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Local with a Bottomless Heart Lauded by Legislature



Sullivan County's latest Distinguished Citizen Awardee, Swan Lake resident Joanne Gerow (center), was lauded by the Legislature for her tireless work in protecting and aiding animals. From the left are District 9 Legislator Alan Sorensen, District 6 Legislator Luis Alvarez, District 7 Legislator Joe Perrello, District 8 Legislator Ira Steingart, District 2 Legislator Nadia Rajsz, District 5 Legislator George Conklin, District 3 Legislator Mike Brooks, District 4 Legislator Nick Salomone and District 1 Legislator Rob Doherty

Monticello, NY - Joanne Gerow still shudders when she remembers arriving at a supposed "animal shelter" in Summitville circa 1987.

"It was beyond anything I could have ever imagined - it was an Auschwitz for ani-mals," she relates. "There were over 1,000 animals with embedded collars and halters, mangy, emaciated. It was the largest animal cruelty case in the nation." (Contd. Pg. 4)

Another Year of Valentines for Vets at BCES



Mrs. Dawn McCarthy's Third Grade Class. (Contd. Pg. 9)

Two SROs from the SC Sheriff's Office **Graduate DARE Instructor School** and Receive Assignments at Local Schools



From left to right: Sgt Cheryl Crumley, Deputy TerBush, Undersheriff Eric Chaboty, Deputy Frunzi and Deputy Rose Ionta.

Two School Resource Officers (SROs) from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office graduated from the DARE instructor school on Friday January 24, 2020. The intensive two week instructor school was held at the NYS Fire Training Academy, in Montour Falls, NY. Sheriff Mike Schiff said that the DARE and School Resource Officer Programs play an important role in educating our children about bullying, cyber safety, alcohol and drug abuse.

Deputy Tyler TerBush is assigned to the Tri-Valley School District and Deputy Tia Frunzi is assigned to Sullivan West.

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CWC Board of Directors and Staff Venture into the Tunnel 600 feet Below Sea Level

Instagram for more photographs.

The CWC Board of Directors and staff had a once in a lifetime experience on January 7 at the NYCDEP's Rond-out/West Branch Tunnel repair construction site located in the Town of Newburgh. They first attended an informational session to learn more about the history of the tunnel and the status of the project. Following a safety course they ventured down into the tunnel which is 600 feet below sea level. Check out their Facebook or

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ON THE FRONT BURNER:

OBITUARIES

Frederick L. Clayton of Greenfield Park, NY passed away on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at Westchester Medical Center; being reunited with his loving wife Linda (Sheley) in Heaven. He was surrounded by his loving family. He was 83 years old. Fred was born on May 30, 1936 in Margaretville, NY: he was the son of the late Herbert and Helen (Slyter) Clayton.

Fred worked many years at Channel Masters in Ellenville. He then served in the National Guard; then worked for VAW Aluminum until retirement. Fred spent his remaining years employed by Shoprite in Ellenville. He will be deeply missed by his friends and family.

In addition to his parents and loving wife, Fred was predeceased by his sister Anne Gillespie and his brother William Clayton. Fred is survived by two sisters Mary Every of Kerhonkson and Evelyn Haga of Ellenville; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A celebration of his life was held on Monday January 27, 2020 at Loucks Funeral Home, 79 N. Main St., Ellenville. Burial followed at the Grahamsville Rural Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please make contributions to January 28, 1970 the Ulster County SPCA 20 Wiedy Rd., Kingston, NY 12401.

DAYS OF YORE... Today's History

January 25, 1950

The Annual Meeting of the Neversink Agricultural Society, held on Saturday evening, January 21st, at the Rod and Gun Club Hall the following officers were elected: Robert T. Many, General Superintendent; Emmett Walter, President; Arthur Burch, Vice President; Chan Dayton, Secretary; Theron Hasbrouck, Treasurer. Mr. Hasbrouck succeeded Mr. Sumner Krum, who had held the office of Treasurer for thirty-nine years. It was voted to install lights on the Fairgrounds so that the entertainment could be extended into the evening.

The P.T.A. Card party on Monday evening netted \$28.50. Many thanks to all who helped to make it such a big success.

Miss Carol Gridley, who is attending New Paltz State Teacher's College, spent the weekend at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond George have purchased a new 1950 Chevrolet two door deluxe car.

Commissioners Rosenberg, Nathan and Gallagher have made the following awards for business damage claims against the City of New York due to the construction of the Rondout Reservoir: Leslie Sheeley \$400. Harold Countryman \$400, Herbert Brooks \$300, Grand Brooks \$100 and Edwin Stratton \$350.

In a recent rifle match against the crack team from Middletown, the Grahamsville Rod and Gun Club continued to upset the big city boys as Bruce Denman led the way to a smashing victory. The Grahamsville team scored as follows: Jack Denman, 189; Bruce Denman, 192; John Jonis, 189; Geo. Zeltman, 181 and Sam Anderson, 180 for a total of 931. Middletown scored 922.

January 27, 1960

Mrs. Ralph Hornbeck of Rocky Hill was sick with the flu this past week and had a doctor. She is recovered now. Remarkable is the fact that she has not been ill, not even with a cold, since 1937 when she had the flu.

Many friends gathered at the Methodist Church Hall in Grahamsville on Monday evening to surprise Mrs. Howard West on her birthday. The din-ing room was filled with well-wishers. Mrs. West was presented with a purse. They sang songs and showed a film with the new projector during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Erath entertained at dinner on Sun. evening their children, Jeanette and Donald Erath and Mr. and Mrs. Oland Erath and son Bruce. Don had just returned from his trip to California where he had a very enjoyable vacation.

The new gymnasium was filled to capacity on Fri. evening to witness the first public game played in the "Bears" naw home. Alth "Bears" new home. Although our boys played very hard, the Manor team won both games, but the TVS boys are all very good sports. Congratulations to Coach Parrow who is a good sport as well as a coach and knows how to take defeat in his stride.

> The old timers used to say, "Half your wood and half your hay Should be left on Ground Hog Day!" That winter half-way mark draws near And weather may be cold and clear But winter appetites are here! SERVE HEARTY FOODS TO HUNGRY FOLKS KUM TO KRUM'S

Five seniors have been notified of their acceptance at colleges of their choice. Caroline Dickerman. daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Richard Dickerman, has been accepted at the State University of New York at Cortland; Nancy Kracht has received word of her acceptance at the State University of New York at New Paltz; Barbara Levitz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Levitz, has also been accepted at New Paltz; Stephen Schick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schick, has been accepted at the State University of New York at Cortland and Lorna Walker has received word of her acceptance at the State University of New York at Fredonia.

In the Town of Denning, Mr. Harold Van Aken, Supervisor, told me that there is approximately 1200 population. The Town of Nevesink, unofficially, 3000 population. Mr. Raffa will contact me about a more accurate count.

This winter, many of us have been ill without medical aid close by. Perhaps in a short time there will be a report on the progress of obtaining a doctor for our community.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Visscher and their friend have returned home from their vacation in Italy. They had a wonderful trip, but both Al and Hilda were ill while there

The misses Cheryl and Lynn Robinson entertained their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ar-nold Robinson, for dinner out to celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary on the 15th.

January 24, 1980

Sullivan County Community College is proud to announce that the following students were among 212 to attain a position on the Dean's List by taking a minimum of 12 credits and achieving a 3.0 average or more during the fall, 1979 semester.

We wish to congratulate the following students: Scott A. Paul of Claryville; Christopher K. Denman, Donna M. Kirk and Matthew F. Musso of Grahamsville; Rhonda L. Woods, of Woodbourne.

As a public service to the community, Jan and Bill Davies of the Sundown Store, have inaugurated a paperback book and magazine exchange. Take one and leave one....No, they didn't mention anything about "Playboy"

Approximately 50 members attended the monthly Lioness meeting at the Blue Hill Lodge in Claryville recently. Guest speaker was psychologist, William W. Harris who talked about visual work, reading and eye-hand coordination in children

Fire Chief George Haag reports that 2 members of the Grahamsville Fire Department are attending the Fire School at Rock Hill and 4 members are attending Fire School in Liberty.

A study by Cornell University showed that 1.7 million cords of wood were burned in NYS last year, but burning wood as fuel is the least efficient way to use it. The most efficient way is use as a building material according to Cornell

Flu Is Prevalent in Sullivan County - Protect Yourself!

Liberty, NY - Sullivan County Public Health Services is warning residents that the flu is here, in force.

The New York State Department of Health declared the flu to be prevalent in New York State on December 5, 2019. From December 1, 2019 through January 24, 2020, there were 258 new laboratory-confirmed cases of the flu and 345 positive rapid flu tests in Sullivan County. This is well above the number of flu cases normally experienced this time of year.

"Seasonal flu is a serious illness, a highly contagious respiratory illness that affects the nose, throat, lungs and other parts of the body," advises Public Health Director Nancy McGraw. "The flu can be most dangerous for young children, older adults and people with weaker immune systems. Serious health problems like pneumonia, bacterial infections, hospitalization, and even death, can result from the flu."

Seasonal flu occurs every year, starting in the fall and lasting through the spring.

During this time, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly encourages seasonal flu vaccination for all people 6 months of age and older. The Sullivan County Public Health Department especially encourages pregnant women and those with underlying medical conditions - such as asthma, diabetes or cardiovascular conditions - to receive a seasonal flu vaccination.

Sullivan County Public Health Services urges those residents of Sullivan County who have not vet been vaccinated for the flu virus to do so as soon as possible. You may also contact your physician, community health center, pharmacy, or other provider to get a flu vaccine.

Beginning Jan. 27, Sullivan County Public Health Services will expand clinic hours for flu shot appointments. Call 845-292-5910 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays to schedule a flu shot at 50 Community Lane. The shot is free for those with no insurance, and a sliding fee scale is available for others.

Sullivan County Public Health Services will be holding Flu Vaccination Clinics on the following dates: January 30 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. at the Bread of Life

Food Pantry located at 263 Main St. Hurleyville. February 10 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Cornell

Cooperative Extension, 64 Ferndale-Loomis Rd., Liberty.

