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Congratulations to Tri-Valley Elementary Teacher

The Tri-Valley Teachers' Association (TVTA) would like to recognize and congratulate Mrs. Brenna Rogers for recently receiving tenure as an Elementary Teacher at Tri-Valley Central School.

Brenna has been at Tri-Valley for four years now. She has been a first grade teacher for the last three years. She also spent her first year as the elementary librarian. Before coming to Tri-Valley, she worked as a teaching assistant at the Center for Discovery for five years.

Brenna received her Bachelor's Degree in Childhood Education and Special Education, Grades 1-6, from Mount Saint Mary College. She also received her Master's Degree in Literacy, Birth-6th Grade, from Mount Saint Mary College.

When asked what she enjoys most about her job, Brenna answered without hesitation: "My students!" She went on to say, "I love their enthusiasm and their love of learning, but their big hearts are what I love the most. I love seeing the amount of enjoyment kids have when they learn a new skill. It is so fulfilling to be able to build a classroom community and to encourage each student to be the best he or she can be. On top of all this, I also love the fact that I am able to grow both professionally and personally while doing something I am passionate about."

In addition to teaching, Brenna is very active outside of the classroom. She is a volunteer for the Giant Pumpkin Party and the Color Run; is a member of the Character in Action Team; is a member of the TVTA Care Committee, SnackPack program, and Positive Action Committee; and participates in the TVTA Holiday Gift Program and American Cancer Society Walk.

Congratulations again to Brenna for her wonderful accomplishment!



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During the mid-afternoon on May 22, 2020, four volunteer staff members from Fallsburg Central School District were busy assembling 33 boxes with a total of 174 meals in the cafeteria at Benjamin Cosor Elementary School. In less than an hour, under the direction of Dr. Aleta Lymon, FCSD Family & Community Engagement Director, Ms. Leah Exner, Ms. Elisa Baum and Ms. Kristen Meyer would be in their cars delivering the boxed meals to thirty-one needy families in the Town of Fallsburg.

The scene was being duplicated in the Liberty and Monticello School Districts. All of this was through the effort of Single Bite, a non-profit founded by Kirsten and Sims Foster of Foster Supply Hospitality in Livingston Manor. Among their goals were to create a small moment for children and young adults where the memory of the flavor and the experience has the potential to quietly change the trajectory in life of those who participate. (Contd. Pg. 4)

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

OBITUARY

Erin Louise McGinley of Grahamsville, died on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at home. She was 59.

She was the daughter of Charles T. McGinley and Phyllis Kenney McGinley, born on June 20, 1960 in Cortland, NY.

Erin had an indelible impact on the lives of those with whom she came into contact. She had a genius for unconditional love, compassion, and fierce advocacy for anyone in need. She was a force of nature: passionate, irreverent, and full of life. Erin had enough talents for several people. She had a brilliant intellect, debate skills worthy of the courtroom, and masterful writing abilities. Erin was a passionate and persuasive advocate for the needs of the differently abled. She was an alchemist in the kitchen; her cooking and baking abilities astounded, delighting the palate and feeding the soul. Erin took great pleasure in cooking for others as an expression of her love. If someone was ill or in need, she sent generous helpings of delicious, home cooked food. Erin was a talented flutist who played both classical music and jazz. She was also a gifted craftsperson who knitted scarves, hats and gloves worthy of boutique clothing stores. All of these gifts and abilities seemed to emanate from Erin's commitment to living a truly spiritual life. Since the age of 20, Erin dedicated herself to spiritual development through Siddha Yoga Meditation, maintaining a daily meditation practice.

Erin's primary focus and greatest joy was her children, Emma and Huston. She would go to any lengths to ensure their health, safety and happiness, and was fearless in fighting for their needs.

She leaves behind her loving husband Stephen P. Burnich; her mother Phyllis; her son Huston Porter, and his father James Porter; her daughter Emma Palmer, and her father Eugene Palmer; siblings Kevin McGinley and his wife Arona, Brian McGinley and his partner Judy, and Kelly Funk; and eight nieces and nephews, and five grandnieces and grandnephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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DAYS OF YORE...**Today's History****May 24. 1950**

Mrs. Grace Burney of Arlington, Va., announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Peggy Burney to Corporal Edward Van Dover of Grahamsville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brooks. Miss Burney is a government employee in the Dept. of Defense in Washington, D.C. Corporal Van Dover is with the General Staff of the U.S. Army in the Pentagon in Washington. Plans are being made for a wedding in July.

Mr. Robert Dymond who is in the maple syrup business, as well as running a dairy farm with a herd of 84 cows, tapped over 6,000 trees this spring making over 500 gallons of syrup and about that many pounds of maple syrup.

Preston Whipple, 66, of Liberty died last Wednesday morning at Maimonides Hospital in Liberty. He was born at Frost Valley on May 15, 1884 to John and Elizabeth Burton Whipple.

The place to stop crime is not in the electric chair but in the high chair. - Envoy J. Stanley, Director Men's Prison Bureau

May 25. 1960

Gene Walter received the highest award a Future Farmer may be given within a State Association of FFA at the State Convention banquet of the New York Association in Wellsville Central School on May 14. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walter of Divine Corners and is a senior at Tri Valley Central School in Grahamsville.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Fairbairn are the parents of a boy, Rickie Randall, born on Sunday, May 22. The baby weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown celebrated their 41 st wedding anniversary with a dinner at Wenig's in Napanoch on Sunday. In the evening they called on Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Gridley Sr. of South Hill.

Anniversaries: June 5, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stratton - 6 years; June 3, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Smith - 4 years; June 1, Mr. and Mrs. William Clark - 3 years.

On Saturday, May 28 at 1 p.m., the Daniel Pierce Library will hold its yearly fund raising Bake Sale at Anderson's store. It is expected that the General Electric 10-cup coffee maker which the library plans to raffle off will be on exhibit.

May 27. 1970

Walter Garigliano has earned the highest Boy Scout rank attainable - the coveted Eagle Scout award. The son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Garigliano of Grahamsville, Walter is the first member of Scout Troop 87 of Neversink to become an Eagle Scout. (Contd. Pg. 7)

Tri-Valley Students' Pandemic Journaling

This week's featured student:

Journal 2:

Now on to the second day of quarantine, I woke up and did my things and I started to realize that being in quarantine isn't so bad because I get to do school in my bed! Like, who would have ever thought that you would be able to do work in bed? But I really feel bad for all the people who are losing their family members because I personally don't have any grandparents who live in America, so I kind of have to put myself in those people's shoes who have grandparents who can't visit them and can't make contact with them. I feel this way because they would be more used to talking to their grandparents and maybe their bestfriend. But otherwise I am enjoying my quarantine and I think I might not have school for the rest of the year.

Journal 3:

On to the third day of a crazy quarantine. Today my family, including my dog, decided to go for a hike just because most parks are free and to get some fresh air. On the way to the park it almost just seems like a ghost town because I see barely any cars and there's no people. But that's totally normal, but I think in my head if I will just get used to all this crazy stuff from staying at home and not seeing friends, to online classes for the rest of the year probably. I then have a good hike and have a good rest of the evening. Then I go to sleep thinking about how life will be in the future, and different questions I have for myself like, when will we go back to school? Or, how will life change? Then I drift off to sleep.

Journal 10:

This is the first day of the fourth week. This has been a long quarantine and I found out today it is going to be longer because school is going to be closed for the rest of the year. It's already crazy and now even more crazy. I wonder how much life is going to change for me now. I go to a camp basically every summer and it is a sleep away camp for 7 weeks. I now wonder if that will also close because then if it is, I will have to spend the whole summer at home. I have been going to the camp for 7 years now. I really hope that I have camp so I can see my camp friends and not be stuck at home for a really long time again.

Misha Khodakovski
7th grade TVCSD

Household Hints:

Keep cut flowers fresh

Everyone likes to keep cut flowers around as long as possible, and there are several good methods. One way is to mix 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar and 2 tablespoons sugar with the vase water before adding the flowers. Be sure to change the water (with more vinegar and sugar, of course) every few days to enhance your flowers' longevity.

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.

Secrets of the Little Violet

The little sweet smelling wild violets that seem to be everywhere in the backyard today, have always been kind of "sign" that more sunshine is on it's way.



But that's not all that is special about violets. There are 450 different species of Viola worldwide, and you can eat all of them! They are the state flower of New Jersey, Illinois, Rhode Island and Wisconsin.

Some varieties have white and yellow flowers but purple and blue are the world favorites. Purple violets include the common Meadow or Hooded; blue one the Bird's foot and Dog. Yellow violets are more plentiful in most Western woodlands than Eastern. Of white violets, the Canada species is best known across the U.S. Violets hybridize and change both flower color and leaf shape. Cultivated florist shop violets and pansies descended from a wild European strain, V. tricolor, which are fragrant. People in ancient Rome and medieval Europe crushed the violets and spread them throughout the castle for their fragrance.

Violets are low-growing leafy plants about 6" high with heart shaped leaves. Some have foliage like a Bird's foot which is deeply toothed and others narrow. Leaves are edible raw or cooked and are rich in Vitamin C.

Violets have five petals, the wide lower ones form landing platforms with honey guide lines for pollinating insects.

These small dainty flowers are edible! They are delicious and decorative in any salad and a lovely embellishment to a cake or dessert recipe. Plus they taste sweet as they look!

Have you ever tasted pancakes with violet syrup (faintly grapey-sweet)? A cup of violet tea? A dish of "violet" pudding?

Sweet violets have also been used through the ages in medicinal preparations, culinary concoctions, perfumes, dyes and cosmetics.

Violets are fond of deep, humus-rich and slightly sandy soil, and prefer moist, shaded locations such as those found in open areas under trees. They are easily propagated from seed, cuttings or by division of the creeping rhizome in spring or fall.

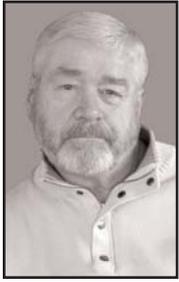
Violets are low-growing leafy plants about 6" high. You can identify violets by their distinctive rounded, heart-shaped leaves with branching parallel veins. You'll see one leaf per stem coming from the base of the plant. Violets have five petals, the wide lower ones form landing platforms with honey guide lines for pollinating insects.

The first showy flowers on long stems are usually sterile but if you look closer you'll see smaller blooms lower down that develop little three-sided capsules like a tri-cornered hat which contain seeds. Winter cold and frost break down the seed husks for spring germination.

The familiar purple flowers of the Violaceae family mark the coming of spring and warmer weather worldwide.

When Napoleon left France for Elba, his supporters wore violets as a secret sign of their allegiance and adopted the violet as their secret symbol and password. Napoleon's parting words were that he'd return with the violets in the spring. He re-entered France on March 20, in time for the season and the violets were in full bloom.

Napoleon was nicknamed, "Caporal Violet, the little flower that returns with spring". Postcards from a color print by Jean-Dominique Etienne Canu, *Le Secret du Caporal La Violette*, that flooded France at that time, pictured a bunch of innocent looking violets, but when looked at closely, the violets in the bouquet revealed the outlines of portraits of Napoleon, Marie Louise and of their three year old son, Charles, King of Rome.



