidneys fail completely, the only options for survival are dialysis or a kidney transplant. Nick is at stage 5.

More about our warrior Nick....

Nick was diagnosed with Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) at birth. TSC is a neurological disorder that produces seizures, tumors, and lesions that effect the organs of the body and can cause Autism. Nick battled with seizures his whole life from infantile spasms to adult grand-mal seizures. Finally the past year and half Nick's seizures have been controlled but his kidney function was deteriorating. May 2019 we heard the worst news that Nick's function was under 10% on both kidneys! Since then Nick has had 2 surgeries to put ports in his neck and stomach so dialysis can be preformed. Nick has transitioned to home dialysis and has been a tough adjustment. Not what the sweetest, kindest, 29 year old should be going through.

Nick has such a big heart and is loved by so many in our community. We all want Nick to have the best quality of life and going through dialysis does not provide that quality. We hope and pray a kidney comes to us and that Nick will be able to live a happy and healthy life doing what he loves and that is to bicycle all throughout our town making people smile. Nick is a big part of the community, he takes pride with his volunteer work with the EMS and is the Honorary member of the Monticello Fire Department. Lets all band together for Nick and help him find a kidney so he can live life to the fullest!

IF INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE CONTACT US TODAY!
 845.798.2077 nickneedsokidney@gmail.com

Follow Nick @nickneedsokidney

Message from The Daniel Pierce Library

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

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

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

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

Thank you.

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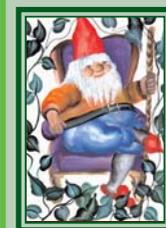
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ON TCM STARTING AT 6:00 AM WEDNESDAY APRIL 1, 2020 WE HONOR TOSHIRO MIFUNE'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

AKIRA KUROSAWA & TOSHIRO MIFUNE, in

"THE SEVEN SAMURAI" THE INSPIRATION OF EPIC WESTERN "THE MAGNIFICENT SEVEN."

**This is really not what is on this day.*

• 6:00 AM **DRUNKEN ANGEL** (Drama, 1948) An alcoholic doctor builds a shaky friendship with a dying gangster. **Dir: Akira Kurosawa Cast: Takashi Shimura, Toshiro Mifune, Michiyo Kogure.** • 7:45 AM **STRAY DOG** (Suspense, 1949) When a detective's gun is stolen, he tears apart the underworld to get it back. **Dir: Akira Kurosawa Cast: Toshiro Mifune, Keiko Awaji, Takashi Shimura** • 10:00 AM **THE HIDDEN FORTRESS**, (Epic, 1959) In medieval Japan, a samurai fights to save a feudal lord's daughter from bandits. **Dir: Akira Kurosawa Cast: Toshiro Mifune, Minoru Chiaki, Susumu Fujita.** • 12:30 PM **SANJURO** (Adventure, 1962) A tough doctor takes a young intern under his wing. **Dir: Akira Kurosawa Cast: Toshiro Mifune, Yuzo Kayama, Yoshio Tsuchiya.** • 1:45 PM **RASHOMON** (Drama, 1950) first Japanese film to come into the U. S. after WWII. **D: Akira Kurosawa. Toshiro Mifune, Machiko Kyo, Masayuki Mori, Takashi Shimura.** Kurosawa's first huge international success is superlative study of truth and human nature; four people involved in a rape-murder tell varying accounts of what happened. The film's very title has become part of our language. Oscar winner as Best Foreign Film. Remade as THE OUTRAGE. • 2:15 PM **RED BEARD** (Drama, 1965) A tough doctor takes a young intern under his wing. **Dir: Akira Kurosawa Cast: Toshiro Mifune, Yuzo Kayama, Yoshio Tsuchiya.** • 5:30 PM **HIGH AND LOW** (Suspense 1963) • 8:00 PM **SEVEN SAMURAI** (Epic, 1956) Japanese villagers hire a team of traveling samurai to defend them against a bandit attack. **Dir: Akira Kurosawa Cast: Toshiro Mifune, Takashi Shimura, Kuninori Kodo.** this film was the inspiration for "The Magnificent Seven." • 1:30 AM **YOJIMBO** (Adventure, 1961) A samurai-for-hire sets the warring factions of a Japanese town against each other. **Director Akira Kurosawa's influential 1961 effort, an action-packed, sometimes humorous reconception of the individualistic loner from the American Western, stars Mifune, Eijiro Tono, Seizaburo Kawazu.** • 3:30 AM **THRONE OF BLOOD** (Epic, 1957) Graphic, powerful adaptation of **Macbeth** in a samurai setting. Gripping finale, with Taketoki Washizu (the Macbeth character, masterfully played by Mifune) attacked by arrows. Spurred by his wife and a witch's prediction, a samurai murders his lord to steal the throne. **Dir: Akira Kurosawa Cast: Toshiro Mifune, Isuzu Yamada, Takashi Shimura.**

Quiz in "RASHOMON"

1. Who played Machiko Kyo?
2. Who played the Priest?

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All these films will be on!

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