Influenza vaccinations can also be obtained through your healthcare provider and some pharmacies (visit www.vaccinefinder.org for locations).

For more information about the flu, visit www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/influenza/s easonal.

DEC Accepting Applications for Pheasant **Release Program**

Applications for Cooperative Program 'Due by March 25

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that applications are available for DEC's cooperative Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program. The program provides pheasant hunting opportunities through a partnership among DEC, hunters, 4-H youth, and interested landowners.

"For more than a century, volunteers have been raising pheasant chicks and releasing pheasants to enhance New York's fall hunting opportunities," Commissioner Seggos said. "Raising chicks continues to be a great way to learn about animal husbandry and wildlife management.'

The Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program began in the early 1900s. At that time, the state Conservation Department (which became DEC) distributed pheasant eggs and chicks to farmers and rural youth, and DEC continues that tradition to this day. Day-old chicks are available at no cost to participants who can provide a brooding facility, a covered outdoor rearing pen, and an adequate release site. Approved applicants will receive the day-old chicks in April, May, or June. No chicks obtained through the Day-Old Pheasant Chick Program can be released on private shooting preserves and all release sites must be

approved in advance by DEC and must be open for public pheasant hunting opportunities. The program is funded through the State Conservation Fund from license fees paid by hunters, trappers, and anglers.

Applicants must provide daily care to the rapidly growing chicks, monitor the birds' health and ensure they have adequate feed and water. The pheasants may be released beginning when they are eight weeks old and must be released no later than Dec. 1. Individuals interested in these programs should contact their nearest DEC regional office (listed below) for applications and additional information.

In 2019, DEC distributed more than 31,500 day-old pheasant chicks to qualified applicants. Applications must be filed with a DEC regional wildlife manager by March 25, 2020; see contact information below. A "Pheasant Rearing Guide" and applications are available on the DEC website.

R3 - Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester counties:

21 South Putt Corners Rd.

New Paltz, NY 12561

(845) 256-3098

Catskill Park Coalition Calls on State Legislature to Prioritize the **Catskill Region in 2020**

February 4, Catskill Center, Catskill Mountainkeeper and the Catskill Park Coalition will lead groups of volunteers in a day of Catskills advocacy in Albany. The day will be spent discussing the needs of the Catskill Park, Catskill Forest Preserve and Catskill communities and presenting the 2020 priorities - as they have been determined by the Catskill Park Coalition and its 35 member organizations with state legislators, agency officials and the governor's office.

"Governor Cuomo's budget is a good start for the Catskills, but doesn't go far enough to fund our region. The Catskills is an important and fragile ecosystem, which sees millions of visitors each year. We need to significantly increase staff at the Department of Environmental Conservation and fund a new Forest Ranger Academy in the 2020 budget to keep the Preserve and Region a safe and inviting place to live and visit," said Ramsay Adams, Executive Director of Catskill Mountainkeeper.

Catskill Park Day efforts in 2019 resulted in millions of dollars of funding for the Catskills, including support of Catskills Visitor Center, stewardship funding, infrastructure projects at state campgrounds and upgrades to Belleavre Ski Center.

In years past, thanks to the support of Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature, the Catskill Park and region have seen strong growth in the marketing and promotion of the Catskills, which has provided a boost to our tourism-based economy. State programs like the Governor's Catskills Challenge and I Love New York promotions have dramatically raised regional awareness and buoyed the profile of the Catskills.

"ECONOMIC VALUATION STUDY FOR PUBLIC LANDS IN THE CENTRAL CATSKILLS", a 2019 update of a study first completed in 2012 quantified the economic impact of outdoor recreational activities in the Catskills. According to the 2018 numbers used in the report, "All outdoor recreational activities, including both those that rely on public and protected lands and those that rely on private lands, attracted a total of 2,711,937 visitors. These visitors spent an estimated \$170,031,580 in the local area. had an estimated economic impact of \$123,889,686 on the region's economy and supported 1882 jobs.

The face of the Catskills has changed," said Jeff Senterman, Executive Director of the Catskill Center. We're no longer sleepy little towns surrounded by pristine forest. We're seeing a boom in tourism, and a park that needs support to thrive. We are grateful for the Governor's efforts to support our region, and we're calling on both the Governor and the Legislature to further invest to make sure that when we, as stewards, pass the land forward to the next generation, it's as vibrant as it was when it passed to us.

As an important funding source for Catskill Park infrastructure and stewardship projects, the Catskill Park Coalition is requesting in 2020, that the Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) be grown to \$500 million, with an appropriation of (at least) \$350 million for SFY 2020-21. This enhanced commitment to the EPF will help agencies, local governments, stakeholders and partners throughout the state work to achieve the high bar the Governor and the Legislature have set with ambitious environmental policies.

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.

What Will the Groundhog Predict?

February 2nd marks the midpoint of winter. According to folklore, if it is cloudy when Punxsutawney

Phil, the famous groundhog, emerges from its burrow on this day, then spring will come early; if it is sunny, the groundhog will supposedly see its shadow and retreat back into its burrow, and the winter weather will persist for six more weeks.

A biology professor from Pennsylvania State University discovered another reason besides weather forecasting for a male groundhog to wake up in early February. He will shuffle over several



acres of his territory and check on burrows containing females. He ducks inside each one to cuddle for the night and leaves the next morning to continue the tour.

He doesn't mate on these getting-to-know-you visits. according to the professor. At the end of his walk-around the male groundhog returns to his own burrow, curls up into a furry ball for another month of hibernation.

Groundhogs or woodchucks wake up for good in late March to mate and then lead solitary lives. In April 2-6 babies are born naked and blind after a month gestation. The litter matures by autumn and lives 4-5 years if it escapes hunters, hawks, foxes and coyotes.

Groundhogs (Marmota monax) grow to twelve pounds and two feet long. They're brownish yellow furred animals with black feet and a short tail. Their flat top skulls with eyes and ears that are set low are perfect for not exposing much of their heads to poke above ground. This rodent's incisors never stop growing and can become a fatal danger unless kept worn down with constant chewing. Although groundhogs mostly graze on grass, they can climb trees and swim to forage for greenery

They feed at sunrise and sunset, keeping out of sight during daylight hours. Groundhogs are forever alert to danger, and will race back to their burrow as they sound a shrill alarm whistle that earns them the nickname "whistle pig

A groundhog digs a burrow 10-15 feet long with a front entrance, spy holes, a toilet chamber and a comfortable nest room for sleeping or a nursery.

The name woodchuck comes from the Indian legend of 'Wojak, the groundhog" considered by them to be their ancestral grandfather.

In 1723, the Delaware Indians settled Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. The Delaware considered groundhogs honorable ancestors. The name Punxsutawney comes from the Indian name for the location "ponksad-uteney" which means "the town of the sandflies.

During that same time when the German settlers arrived in Pennsylvania during the 1700s, they brought a tradition known as Candlemas Day, which had its origin in the pagan celebration of Imbolc. If the sun made an appearance on Candlemas Day, an animal would cast a shadow, thus predicting six more weeks of Winter. Germans watched a badger for the shadow, however, once in Pennsylvania, adapted the new tradition of watching a Groundhog as there were no badgers in Pennsylvania.

According to German Folklore:

For as the sun shines on Candlemas Day, So far will the snow swirl until May. For as the snow blows on Candlemas Day, So far will the sun shine before May.

What will it be? All eyes will be on the "Weather Capital of the World", Punxsutawney, PA, while waiting for the Prognosticator of Prognosticators, Punsxutawney Phil.

Household Hints Beware! The Skunks are Waking Up, too

If your dog should have a run-in with a skunk, vinegar will take care of the smell better than even tomato juice. Using vinegar diluted 50% with water, rub it into the dog's fur. Rinse with warm water. Repeat as needed.

The Night Agent Mysterious Book Report No. 366

by John Dwaine McKenna To all of our readers out there in newslandia, bookreviewburg, or elsewhere, lost somewhere in the electronic haze, who think that all the great spy and thriller novels ended with the deaths of Robert Ludlum and Tom Clancy . . . they didn't. And, if you think you'll just have to be satisfied with those cloned copies, written by second-rate writers 'licensed by the estate of,' and pimped by the publishers in hopes of squeezing a few more bucks out of the old cash cow . . . you don't. There's a ton of great new talent out there, and this week's MBR features one of the best of that new breed. His name is Matthew Quirk, and his latest work, The Night Agent, (William Morrow/Harper Collins, \$26.99, 422 pages, ISBN 978-0-06-287546-4) is an all-out, full throttle thrill ride from the first sentence on the first page. It's drawn rave reviews from the likes of Michael Connelly, Lee Child and Michael Koryta, as well as a bevy of other A-list authors.

As the novel begins, we meet FBI Agent Peter Sutherland who, much to his own surprise, interviews for a position in the White House and gets it in spite of the misgivings of all those he works with. That's because his father, who also worked for the US Government was suspected of selling secrets to the Russians . . . an allegation which cost him everything, including his life. It's a family shame Peter has spent his entire life trying to live down by always being squeaky clean in everything he says and does. Now, he's working at the very heart of the seat of government in the Situation Room at the White

House, just steps away from the President of the United States. Peter's job - sitting next to a telephone all night long and waiting for it to ring, which it's only done once in the past year. When it does ring, his job is to get a code phrase and message from the caller and pass it on to two people . . . both of whom talk directly to POTUS.

Then a call comes in at 1:05am from a terrified young woman named Rose. Her aunt and uncle have just been killed. She's hiding in a closet and the shooter is still in the house hunting for her. Her uncle gave her the code and the number, along with the message, "Tell them that OSPREY was right. It's happening . . ." then the phone goes silent, thrusting Peter Sutherland into the heart of a conspiracy that reaches to the highest levels of government. It's diplomacy by other means, as the intrigue swirls, the assassinations continue unchecked, and the tension mounts higher with every page. The Night Agent, despite it's innocent sounding title, is the one thriller you don't want to miss, because the plot could have been ripped right out of today's headlines. It's one helluva yarn!