Let Freedom Ring

by John Dwaine McKenna

Every Memorial Day for the past decade or so, a quiet event takes place on the western slope of the Continental Divide, high up in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, that exemplifies the American spirit of patriotism, freedom and honor for all those who've given "The last full measure of devotion," and laid down their lives in service to their country.

As the morning sun rises over the eastern plains and foothills, on the backside of Vail Mountain an anonymous patriot single-handedly unfurls a huge 24' x 36' flag from the center span of an iconic arched steel bridge, 200 feet over the Eagle River on Battle Mountain Pass, near Red Cliff, Colorado. The bridge, which was opened in 1940, is about nine miles south of Minturn and 20 miles north of the historic mining town of Leadville, on US Hwy 24.

Then, after flying proudly all day, as dusk falls the anonymous patriot-A.P. for short-quietly retrieves the 80 pounds of star spangled banner and stows it, along with all the nylon rigging that held it in place, until the fol-



»» — Let Freedom Ring — ««



lowing Memorial Day, when he'll repeat the process and wave Old Glory again. He does it to honor the spirit of the day . . . and to memorialize all those who've died in defense of our freedom. When asked How much longer can you keep doing it, the A.P. Will, he said, do so for as long as his health and strength allows. The problem is the wind. He said, "I have to lay the flag out and tie it off without letting the breeze get it, because once it starts to fly there's no stopping anything." Let's hope, in this unprecedented time of shut-down, shut-in and shut-up . . . he can continue for the foreseeable future . . . because the A.P. exemplifies in deeds, not words, the true spirit behind those stirring words, From every mountainside, let freedom ring. He's an example to all of us. Be Proud. Be Brave. Be Strong. Stay Free.

John Dwaine McKenna is a writer, commentator and reviewer. His newest, *Unforsaken*, is available at bookstores everywhere and on Amazon.

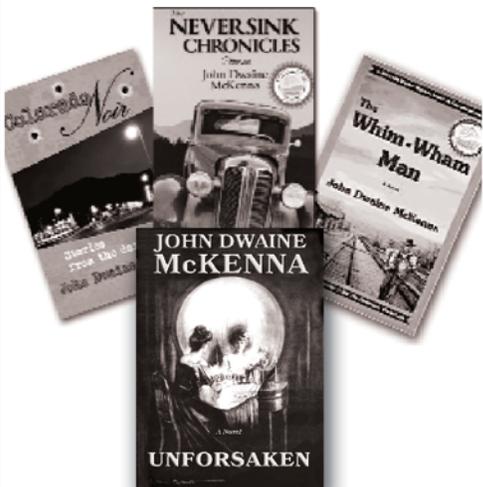
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(From Pg. 1) The assembling and delivery of the meals of garden salad, penne Bolognese, roasted vegetables and chocolate chip cookies created by Chef Baco & the Piccolo Paese Team and provided by Single Bite came from volunteers at the three school districts through Operation Feed. The sponsors of this part of the project are Liberty NY Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Monticello NY and Fallsburg NY Lions Club. Included in each dinner box for this delivery only is a \$50 Shop Rite Gift Card provided by a generous and anonymous donor.

The program continues in Fallsburg and the other communities on May 29 and another day after that. Additional volunteers from Fallsburg are Christine Justiniano, Dawne Adams, Veronica Serrano, and Colleen Keaveney.

If you wish to donate to this wonderful program during the challenging time of Covid-19, please contact Audrey Garro at audrey@singlebite.org or (845)-482-1030.

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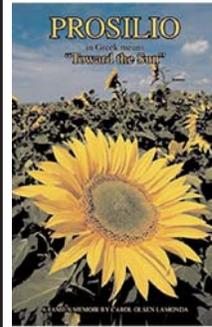
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... in Greek means "Toward the Sun," was written by Carol Olsen LaMonda. Carol writes the column "The Olive Jar" for *Ye Olde Tri-Valley Townsman*. This local author has



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The Olive Jar

By Carol Olsen LaMonda

All on the Same Team ...

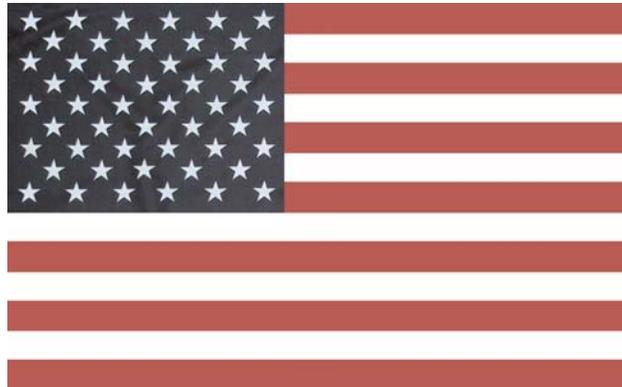
As the warm weather approaches, people are venturing out of their cocoons into the sunlight and fresh air. The healthy outdoors is a good thing, but we are in contact with other involuntary hermits in search of a soft ice cream cone, some flats of bright petunias, and hotdogs for the grill.

A mask hangs around my neck for a quick encounter with a stranger, and my family does a version of aversion polka as we dance around in the kitchen we are sharing at our lake house. Six feet of distancing gets difficult in a kitchen only seven feet wide.

Even as regions in New York are opening like a spring bud in the desert, I am no longer looking forward to what was. I have come to the realization that what will be will be a very different future than I imagined.

For one thing, being a control freak, I have given control over to the whims of the universe. I am no longer driving the bus. I am merely a passenger and on a journey with an unknown destination. In the meantime, I am enjoying the few people in my socially acceptable and distant tribe, watching sunrises and sunsets, and hoping for a better lifestyle than we left behind.

As I see all the flags at half mast remembering our veterans and



victims of Covid-19, I know they will be hoisted to fly proudly in the better world we are imagining in our solitary musings. **S o m e h o w**, fighting a common enemy, puts all of us on the same team.

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Hello Neighbors!

I am Brianna, the 2020 Children's Tumor Foundation National Ambassador. May is National Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month, and May 17 is specifically WORLD NF1 DAY and May 22nd is WORLD NF2 DAY.

Due to COVID our fundraising and awareness efforts have been dramatically affected. I am asking for your help during this difficult time. You can support patient's like me by lighting up your home or business BLUE & GREEN for the Month of May! If you are willing to take pictures, you can share them with me on social media (Facebook: Brianna Christine or Instagram: @Brianna_Christine97), if not we appreciate your support within our hometown community!

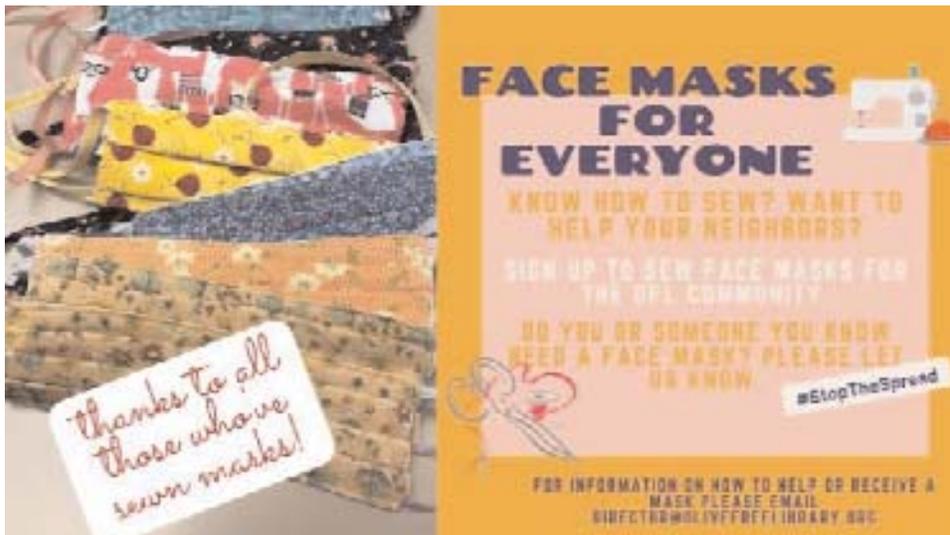
My goal is to light up Grahamsville and Neversink! I would be eternally grateful if you join our family in spreading NF Awareness and Support!

Please visit CFT.org for further information about me, all that we are doing to find a cure for Neurofibromatosis and how you can help!

Sincerely,

Brianna Worden and Family

CTF 2020 National Ambassador



Why wear a mask?

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Today's History (From Pg. 2)

Something strange has been going on in Claryville! The County grader was parked on the Frost Valley Road and had not been used by the County crew for several weeks, yet tracks of the machine were seen up by Percy Bunton's briar patch. Was someone joy-riding on a grader, someone somewhat inexperienced in its operation, judging by the erratic path of the tracks? The machine was returned undamaged to its original place, and the key put back in its hiding place.

Funeral services were held Friday for Mrs. Jane D. Evans, 88, of Grahamsville who died Wednesday at Liberty Loomis Hospital. Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Ray Erath of Grahamsville; Miss Harriet Decker and Miss Janet Decker, both of Hawley, Pa.

May 29, 1980

Mrs. Ethelyn Garigliano and Mr. Calvin Parrow will be the guests of honor at a retirement dinner to be held June 7, 1980 at King's Catering House in Livingston Manor. The Tri-Valley Teacher's Association, sponsors of the event, extends a cordial invitation to community friends and neighbors to join them in honoring Mrs. Garigliano and Mr. Parrow.

The boys' and girls' track teams won the WSL Championship by placing first in the WSL Championship meet and defeating Eldred in their final league contest.

Mrs. Catherine Weston, former pastor at the Lows Corners Baptist Church, now living in Topeka, Kansas, is spending some time in town at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Erath.

Mr. William Conrad, 27, of Woodbourne, died Saturday at his home. Mr. Conrad, a television technician, was born June 11, 1952 in Liberty to William A. and Helen Sosnowski Conrad.

Dr. Robert Greenwald, age 55, of Mt. Vernon died at Cobleskill Hospital on May 14. Dr. Greenwald was married to the former Linda George, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert George of Sundown, on July 4, 1946.

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National Purple Heart Organization Opens Nominatons for Annual Salute in NY – Purple Heart Recipients from Every U.S. State and Territory Will be Honored with Special Ceremonies at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, Additional Tributes – Nominations Due by August 31

(NEWBURGH, NY) - The National Purple Heart Honor Mission announced today that it is opening the nomination process for its 2021 Purple Heart Patriot Project Mission. This multi-day salute to service will bring together Purple Heart heroes representing each state in the nation to pay tribute to their courage and sacrifice on behalf of a grateful nation.

One Purple Heart recipient and an escort of their choosing from each state and territory will again be selected for an all-expenses-paid tribute filled with tours and ceremonies honoring their service and that of all those who have earned the Purple Heart. The four-day Patriot Project Mission will feature visits to the U.S. Military Academy West Point, a visit to historic Washington's Headquarters where the Badge of Military Merit originated in 1782, and a private tour of the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor - the museum dedicated to paying tribute to our nation's combat wounded. Other special tribute events are also being planned.