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

Should be more news when we get it. John

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Local with a Bottomless Heart Lauded by Legislature

(From Pg. 1) Joanne had been summoned by authorities because she owned a horse farm in Swan Lake and could take in some of the vast number of wounded creatures. 'It was then I decided I wanted to make a difference with animals," she says.

Her reputation as a generous, compassionate and competent guardian of abused animals only grew from that day forward, and in 2003, she was named the Town of Liberty's Dog Control Office

"Supervisor Frank DeMayo was instrumental in helping me spread my wings and fly," she affirms, noting that he and the town board sponsored her training to become a peace officer and learn the particulars of animal cruelty investigation. "I wanted to make a career out of this, and I wanted this position to matter."

Matter she did. Joanne became an integral partner with law enforcement in cases involving animals, ensuring thousands of dogs, cats, rabbits, chickens, horses and more were removed from unsafe situations and placed in appropriate homes, farms and ranches.

With friends Eugene Scheiman and Laurie Dutcher, Joanne in 2014 launched Catskill Animal Rescue, Inc., a nonprofit expressly devoted to what had become Joanne's driving passion. Thanks to an active social media account and local publicity, she adopted out an increasing number of animals in need of loving homes.

She also continued her Dog Control Officer duties in Liberty. The only problem was the Town's own shelter was in such dire shape, "I housed animals in my house for three years.'

Supporter Maurice Gerry introduced her to his brother Alan, who accompanied Joanne on a tour of the Town's dilapidated kennel.

"Alan was very distraught over it," she recalls. "It was-n't fit for rats - though it did have rats living in it!"

He asked her what she envisioned her "dream kennel" would look like ... then made it happen. First, Alan donated 5 acres of property along Old Monticello Road in Ferndale. Then, he built a 4,000-square-foot shelter complete with 24 runs, a cat room, a kitchen and laundry, a reception area, a meet-and-greet space, an office, an exam room, a grooming room, a security system, three televisions, even a stereo system to play soothing music for those housed within.

"It's totally magical!" Joanne says. "I can't even describe how I feel about Alan. I love the man!"

The facility is owned by the Town of Liberty, which lets Joanne and her nonprofit use it for free in exchange for their services

"It has saved money for the Town, and we've adopted out well over 200 animals since we opened last April," she notes

The shelter also serves as a training ground for volun-

teers from Sullivan/Orange ARC and animal husbandry students from Sullivan West Central School District. Joanne's own volunteer team numbers close to 50.

today proudly bestowed its Distinguished Citizen Award

"I have known Joanne for many years and can personally attest to her tireless compassion for all God's creatures," says Legislator Luis Alvarez, whose District 6 encompasses Liberty's shelter and Joanne's still-active horse farm. "Without her, hundreds upon hundreds of animals would have suffered needlessly. The gift she has

For more information on Catskill Animal Rescue and Joanne's work, visit www.facebook.com/catskillanimalrescueinc.

Statement on Partnership Vote Monticello, NY - Sullivan County Legislature Chairman

Robert A. Doherty released the following statement:

Today's decision by the Legislature to table the distribution of \$125,000 for 2020 to the Sullivan County Partnership for Economic Development should not be taken as an indication there's something wrong. It's simply about ensuring taxpayers' money is spent in a wise and accountable fashion. We will soon engage in a dialogue with the Partnership's leadership and board to determine how County funds were spent in 2019 and how the Partnership envisions they'll be spent in 2020. My plan is to ultimately have a similar dialogue with all organizations which receive County funding.

DEC Advises Backcountry Visitors of Winter Conditions in the Catskills

Recent snow, ice, and cold weather have created harsh conditions for winter outdoor recreation in the Catskill backcountry. Visitors should be prepared with proper clothing and equipment for snow, ice, and cold to ensure a safe and enjoyable winter experience.

Snow depths currently range from three to four inches across the central and western portion of the Catskills. At higher elevations and mountain summits, snow depths range from six to 10 inches. Visitors should expect ice on trails, exposed outlooks and mountain summits. The National Weather Service NERFC Snow Page provides detailed maps depicting current snow depths and forecasts

Due to variable winter conditions such as ice and snow, be cautious of weighted down and fallen trees. Down trees can obscure trail markers and make trails more difficult to locate.

Read DEC's news release for safety guidelines, road closures and additional information.

Recent Notices

Notices below reflect recent changes in conditions and recreation infrastructure work completed by DEC and its partners. Check the Catskill Backcountry Information for more detailed information.

o The Kanape parking area on Watson Hollow Road (County Route 42) is closed for an expansion project starting on Wednesday, January 8th 2020. The Kanape parking area offers access to the Ashokan High Point trail. The Kanape parking area may be closed through the end of February 2020.

The Upper Esopus Fire Tower at the Catskills Visitor Center (5096 State Route 28, Mt Tremper, NY 12457) is open! The cab is open weekends from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. On weekdays, feel free to climb the tower to just below the cab for a great view of the area.

o Balsam Lake Mountain Wild Forest: The gate at Alder Lake that provides access to the upper lot will be closed when the access road becomes covered by ice and snow

o Bluestone Wild Forest: The gate at Onteora Lake that provides access to the lower parking area has been closed due to the road being covered by ice and snow. The upper parking area is still available for use.

Willowemoc Wild Forest and Sundown Wild Forest: Snowmobile trails in the Sundown Wild Forest and Willowemoc Wild Forest are open for use once trails are covered in ice and snow. (Contd. Pg. 6)

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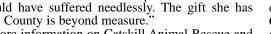
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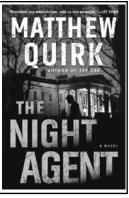
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For all these reasons, the Sullivan County Legislature on Joanne.

given this County is beyond measure.









てhe Olive Jar- By Carol Olsen LaMonda My Two Cents

My Two Cents Sometimes I feel overwhelmed. I often recall what I used to tell my students when a task just seems too much to face. Question: "How do you eat an elephant? Answer: "One bite at a time." So how does one person deal with climate change, divisive politics, poverty, crime, and homelessness? The answer is "One step at a time." One step is okay as long as it is moving forward.



As some of you know, I am a list maker. Sometimes I cheer myself on by adding two things to the list that I have already

accomplished to have the satisfaction of crossing them off as done and priming the pump of ambition to move on to the next item. My "TO DO" list is always in small, manageable increments. For example, I would like to accomplish world peace and find a cure for Parkinson's Disease, but things like: call Joan, write a column, order dog food, send a sympathy card, and clean one (of many) junk drawer in kitchen are more likely to get checked off by day's

end

The same thing goes for those overwhelming burdens the six o'clock news reminds me about each evening. I cannot halt the melting of the polar ice cap, but I can shorten my morning shower by a minute or two and still save some water and be socially fragrant. I can bundle my errands and save some gas. Politically, I can bite my tongue and scroll faster when Facebook posts go against my grain. I can talk less and listen more.

As far as the big crises like crime, homelessness and poverty, I am convinced that all three can be curtailed by educating workers and creating jobs that provide personal satisfaction and enough revenue to live the American Dream; I can advocate for education and opportunities for a better life, for I am convinced that crime is bred through poverty and inequality.

So how does one do that in one small step? Vote for leaders who can take those steps forward. You already voted, you say. Then the next small step is to get someone who is apathetic to vote.

So here is my two cents: If every American (population of 330,000,000) gave two cents to a good cause, it would be six and a half million dollars. We can make a difference one step at a time and one person at a time. Alone we are a drop of water: together we are an ocean.

ALL YOU CAN EAT

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday February 2, 2020

8:00 am - 11:00 am

Big Indian – Oliverea Fire House

mbled Eggs *Sausage * Hash Browns *Coffee *Orange Juice Adults \$ 9.00 Children (5 to 12) \$5.00 Our Distinguished Veterans and Seniors \$ 8.00 Little Tykes (4 and under) Free Call for Take Outs (845) 254-9962

DEC Advises Backcountry Visitors of Winter Conditions

in the Catskills

(From Pg. 4) Seasonal gates allowing access to snowmobile trails will be opened once the trails are sufficiently covered in ice and snow.

• The following roads are seasonal and are not maintained during winter months. Please be aware of snowy conditions:

• Beaverkill Road -Balsam Lake Mountain Wild Forest (Town of Hardenburgh)

• Platte Clove Road- Indian Head Wilderness (Town of Hunter)

• Roaring Kill Road- Indian Head Wilderness (Town of Hunter)

• Russel Brook Road- Delaware Wild Forest (Town of Colchester)

• Mary Smith Road- Delaware Wild Forest (Town of Colchester)

• Ploutz Road- Dry Brook Wild Forest (Town of Middletown)

• Delaware Wild Forest: Snowmobile trails in Delaware Wild Forest will be open for use once trails are covered in ice and snow.

• Seasonal gates allowing access to snowmobile trails will be opened once the trails are sufficiently covered in ice and snow.

• Kaaterskill Falls: Kaaterskill will be very icy. Hikers should use caution on icy stone staircases and other rock surfaces.

• Avoid hiking near cliff edges.

General Conditions: Plan Ahead

Check weather, trail conditions, regulations, and advisories before you travel. Have an alternative plan ready to ensure you can make the most of your time in the Catskills.
Snowshoes and micro spikes are recommended in high elevations. With the recent snow fall, snow depths are greater in higher elevations and may warrant the use of snowshoes.

• Breaking trail. Breaking trail exhausts more energy, so plan extra time for your trip. Know your route well as trail signs and junctions may be difficult to find under snow cover. Bring a map with you. Gaiters can protect your lower legs from the wet, cold elements of deep snow.

• Carry traction devices on all hikes. Rain and warmer temperatures this weekend may bring ice to low elevation trails.

• Protect yourself from frostbite: Cover all skin including your face. Use a balaclava, face mask, or scarf with goggles. Cover all exposed skin when on open summits and ledges.

• Avoid Hypothermia: Carry plenty of food and water. Eat and drink often. Being tired, hungry or dehydrated makes you more susceptible to hypothermia. See Leave No Trace section for how to keep your food from freezing.

• Traveling in snow takes more energy and more time than traveling the same trail on bare ground, so take plenty of rests.

• Know the warning signs, and call for help/turn around if symptoms start occurring: uncontrollable shivering, exhaustion, slurred speech, confusion, decreased heart rate.

• Sunset is approximately 4:57 p.m. Be prepared with a headlamp and extra batteries when hiking in the afternoon.

• Always carry a fire starter kit in your emergency kit in case hypothermia symptoms become severe.

• Review a trail map prior to your trip. Become familiar with specific junctions, markers, or trail changes along your route. It is easy to miss a sign or junction and get off trail in the winter due to snow and downed trees. Familiarizing yourself ahead of time will allow you to remain aware and on the lookout. Bring the map with you.

• Temperatures will be cold. Be aware of and prepared for changing weather conditions in the Catskills. Stay current with the National Weather Service weather forecast. The NY Mesonet has stations in and just outside of Catskills that provide real time weather data and forecasts. Hudson Valley Weather provides detailed forecasts for the Hudson Valley and the Catskills.

Highlighted Hike - Giant Ledge

(1.6 miles, 3.2 miles round trip, elevation gain: 1,100 feet.)

The shortest and easiest route up Giant Ledge is from the Oliverea Road North (Giant Ledge Trailhead) Parking Area. Begin by crossing the road and following the yellow marked Phoenicia East Branch Trail east .75 miles until its juncture with the blue marked Giant Ledge-Panther Trail. Turn left, heading north .85 miles to the summit and excellent views to both the east and west.

Practice Leave No Trace

Follow proper trail etiquette to maintain minimal impact on the environment and the natural resources of the Catskills, as well as ensure an enjoyable outdoor experience for all visitors by following the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace. Winter Trail Etiquette:

Prevent the post hole: Wear skis or snowshoes on

winter trails. Bare boots can leave dangerous holes in the snow.

• Be considerate of others: Share the trails. Ski on one side, snowshoe on the other. Avoid crossing tracks to protect the quality of everyone's experience.

• Quick tip: Did you know that snow is a durable surface if it is six inches or deeper? Traveling on snow at this depth will help to protect sensitive underlying vegetation



Meet Lacey & Simplify Medicare...

The Medicare process can be overwhelming & confusing. Here are some of the Most Frequently Asked Questions to help you along the way.

Q: I am turning 65 this year & I plan to retire. When am I eligible to enroll in Medicare?

A: Assuming you have met the work-related eligibility requirements, you may begin enrollment into Medicare 90 days in advance of the month you turn 65.

Q: Can my spouse be on my Medicare plan?

A: Medicare does not have spousal or dependent coverage. Medicare is individual. If you're spouse has reached 65, then they can enroll in Medicare of their own accord 90 days in advance of the month they turn 65.

Q: How do I sign up for Medicare?

A: Online at www.SSA.gov or in person at a local Social Security office.

Q: Do I need to enroll in Parts "A" & "B" of Medicare?

A: Part "A" is typically in place, & a paid-up benefit when you turn 65. Part "B" is not, unless you have enrolled in Social Security prior to age 65. If you have not filed to receive Social Security benefits, then you need to proactively enroll in Part "B" benefits & begin paying for them.

Q: Can I just have original Medicare Parts "A" & "B" as my health insurance at retirement?

A: Yes. However, you will not have prescription drug coverage , & you will face unlimited exposure to those costs due to the gaps in Original Medicare.

Have more questions? I am here to help! Call or email Lacey: 518-331-5779/managetkt@gmail.com



The FamilyMemoir, PROSILIO...

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

PROSILIO

Townsman. This local author has been busy guesting at book clubs who have chosen this who have chosen this local memoir as their book choice. Feel the warmth of "Prosilio" as you read Carol's memoirs cud-dled up in your favorite chair. It also makes a great gift! *Prosilio* is available at Amazon or Barnes and Noble on-Barnes and Noble on-

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CWC News:

Understanding and Monitoring Sound & Noise

Join DEP's Education Office along with the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy for a professional learning opportu-nity on sound and noise on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. Explore the features of Brooklyn Bridge Park and learn how people perceive sound and noise in their environment. Hear from experts in the field on how the impact of noise pollution affects our lives, how noise is monitored in New York City, and ways for teachers to teach your students about this very important topic. This session will include a presentation, hands-on activities, and resource sharing. Register here: Understanding and Monitoring Sound and Noise.

Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) announced the launch of the 34th annual Water Resources Art and Poetry Contest. Second through twelfth grade students attending public, independent, charter and parochial schools, and those

who are home-schooled, in New York City and in the East and West of Hudson watersheds, are invited to create original art and compose poetry that reflects an appreciation for New York's shared water resources. Entries will be accepted online until March 6, 2020.

For this year's contest, teachers, parents and students can visit www.nyc.gov/dep/artandpoetry to view the contest guidelines and resource materials, submit entries online, see past winners, and learn more about New York City water.

Applications for Education Grants Due Friday, February 7, by 4pm!

Guidelines and application forms for schools and non-profit organizations seeking grants for projects and programs focused on fresh water and the NYC Water System and Watershed are now available. Projects addressing student-teacher audiences may be eligible for grants of up to \$10,000. Projects addressing adult or mixed public audiences may be eligible for up to \$5,000. This is the 23rd round of Watershed Education Grants awarded by the Catskill Watershed Corp. in partnership with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. For information about the CWC's upcoming education grant opportunity, contact Samantha Costa, scosta@cwconline.org; 845-586-1400 ext. 320.



CWC Board Approves Several Septic Replacements, Flood Hazard Measures, and a Business Loan On January 7, the Catskill Watershed Corp. (CWC) Board of

Directors approved A business loan in participation with Ulster Savings Bank and the Small Business Administration to McKenley Hollow LLC for the re-development of the former Mountain Gate Lodge, Big Indian, NY. Once complete, it will operate as Eastwind- Big Indian. CWC has successfully worked with this group of developers on their sister property, Eastwind Hotel & Bar, Windham.

The CWC Board of Directors awarded funding for replacement septic systems, and additional construction costs to a total of ten homeowners and business owners in eight towns in Delaware, Greene and Ulster Counties

A homeowner in the Village of Walton was also approved for \$5,000 grant for a feasibility study to determine the best flood proofing options for his structure. Another homeowner was approved reimbursement of \$8,300 to secure two 275 gallon propane tanks in a flood zone in the Village of Delhi.

New Additions to Mid-Hudson SBDC Business Counseling Staff

Mid-Hudson SBDC Regional Director Dr. Arnaldo Sehwerert announced two recent additions to the business counseling staff.

Ellen Iversen is moving into the position of Business Advisor at the Mid-Hudson SBDC. Starting in 2014, Ellen has been working at the Center helping Disaster Clients affected by Storms Irene, Lee, and Sandy in 2011 and 2012. Her tenacity and deep understanding of the assistance program contributed to the recovery of almost 200 area businesses and the disbursement of close to four million dollars in assistance funding. In her new role, she will be working with clients in need of expert counsel-ing to start or grow a small business. Ellen brings a strong background in the banking, training, client management and real estate industries. She is a graduate of Empire State College with a major in Business Management and Economics and is currently a small business owner herself.

Myriam Bouchard has rejoined the Mid-Hudson Small Business Development Center (SBDC). She was an award-winning Certified Business Advisor at the SBDC from 2001-2014. During her five-year hiatus, Bouchard expanded her consulting skills by focusing on purpose-driven organizations with an emphasis on social enterprises that embrace triple bottom line thinking (profit, planet, and people).

Throughout her career, she has helped well over a thousand organizations in various business stages. A dedicated strategist, she brings methodology and forward thinking, addressing the minutiae of day-to-day operations while keeping in mind the end goal. She uses a lifetime of experience in her advising work, whether it is reviewing a profit and loss statement to help with cash flow issues or discussing marketing and pricing strategies to increase revenues. Her core strength is doing financial and feasibility analyses, often leading to successful endeavors and at other times, the numbers exposing the hurdles of starting or expanding a business

Bouchard received her MBA from Syracuse University and has successfully created a number of her own businesses.

The Mid-Hudson SBDC provides no-cost professional business counseling to existing business owners and entrepreneurs thanks to the support of the US SBA and the State University of New York. The Mid-Hudson Center is hosted by SUNY Ulster as a public service to the business community.



"If it grows by day, have it cut & split by Knight"

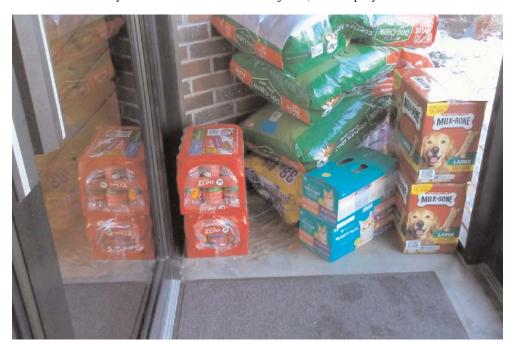
In their effort to fulfill the need for blood in the region, Fallsburg Jr/Sr High School held its second Blood Drive of the 2019-2020 School Year on January 13, 2020. The Red Cross crew from Binghamton arrived early in the morning to the welcome of the Student Government Association (SGA) coordinators, Kimberly Mahler, Emily Collura and Jose Rodriguez. Faculty Advisor Elisa Baum oversaw the student involvement throughout the day.

The Fallsburg SGA has been faithful to holding blood drives for dozens of years. The school has hosted many first-time donors from the student body and new faculty and staff members. Countless lives have been saved as a result of their 'gift of life" as the Red Cross calls donated blood, tissues and organs.

If you were not available to donate at FHS, please contact your local Red Cross.

The Misner Agency Continues to Give Back....

In addition to providing personal and commercial lines insurance and expert insurance advice, The Misner Agency also "gives back" to many charitable organizations. Some of the charities and organizations we donate to include St. Jude Childrens' Research Hospital, sev-eral local food pantries, Rock Hill SPCA, Middletown Humane Society, Guiding Eyes for the Blind, People to People Fund, Alzheimer's Association, American Heart Association, Diabetes Association, and so many more. These donations are as a result of "dress-down" Fridays, which we started about 10 years ago.