"Our nation's Purple Heart recipients have made extraordinary sacrifices for our freedom," said National Purple Heart Honor Mission Executive Director, Russell Vernon, Col. USA Ret. "These brave men and women who bare the physical scars of war, saved the world from the darkness of Nazism, communism, fascism and terrorism. This tribute is a reminder to all of us that their sacrifice will never be forgotten. For some, it is the homecoming they never had. For others, it is an opportunity to connect with their fellow Purple Heart recipients and share stories only they can fully appreciate. For all Americans, The Patriot Project it's a reminder of the cost of freedom."

It is estimated that more than 1.8 million Americans have been awarded the Purple Heart for being wounded in action or making the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

"The honorees we will select symbolize what it means to be humble heroes, who served, sacrificed and continued to serve their communities," said Vernon.

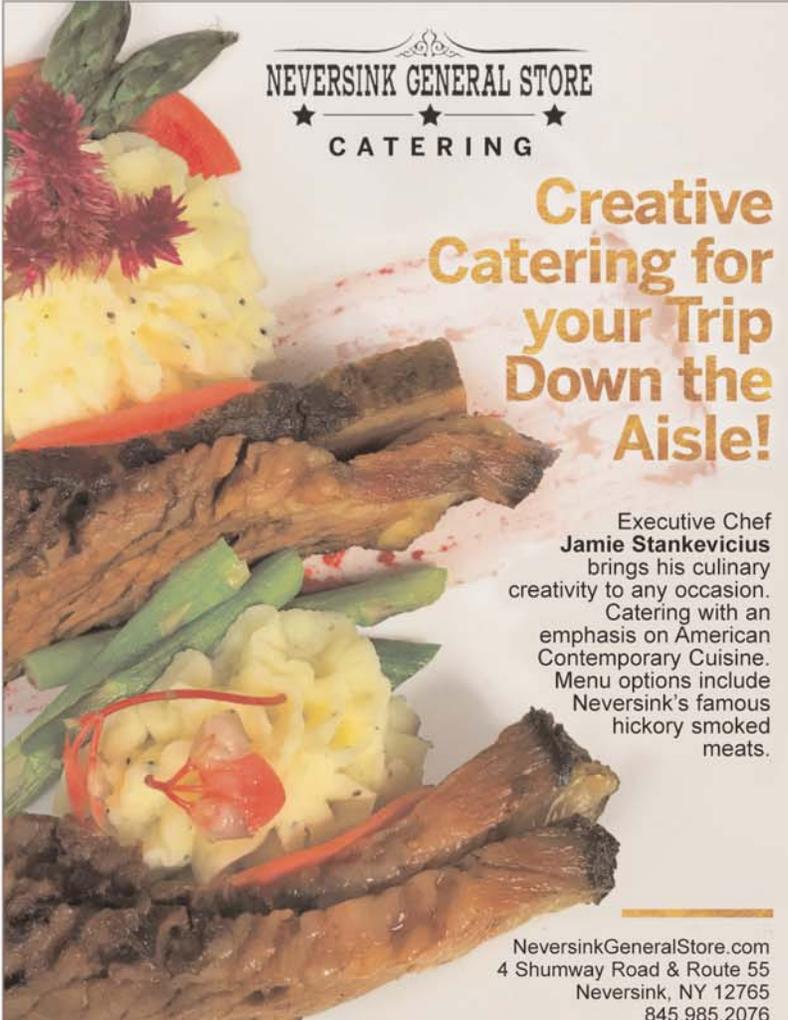
The Purple Heart recipients who have participated in the Honor Flight-style program have been moved by the outpouring of gratitude from the public and the immediate sense of camaraderie they felt with their fellow honorees.

Anyone can nominate a Purple Heart recipient they know. Nominations must include a short description (up to 250 words) of why their nominee is deserving of this special recognition. Submissions can be sent via email to Info@PurpleHeartMission.org or submitted via the Honor Mission's website at <https://www.purpleheartmission.org/patriot-project>. Nominations will be accepted until August 31. The Honor Mission will select three finalists from each state and territory and a national panel of Purple Heart recipients and other distinguished Americans will select the final honorees. A complete list of honorees will be announced nationally on November 11 - Veteran's Day - 2020.

Video footage of the 2019 Patriot Project Mission and interviews with select honorees can be found at: <http://bit.ly/PHHonorMissionVideos>.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, which was established and expanded through the vision and work of the Honor Mission, today is operated by the New York-New Jersey Palisades Interstate Park Commission. The National Purple Heart Honor Mission is an approved 501(c)3 national charitable organization that provides a range of tribute programing to honor our Purple Heart heroes and preserve their legacy. (Contd. Pg. 14)

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Chairman Doherty, DA Galligan Encourage Countywide Donation Effort

Monticello, NY - With families, food pantries and nonprofits struggling to meet basic needs in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty and Acting District Attorney Meagan Galligan are urging the County's citizens to pitch in where possible and donate food & funds to support local community organizations.



“It's important to do more than just say, 'We're in this together,’” Doherty stated. “Those of us who are able should 'walk the talk' and give what we can to our neighbors in need.”

Galligan added, “The people of Sullivan County are our greatest resource. What better way to show each other we care, and show our children the value of community, than by helping out our neighbors in need?”

Over the past few weeks Galligan and Doherty have been donating boxes of groceries to pantries and conducting outreach efforts spanning Monticello to Narrowsburg, White Lake to Barryville. Their most recent contribution occurred at the Shepherd's Pantry in White Lake, which is based out of the basement of the local Presbyterian Church.

“The situation has become dire in many parts of the County,” said Doherty. “We as a community need to step up and help our neighbors”.

Galligan agreed, “No one in Sullivan County should go hungry. If you find that assistance available from the government is limited in your situation, hang in there and reach out locally for help.”

She noted that local food pantries have reported that the same kind of supply-chain disruptions many have noticed at local grocery stores is affecting their ability to source items for those in need. She added, “If you're able to donate, please consider sending non-perishable foods or monetary donations to your local pantry. Every little bit helps.”

“Strip away what divides us, and you find we're all human beings with the same need for shelter, food, safety and compassion,” Doherty said. “Donating food and funds reminds us of that - and helps ease the desperate times some of our neighbors are in at the moment.”

Residents interested in helping can contact the County's Emergency Assistance Center at 845-807-0925 or their local food pantry. Sullivan County maintains a full list of food pantries at:

www.sullivanyny.us/Departments/HealthandFamilyServices.

Metzger Co-Chairs Virtual Legislative Hearing on Federal Assistance to Small Businesses and Farms

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) co-chaired the first-ever joint hearing of the State Legislature last week on the federal response to the economic impact of COVID-19 on small businesses across the state. In her role as Senate Agriculture Chair, Senator Metzger questioned the agricultural panel about small-farm assistance, potential expansion of Nourish NY and other state programs, and strengthening New York's regional food systems during the hearing's federal assistance for farms section.

“As testimony at the legislative hearing demonstrated, federal programs to help small businesses during this challenging time were designed to be one-size-fits-all, but farm businesses have unique needs that set them apart from other types of small businesses,” said Senator Metzger. “Some of

the kinks were worked out in the second round of funding for small business loan programs to better support our farms, but much more needs to be done to bolster federal assistance to agriculture, including more robust direct payments and support for state programs, like Nourish NY, that support our farms while simultaneously addressing the growing food insecurity that many New Yorkers are experiencing.”

Co-hosted by 12 committee chairs from the New York State Assembly and Senate, including Metzger's Agriculture Chair counterpart Donna Lupardo, the first-ever virtual hearing gave the Legislature an opportunity to address assistance provided or enhanced by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and related legislation.

“We are grateful to Senator Metzger, Assemblywoman Lupardo, and their colleagues for highlighting the impacts of COVID-19 on small businesses, including agriculture in New York State,” said Jeff Williams, Director of Public Policy at New York Farm Bureau. “It is clear that the legislature is concerned about the prospects for maintaining our agricultural and rural economies, while at the same time protecting our food supply. We look forward to working with Senator Metzger and Assemblywoman Lupardo to ensure that farms receive the critical support they need to survive this tough time.”

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NYS Senators announce \$650 for Broadband Projects Across Rural NY

Washington, DC - Today, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer and U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced \$640,296 in federal funding to connect rural and unserved New York communities to high-speed internet. The funding was awarded to the Mid-Hudson Data Corporation through the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Connect America Fund program. The program is part of a broader effort by the FCC to close the digital divide in rural America by ensuring all Americans have access to critical voice and broadband services, both fixed and mobile, at rates that are reasonably comparable to those in urban areas.

“The current public health crisis is making it all too clear that the digital gap in communities across Upstate New York is far too wide,” said Senator Schumer. “With this federal investment, rural and under-served communities -- will have improved, more reliable voice and internet services to help them stay connected during these difficult times. I'll continue fighting tooth and nail to secure funding that brings our rural economies Upstate into the 21st century.”

“Far too many families in rural New York don't have access to necessary broadband services, widening the already pervasive digital divide,” said Senator Gillibrand. “This funding is great news for New Yorkers, as families, workers, and businesses across the state depend on fast internet and voice services now more than ever. I will continue fighting for the resources needed to keep our communities connected during this unprecedented health crisis.”

Reliance on connectivity has only increased during the COVID-19 pandemic as Americans across the country face a new reality of day to day to life. Broadband access and internet services are now crucial for students to continue their education at home, for people who have experienced job loss or reduction in income to search for employment opportunities and access public benefits, and for patients to stay connected with their health care providers via telehealth services

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The Scene Too

- Jane Harrison

I really have to ask, and maybe some of you can enlighten me, on what is WRONG with people these days? A short while back a good friend was almost run over crossing her road to get her mail by a big pickup truck that didn't even slow down...and we're talking about straight road with good visibility. And let's not forget to mention that the driver yelled that it was HER fault, complete with expletives.

On Sunday, on Anawana Lake Road, on one of my few excursions out, I was flipped off three times. Three separate times by heavy set older men driving in big pickup trucks, a fact that I wouldn't have paid any attention to except it is only a seven mile stretch of road. And what was my grievous offense? The only thing that I could come up with was that I was wearing my mask in the car. Never mind that I had already stopped two places and I was more concerned with what I might have walked through with all the non mask wearers about. Never mind that taking it off, putting it on, taking it off...is a bigger hassle than leaving it on because this one ties. Never mind that this virus has not gone anywhere and I'm at high risk. Seriously gentlemen?

OK, rant over. All in all, it's been a stellar week with wonderful sun and warmer temperatures giving us a real taste of the coming summer.

So, what have I been doing... I declare my "pandemic socks" DONE!!

A mad dash plant grab of



whatever was left to put some more color on my porch yielded a cornucopia which includes my favorite cooking herbs.

Thanks to friends, I have soil and extra pots in case I need them.

I'm looking forward to repotting them all so I can kill them

properly.

I have two creative green thumb neighbors. One who made a planter out of an old floor lamp. Another made a "bed" out of a discarded tabletop. I'm not allowed within six feet of either.

The NEVERSINK GENERAL STORE has opened their BBQ shack again. Just thinking of that brisket sandwich.....

And speaking of 'outside' food (stuff you don't have to cook yourself but can pick up), I wish I could make a Chicken Enchilada as good as the one I had from CABERNET FRANK'S in Parksville. Marvelous!!

This week's musician in "Pause" is a recent transplant to our area and whose take on the world as a whole and life in general is as unique as his music and his name.

CASWYN MOON

Social distancing hasn't been too difficult for me personally, I've been doing it pretty successfully since 94'. I just stopped trying to completely control my future and it seemed the only way to do that for me was to give up everything I thought brought me (false) happiness. I learned a lot in doing this, to put it simply.

I spend a lot of time at Riverview aka Ghost in the Graveyard Records. Been busy working on THE AQUA TERRA, an EP I had planned to release at Rafter's Tavern on May 1st but alas, this Corona Virus hit us like a 2 ton heavy thing...sooo I now have ample time to sit and add 6 (or more) songs to a 4 song EP. Guess maybe it's turning into a full length cd type thingy. If things go well, it will be complete with lyrics and illustrated artwork by Charley Llama (hopefully). Everyone's health and well being is in such a state of flux, who knows. (Contd. Pg. 12)



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Don't Knock it 'Til You Try It!

After happily gorging myself on hotdogs, hamburgers, macaroni salad, egg salad, and various other typical American food items on Memorial

Day, I couldn't help but reminisce on the various foreign foods I've eaten while abroad. American food is scrumptious-I can't deny that! But, it's worth noting that there have been some seriously great foods I've tried in other countries!

And there have been some... not-so-great foods.

Here are my top 3 strangest foods I've eaten abroad!

1. Stinky tofu

"Stinky" is simply not a strong enough word for describing the stench from this popular Chinese dish. It's fermented tofu topped with various topping (spicy sauce, onions, etc.) that's generally sold in street markets and stalls. Rather than having to look for it in order to find it, just follow your nose because the pungent scent can be smelt from miles away! However, when I finally managed to try it after being too afraid for years, I was pleasantly surprised- and honestly, fell in love! And even ordered it multiple times after the first time! It's soft, flavorful, spicy, and truly melts in your mouth!



2. Fried crickets

While living in Thailand for half a year, it took me until my final weekend to get the courage to try something I'd seen in my local street food market for months: fried crickets. The dish is simple: just crickets fried in a wok with oil until crispy! Surprisingly, the crickets were delicious! Granted, anything



fried in oil is excellent, in my opinion. One problem, though: needing a toothpick to dig out all the legs stuck between my teeth!

3. Fried scorpions

In the very same street food market that I tried the stinky tofu, I also tried fried scorpions! And, once again, that street food market didn't let me down! The five scorpions that had been fried on a skewer were surprisingly crunchy, oily, and flavorful. I had no problem eating them all!

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The Scene Too

(From Pg. 11) I miss Cabernet Franks. Wade and RJ had just given me every 4th Thursday to host a an open mic, which was an excellent excuse to hang out with people I love and play my guitar and sing with other musicians at some travelling strangers.

The only really negative thing for me is I just really miss everyone's face.

I listen to the birds and got to know a family of foxes quite well I also spend a lot of time fishing. I used to fish with my Dad a lot so it brings me peace, even when they're not hitting.

And sometimes I just feel bad for feelin' alright...

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Local institution, Forestburgh Playhouse, initiates fundraising campaign 75 AND THRIVE

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Letter To the Editor:

Our state senator, Jen Metzger, represents us tirelessly on issues that affect all of us in the day-to-day. A prime example of this is her work on behalf of our troubled farm industry, balancing the needs of farmers, farm workers and consumers. It would be easy to make these three groups into opponents, but Jen has worked to validate the needs of all three groups, and to find solutions that recognize their interdependence so that all might prosper. With the advent of covid-19, the problems have increased, and Senator Metzger has worked to develop solutions on all fronts: pushing for more direct aid from the USDA; inclusion of farmers into the CARES Act; extension of the Farm Work Force Retention Credit; expanding Farm-to-School and Farm-to-Institution opportunities which would increase purchases of healthy, NY-grown foods to hospitals, nursing homes, state colleges and correctional facilities. This benefits our farmers, the farm workers, and all of us consumers. Jen works for all of us, and she deserves credit for all she has accomplished.

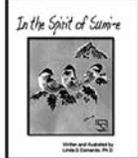
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Senator Metzger Discusses Impacts on Consumer Habits, Farms, and Food Supply during COVID-19 with Orange County Ag Expert Maire Ullrich

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...State Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) welcomed Maire Ullrich from Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County (CCEOC) to her online series, Community Conversations, to discuss the effects of the pandemic and food supply disruptions on agriculture in the region. The conversation covered dairy's abrupt market shift, explaining in great detail how the industry's lack of production flexibility, from manufacturing to

trucking distribution and refrigeration storage, contributed to milk dumping throughout New York State.



Senator Jen Metzger (Left) and Maire Ullrich (Below) participate in Metzger's Community Conversations online series on Facebook live

Farmers affected by COVID-19 have dominated headlines in recent weeks, and Metzger, who chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee, revealed with Ullrich the ways farms have adapted to the crisis and the benefits of initiatives like the state's Nourish NY Program that support the purchase of New York farm products while at the same time address growing food insecurity. They also discussed Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County's Gleaning Program that is delivering food to agencies and families in Orange and Sullivan County communities through donations.

Senator Metzger and CCEOC's Ullrich also examined the change that occurred in many people's buying habits during the pandemic, with more people seeking out fresh local foods at farm stands and farmers' markets. "The renewed appreciation for the fresh, nutritious foods we produce in our region is a bright spot in this challenging time," said Senator Metzger. "One of the lessons of the pandemic is the need to strengthen our regional food systems to help reduce our vulnerability to disruptions in national supply chains while supporting local agriculture."



Maire Ullrich, Agricultural Program Leader from Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County said, "The efficiency and profitability, and delicacy, of the food system has been highlighted by the disruptions that COVID has caused, and I appreciate Senator Metzger for elevating these necessary discussions. The relative flexibilities of local or small production/processing and transportation have been a benefit to New York growers and consumers demonstrating that producing and buying local is part of food security."

Senator Metzger's Community Conversations series streams live on Thursdays at 5:00 PM on her Facebook page, engaging local experts in discussions on COVID-19 topics important to Hudson Valley and Catskill communities. Next Thursday's episode will focus on best practices for small businesses in the Mid-Hudson Valley and Catskills as they prepare for the phased reopening of the regional economy. Program guests include Lisa Berger, Director of the Ulster County Department of Economic Development, and Roberta Byron-Lockwood, President & CEO of the Sullivan Catskills Visitors Association.

Only One SC Town Hall Meeting This Week Due to Memorial Day

Monticello, NY - Legislature Chairman Robert Doherty announces that Catskill Regional Medical Center CEO Jonathan Schiller will again join Legislature Vice Chair Mike Brooks, County Manager Josh Potosek and Public Health Director Nancy McGraw for a Live Town Hall this coming week.

"Our only hospital is the focus of attention during the COVID crisis, and Jonathan's updates have consistently informed and calmed our anxious residents," Doherty stated. "I appreciate the ongoing efforts of CEO Schiller and his team of heroes, and I look forward to welcoming him back this Thursday."

Schiller will speak on Thursday, May 28. Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no Town Hall this Monday, May 25. (However, there will be a live Facebook broadcast at 1 p.m. of the County's Memorial Day service in Liberty.)

Questions can be submitted via either email at scownhall@co.sullivan.ny.us or private message to www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov by 7 a.m. May 28. They should be related to COVID-19 (2019 Novel Coronavirus) concerns and issues, phrased respectfully and apolitically.

The Town Hall will begin at 1 p.m. May 28 at www.facebook.com/sullivancountygov. The videos will also be made available to view afterwards on the Coronavirus info page on the County's website, www.sullivanyny.us.

Project Resilience



Project Resilience is an Ulster County-wide community partnership to bring food and other assistance to those who cannot afford it or who cannot leave home during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Ulster County is partnering with United Way and many other area organizations and businesses to mobilize food and services. If you are an Ulster County resident in need of meals, meals will be delivered to local distribution centers, with home delivery to those who need it organized from there.

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DEC Encourages New Yorkers to Get Outside Safely, Responsibly, and Locally During State's Ongoing - Response to COVID-19 - NY'rs Encouraged to Discover Outdoor Spaces Close to Home

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos encouraged New Yorkers to engage in responsible recreation close to home during the State's ongoing response to COVID-19. DEC recommendations incorporate guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Department of Health for reducing the spread of infectious diseases and encourage New Yorkers to recreate locally, practice physical distancing, show respect, and use common sense to protect themselves and others. DEC is implementing additional measures at its facilities statewide, particularly in high use areas such as the Adirondacks High Peaks to reduce density and help to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect natural resources.

"New York State is deploying a comprehensive response to the COVID-19 public health crisis and we want to help ensure that measures and guidelines in place to prevent the spread of the virus continue to protect New Yorkers enjoying the outdoors," said Commissioner Seggos. "DEC is encouraging visitors to New York's natural resources to get outside to recreate locally, practice physical distancing, show respect, and use common sense to protect themselves and others this weekend and throughout the summer season. Special steps are being undertaken to reduce density at DEC sites and lands where we expect big crowds during the holiday weekend, and we encourage visitors to check our website for any site-specific updates or restrictions."

Responsible, respectful, local recreation is a crucial part of continuing to help New Yorkers stay active, spend time with immediate household and family members, and reduce stress and anxiety. Consistent with the NYForward (leaves DEC's website) phased reopening plan, DEC is encouraging New Yorkers to recreate locally in their region (PDF) (leaves DEC's website). Each of the state's 10 REDC regions (leaves DEC's website) have a wide variety of recreational opportunities available within them for the public to explore and enjoy. New Yorkers getting outdoors should use common sense in planning outdoor activities because public facilities like restrooms or other amenities may not be available. DEC is also encouraging New Yorkers visiting the outdoors to use the hashtag #RecreateLocal when sharing photos on social media. Use the DECinfo Locator to find the DEC-managed resource near you and visit DEC's website for more information.