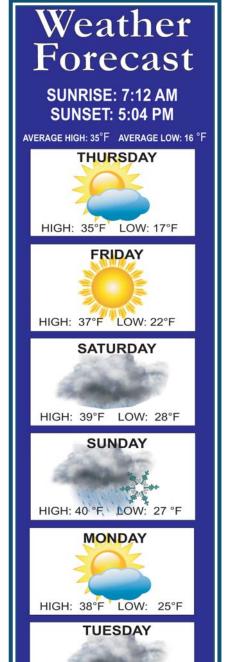
also participate in the "Adopt a Grandparent" program; Ride to Survive, The Catskill Regional Medical Center Heart-A-Thon program, and the St. Jude Boot program. In lieu of Christmas presents to Misner Management, Misner staff makes donations to St. Andrew's Food Pantry.

Our office locations are in Woodbourne, Livingston Manor, Middletown, and Westtown. If you would like more information about our donation programs, or our insurance, please call 845-434-7755.

Fallsburg Junior/Senior High School Holds Second Blood Drive







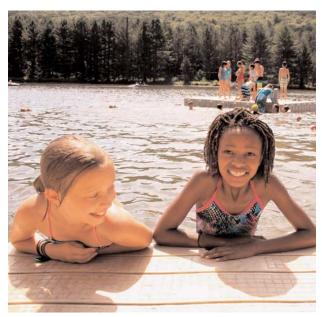
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For each Friday a staff member dresses in jeans, the employee donates \$3.00. On a quarterly basis, each member selects a charitable organization to which to direct their dress-down donations. For the 4th quarter of each year, Misner Agency Inc. management matches all dress-down donations. For 2019, donations amounted to \$2291. Additionally, The Misner Agency has participated for several years in the Boys &

Girls Clubs "Giving Tree" program that supplies toys and clothing for children in Orange and Sullivan Counties who may not get Christmas presents. Our President, Greg Goldstein, has participated in the annual Thunder Country St. Jude Radiothon for the last 6 years, and in 2019 visited St. Jude in Memphis for an overview of the facility and an update on their research.

Several members of The Misner Agency staff are also members of local charitable organizations, such as Tri-Valley Lions and the Livingston Manor Rotary Club. We





Claryville - Even though there is snow on the ground, summer will be here before you know it and now is the perfect time for parents to register their child for summer day camp. Frost Valley YMCA invites all interested community members who want to learn more about its Day Camp Programs to attend a free Open House on either April 26th from 10:30 am - 1 pm, May 17th from 12:30 pm - 3 pm, or June 7th from 10:30 am l pm.

Between June 29th and August 28th, Frost Valley offers several one-week and two-week Day Camp programs for children in pre-k through tenth grade. A variety of programs keep campers active, engaged, and delighted. In addition to its already popular Day Camp programs, Frost Valley will be offering exciting new programs this year including: Little Planters, Center Stage, Tween Leadership, and Teen Leadership. Open House attendees will have a

chance to tour the beautiful grounds, hear a presentation, get answers to their questions, and enjoy lunch in the dinning hall. Please call 845-985-2291 in advance to reserve your spot. Families who are unable to attend one of these dates may schedule a private tour by calling 845-985-2291 ext. 306.

Frost Valley's Day Camp registration is open and financial assistance applications are available. Learn more about Day Camp online at FrostValley.org. Parents looking to give their child a positive, safe, and exciting summer camp experience are encouraged to register right away because programs fill quickly. To register your child for day camp, call 845-985-2291 ext. 306 or email campregistration@frostvalley.org.

Another Year of Valentines for Vets at BCES

(From Pg. 1) For the past several years, Fallsburg's Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) has sent hundreds of hand-made Valentine's Day cards to veterans in New York State V.A. Hospitals. This year's program began during the week of January 13 and will finish on February 1, in time for every card to be processed for mailing.

The effort is school-wide and every child has a chance to participate. Teachers from Pre-K through Sixth Grade, de-



The Buddy Program Class that meets twice a week before school in Ms. McCarthy's

Class were creating similar messages of appreciation. She told the class that each card is special because it comes from a child that cares about what soldiers do to protect them. In a special folder, Ms. McCarthy keeps let-ters from veterans from Castle Point V.A. Hospital telling her students from past years how grateful the veterans are when they open up each card. Valentine's Day is special to children of all ages. It is a time to focus on the heart. That is why this

program is part of the BCES yearly schedule.

vote a period from their schedules to provide materials for the students to focus on discussing who veterans are and what they mean to Kids America. share if they have veterans in their families now or whether their parents and other relatives served in the military services. In the Buddies Program session January 24, children were given four different papers with heartshaped flags and other designs for them to color and paste onto folded construction paper. Then they wrote in personal messages thanking veterans for their bravery and courage, acknowledging their sacrifice and making our country a better place. Later that same day, third graders



"Pulling Prints" Group Show Delaware Valley Arts Alliance kicks off it's 2020 exhibition series with "Pulling

Prints," a curated group printmaking show opening on Saturday, February 8 with a reception from 3 to 5 pm at DVAA, 37 Main_St, Narrowsburg, NY. An artists' talk will take place on Tuesday, February 18 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the gallery. "Pulling Prints" will be on view in DVAA's Alliance Gallery through March 14. The exhibition



and related events are free and open to the pub-

lic. "As DVAA's gallery director, I know many artists in our area have presses and make a wide variety of beautiful prints. I have always wanted to have a large group printmaking exhi-

bition that highlights the various forms of this versatile media," says Rocky Pinciotti. "I was lucky enough to have Judith Bodman agree to curate this show.

The exhibition "Pulling Prints" will showcase printmaking in all its artistic forms: woodcuts, mono prints, etching, aquatint, silkscreen/serigraphs, lithography, linocuts, and even solar based prints. This celebration of mediums and images by guest curator Judith Bodman, a printmaker herself, includes prints from 55 printmakers new and established, far and wide, including Colescott Award winning artists, each with their own style and printmaking media.

"I hope this exhibition will educate the public, stir up conversations about printmaking, and hopefully create excitement about this amazing art medium of handpulled prints,' says curator Judith Fisher-Bodman, an artist from Blooming Grove, PA who works in many mediums, including etchings, solar plate printing, linocuts, wood-cut prints, wood engraving, and painting. "I have a huge passion for all forms of print-

making and I'm always learning new printmaking methods," she says. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, Judith received her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Printmaking from Indiana University of PA. She also spent time studying etching in Florence Italy and looks forward to running printmaking workshops next year at Peters Valley School of Crafts in Layton, NJ. For the last 10 years she has also been teaching high school students about printmaking.

Artists included in the show are Robyn Almquist, Helene Bautista, Judith Bodman, Rip Bodman, Cynthia Brucksch, Keith Buswell, Mark Ciocca, Ian Cross, Sara Dittman, Dale Emmart, Cara Enteles, Talia Segal Fidler, Barbara Fiore, Peter Fiore, Elise Freda, John Greer, Ann Grifalconi, Izzy Van den Heuvel, Peter Hoffer, Liz Kolansky, Wayne Kronenfels, William Landau, Lujiang Li, Claudine Luchsinger, Madelon Jones, Nina Jordan, Elizabeth McAlpin, Barbara McPhail, Christine Medley, Susan Miiller, Laura E. J. Moran, Marjorie Morrow, Stephen Morse, David Munford, Nancy Palubniak, Sariah Park, Michael Piotrowski, Helena Clare Pittman, Deborah Pollak, Scott Porter, Judith Reeve, David Schulte, Grant Silverstein, Sarah Sipling, Linda Sokolowski, Robin Solvang, Martin Springhetti, Kevin Storms, Jessie Taylor, Kenneth Wampler, Nancy Wells, Donald Wilkison, Melissa Wollmering, and Alan Wood. (Contd. Pg. 11)

The Scene Too - Jane Harrison

favorite



Not quite a musician, but one of our cutest irrresistable friends

I feel privi-leged to be included since I can't play an instrument and couldn't carry a tune if you areased it in encased cement in a pail. But there I was with 'Red Hill' Lil Scoles on fiddle, Bobby D on Dobro and Bill Griesbeck and Johnny Jules with their guitars and voices. Ι love gatherings like this because you just never know. 'Mr to Janis Blue' Joplin. 'Bumming



Is anyone else experiencing tech issues'? Is it a full moon

Tech issues aside, I've had a very fun week! I had the

chance to indulge in one of my

Tuesday

things

night...sitting in a livingroom

with a bunch of musicians.

again or something?



Around' (the Old Slouch Hat song) to Lefty Frizzell's 'Long Black Veil'. And more. All done to perfection with laughs, song history and reminiscing in between. This is what happens in these 'livingroom events' whether it's in Claryville, Chicago, or Memphis. Priceless. And special thanks to Lil for the home cooked meal I didn't have to cook! I did miss Wilbur the doggy though, who opted to stay home.



THE JOHNNY JULES BAND is becoming one of the busiest bands around...and its February! (almost). The 8th they'll be at THE PICKLED OWL, the 14th they'll be doing a Valentine's show at the historic HECTOR'S INN in Bethel, the 21st and 22nd they'll be part of the FROG-GIE DAZE MASQUERADE BALL with CAPTAIN MAGIC, ROBERT TELLEFSON and many other bands at the HUDSON VALLEY RESORT AND SPA in Kerhonkson...phew! PLUS they are hosting an open mic night at BUM AND KEL'S LAKESIDE TAVERN in Loch Sheldrake every Wednesday night starting this Wednesday.

THE TOWNSMAN

And then Saturday night, I wandered down to THE PICKLED OWL. If you've been reading this, you know I haven't had a schedule from them for a while, mainly because the "Winter Crud" that seems to have everyone sick has struck them too. But as I've said, you may not know who's performing, but you'll know it's quality.

This night it was GABE RICKARD. I had tried to see him once before but serious technical difficulties in the venue made it impossible for him. This time though, everything went smoothly. The first thing I noticed when I walked in was that the tone of his guitar was deep and rich and his playing has a certain exciting calmness. I know that it doesn't make much sense but it's the kind of instrumental music I might put on with a glass of wine after a tough week. But he is not an instrumental artist, far from it. His original songs feel very familiar, though I couldn't find the hook, try as I might. It is a pleasant enigma. And my stopping in for a minute turned into an hour.