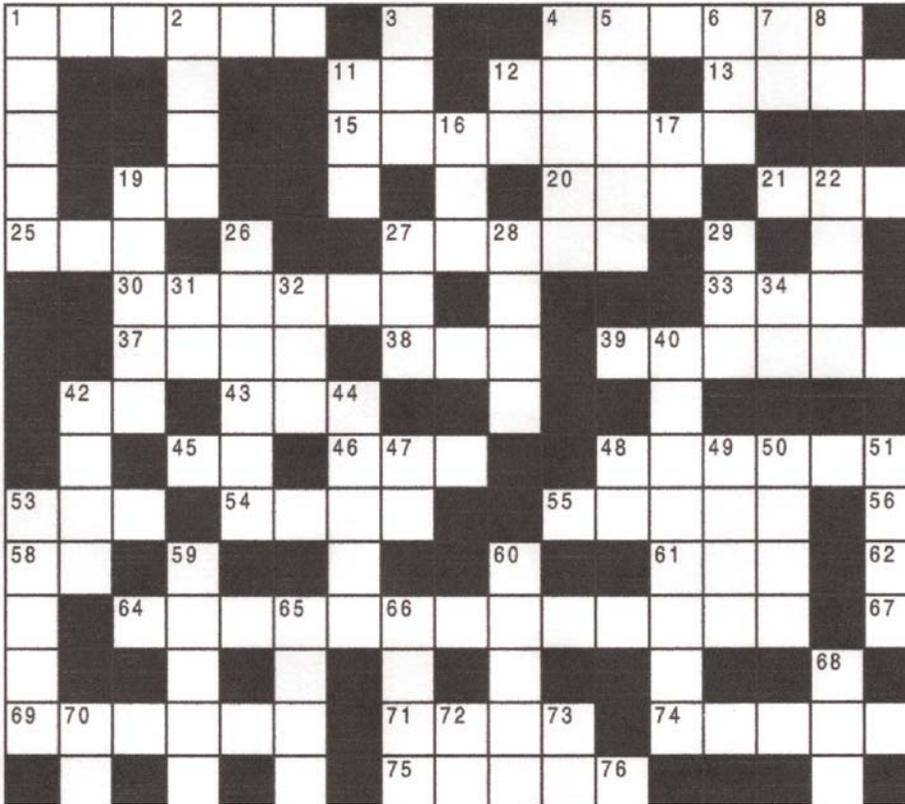
While enjoying outdoor spaces, please continue to follow the CDC/NYSDOH's guidelines for preventing the spread of colds, flu, and COVID-19:

- o Stay home if you are sick, or showing or feeling any COVID-19 symptoms, such as fever, coughing, and/or troubled breathing;
- o Practice social distancing. Keep at least six (6) feet of distance between you and others even when outdoors;
- o Wear a mask when you cannot maintain social distancing;
- o Avoid close contact, such as shaking hands, hugging, and high-fives;
- o Wash hands often or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when soap and water are not available; and
- o Avoid unnecessary contact with surfaces that are often touched, such as doorknobs and handrails.
- o New Yorkers over 70 years old or with a compromised immune system should not visit public spaces, including those outdoors. These New Yorkers should remain indoors or spend time in the backyard or other personal outdoor space, pre-screen visitors by taking their temperature, and require visitors to wear masks.

For the safety of all visitors and to reduce the community spread of COVID-19, DEC and State Parks have taken these steps to reduce public density:

- o All playgrounds are closed until further notice;
- o All public programs and events at state parks, lands, forests and facilities are canceled until further notice;
- o All indoor visitor facilities, such as nature centers, environmental education centers, visitor centers, and historic houses are closed to the public until further notice;
- o DEC-controlled fire towers are closed to the public until further notice. Trails and the summits to the towers remain open, but the towers themselves present a potential risk with multiple people climbing the stairs, in close quarters, unable to appropriately socially distance, and using the same handrails;
- o Limiting parking. The number of available parking spaces may be reduced on high visitation days. Please avoid visiting crowded areas. For visitor safety and the safety of others, do not park on roadsides and only park in designated parking areas; (Contd. Pg. 19)

Slow as a Snail L. Comando



- 53 Breathing organ for water animals
- 57 Light brown
- 59 Pardon
- 60 Move slowly
- 63 Diagram
- 65 Snail phylum
- 66 Guard
- 68 Warm and damp
- 70 Factory
- 72 Foot
- 73 Large NE African river
- 76 Moist
- 77 Mountain
- 78 Small two-winged fly
- 79 Overlapping part
- 82 Spoil
- 83 Single unit

Time for Simple Summer Salads

Classic Macaroni Salad

- 4 cups uncooked elbow macaroni
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup distilled white vinegar
- 2/3 cup white sugar
- 2 1/2 tablespoons prepared yellow mustard
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1/4 cup grated carrot

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add the macaroni, and cook until tender, about 8 minutes. Rinse under cold water and drain.

In a large bowl, mix together the mayonnaise, vinegar, sugar, mustard, salt and pepper. Stir in the onion, celery, green pepper, carrot, and macaroni. Refrigerate for at least 4 hours before serving, but preferably overnight.

ACROSS

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- 4 Harm
- 9 Extremely long period
- 11 Fourth note of the major scale
- 12 Friend
- 13 Only U.S. President to resign from office
- 14 Nearby
- 15 Snail delicacy
- 18 Tall hardy shade tree
- 19 Saint
- 20 Organ for hearing
- 21 To feel a glow
- 23 Half an em
- 25 Quantity
- 27 Shovel
- 30 Transform
- 33 Trouble in the mind or body
- 35 Spasm
- 37 Straight dividing mark
- 38 Small peg used in golf
- 39 Cultivated ground
- 41 Hardy cereal grass
- 42 Kiloliter
- 43 Chatter
- 45 Maine (Postal

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- 46 Expression of human creativity
- 46 Brawn
- 52 Physician
- 53 Oil product
- 54 Dressing gown
- 55 Vehicle stopping device
- 56 High-performance car
- 58 Not out
- 61 Purge
- 62 Pistol
- 64 Animal that is both male and female
- 67 A gastropod
- 69 Coil
- 71 Not clogged
- 74 Slimy secretion
- 75 Warm
- 77 Short for megabytes
- 79 Narrow road
- 80 Second hand
- 81 Sixth note of the major scale
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- 85 Jewel
- 86 Along with
- 87 Before noon
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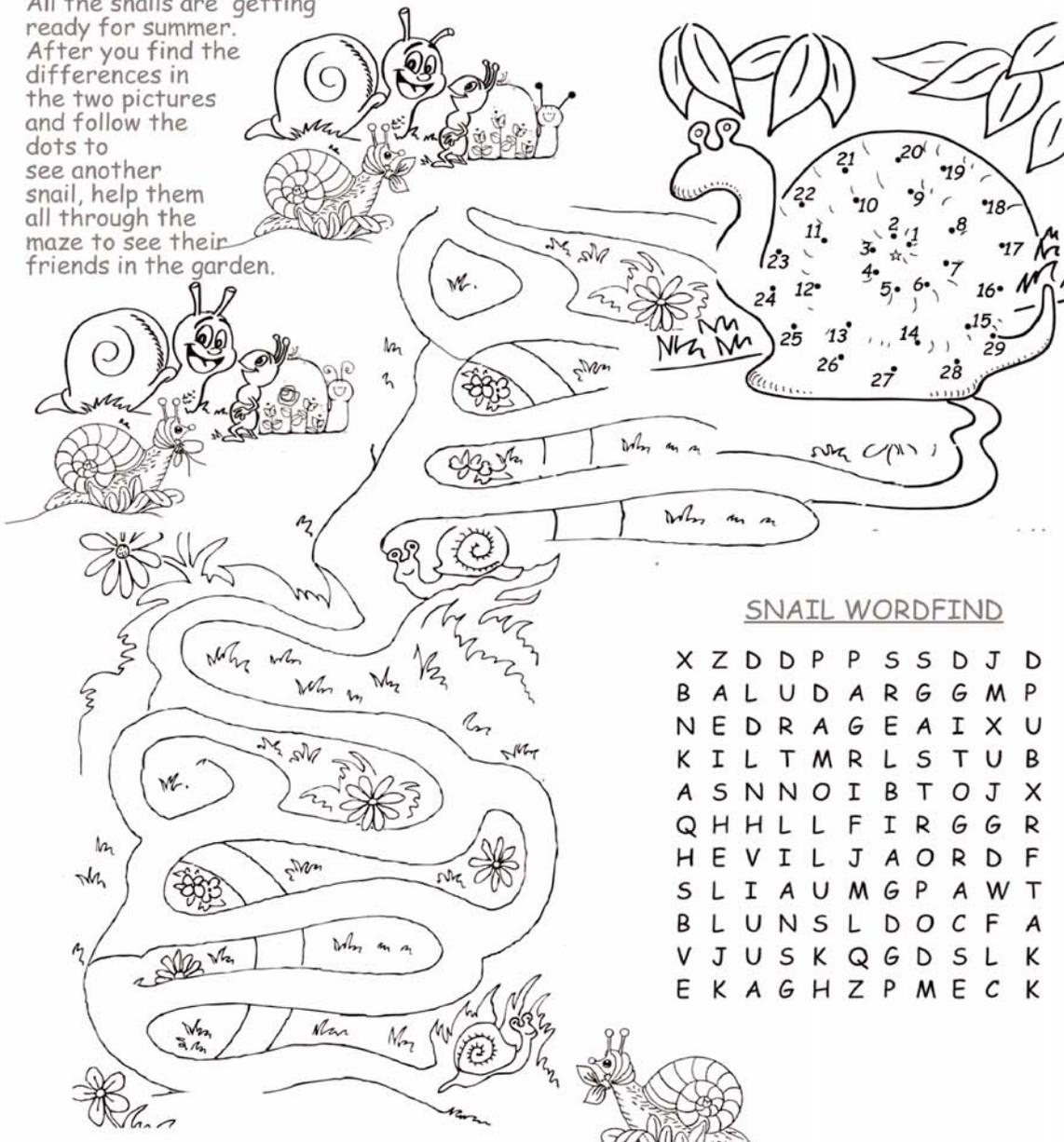
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- 26 Dealer or trader
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- 28 Peak
- 29 Paddle used to row a boat
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All the snails are getting ready for summer. After you find the differences in the two pictures and follow the dots to see another snail, help them all through the maze to see their friends in the garden.



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LEGALS/PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS:**FCSD: Calendar of Board of Education Meetings and Budget Vote**

The following meetings of Fallsburg Central School District Board of Education:

- o May 26 at 7 PM, Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting
- o June 2 at 7 PM, Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting
- o June 9, Annual Meeting and Budget Vote by Absentee Ballot; Ballot Acceptance ends at 5 PM; meeting begins after counting of ballots is finished

All meetings are via teleconference. Check the FCSD web site www.fallsburgcsd.net/board for information on the meetings and how to log in via Google Meet or listen in via phone.

Thank you for voting on the budget and participating in the meetings. Any questions, please contact Ms. Sarah Satz, the Superintendent's Secretary and District Clerk at 845-434-6800, ext. 1215 or by email ssatz@fallsburgcsd.net.

What Is a Summer Camp And Who Permits Them?

Helpful Info During a Confusing Time

Liberty, NY - With the summer season nigh, Sullivan County has been receiving numerous inquiries about whether summer camps and seasonal residences will be able or allowed to open for the next few months.

“We've heard from people on both sides of the debate over opening such facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic,” acknowledged Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. “In addition to the basic questions of 'if' and 'when,' we've been giving answers about what constitutes a summer camp and how it's regulated differently from other seasonal occupancy units.”

The New York State Department of Health exercises authority over seasonal operations, but the County would like to provide the following list in order to explain and clarify the issues (the actual language of the laws can be found at <https://regs.health.ny.gov/content/volume-title-10>):

- o A State-recognized campground, whether publicly or privately owned, consists of five or more campsites
- o Permits from the NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) are required if the campground operates for more than 60 hours a year, and permits are valid for up to three years
- o Children's camps are defined not by the number of campsites but by who they serve and how they're operated
- o Summer day camps serve those 16 years of age or younger
 - β They operate sometime between June 1 and September 15 (travelling summer day camps operate sometime between May 15 and September 15)
- β They involve two or more activities (at least one of which is an active recreational activity that includes a significant risk of injury)
- o Children's overnight camps serve those 18 years of age or younger
 - β They offer overnight accommodations and indoor/outdoor organized activities
 - β They must have a permit from NYSDOH if occupied by children for at least 73 consecutive hours at any given time
 - β A written camp safety plan is required for permitting
 - β Application for a permit must be submitted at least 60 days before the first day of camp

- β Permits are good for one year
 - o Temporary residences include hotels, motels and cabin colonies that 11 or more people are occupying for no more than 180 consecutive days
 - o A permit from NYSDOH is required and is valid for one year
 - o Seasonal temporary residences are those that are not habitable year-round, often due to lack of insulation and underground piping; and they are issued permits under NYSDOH
 - o Most bungalow colonies and some weekend homes fall under this category
 - o Local code enforcement offices have authority to enforce local building codes
 - o Second homes and most weekend residences are allowed to be occupied year-round, so long as they are properly winterized
 - o Local code enforcement offices have authority
 - o No NYSDOH permit is required

“As this list demonstrates, the County has limited jurisdiction over children's campgrounds, camps and temporary residences, both seasonal and year-round,” explained McGraw. “While my team continues to closely monitor all public health concerns in the County during this COVID-19 pandemic, we rely on the State for guidance and authority regarding camps and temporary residences that are issued permits in Sullivan County.”

The New York State Board of Elections Provides Voters with Guidance on How to Request and Vote by Absentee Ballot for the June 23, 2020 Elections

ALBANY, NY Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the New York State Board of Elections encourages voters to vote by absentee ballot for all elections taking place on June 23, 2020. Another way for voters to avoid crowds and assist in social distancing is to take advantage of nine days of early voting from June 13 – 21 ahead of Election Day. All voters eligible to participate in the June 23 elections have been mailed an absentee ballot application with return paid postage. For voters concerned about exposure to COVID-19 they should select “temporary illness or physical disability” as the reason for requesting the absentee ballot. Your completed absentee ballot application must be returned to your local County Board of Elections as soon as possible. (www.elections.ny.gov/CountyBoards.html) It must be received by the local board of elections postmarked no later than June 16, 2020 if the voter wants to receive their ballot by mail. For the elections on June 23, voters may also email, fax or call their county board of elections to request an absentee ballot without the use of the application. They need to provide their name and address. After a request has been processed by the local Board of Elections, the voter will be sent the appropriate absentee ballot(s). • The last day to return a ballot by mail is postmarked June 22, 2020, provided that it is received by the applicable County or City Board of Elections by June 30, 2020. If returned personally, it must be received by the board of elections before 9 pm on June 23, 2020. Poll sites will be open everywhere from 6AM to 9PM on June 23rd. If someone would like to work as a poll worker please complete a form here: <https://www.elections.ny.gov/BecomePollworker.html>. For more information on registering to vote in New York State, visit our website: www.elections.ny.gov. Due to the changing nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, please go to our website for any election related updates.

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SUNY Sullivan is pleased to offer non-credit Community Learning classes online. This personal enrichment class can be accessed through Zoom on your PC, laptop computer or phone. Participants must register to confirm their space.

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UC Executive Ryan Announces New Housing Initiatives – County Executive Ryan announces \$150,000 for rental assistance program & introduces proposal to expand the City of Kingston Land Back into a county-wide land bank

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Ryan announced a series of housing initiatives to help residents who have been impacted by COVID-19. During his Facebook Live briefing, County Executive Ryan announced that the County has been approved to reallocate \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for rental assistance. In the wake of COVID-19, many Ulster County households are faced with major reductions in income making them unable to pay their rent. To help these families, Ulster County has received approval to modify its current housing rehabilitation program to provide rental assistance to tenants as part of a coordinated response to the negative impacts of COVID-19. This assistance will help ensure that tenants do not face being turned out of their homes once the current restrictions on evictions are lifted.

"Housing has long been an obstacle for far too many Ulster County families," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "No one who works full-time should have to make the decision between putting food on the table or paying their rent. COVID-19 has further exacerbated and amplified many of these housing concerns, including for our frontline workers who are working to serve and protect us all. This rental assistance program is a crucial step in ensuring all residents have access to decent affordable housing."

The County is reallocating funds from its Housing Rehabilitation Contract to provide Direct Assistance payments for rent to eligible households earning less than 80% area median income. RUPCO, the existing sub-recipient, will administer the program. The current housing rehabilitation contract has approximately \$300,000 of funds that have already been committed. Ulster County will honor these commitments. In addition, approximately \$125,000 will remain available in the grant for housing rehabilitation. Ulster County will use this funding to focus most needed repairs so that existing homeowners can safely remain in their homes.

The rental assistance program will target low and moderate income families in compliance with CDBG requirements. The maximum assistance proposed is \$3,000 for up to three months' rental payments. This is in line with average rents for a one-bedroom apartment. Households will not be asked to contribute any portion of current monthly income towards their rental payment.

Residents of all municipalities in Ulster County except those in the City of Kingston (which receives a direct CDBG allocation) will be eligible to apply. Additional information on how to apply will be released shortly. Eligible household requirements include:

- Complete the required forms
 - Self-Certify that they earn less than 80% AMI;
 - Demonstrate that they experienced a loss of income due to COVID-19 and are unable to make rental payments;
 - Have a current lease, or landlord agreement;
 - Document that they were current on their rent as of March of 2020.
- County Executive Ryan also announced today the proposal of a county-wide land bank to create housing opportunities throughout the County. The proposal by the Ulster County Planning Department

requests that the City of Kingston Land Bank expand its jurisdiction outside of the City of Kingston to promote the use of county-owned lands for workforce housing. Additionally, County Executive Ryan announced that the county will be introducing a housing study to understand and identify housing needs within the county.

The study will look at the impacts of COVID-19 on housing and present a clear strategy to encourage the production of more workforce housing throughout the County. It will also provide an analysis of the existing rental and owner occupied housing units in the County demographic data on the jobs and incomes available that can support housing costs, and interviews with individuals closely associated with housing issues and affordability.

These new housing initiatives are a part of the Ulster County Recovery Task Force. Back in April, County Executive Ryan established the group to ensure a coordinated and compassionate response to the devastating socioeconomic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on county residents. The Task Force specifically highlighted the need for housing for frontline workers fighting COVID-19.

County Executive Ryan announced a series of proposals aimed at meeting this critical housing need last week. Recognizing the current shortage of housing across a wide range of affordability levels and housing needs, and the impact this shortage has on the Ulster County economy and communities, County Executive Ryan announced that he is partnering with the Ulster County Legislature to undertake the formation of a Housing Advisory Committee. The Housing Advisory Committee will assess the causes and drivers of this shortage and to recommend strategies that the County can pursue to alleviate it, in conjunction with municipal, business, and community partners.

Additionally, County Executive Ryan stated that he has directed the Ulster County Planning Department to create an inventory of county owned parcels that could be used for future housing.

There are currently 1,615 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 69 fatalities in Ulster County.

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

Senator Metzger Urges HealthAlliance to Return Vital Mental Health Services Back to UC

Hudson Valley and Catskills, NY...Last week, Senator Jen Metzger (SD-42) wrote a letter to Dr. Michael Doyle, the Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer of Hudson Valley Mental HealthAlliance requesting that HealthAlliance "commit to restoring, at the earliest possible date, the high-quality, locally-based, and accessible services that were previously provided in Kingston." These services were temporarily transferred from HealthAlliance Hospital Mary's Avenue Campus in Kingston to Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital (MHRH) in Poughkeepsie as part of the emergency need to increase hospital capacity due to the COVID-19 pandemic. HealthAlliance is now seeking to make these changes permanent, which would leave Ulster County without these vital mental health and substance abuse resources.

"With the closure of the units in Kingston, which included a 40-bed mental health unit and a 20-bed detox and rehab unit, Kingston emergency room patients in need of these services are now transported to MHRH or to facilities in the HealthAlliance network even further away. "This arrangement is not an acceptable long-term solution, as it places an unreasonable burden on emergency ambulance services to transport patients such distances, as well as on the family and friends of patients who must now travel a much greater distance to visit their loved ones," said Senator Metzger. "This is a particular hardship for disadvantaged families, many of whom rely on public transportation in Ulster County."

Metzger also noted that the temporary consolidation has resulted in a net reduction of 25 mental health-unit beds and 20 detox-unit beds. "Any move to make this reduction in capacity permanent is not justifiable, given current needs in Ulster County and in our region," said Senator Metzger. "Indeed, the needs are likely to increase, given the extraordinary toll that the pandemic and its economic impacts are taking on people's mental health."



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Due to the recent extension of NY on PAUSE, we are postponing this year's Wings & Wheels for Warriors to Saturday, June 20th with a rain date of Sunday, June 21st. It is our hope that this highly anticipated event will be a bright spot for our community. We are watching the Covid-19 situation carefully and will continue updates on the event as this new date approaches.

DEC Encourages NY'rs to Get Outside Safely, Responsibly, and Locally During State's Ongoing Response to COVID-19

(From Pg. 14) o Camping & Pavilion/Shelters: All campsite, cabin, cottage and pavilion/shelter reservations are canceled through May 31. All visitors will be issued a full refund. All new camping and pavilion/shelter reservations for the 2020 season have been suspended until further notice. For more information visit NYS Parks website and DEC's website. DEC and New York State Parks have temporarily lifted the nine-month reservation window restriction for camping and will allow for transfers of existing camping reservations into the 2021 season. If you choose to transfer, the change fee will be waived until June 11th for online transactions only. In addition, you may also make new reservations for the 2021 season at this time. Please note that there is no guarantee that you will get the same camping site or dates for 2021 whether you transfer or make a new reservation. We encourage online reservations as the Call Center is experiencing longer than average wait times.

- o Temporarily suspend all overnight camping on this list of state lands;
- o Temporarily stop issuing permits for backcountry camping for groups of 10 or more, and for more than 3 days at one location on state lands;
- o Temporarily restricting lean-to- use to members of a single household at a time;
- o Temporarily closing Kaaterskill Falls, the viewing platform, and connecting trails beginning Monday, April 6. The Kaaterskill Wild Forest will remain open to the public;
- o Temporarily closing Croton Gorge Unique Area beginning Friday, May 22;
- o Boat Launches and Marinas: Marinas and boat launch sites are open where conditions allow. Call the park or regional office (leaves DEC's website) directly for current status; and
- o Beaches and Swimming: DEC's Lake George Beach/Million Dollar Beach will open for the Memorial Day holiday beginning Saturday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with a maximum of 500 people allowed and parking capacity reduced to 150 vehicles. DEC is also temporarily restricting all access to the nearby strip of state land on the south shore of Lake George known as Dog Beach.