I wouldn't expect anything less. He is, after all, a Professor and an author. His music is unique and comfortable and I highly recommend seeing him when he comes around again.

Here's what's coming up this week:

Wednesday Jan 29: There's a new Open Mic at BUM AND KEL'S in Loch Sheldrake hosted by THE JOHNNY JULES BAND; 7pm

Friday Jan 31: JUSTIN SUTHERLAND, MARK VIS-CONTI & JOHN SLAVER at CABERNET FRANK'S, exit 98 off Hwy 17 West, Parksville; 8pm

Saturday Feb 1: WINDFEATHER HARMONIES at THE PICKLED OWL, Hurleyville; 6pm

Sunday Feb 2: FIRST SUNDAY; The Sullivan County Historical Society and Museum, Hurleyville. LITTLE SPARROW will be hosting themselves, to the delight of all who enjoy their music; 1pm

Until next time.....

"Pulling Prints" Group Show

(From Pg. 9) The Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is located at 37 Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 am - 5 pm. The activities of the Delaware Valley Arts Alliance are made possible in part by a grant from the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

For more information, visit delawarevalleyartsalliance.org or call 845-252-7576.

DEC Announces Annual Tree and Shrub Seedling Sale

More Than 50 Species Available from

Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos today announced that the Colonel William F. Fox Memorial Saratoga Tree Nursery has kicked off its annual spring seedling sale. Each year, this DEC nursery offers dozens of New York-grown tree and shrub species for sale to the pub-

lic. "For more than 100 years, DEC's tree nursery in Saratoga has helped reforest New York by providing seedlings for conservation plantings across the state," Commissioner Seggos said. "The annual spring sale is a chance for the public to take part in this tradition by obtaining strong, winter-hardy trees and shrubs for their properties."

The nursery sale offers a low-cost opportunity for landowners to implement large-scale conservation plantings on their property. From homeowners hoping to create a windbreak, to those looking to cool their home with shade in the summer, the dozens of species available from the nursery offer something for every landowner's planting goal.

In addition to benefitting residential properties, planting trees also positively impacts the surrounding environment. Trees absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, making them a powerful tool in the fight against climate change. They also provide food and shelter for native wildlife, improve water quality by filtering runoff, prevent erosion, and so much more.

This year's nursery sale runs until May 15, 2020. For more information including how to order, visit the Spring Seedling Sale webpage on DEC's website. Some species sell out early, so it is recommended to place orders by



Her Quirky Journey:

3 Reasons Why I Don't Live at Home in the U.S.A.

When I inform people from where I grew up in New York State that I don't live in America, their response is



often similar: pure utter confusion. Lifted eyebrows and pinched foreheads followed by a whole mess of questions. And, truthfully, rightfully so! Being an American who lives abroad with no permanent home in the US, I'm often an anomaly amongst my family and friends – and even you, my kind of readers!

Although I often get tons of questions about my lifestyle, one that I often get is, "Why?" There's a plethora of reasons, but here are just three big ones as to why I live abroad and travel full-time instead of

living in the States.

Cost

America is expensive! Why is it I go grocery shopping, leave with one bag full, and am out \$60?! When I live abroad, I choose less pricey places to live, like Thailand, Vietnam, and China, I can walk away with a bag of groceries and only have spent about \$10! What a deal!

Freedom

I know, I know. America has freedom, but I'm talking about the freedom to do what I want, when I want with work and vacation. With my online job, I pick and choose my hours and take vacations whenever I want. I am able to wander the world freely! I can't do that with most jobs in the U.S., especially not with just 10-days vacation per year!

Open-Mindedness

I love, love, love learning about different cultures, gorging on different foods, and simply admiring how other people live their lives. I'm learning every single day whether it be how to say, "How are you?" in a new language or learning how lucky I am with what I've got.

I live in a magical time where I can work and earn money from anywhere. So for me, the real questions is, "Why not?!"

phone for the most up-to-date availability information.

Free School Seedling Program Now Accepting Applications

Schools and school-sponsored programs across New York State are eligible to receive 50 free tree seedlings, or a mixed shrub packet for spring planting through the nursery's School Seedling Program. The seedlings offer teachers a hands-on resource to enhance lessons and can be planted on school grounds or other community spaces.

Applications can be submitted online through the DEC website. A paper application is available for download on the DEC website, or via mail by contacting the nursery at (518) 581-1439. Applications must be received by March 31, 2020

UC Executive Rvan Unveils New Call to Service Youth Program Ahead of his First

State of the County Address Ulster County Youth Corps aims to provide youth opportunities in volunteerism in local government

and beyond – County Executive Ryan establishes first-ever Call to Service scholarship to assist local youth attending college

KINGSTON, N.Y. - County Executive Pat Ryan announced today a new County-wide youth service program at UlsterCorps 11th Annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration of Service. His Call to Service initiative will partner the County with UlsterCorps to recruit volunteers with organizations throughout Ulster County including programs aimed at enhancing senior's lives through socialization, increasing the number of much-needed volunteers in Emergency Service fields, and giving our youth opportunities to serve their community.

"As County Executive, I have always prioritized being a servant leader and encouraging service opportunities and paths for our residents," said Pat Ryan, Ulster County Executive. "Our communities run on the thousands of hours that volunteers put in from our fire departments, our EMS, and other community enhancing projects. This program will ensure that we will start to engage a new generation of servant leaders to benefit Ulster County.

"UlsterCorps is so excited to partner in the County Executive's new youth service program," said Beth McLendon Albright, UlsterCorps Director and Co-Founder. "We see this as an incredible opportunity to provide meaningful, engaging service projects for youth, expand outreach, and foster collaboration and resiliency in our community across all generations. The program will launch with three central programs including:

Generation to Generation: Ulster County's Living History As part of County Executive Pat Ryan's Call to Service initiative, the Office for the Aging is creating a program that will partner area youths ages 14-18 with area seniors to work on building intergenerational relationships. They will engage with the senior community in "Generation to Generation Socializing" at the Ulster County Senior Hub through organized events, games, and other programming geared towards fostering positive communications and relationships between our youth and senior communities.

We look forward to expanding our intergenerational programs with our UlsterCorps partners, and have some great and creative opportunities for the Generation to Generation Programs that would both benefit our seniors and give some valuable life opportunities to our youth," said Susan Koppenhaver, Director of the Ulster County Office for the Aging.

Continuing to partner with UlsterCorps, this initiative will create a program to document the living history of Ulster County's senior community. Ulster County's youth volunteers will work with UlsterCorps and Office for the Aging to conduct video interviews of seniors to document their stories and create a digital repository for all County residents to enjoy. Ulster County Explorer Program

Ulster County Fire and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) are almost entirely volunteer-based organizations. However, these organizations have been facing a severe decline in the number of new volunteers putting these critical organizations at risk of not carrying out their essential life-saving activities. The Ulster County Explorer program would look to reverse the downward trend of declining volunteers by creating a program targeting youth ages 14-20 and giving them opportunities for careers in emergency service fields.

Through Exploring Fire and EMS, we introduce real-world career experiences so jobs are familiar and within reach as our youth are making decisions about their educational career paths. Currently, recruitment for Emergency Services is at an all time low," said Everett Erichsen, Ulster County Fire Coordinator. "I commend the County Executive on his efforts. said Everett Erichsen. Ulster County Fire Providing this one-on-one mentorship for our youth will assist our local fire departments and EMS agencies in strengthening their communities. Many in the Emergency Services community understand the importance of this program, and I thank them for their support in assisting us with moving it forward. The Explorer program provides young men and women ages 14-20 opportunities to explore fire service as a career while providing experiences that help develop interpersonal, leadership, and organizational skills. Explorers not only get an immersive first-hand look at the fire service, but they are also given the opportunity to enjoy organized social activities, competitive events, and community interaction while working in a professional atmosphere.

Some of the most popular Fire and EMS careers include: United States Military Academy Firefighter, EMT, Paramedic, Emergency Services Coordinator, Shelter Manager, Lifeguard, Ski Patrol, Search United States Naval Academy

and Rescue, and Fire Inspector or Investigator.

The objectives of the Explorer training are to promote learning, teamwork, leadership, and organization with a hands-on approach that allows the member to experience fire department operations under the close supervision of professionals. At the age of 16, participants would be able to join the local volunteer fire department within their community, which opens up more training opportunities, as well as partake in a tuition reimbursement through the Fireman's Association of the State of New York for college credits from a New York State chartered two-or-four year school.

Ulster County Youth Corps

The Ulster County Youth Corps initiative is a partnership between Ulster County and UlsterCorps seeking to increase volunteerism amongst the County's youth. This focused extension of UlsterCorps will place willing Ulster County youth with nonprofit and government organizations throughout the County to serve their community. This program would work with the individual volunteers and match them with different Ulster County organizations based on the student's interests and the organization's needs. Engaging youth to be invested in their communities will create the bedrock for engaged citizens who will contribute and serve their community over a lifetime.

Working with the Community Foundation of Ulster County, Ulster County will work to establish the Ulster County Executive Call to Service scholarship fund to assist local youth, whose participation is recognized as exceptional in the Ulster County Youth Corps, with attending college.

County Executive Pat Ryan will be delivering his State of the County address on Thursday, January 30, at Kingston High School, marking the first time a County Executive has delivered this address at a high school for an audience of students and community members. County Executive Ryan graduated from Kingston High School in 2000.

Gillibrand Nominates 13 Students from the Hudson Valley for Service Academies

Washington, DC - U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Ranking Member of the Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee, today announced her nominations for candidates from the Hudson Valley to four of the nation's leading service institutions: the United States Military, Naval, Air Force, and Merchant Marine Academies.

"Our nation's service academies cultivate exceptional officers, and it is a privilege to nominate some of the best and brightest students from the Hudson Valley to attend these distinguished institutions, said Senator Gillibrand. "These future leaders have outstanding academic records and a passion for service. I look forward to watching the successes of all of our nominees as they further their education and serve our nation in the armed forces.