In addition, DEC and its partners will be undertaking additional efforts as

part of a comprehensive plan to ensure the safety of motorists, hikers, and High Peaks communities while managing use around some of the busiest trailheads during the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend. Steps include:

- o An increased presence of New York State Police and DEC Forest Rangers and Environmental Conservation Police Officers on State Route 73 and other roads. Parking regulations will be strictly enforced;
- o Forest Rangers, Assistant Forest Rangers, and Trailhead Stewards will be educating hikers on face masks, social distancing, and other practices used to prevent the spread of COVID-19;
- o The shuttle between the Marcy Field Parking Lot and the Garden Trailhead is not operating;
- o The Adirondack Mountain Reserve (aka Ausable Club) reduced the parking capacity on its lot near the intersection of Ausable Road and State Route 73 to a maximum of 28 vehicles in response to COVID-19. Parking is not permitted along Ausable Road, on Ausable Club lands, or along the nearby stretches of State Route 73;
- o The Adirondack Mountain Club will begin staffing the parking booth and the High Peaks Information Center starting May 22 (leaves DEC's website) to manage increases in visitation at the Adirondack Loj Trailhead;
- o Visitors should use the High Peaks Rest Area before getting off exit 30 of the Northway. No portable toilets are installed along the Route 73 Corridor; and
- o Electronic variable messaging boards and other signs will be placed on I-87 and Route 73 to advise motorists about limited trailhead parking, closures, and to seek alternative trails.

DEC is encouraging Adirondack hikers to seek out nearby alternative hikes, that provide an experience similar to a High Peaks hike, including great scenic views, but with fewer people. DEC also encourages all hikers to Hike Smart NY and follow the seven principles of Leave No Trace while hiking (leaves DEC's website).

DEC also announced that its Adventure NY program is going virtual. As part of #AdventureAtHome, DEC will be preparing weekly content for inspiration on how to enjoy the outdoors close to home. DEC will kick off the first week of #AdventureAtHome on Tuesday May 26, at 9 a.m. with a special Facebook live event with our expert I Fish NY staff who will share tips and tricks to get started fishing no matter where you live in New York State. Visit DEC's website to learn more about #AdventureAtHome.

Due to the Coronavirus, Church services have been cancelled. All local church information will remain as usual so that contact information will be available through this sad time. Some churches are providing services on-line. Check with your parish for updated information.

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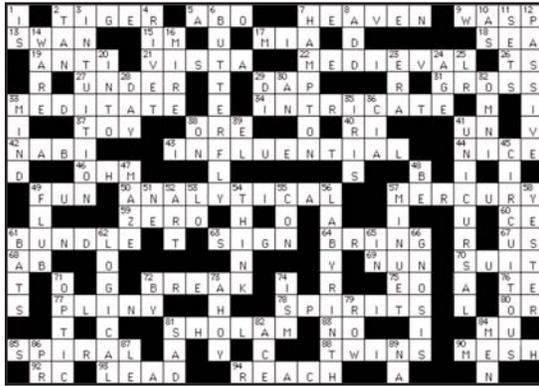
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AL-ANON MEETINGS- <http://www.al-anon.alateen.org>
 Mon- 7:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170 N. Main Street, Liberty
 • Thurs- 7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception Church Annex,
 6317 Rt 42, Woodbourne
 Sat- 8:00 p.m. United Methodist Church, 170
 N.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

Ans to last week's Crossword



All Aboard! Canceled until further notice
 Join the Fun!
Play Mexican Train
FREE FUN every FRIDAY 1- 4 pm
 in the upstairs meeting room at the Neversink Town Hall

Also **WANTED** People to play cards

SUUJI WA TANSU NI KAGIRU
 answer

5	3	2	7	4	1	6	8	9
7	8	6	5	3	9	4	2	1
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3	6	9	2	8	5	1	4	7

Time and the Valleys Museum's Program in June is Cancelled; Two Programs in May and the 1930s Catskill Farm Hoedown in July are Postponed

[Grahamsville, N.Y.] - Unfortunately, this press release is not asking to advertise one of our educational programs, but to announce two postponements and one cancellation.

Two programs in May are postponed:

1. **The Museum's annual opening date of Saturday, May 24th is postponed until further notice.**
2. **The opening reception of a new exhibit on one room school houses of the Tri-Valley area, schedule for Sunday May 31st is postponed until further notice.**

Also -

1. **The Lost Catskill Farm Afternoon on Sunday, June 7th is cancelled.**
2. **The 1930s Catskill Farm Hoedown scheduled for Saturday, July 25th is postponed.**

About the Time and the Valleys Museum: Connecting Water, people and the Catskills, the Time and the Valleys Museum is currently closed.

Current exhibitions when reopening:

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

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

CLOSED

DANIEL PIERCE LIBRARY

The library is closed until further notice due to the current public health crisis.

All library materials that are checked out are now due back June 1, 2020. We do not want to take a chance of anyone incurring fines during this time so we have changed the due dates for all patrons. We encourage you to hold on to your items and return them once we re-open.

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

Please continue to check our website and Facebook page for updates, online programming and educational resources. You can also access E-books, audiobooks, streaming media, and digital resources anytime.

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 Call us at 845-985-0501
 email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com
 or visit our Virtual Mall gnomehome.net

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

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

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

Send your information to: tvtownsman@yahoo.com.

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

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

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

TOWN OF OLIVE MEETINGS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Unless otherwise noted, all **Town Board meetings** are held at the Town Meeting Hall, Bostock Road, Shokan at **7:00 pm**. Town Board Meetings are the **second Tuesday of each month** with the **audit/workshop meetings** being held the **Monday preceding the second Tuesday**.

Town of Olive Planning Board meets the **first and third Tuesdays of each month**. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall on Bostock Road, Shokan, NY. You can contact the Town Building & Zoning Department to confirm a meeting date if you would like to attend at 657-2015. If there is nothing on their agenda, they will cancel meetings.

COVID-19 ONLINE BEREAVEMENT GROUP

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

The link below goes to our page with all information.

Go to:

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

Tri-Valley Elementary School

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.

Message from Neversink EMS

I am the captain of Neversink EMS. As a community service, we are making and distributing fabric facemask to the community. We would appreciate your mentioning this in the paper. We will have them available at the Neversink post office, or I can be contacted directly on my cell 845-866-5660. There is no charge - this is a labor of love. We hope that everyone is staying safe.

Ann Bivins

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

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

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

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

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

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

God and Grass

from *Julia's Edible Weeds*

Thought all you gardeners would enjoy this conversation between God and St. Francis. It is funny because it is so true.

GOD:

Frank you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colors by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

St. FRANCIS:

It's the tribes that settled there Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD:

Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colorful. It doesn't attract butterflies birds and bees only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently so Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD:

The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast.

That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS:

Apparently not Lord. As soon as it grows a little they cut it, sometimes twice a week.

GOD:

They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS:

Not exactly Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD:

They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS:

No Sir just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD:

Now let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And when it does grow they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS:

Yes Sir.

GOD:

These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS:

You aren't going to believe this Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD:

What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

ST. FRANCIS:

You better sit down Lord.. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD:

No!? What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS:

After throwing away the leaves they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD:

And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS:

They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD:

Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore.

St. Catherine you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE:

'Dumb and Dumber' Lord. It's a story about....

GOD:

Never mind I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.

Comments Welcome on Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Report

Monticello, NY - In compliance with NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Phase II stormwater regulations, the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Annual Report, prepared by the Sullivan County Division of Public Works for DEC General Permit GP-0-15-003, is available for public review and comment.

The MS4 Annual Report, which is required for a small area along County Road 64 and County Road 65 in the Town of Mamakating, is available for review at <http://sullivanny.us/sites/default/files/departments/DPW/MS42020.pdf>

Comments can be submitted online at <https://sullivanny.us/contact> or by mail to Sullivan County Division of Public Works, 100 North Street, PO Box 5012, Monticello, NY 12701.

Happy 80th Birthday to Bill Brenner

From his children: Shauna Horvath, David E. Brenner, and Gregory Brenner

On May 21st, 2020, local Grahamsville attorney William "Bill" Brenner turned 80 years-old. As anyone who knows Bill can attest, he doesn't show the slightest signs of slowing down.

You would be pretty hard-pressed to find a local resident who doesn't know Bill Brenner, or have a handful of laugh-out-loud stories about him to share. But just in case you are unfamiliar with this unique, warm-hearted man who has truly become a local treasure, we, his family, thought we would provide a refresher.

Let's start at the beginning.

1940 was the year that color television was invented. Cheerios, corn dogs, and instant pudding were introduced to families. Children were excited to buy a Slinky, and their moms were proud to show off their brand new Tupperware sets. This was also the year that William Allan Brenner was born, in Brooklyn, NY.

In 1948, Bill's parents, David & Becky Brenner (also well-known and beloved residents of Grahamsville), purchased an old, abandoned farmhouse in Grahamsville, NY, along with 200 acres of mostly overgrown woods. That dilapidated farm, now affectionately known as 'Brenner Mountain', cost \$5,000 to buy - an exorbitant sum at the time. But it turned out to be the most amazing, life-changing decision the Brenner family ever made. At the time, Bill was 8, and his brother, Bob, was 12.

Bill quickly developed a love for Grahamsville that would last his whole life. He graduated from Tri-Valley Central School in 1958, received his B.A. from St. Lawrence University in 1962 (where he tripled-majored in History, Government and English) and earned his Law Degree at New York University in 1965. While in college, Bill was a member of the Cement and Concrete Workers Union Local 18A, which helped him pay his tuition.

Bill has been practicing law in Grahamsville, NY, for nearly 50 years. His venerable office, located at the intersection of Route 42 and 55, is wood-paneled, filled with law books and quirky artwork, and contains a functioning century-old pot-belly stove. The office holds nearly as much history about Grahamsville as Bill himself. Long ago, the building was once a mortuary, and then a restaurant.

As Bill tells it, "My office came with a gorgeous fireplace - which didn't give off any heat. So, I convinced my Dad to let me have this old cast iron stove from a house he was selling. You simply can't buy them anymore in this country".

In addition to his self-described "country law" practice, Bill oversees numerous Brenner Income Tax Centers throughout Sullivan and Orange Counties. He is also well-known in Sullivan County as a (not quite successful) candidate for various political offices. Over the years, Bill has twice run as the Republican candidate for United States Congress. He has also run for NY State Assembly (twice), Sullivan County Family Court Judge, and in 2006 he even ran for the United States Senate, when he put up an admirable fight to be New York's Republican challenger to Hillary Clinton.

Throughout the years, we, his kids, have come to accept that our father is something of a 'big cheese' in little Grahamsville and the surrounding communities. Wherever we go, people recognize our ever-approachable dad, and love talking to him. When we're food-shopping at Shoprite, for example, or eating dinner at the Liberty Diner, it's always expected to hear someone call out, "Well, hi there Bill!"

Most Grahamsville residents know Bill Brenner as an Attorney and Tax Accountant, but here are some things they may not know:

Bill was a member of the Grahamsville Volunteer Fire Department for 30+ years, as well as a NY State Certified Emergency Medical Technician.

When Sullivan County Community College conducted a Prison Inmate Education Program at Woodbourne Correctional Facility, Bill volunteered to be an Adjunct Professor. He taught a Business Law class to local inmates for two semesters.

In 2001, in the horrific aftermath of the World Trade Center attack, Bill rushed to New York City to offer his assistance. As a volunteer, he worked at Ground Zero and donated his legal services and expertise at "Pier 94", where he coordinated legal assistance for 9/11 families.