A selection committee formed by Senator Gillibrand chose the nominees from a large group of qualified applicants. Decisions were based on criteria including academic record, leadership potential, and overall achievement. Final acceptance is determined solely by the service academies.

The United States service academies offer a firstclass education as well as a chance for young people to serve our country upon graduation as commissioned officers in the United States Armed Services. This year, Senator Gillibrand nominated 13 candidates from the Hudson Valley to the service academies.

Senator Gillibrand's nominees are listed below by their hometown and academies:

Jerome Futia Jr. (Wallkill, Ulster County) -United States Naval Academy

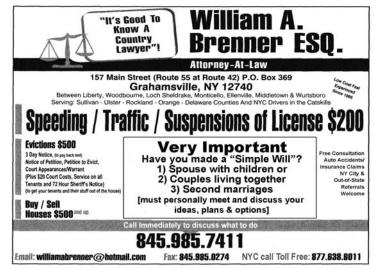
Michael Santiago (Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County) - United States Air Force Academy • Miguel Connell (Chester, Orange County)

United States Military Academy • James Young (Highland Falls, Orange County)

United States Military Academy Caleb Johnson (New Windsor, Orange County) -

United States Military Academy Sofia Mottura (Scarsdale, Westchester County)

Edwin Jin (Scarsdale, Westchester County) -



Daniel Tahbaz (Pelham, Westchester County) - United States Military Academy

Paul Williams (Croton-on-Hudson, Westchester County) -United States Air Force Academy

Kaitlin Reynolds (Croton-on-Hudson, Westchester County) -United States Merchant Marine Academy

Matthew Merone (Tuckahoe, Westchester County) - United States Air Force Academy

William Livingston (Katonah, Westchester County) - United

States Military Academy • Judah Johnson (New Rochelle, Westchester County) - United States Military Academy

On Environment and Climate Protection, Includes Funding for the Catskill Visitor Center

[Arkville, New York - January 23, 2020] Governor Cuomo's proposed New York State FY2021 Executive Budget released this week includes \$150,000 to help fund the operation of the Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Visitor Center, as part of the State's Environmental Protection Fund.

A partnership between the Catskill Center and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), the State Catskill Visitor Center (CVC) is the only visitor center in the 700,000-acre Catskill Park. Located in Mt. Tremper, New York on State Rte. 28 near the entrance to the Park, it welcomes well over 10,000 people each year to the region, orienting them with exhibits and dozens of special programs and lectures, in addition to maps, adventure advice, and information on shopping, lodging, and restaurants. CVC's 60-acre property has trails for educational walks including hikes along the Esopus River, and an 80-foot fire tower overlooking the area.

This is a tough budget year in New York, and we're very grateful for the Governor's continued commitment to the environment. and for recognizing the Catskill Visitor's Center value to the Catskill Park, our communities, and our visitors," said Jeff Senterman, executive director of the Catskill Center. "It's an "It's an important anchor for the Park and the region. It attracts tourism and makes the Catskills more accessible to more people. It also educates visitors, connects them to local communities, provides a hub for residents, and contributes to the wise use and preservation of this magical part of the world."

The Catskill region encompass pristine forests and wildlife, beautiful waterways, and unique communities. It furnishes New York City with some of the purest drinking water in the country, and offers unparalleled recreational opportunities for 2.7 million visitors a year. "But like the rest of the world, our resources are also affected and threatened by climate change," said Senterman. "We applaud the Governor's leadership in committing the resources needed to address it.'

The FY2021 Executive Budget allocates \$33 billion over five years to combat climate change, create climate resilient communities, and protect New York's environment and water quality. It also calls for a permanent ban on fracking across the state. "We look forward to working with Governor Cuomo to implement those "We look goals," Senterman said.

In February each year the Catskill Center and the Catskill Park Coalition lead Catskill Park Day, when a diverse group of stakeholders and volunteers go to Albany to meet with State legislators and agencies about the needs of the Catskill Park, Catskill Forest Preserve and Catskill communities. This year's Catskill Park Day 2020 is February 4. The Catskill Park Coalition includes 28 groups, co-chaired by the Catskill Center and Catskill Mountainkeeper. But Catskill Park Day is open to any groups or individuals who want to advocate for the Catskills. To learn more and get involved, go to catskillcenter.org/events/catskillparkday2020 .

The Catskill Center's mission is to protect and foster the environmental, cultural and economic well-being of the Catskill region. Since 1969, the Center has led the effort to protect the more than 700.000 acres of the Catskill Park and Catskill Forest Preserve.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Never known to fail) Oh most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. (Make request)

There are none that can withstand your power. Oh show me herein you are my Mother. Oh Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. (3x).

Holy Mary I place this cause in your hands. (3x). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. You must publish it, and it will be granted to you. DM

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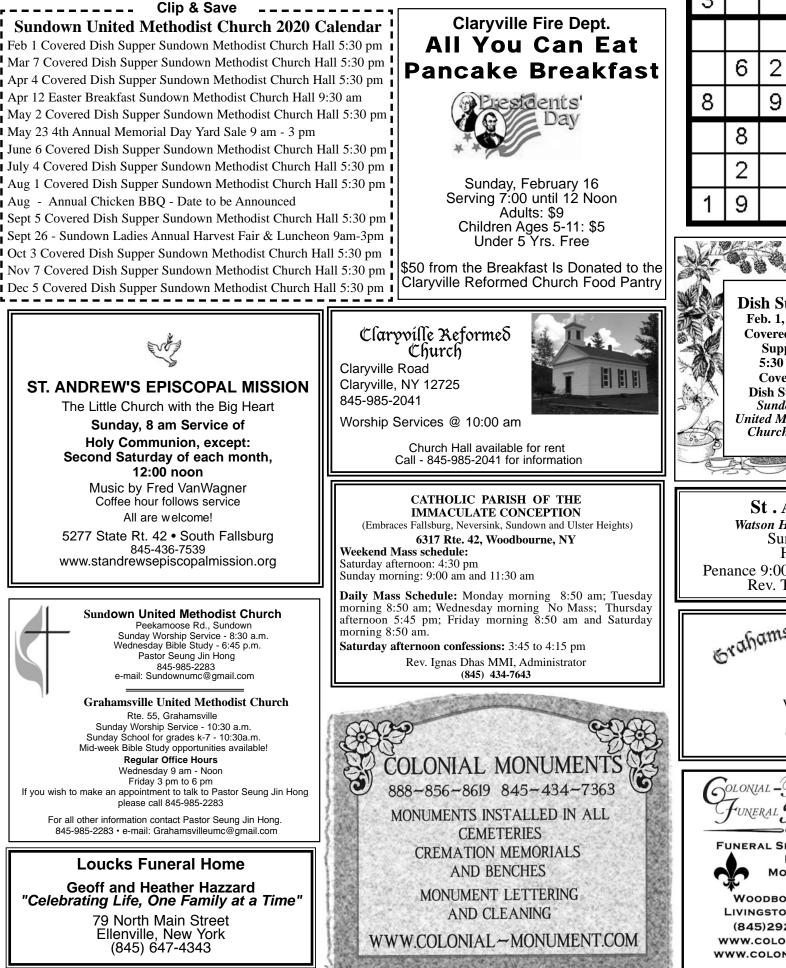
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LEGALS/PUBLIC NOTICES

Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking bids for the purchase of VoIP Phone System, including main system and phones, and IT network devices including gigabit switch and wireless access points. Bids are due February 5, 2020 at 4:00pm at CWC offices. For bid specifications please contact Jason Merwin or Timothy Cox by calling (845)586-1400. EOE

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CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT MEETING

Re: Organizational meeting of the Claryville Fire District

Please take notice that the organizational meeting for the Claryville Fire District will be held on the 7th day of January 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Warren Cole Hall in Claryville.

By the order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Clarvville Fire District.

Desiree Jimenez	
Secretary Claryville Fire District	1/30

NOTICE OF THE CLARYVILLE FIRE DISTRICT MEETINGS

Please take notice that the meetings of the Claryville Fire District will be held at the Warren Cole Hall in Claryville.

On the following dates and times: January 7, 2020 February 4, 2020 March 3, 2020 April 7, 2020 May 5, 2020 June 2, 2020 July 7, 2020 August 4, 2020 September 1, 2020 October 20,2020 November 3,2020 December 10, 2020

All meetings will commence at 6:30 pm.

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State Health Department Issues Clinical Guidance for Healthcare Providers and Hosts Readiness Webinars for Hospitals, Local Health Departments, College and **University Medical Professionals**

DOH, Port Authority and New York City working with CDC on Passenger Screening Protocols

Governor Directs Port Authority to Display Signs at International Airports to Raise Awareness of Symptoms

and Necessary Travel Precautions

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced a series of actions to raise awareness and prepare New York State in response to an outbreak of a novel coronavirus in China after the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced two confirmed cases in the United States - one in Washington State and one in Chicago. The State Department of Health currently has four persons under investigation for novel coronavirus that are under isolation as their cases are being tested at the CDC. So far, one of these cases has been proven negative and three are still pending. While the risk for New York is currently low, the Governor is calling for increased vigilance to ensure New Yorkers are protected.

As we learn about the first confirmed cases of this novel coronavirus in the United States and potentially in New York, I want to assure New Yorkers that we are pre-pared," Governor Cuomo said. "We are undertaking a

Tri-Valley Central Schoo District Board Meeting Tri-Valley CSD Board of Education Meeting will be

Thursday, February 6, 2020 6:00 p.m. - Anticipated Executive Session -

Secondary School Library Upper Level

7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting #13 - Secondary School Library Lower Level

wide-reaching and rigorous effort with all stakeholders, including healthcare providers, airports and federal health officials, to put in place the appropriate precautions to keep New Yorkers safe. The symptoms of this virus are very similar to a common cold - if you are concerned that you might be ill, please follow our guidance to protect yourself and others.

Last week the Department of Health issued guidance to healthcare providers, healthcare facilities, clinical laboratories and local health departments to provide updated information about the outbreak, and ensure the proper protocols are in place if a patient is experiencing symptoms consistent with the novel coronavirus, had a travel history to Wuhan, China, or had come in contact with an individual who was under investigation for this novel coronavirus.