Bill regularly makes his summer plans around the annual Grahamsville's Little World's Fair, and he will never pass up an opportunity to march in a local parade with his faithful Dalmatian, Cody. Bill also knows the secret to making the world's best homemade French Fries and his famous 'egg-creams' (actually just milk, seltzer, and a little chocolate syrup). He is a die-hard Mets fan, and will gladly root for anyone playing against the Yankees.

Bill can play countless (mostly clean) songs on his banjo, and usually travels with a spare banjo in his trunk "just in case anyone wants a concert". The greatest compliment you can give Bill is NOT on his music or singing, but if you are willing to join him in a performance. He will gladly provide a tambourine, kazoo, or even a 'washboard and spoon' to accompany his music.

While his mother, Becky, was alive, Bill loved visiting her at The Atria Senior Facility in Long Island and putting on Klezmer and Yiddish musical concerts for her friends on his tape recorder.

When Bill was younger, he always looked forward to Opening Day of Hunting Season. If you ask him, he will proudly show you the deer's Rear End that is stuffed and hanging on the wall of his office. And he will tell you, "I shot this deer with just one bullet. You'll never guess where I shot him."

No one ever said our father was a class act! But he is truly unique, truly good-hearted, and truly loved by the community at large. Perhaps the best definition of a small town like Grahamsville is, "A place close to your heart, where you can be yourself, get to know and love your neighbors, and where your neighbors know and love you right back."

So, to Bill Brenner, on his 80th birthday, we are proud to say:

On behalf of your family, friends, and neighbors, we have been blessed to share our lives with you, and so grateful that you have shared your life with us.

Happy Birthday. We love you! - Shauna, David & Gregory

Town of Wawarsing will not Open Summer Recreation Program

Due to the current guidelines set by the Borenmor's "Pause Order" and Executive Orders of "Social Distancing" the Wawarsing Town Board had deemed it necessary to not open summer recreation programs including Camp Shawangunk and the Town pools.

We know this creates hardships for the entire community, but we must put everyone's safety first. The Recreation Department will be contacting Camp families that have already registered with information regarding refunds; please allow up to 7 days for processing.

We are currently working with the Ellenville Central School District and all other involved parties to continue feeding to all school-aged children for the summer. Details will be released as soon as possible.

As soon as it is deemed safe and responsible, The Recreation Department will start programming. We hope to be back with Flag Football and Friday Night Movies this fall.

If you have any questions please contact Sam Bugna, Recreation Director at ewycny@yanoo.com

Sincerely,
Terry Houck, Supervisor
Town of Wawarsing

UC Executive Ryan Addresses UC Chamber of Commerce County Executive Ryan shared updates on the re-opening process and announces "Reopening Support Team"

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Ryan addressed the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce today during their Virtual Breakfast. In his remarks, he updated businesses on the county's response to COVID-19 and how businesses can prepare to safely re-open. County Executive Ryan announced a new "Reopening Support Team" which will be managed by the County's Department of Economic Development. The Reopening Support Team will provide weekly webinars, diagnostic seminars, and deep-dive sessions for hundreds of Ulster County businesses over the next six months, focused on supporting and guiding them through all aspects of business recovery and reopening in the wake of COVID-19. The program will also strengthen Ulster County entrepreneurs and small business owners by providing strategy support coaching which includes one-on-one assistance.

"As a former business owner, I know firsthand how challenging running a business can be under regular circumstances," Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan said. "My office and our entire Economic Development team will continue to do everything we can to assist our businesses during this difficult time. The Reopening Support Team will serve as an important resource to provide direct guidance to our local business community as they navigate the process of reopening. We are working non-stop to meet the needs of our business community and we stand ready to help ensure that our businesses can reopen in a safe and responsible way."

County Executive Ryan reminded businesses that small retailers can conduct business through curbside delivery or home delivery. Businesses who wish to use this option must abide by the following:

- There can be only one employee within the store fulfilling phone or internet orders.
- Others can be making deliveries curbside or to homes and businesses on behalf of that store.
- Appropriate precautions must be used such as employees and customers all maintaining at least six feet social distance from each other, wearing mouth- and nose-covering masks, and repeated thorough hand washing or sanitizing.
- Besides this new provision for small stores, other "essential retail" permitted to responsibly continue operations include:
 - grocery stores including all food and beverage stores
 - pharmacies
 - convenience stores
 - farmer's markets
 - gas stations
 - restaurants/bars (but only for take-out/delivery)
 - hardware, appliance, and building material stores
 - pet food
 - telecommunications to service existing customers and accounts
 - in regions that are not within the first phase of the state's regional reopening plan, delivery for orders placed remotely via phone or online at non-essential retail establishments; provided, however, that only one employee is physically present at the business location to fulfill orders
 - Ulster County businesses are encouraged to reach out to the Ulster County Department of Economic Development and to visit NY Forward for updates about re-opening.

All businesses in New York State will be required to develop their own safety plans before reopening, in alignment with Governor Cuomo's NY Forward Plan. According to guidance

released by the Ulster County Office of Economic Development, the 56 industry category sectors included in the Phase 1 reopening should begin preparing now so they may safely and legally reopen once the Pause is lifted in the Mid-Hudson region.

While plans do not have to be submitted to New York State for approval, they must be retained on the premises of the business and be made available to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection.

Safety plan templates are available by visiting <https://forward.ny.gov/industries-reopening-phase> and guidance and resources specific to Ulster County can be found at <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/businesses/>

Last week, Ulster County Executive Pat Ryan relaunched the Ulster County COVID-19 Dashboard which allows users to see where Ulster County and the broader Mid-Hudson Region stand in relation to Governor Andrew Cuomo's phased reopening plan.

Currently, Ulster County meets 7 of 7 and the Mid-Hudson Region meets 5 of the 7. The Mid-Hudson Region includes Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties. Under Governor Andrew Cuomo's plan, regions that meet all 7 criteria are allowed to open certain businesses. The Phase One reopening plan would allow for construction, manufacturing, retail (curbside pickup), wholesale trade, agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting.

Statement from UC Executive Pat Ryan

"The news from Governor Andrew Cuomo about the Mid-Hudson Region being eligible for Phase 1 re-opening on Tuesday is very encouraging. We have been preparing for this moment for several weeks now, and I am confident that if we all work together we can and will re-open safely. We have held four Small Business Virtual Town Halls with hundreds of Ulster County businesses and our Department of Economic Development has been working non-stop to help our business owners by providing them the tools needed to open their doors in a safe and prudent manner. While this is welcome news from New York State, it is now even more important that we all do our part to wear masks, maintain social distancing, and wash our hands. Every single resident has a role to play in making sure we re-open responsibly and safely."

All businesses in New York State will be required to develop their own safety plans before reopening, in alignment with Governor Cuomo's NY Forward Plan.

Phase One:

- Construction
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- Retail - (Limited to curbside or in-store pickup or drop off)
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale Trade

While plans do not have to be submitted to New York State for approval, they must be retained on the premises of the business and be made available to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection.

Safety plan templates are available by visiting <https://forward.ny.gov/industries-reopening-phase> and guidance and resources specific to Ulster County can be found at <https://covid19.ulstercountyny.gov/businesses/>

There are currently 1,656 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 72 fatalities in Ulster County.

For additional information about COVID-19 visit: <https://ulstercountyny.gov/coronavirus>

Ulster County COVID-19 Hotline: 845-443-8888 or 845-443-8888 NYS Coronavirus Information Hotline: 888-364-3065

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While the Grahamsville Deli is closed for now due to COVID-19, we hope you will soon be able to once again enjoy a cold beer with lunch or supper at the Grahamsville Deli!
 Grahamsville Deli located at the corner of Rt 42 & Rt 55 in Grahamsville.
Hope to see you soon!

ANSWER TO KNARF'S MOVIE TRIVIA
 2. Bobby Jordan
 1. Alan Hale

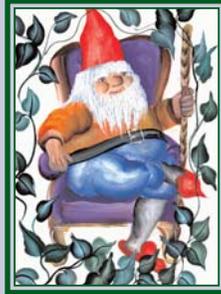
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Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia
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WEDNESDAY JUNE 3, 2020 WE HONOR
JOHN GARFIELD

IN
"DUST BE MY DESTINY"

Joe Bell (John Garfield) becomes embittered after he is jailed for 16 months for something he did not do. Later, he gets into a fight with a crook (played by an uncredited Ward Bond) and is sentenced to a work farm for 90 days. There, he becomes friends with Mabel Alden (Priscilla Lane), which displeases



Charles Garreth (Stanley Ridges), her stepfather and the farm's foreman. The two men fight, and Joe knocks Garreth out. Panicking, the young couple flee and get married, only to learn that Garreth has died and that Joe is wanted for his murder. Constantly on the move to avoid capture, Joe finally gets a break. He is in the right spot to take pictures of a

bank robbery in progress. He uses them to get a job as a photographer at a newspaper run by Mike Leonard (Alan Hale). When the leader of the outfit tries to get the negatives, Joe saves Mike's life.



Unfortunately, his own picture is put on the front page of various newspapers as a result. Joe tries to flee once more, but Mabel turns him in to the police, convinced that running away is the wrong thing to do.

At the trial, despite a parade of character witnesses in Joe's favor, the prosecutor (John Litel) seems to have the upper hand. Defense attorney Slim Jones (Moroni Olsen) calls Mabel to the stand. She con-

vinces the jury to declare her husband innocent.
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Knarf's Classic Movie & Trivia

(From Pg. 26)

* **JOHNGARFIELD** (born Jacob Julius Garfinkle, March 4, 1913 – May 21, 1952) was an American actor who played brooding, rebellious, working-class characters. He grew up in poverty in New York City. In the early 1930s, he became a member of the

Group Theater.



In 1937, he moved to Hollywood, eventually becoming one of Warner Bros.' stars. Called to testify before the U.S. Congressional House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC), he denied communist affiliation and refused to "name names", effectively ending his film career. Some have alleged that the stress of this persecution led to his premature death at 39 from a heart attack. Garfield is acknowledged as a predecessor of such method actors as Marlon Brando, Montgomery Clift, and James Dean.



* From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, Bing free Images

Quiz. In the film "DUST BE MY DESTINY"

1. Who played Mike Leonard?
2. Who played Jimmy?

STREAMING NOW! ON AMAZON PRIME TOM CLANCY'S "JACK RYAN"

(Action, Drama, Military and War, Suspense)

After tracking a potentially suspicious shipment of illegal arms in the Venezuelan jungle, CIA Officer Jack Ryan heads to South America to investigate. Jack's actions threaten to uncover a far-reaching conspiracy, leading him and his fellow operatives on a mission spanning the globe. Starring John Krasinski, Wendell Pierce, Noomi Rapace.



JOHN KRASINSKI as **JACK RYAN** (TV series) serves as an executive producer alongside John Krasinski, Michael Bay, and Mace Neufeld, among others. Krasinski also stars in the series as the title character.



portrayal of Lisbeth Salander in the Swedish film adaptations of the Millennium series: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, , The Girl Who Played with Fire, and The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest she was nominated for a BAFTA Award for Best Actress for her performance in The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo, and for an International Emmy Award for Best Actress for the miniseries version of the trilogy.

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