Additionally, the Department has hosted a series of informational webinars for hospitals and local healthcare providers. Today the Department hosted a webinar for medical professionals at colleges and universities many of which host international students - to disseminate information about the virus, infection control recommendations and the current criteria for testing

Last week's health guidance coincided with the start of a CDC-led airport entry screening program at John F. Kennedy International Airport for passengers arriving from Wuhan, China. Chinese officials have since closed transport in and out of Wuhan and other cities in the province, including their international airports. DOH, Port Authority and the New York City Health Department will continue to work collaboratively with CDC as their travel screening process evolves. To date, no passenger has required further evaluation as a result of the CDC-led passenger program at JFK. To raise further awareness for all international travel, Governor Cuomo has directed the Port Authority to post informational signs at all four Port Authority international airports.

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker said, "This virus is being carefully monitored at federal, state and city levels to ensure the public's health and safety, and while awareness is important, the current risk to New Yorkers is low. People who have traveled abroad recently and have symptoms that mimic the flu should see their doctor. We are working closely with the Centers for Disease Control to receive daily updates and stand ready to assist.

Symptoms of the novel coronavirus may include:

- Runny nose Headache
- Cough Sore throat
- Fever

A general feeling of being unwell.

The CDC recommends that individuals avoid all nonessential travel to Wuhan, China, but has provided specific information for those who are still planning a trip to Wuhan and for individuals who have recently returned from that city and may be experiencing the above symptoms. While there is currently no vaccine for this novel coronavirus, everyday preventative actions can help stop the spread of this and other respiratory viruses, including:

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Stay home when you are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Individuals who are experiencing symptoms and may have traveled to areas of concern, or have been in contact with somebody who has traveled to these areas, should call ahead to their healthcare provider before presenting for treatment.

Governor Cuomo Announces States Continued Response to Novel Coronavirus as Three More Individuals are Identified for Testing in NYS

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced New York State's latest efforts to prepare and respond to the outbreak of a novel coronavirus in China, after the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now confirms three cases in the United States. While there have been no confirmed cases in New York State, as of today, the New York State Department of Health has sent seven total cases to CDC for testing. Three of those cases have been proven negative, while four results are still pending. Those four individuals remain in isolation as their cases are tested at CDC

"While the experts still believe the risk of catching this novel coronavirus is currently low in New York, I want all New Yorkers to know we are prepared and continue to take all necessary steps to keep people informed and safe," Governor Cuomo said. "I have directed the Department of Health and other state agencies to continue working closely with the CDC, the World Health Organization, our local and federal government partners, and New York's healthcare providers to ensure we stay ahead of this situation." With travelers expected to begin returning to the US this week from Lunar New Year celebrations in China, the New

York State Department of Health (DOH) has begun working with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to post multilingual signage about the virus at all four Port Authority international airports. DOH is also working with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to place informational signage on subways and busses. On Friday, the State Department of Health held an infor-

mational webinar on the coronavirus with over 400 participants from New York's colleges and universities, many of which have international students and faculty. DOH will circulate guidance this week on messaging to students about the virus, how to prevent it and how it spreads. This is in addition to a series of informational webinars DOH has already held for hospitals and local healthcare providers. Last week the Department of Health issued guidance to

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New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker said, "We encourage all New Yorkers to take normal precautions against sickness, such as regular hand washing and avoiding close contact with people who are sick. We will continue to work with our partners at the CDC and are prepared to assist in any way necessary to ensure the health of New Yorkers.

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Take Your Child to the Library Day encourages families everywhere to take their children to their local library to raise community awareness about the importance of the library in the life of a child, and promotes library services and programs for children and families.

Daniel Pierce Library is inviting parents and their children who live in the Tri-Valley School District, to visit the library on this Saturday for this fun event. There will be a puppet show, *Circus on a String*, per-formed by Robert Rogers Puppet Company at 11 am. <u>You will need</u> to register online for the Puppet Show. You can do so by going to

www.danielpiercelibrary.org. While at the library this Saturday, you can also sign up for a library card, check out the latest books and DVD's or register for the Daniel Pierce Spring Children's Programs, Mother Goose, Toddler Times and

Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee Annual Späghetti Dinner

The Ellenville-Wawarsing 4th of July Committee will be holding it's annual Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 5:00-7:00pm at the Elks Lodge in Napanoch NY. Dinner includes salad, spaghetti, Italian bread, soft drinks, dessert and coffee/tea. Proceeds from the event will benefit the 4th of July Celebration, including a parade and amazing fireworks on the 4th!

The cost of the dinner is \$7.00 per person, children under age 5 eat free when attending with a parent. The Elks Lodge is located on Route in Napanoch. There will be no cancellations for inclement weather.

For more information, please visit the 4th of July Committee's facebook page or call 914 388-3665.

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4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sales! Puppet Company Show Time: 11:00 a.m. Come for the show, stay for a while May 22- 25, 2020 and ignite your child's love of reading! While cleaning out the kitchen drawers or clos-Step right up and see incredible feats of Sign up for a library card, check out our latest books and DVD's. ets and you are wondering what to do with all shill performed by acrobats, clowns and You may also register your child for those extra gadgets, pie tins, pots or pans, don't forget this year's **4th Annual Sundown Miles and Miles of Yard Sale**! It will be here before animals with one very important and our Spring Children's Programs unique feature...they're all puppets! Mother Goose, Toddler Time, and String puppets, or marionettes, to be Story Hour. For families in the you know it!! Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2020 is only 17 weeks away! exact. It's all action, music and thrills. Tri Valley Central School District. There's no sawdust, but one magical surprise after another and suitable for al Refreshments will be served. If you are not planning on having a Yard Sale ges yourself, perhaps you might consider donating all those slightly used 'treasures' to the Sundown n Required for the Puppet Shou ielpiercelibrary ora vanced Online Registratio Visit www.dani Ladies for their Annual Yard Sale and Bake Sale the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend at the Sundown Methodist Church Hall. Daniel Plerce Library 328 Main Street | P.O. Box 268 Crohomoville, New York 12740-0268 | 845-085-7233 HIII III Enjoy a cold beer with lunch or supper ANSWER TO **ARTISTS • CRAFTERS** at the Grahamsville Deli! KNARF'S MOVIE Need a website? Call us at 845-985-0501 Beer is now available for sale at the Grahamsville Deli TRIVIA located at the corner of Rt 42 & Rt 55 in Grahamsville. email: tvtownsman@yahoo.com or visit our Virtual Mall 2. Akim Tamiroff Church this month. Hope to see you soon! 92 Sino Louise Campers and Hunters are always welcome! gnomehome.net :SJAMSUL Business Cards • Join the fun and sell your **handcrafted items** on line at Pierce Library Envelopes Door Hangers • 500 FREE Post Cards • Brochures • with minimum noon Banners • purchase SENTINEL PRINTING SERVICES Flyers • nome of \$25.00 ome FFER FULL COLOR PRINTING a virtual on-line mall gnomehome.net at great prices We can Print Your Artwork, or Let Us Custom Design PH: 845-562-1218 Your Printing Needs With

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

More about our warrior Nick...

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

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



Knarf's **Classic Movie & Trivia** ON TCM STARTING AT 10:15 AM WEDNESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 5, 2020 WE HONOR, ACTOR PAUL MUNI IN

"THE STORY OF LOUIS PASTEUR" (Drama, 1936) A true story of the French sci-

entist's battle to establish modern medical methods. Dir: William Dieterle Cast: Paul Muni , Josephine Hutchinson , Anita Louise. D: William Dieterle. Starring Paul Muni, Josephine Hutchinson, Anita Louise, Donald Woods, Fritz Leiber, Porter Hall, Akim Tamiroff. The achievements of the famous French scientist are chronicled in this engrossing film. **Muni gives Oscar-winning performance;** writers Sheridan Gibney and Pierre Collings also won. B/W · 86 m TV-G, Closed Captions Quiz

Who played Annette Pasteur? 2. Who played Dr. Zaronoff?

Born in what is now the Ukraine in 1895. Meshilem Meier Weisenfreund, his first language was Yiddish, and after his parents moved to the U.S., settling in Chicago, he used it in his earliest performances. He made his stage debut at 12, playing an 80-year-old man at a local Yiddish theatre. Early on, he was spotted by Maurice Schwartz (father of Tony Curtis), who took him to New York to perform at his Yiddish Art Theatre. He didn't begin acting in English until he was 31, making his Broadway debut, again as an elderly man, in the play We Americans. Stage work led to a brief visit to Fox Studios, where his name was changed to Paul Muni (his childhood nickname). He had a few flops on Broadway, then scored a major success in Elmer Rice's play *Counselor-at-Law* as a high-society lawyer trying to hide his past in the slums and the fact that he is Jewish. That brought Hollywood calling again, and he returned there for two of the most important films of the Great Depression. Warner Bros. more than earned its reputation for filming stories "torn from the headlines" with IAm a Fugitive from a Chain Gang (1932), the true account of a chain-gang prisoner who discovers that slavery is still alive and well in the Georgia prison system. The original book was written by an actual escapee who could only visit the studio incognito. Audiences ate up the tale, with Muni's chilling final line: "I steal." He was voted a second Oscar nomination and asked to sign a long-term contract with the studio. Before that, he had also made Scarface (1932) for independent producer Howard Hughes. Paul Muni was truly an actor's actor. He threw himself into each role, changing his voice, his body and even his face. His penchant for hiding his good looks behind tons of make-up for each role won him the nickname "The New Lon Chaney," Whatever Muni thought of his own talents, his peers were impressed. He was honored with five Oscar nominations and a write in vote (when it was still allowed) that came close to winning. He won the award for The Story of Louis Pasteur (1936). He and James Dean are the only two actors to win Oscar nominations for their first and last credited screen appearances. My favorites by Muni – "The Life of Emile Zola," and "Angel on My Shoulder" (1946),

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February 1 - Take Your Child to the Library Day at Daniel

Feb. 15 - Grahamsville UMC Saturday Thrift Sale 9 am -

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Sun., Feb. 16, Claryville Fire Dept. All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast 7:00 am to Nooon

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